

Field Notes Sept 2016

- o Pink-footed Shearwater
- o Red Knot
- o Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
- o Ruff

The month was warm with a little moisture. Some wintering species are arriving earlier than normal and some of the breeding species are staying around later than normal. As always happens during migration, a few unexpected species were found.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR).

WATERBIRDS to ALCIDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	Sept 11	E Eugene	SMD	Start of their southward migration
Snow Goose	Sept 25	FRR - Royal Ave	RR,LS	Earlier than normal for Lane Co
Cackling Goose	Sept 24	FRR	VB	Earlier than normal for Lane Co
Eurasian Wigeon	Sept 23	Cottage Grove Res	TMo	First report for the winter season
Pink-footed Shearwater (2)	Sept 24	SJSR	NS	Not commonly seen from shore
White-tailed Kite	Sept 27	Creswell area	NS	First report for the winter season
Merlin (3)	Sept 27	FRR - Royal Ave	SN	Large number for one location
Pacific Golden-Plover	Sept 17	Siltcoos River mouth	MR	Rare during migration
American Avocet (5)	Sept 23	FRR - Royal Ave	JSu,RS	Rare during fall migration
Marbled Godwit (2)	Sept 8	NJSR	RH	Found in small numbers during migration
Red Knot	Sept 28	FRR - Royal Ave	DR	Rare find for inland Lane Co
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Sept 25	FRR - Royal Ave	DA	Rare annual migrant at this location in fall
Dunlin	Sept 19	Siltcoos River mouth	JH	First report for the winter season
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Sept 1	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	Normal time for their migration
Ruff	Sept 2	Lane/Douglas county line FRR - Royal Ave	PL	Rare annual migrant at this location in fall
Black-legged Kittiwake	Sept 17	Siltcoos River mouth	MR	Early sighting of this wintering species
Sabine's Gull	Sept 24	FRR	NS	Rare annual migrant at this location in fall
Mew Gull	Sept 18	SJSR	AC	Early sighting of this

Common Tern (11)	Sept 9	FRR	JSu	wintering species Annual migrant at this location
Parasitic Jaeger	Sept 4	Siltcoos River mouth	LG	Not uncommon from shore
Tufted Puffin (2)	Sept 8	Tokatee Klootchman	SMa	Late date for them from shore
NIGHTHAWKS to GROSBEAKS				
Common Nighthawk	Sept 3	W Eugene wetlands	BB	Late report for this species
Northern Flicker yellow-shafted	Sept 24	SE Eugene	JSi	Photos show it as "pure" - most are hybrids
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Sept 1	Springfield	SMy	Late report for this species
Willow Flycatcher	Sept 14	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	Last report for this species
Hammond's Flycatcher	Sept 19	Creswell area	NS	Last report for this species
Cassin's Vireo	Sept 3	Stewart Pond	VT	Last report for this species
Warbling Vireo	Sept 15	Creswell area	NS	Last report for this species
Purple Martin	Sept 9	FRR - Royal Ave	JSu	Last report for this species
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Sept 15	Creswell area	NS	First report for the winter season
Townsend's Warbler	Sept 7	Cottage Grove area	TMo	First report in the valley for the winter
Yellow-breasted Chat	Sept 24	FRR - Royal Ave	JD,DH	Late date for this species
Fox Sparrow	Sept 8	Creswell area	NS	First report in the valley for the winter
Golden-crowned Sparrow	Sept 14	Creswell/FRR	NS,SH	First report for the winter season
White-throated Sparrow	Sept 26	Willow Creek area	BB	Very early sighting for the winter season
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Sept 8	W Eugene	MN	Rare this time of year
Black-headed Grosbeak	Sept 19	River Rd area	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Sept 28	FRR - Royal Ave	DR	Late report for this species

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