

Field Notes: March 2016

Black-necked Stilt
Western Sandpiper
Palm Warbler
Red Crossbill

March was a rather wet month, but there was some nice warm weather at the end! More of the early migrants were starting to show up, and some of the wintering species were leaving, as is normal for this time of year.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Oregon Birds Record Committee (OBRC), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR)

WATERBIRDS

"goose" flocks	March 6	Eugene	DH	A number of large high-flying flocks headed nw - could've been Greater White-fronted, but it seems early
Greater White-fronted Geese	March 14	Eugene	SMc	High flock headed NW
Tundra Swan (6)	March 5	FRR	RT	The last report for the winter season
Cinnamon Teal	March 31	FRR	SH	Quite late arrival!
Common Goldeneye	March 20	FRR	JS	Not common at this location
Red-necked Grebe	March 31	Old town Florence	LG	Nice breeding plumage

RAPTORS to TERNS

Rough-legged Hawk (2)	March 20	FRR	JS	Good numbers still around
Northern Goshawk (2)	March 31	Gold Lake	RN	They're residents in the Cascades
Prairie Falcon	March 6	Camas Swale	RR	They winter in small numbers
Sandhill Crane (5)	March 23	Mt. Pisgah	BU	Later than normal
Sandhill Crane (4)	March 31	FRR	SMa	Later than normal
Black-necked Stilt	March 20	FRR	JS	Almost a month earlier than normal
Western Sandpiper	March 18	FRR	VB	Rare wintering species
Caspian Tern	March 31	NJSR	LG,DP	Normal arrival time

HUMMINGBIRDS to FINCHES

Calliope Hummingbird	March 31	SW of Eugene	MS	First report for the spring & earlier than normal
Say's Phoebe	March 18	Upper Camp Creek Rd	BC	A good year for this species

Cliff Swallow	March 23	FRR	SH	Right on time!
Barn Swallow	March 5	FRR	RT	About three weeks earlier than normal
Orange-crowned Warbler (15)	March 19	Skinner Butte	SH	Good numbers started showing up - right on time
Common Yellowthroat	March 27	FRR	LG	Right on time!
Palm Warbler	March 11	Delta Ponds	DSu	Rare in the county this time of year
Brown-headed Cowbird	March 20	Stewart Rd	BC	A couple weeks earlier than normal
Red Crossbill (12+)	March 30	Florence area	JD	At his feeder

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