

Field Notes: November-December 2016

- o Snowy Egret
- o Palm Warbler
- o "Red" Fox Sparrow
- o Western Tanager
- o Brambling
- o Black-legged Kittiwake

Weather conditions ranged widely during the period, from sunny and warm to many days of freezing rain! A few very rare birds were found and an amazing number of "summer" birds lingering or trying to overwinter. It will be interesting to see what the rest of the winter brings.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), Tokatee Klootchman State Wayside (Tokatee Klootchman).

WATERBIRDS

Snow Goose (3)	Dec 30	Alvadore Rd	DE	Normally a few are around
Brant	Dec 3	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	Rarely found inland
Trumpeter Swan (3)	Nov 29	Creswell area	NS	Rare in Lane Co
Cinnamon Teal (9)	Dec 3	South Canary Rd	SB	Large number; normally winter in this area
Cinnamon Teal	Dec 30	Cantrell Rd	CT	One or two normally winter in the valley
Surf Scoter	Nov 10	LCC ponds	AP	Rarely found inland
Surf Scoter	Dec 5	Kirk Pond	SM	Rarely found inland
Common Goldeneye	Dec	Florence area	m.ob.	Normally not found in large numbers
Red-breasted Merganser	Dec 6	Creswell area	NS	Rarely found inland
Eared Grebe	Dec 1 & 15	Creswell area	NS	Also a good location
Clark's Grebe	Dec 29	Oakridge CBC	fide JGe	A first for the count
Northern Fulmar (15)	Nov 15	NJSR	DP	A good movements of seabirds
Pink-footed Shearwater	Nov 15	NJSR	DP	A good movements of seabirds
Sooty Shearwater (40)	Nov 15	NJSR	DP	A good movements of seabirds
Parasitic Jaeger	Nov 15	NJSR	DP	A good movements of seabirds
American White Pelican	Nov/Dec	FRR	m.ob.	Very large numbers
Brown Pelican	Nov 13	Tokatee Klootchman	JS,JL	Last report for the year
American Bittern	Nov 20	FRR	M&JVW	Last report for the year in the valley
American Bittern	Dec 10	Siltcoos River area	GR	They winter most years
Snowy Egret	Nov 11	Cottage Grove Res.	TMo	Rare in Lane Co.
Green Heron	Dec 16	Row River Nature Park	BB	They winter most years

VULTURES to GULLS

Turkey Vulture	Dec 14	Oakridge	MLS	Rare in the winter in this area
Osprey	Dec 11	Alton Baker Park	RR	Have wintered here before
Osprey	Dec 25	Cottage Grove Res	TMo	Have wintered here last few years
Rough-legged Hawk	Nov 7	Van Duyn Rd	BC	First report for the winter season
Golden Eagle	Dec 29	Oakridge CBC	fide JGe	Unusual in Lane Co
Virginia Rail (17)	Dec 17	Duncan Island area	E&VT	Very high numbers
Virginia Rail (10)	Dec 17	Heceta Beach Rd	LS	Very high numbers
Sora (4)	Dec 17	Duncan Island area	E&VT	A normal wintering location
Sandhill Crane (46)	Dec 4	Creswell area	NS	Later than normal migration
Sandhill Crane (60-70)	Dec 6	Mt Pisgah	TC	Headed south
Sandhill Crane (67)	Dec 6	Camas Swale	NS	Same flock landing for night
Sandhill Crane	Dec 29	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	Very late for Lane Co
Red Phalarope	mid-Nov	Valley & Coast	m.ob.	Very large numbers!
Red Phalarope (2000)	Nov 15	NJSR	DP	Amazing numbers!
Lesser Yellowlegs	Dec 30	FRR	JS	Rare in the winter
Ancient Murrelet (2)	Dec 17	NJSR	GF et al.	Always a good find
Black-legged Kittiwake	Nov 13	Tokatee Klootchman	JS,JL	Only report for the period - rare
Franklin's Gull	Dec 9	Washburn Ln	JS,BMc	Rare in Lane Co except migration
Heermann's Gull	Nov 13	Tokatee Klootchman	JS,JL	Last report for the year

WOODPECKERS to FINCHES

Black-backed Woodpecker	Dec 7	Gold Lake area	LG	Always a good find, especially in winter
Say's Phoebe	Nov 5	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Getting to be almost annual in winter
Tree Swallow	Dec 22	Creswell area	NS	First report for the "spring"
American Pipit (300)	Nov 16	Golden Gardens Park	LM et al.	Large flock for Lane Co
Cedar Waxwing (5)	Dec 20	SE Eugene	JGa	Small numbers around, but no Bohemians
Orange-crowned Warbler	Dec 26	SW Eugene	AC	Winter in small numbers most years
MacGillivray's Warbler	Dec 29	NW Eugene	fide DG	Have wintered a couple times
Common Yellowthroat	Nov 18	FRR - Royal Ave	SM,CA	Last report for the breeding season
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Nov 16	Kirk Pond	SH	Fourth Lane Co record - last reported 11/21
Palm Warbler	Nov 11	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	Rarely found inland

Palm Warbler	Dec 30	Cantrell Rd	CT	Rarely found inland
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Nov 30	Alton Baker Park	DA et al.	Very rarely winter
Hermit Warbler	Dec 6	near U of O	BN	Very rarely winter
American Tree Sparrow	Nov 4	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Seen almost annually in very small numbers
Harris's Sparrow	Dec 3	Bond Rd	SH	Rare wintering species
Vesper Sparrow	Dec 3	FRR - Royal Ave	SM	Very late report
"Red" Fox Sparrow	Dec 18	Eugene	JD	Rare in Oregon
"Red" Fox Sparrow	Dec 29	Oakridge CBC	fide JGe	Rare in Oregon
Swamp Sparrow	Nov 7	Bond Rd	SH	First report for the winter
Western Tanager	Nov 14	SE Eugene	A&TM	Rarely found in the winter
Western Tanager	Dec 29	SE Eugene	TM	Rarely found in the winter
Brambling	Dec 18	Sutton Lake	LW	Third record for Lane Co
Pine Siskin (100+)	Dec 16	Oakridge	MLS	Only report for the period
Late Reports				
Tropical Kingbird	Oct 28	Florence	AC	Annual this time of year
Northern Mockingbird	late Oct	Morse Ranch Park	CQ	Annual wintering species in the valley
Clay-colored Sparrow (2)	Oct 28	Florence	AC	Rare late migrant/wintering species

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