

Field Notes: March 2020

Golden Eagle, Marbled Godwit, Willow Flycatcher, Black-legged Kittiwake

This month, like the last, was drier than normal. I think it's a trend, given that Eugene is at about half-normal rainfall for this water year, which started on October 1st. Bird-wise, we noted a couple very early arrivals and large numbers for several other species. You can check out the details below.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Lane Community College (LCC), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR)

WATERFOWL TO RAPTORS

Brant (15).....	Mar 22.....	Bray Point.....	SH.....	Headed north in two flocks
Cinnamon Teal.....	Mar 12.....	Stewart Pond area.....	CM.....	A few days later than normal
Eurasian Wigeon (4).....	Mar 16.....	LCC.....	JG,et al.....	A large number for Lane
Eurasian Wigeon (5).....	Mar 29.....	LCC.....	JL.....	An even larger number for Lane
Long-tailed Duck.....	Mar 17.....	Tokatee-Klootchman.....	JS.....	Later than normal - flying north
Common Goldeneye (38).....	Mar 16.....	Lookout Pt Reservoir.....	JG,et al.....	A very large number for Lane
Anna's Hummingbird.....	Mar 13.....	W Eugene.....	Fide AC.....	Female feeding young in nest
Sora.....	Mar 5.....	Mill Race Path.....	VB.....	A few days earlier than normal
Marbled Godwit.....	Mar 22.....	NJSR.....	SH,DP.....	The first spring migrant
Black Tern.....	Mar 28.....	EWEB - Roosevelt.....	BC.....	More than a month early!
Common Loon.....	Mar 22.....	Dexter Reservoir.....	NS.....	Never common inland in Lane
American Bittern.....	Mar 2.....	Mill Race Path.....	VT.....	Wintered at this location?
Green Heron.....	Mar 1.....	West D Greenway.....	JS.....	Normal time for their arrival
Black-crowned Night-Heron (4).....	Mar 2.....	W Eugene.....	VT.....	Flying over at dusk - roosts in area
Black-legged Kittiwake (10+).....	Mar 8.....	SJSR.....	TJ.....	Good numbers
Black-legged Kittiwake (100+).....	Mar 17.....	Lane coast.....	JS,FT.....	High numbers - why so many close in?
Osprey.....	3rd week.....	Eugene/Springfield.....	M. ob.....	They arrived en masse
Rough-legged Hawk.....	Mar 13.....	Meadowview Rd.....	VT,AC.....	Last report for the winter
Northern Goshawk.....	Mar 17.....	Lowell Butte.....	VB.....	Rare away from the high Cascades
Golden Eagle.....	Mar 10.....	Mohawk Valley.....	CT,DA.....	Rare in Lane
Peregrine Falcon.....	Mar 23.....	Heceta Head.....	DT,EM.....	Good location during migration

FLYCATCHERS TO GROSBEAKS

Willow Flycatcher.....	Mar 27.....	River Rd area.....	BC.....	Almost two months earlier than normal!
Vermillion Flycatcher.....	Mar 6.....	Alton Baker Park.....	JS.....	Last date reported
Northern Shrike.....	Mar 21.....	FRR area.....	SH,CM.....	Last report for the winter
Purple Martin.....	Mar 27.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	FT,TG-T.....	About two weeks earlier than normal
No. Rough-winged Swallow.....	Mar 16.....	Oakridge.....	JG,et al.....	About two weeks earlier than normal
Cliff Swallow.....	Mar 15.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	FT,JC,LH.....	More than a week earlier than normal
Vesper Sparrow.....	Mar 27.....	Delta Ponds.....	FT,TG-T.....	About two weeks earlier than normal
White-crowned Sparrow.....	Mar 28.....	Near U of O.....	LM.....	Gambell's - they're starting to move
Orange-crowned Warbler.....	Mid-Mar.....	Eugene/Springfield.....	M.ob.....	Right on time
Common Yellowthroat.....	Mar 12.....	Mill Race Path.....	VT.....	About two weeks earlier than normal
Black-headed Grosbeak.....	Mar 21.....	Mt Pisgah area.....	FT.....	About a month earlier than normal

AC Alan Contreras, BC Barbara Combs, CM Collin McElroy, CT Charlie Thomas, DA Donna Albino, DP Diane Pettey, DT Donna Taggart, EM Ed Murphy, FT Forest Tomlinson, JC Jon Cox, JG Joshua Galpern, JL Joshua Little, JS John Sullivan, LH Leela Hickman, LM Larry McQueen, NS Noah Strycker, SH Sally Hill, TG-T Torry Gage-Tomlinson, TJ Tye Jeske, VB Vickie Buck, VT Vjera Thompson Fide references a sighting reported to the listed observer. M.ob. signifies many observers.