

Field Notes: June/July 2018

Marbled Godwit, Willet, Franklin's Gull, Tufted Puffin

A very dry and warm summer! As is normal, southbound shorebird migration started about as soon as the northward migration ended. And as is almost always the case, a number of unusual birds were found this season. The southbound migration/post-breeding movements for passerines will be underway soon, so keep an eye out for those unusual birds moving through.

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

WATERFOWL TO SWIFTS

Trumpeter Swan (3)	June 17	Star Log Pond, Noti	JG	Are they pets or wild?
Cackling Goose	July 10	FRR - Royal Ave	JG	Summering birds found most years
Harlequin Duck	June 16	Bob Creek	DI,et al.	Non-breeding birds & males
Harlequin Ducklings	June 26	Lookout Ck	AP	Above Blue River Res
Surf Scoter	June/July	along coast	m.ob.	High numbers this summer
White-winged Scoter	June/July	along coast	m.ob.	High numbers this summer
Horned Grebe	June 22	Dexter Reservoir	JS	Very rare summer record
Red-necked Grebe	June 11	Dexter Reservoir	SH,VB	Very rare summer record
Common Nighthawk	July 7	Eugene Country Club	AH	Never common in town
Black Swift (2)	July 7	Salt Creek Falls	EH	No nesting again this year

SHOREBIRDS TO TERNS

Black-necked Stilt (5)	July 27	FRR - Royal Ave	JS,JL	Largest numbers seen this year
Black-bellied Plover	July 2	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	The first for the fall migration
Pacific Golden-Plover	July 4	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Annual in very small numbers
Semipalmated Plover	June 4	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Summering or early south migrations?
Marbled Godwit	July 6	FRR - Royal Ave	SH,DP	Rarely found inland
Ruddy Turnstone (2)	July 27	SJSR	JS	Normal time for their southward migration
Dunlin	July 12	SJSR crab dock	LG	Very early migrant or summering?
Baird's Sandpiper	July 15	FRR - Royal Ave	RR	Earlier than their normal migration
Pectoral Sandpiper	July 13	FRR - Royal Ave	RR	Much earlier than their normal migration
Semipalmated Sandpiper	July 3	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Annual in small numbers this time of year
Semipalmated Sandpiper (24)	July 24	FRR - Royal Ave	ID,JM	A very large number for Lane
Western Sandpiper	June 26	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	First southward migrants
Wandering Tattler (14)	July 28	NJSR	JL	A very large number for Lane
Lesser Yellowlegs	July 4	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	A little earlier than normal
Willet	July 8	Meadowlark Prairie	LB	Rare for Lane
Willet	July 31	FRR - Royal Ave	LG	The same bird or another?
Red-necked Phalarope (2)	July 29	FRR - Royal Ave	AC,et al.	A little earlier than normal
Tufted Puffin	July 21	Heceta Head	SH	Rare in Lane in recent of years
Bonaparte's Gull	July 20	FRR - Royal Ave	HH,et al.	An unusual summer sighting
Franklin's Gull	July 24	FRR - Royal Ave	ID,JM	Rare in Lane
Forster's Tern	June 3	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	Annual the last few years
Forster's Tern	July 2	FRR - Royal Ave	JS,SH	Annual the last few years

PELICANS TO SPARROWS

American White Pelican (57)	July 5	FRR - Royal Ave	JG	Smaller numbers than the past few years
Black-crowned Night-Heron	June 4	Delta Ponds	EZ	An unusual location for this species
Black-crowned Night-Heron	July 14	SJSR	JT	An unusual location for this species
White-tailed Kite	June 25	FRR - Royal Ave	DS	Not normally found in breeding season

Short-eared Owl	July 18	FRR - Royal Ave.....	FE.....	Very rare during the breeding season
Ash-throated Flycatcher	June 19	LCC area.....	JG	Found almost annually
Red-eyed Vireo	June 2	Clearwater Park	RR	A few days earlier than normal
Red-eyed Vireo	July 22	Jaeg Rd.....	BC.....	Unusual location on west side of the valley
Merlin (2)	July 25	Santa Clara area	MRu.....	Appeared to be an adult female & recently fledged male; possible first nesting for Lane
California Scrub-Jay	June 24	Florence	fide DP	A pair was in town about 10 years ago
Bank Swallow (14)	July 27	FRR - Royal Ave.....	JS	A very large number for Lane
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	July 31	River Road area.....	LM	With gray flanks like this species in CA - a hybrid Black-capped X Chestnut-backed?
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	June 13	Mt Pisgah.....	DA,et al.	A pair with a nest - only 2nd time nesting
Gray Catbird (heard only)	July 2	SW Eugene	AC.....	Heard in his backyard – never seen
Vesper Sparrow	July 19	FRR - Royal Ave.....	DB.....	Post-breeding birds?

AC Alan Contreras, AH Anne Heyerly, AP Al Prigge, BC Barbara Combs, DA Dennis Arendt, DB Don Berg, DF Daniel Farrar, DI Dave Irons, DP Diane Pettey, DS Derek Stoner, EH Eric Horvath, EZ Elias Zuniga, FE Finn Etter, HH Hendrik Herlyn, ID Isaac Denzer, JG Joshua Galpern, JL Joshua Little, JM Jacob Mathison, JS John Sullivan, JT Jeff Tibbits, LB Lary Brown, LG Linda Gilbert, LM Libbie Marshall, MRu Mark Rudolph, RR Roger Robb, SH Sally Hill, VB Vickie Buck. Fide references a sighting reported to the listed observer. M.ob. signifies many observers.