

Field Notes: October 2018

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Ancient Murrelet, Manx or Black-vented Shearwater

The first couple weeks of the month were sunny and warm, like the last five months. But then the weather turned more fall-like, with some rain and cloudy skies. The late, warm weather may have caused some birds to linger later than normal, or enticed more birders to go out more often, resulting in the number of late reports for breeding species. More wintering species should be arriving in the next month or so.

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

WATERFOWL TO HUMMINGBIRDS

Trumpeter Swan (3)	Oct 13	Veneta	BC	Same birds that were near Noti?
Trumpeter Swan (3)	Oct 30	Kirk Pond	LG	Same birds that were near Noti and Veneta?
Long-tailed Duck	Oct 6	Tokatee-Kloutchman	SMa	Early sighting of this wintering species
Clark's Grebe	Oct 18	Florence Old Town	DF	Not common along the coast
Band-tailed Pigeon	Oct 18	LCC area	DA,EC	A late report
Vaux's Swift (3)	Oct 10	Skinner Butte	VT	Last report for the breeding season
Costa's Hummingbird	Oct 13	North Eugene	M	Quick look and not seen again
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Rufous Hummingbird	Oct 1	Eugene	MS	Last report for the breeding season

RAILS TO HERONS

Sora	Oct 18	Merryman Lane	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Sandhill Crane	Oct 22	Van Duyn Rd	BC	Normal time for their southward migration
Black-necked Stilt	Oct 2	FRR - Royal Ave	RR	A very late report
Semipalmated Plover	Oct 5	FRR	JS	Last report for the fall migration
Ancient Murrelet	Oct 23	NJSR	DF,et al	Never common in Lane Co
Rhinoceros Auklet	Oct 20	SJSR	AC,et al	Later than normal
Manx/Black-vented Shearwater	Oct 4		SJSR	DF Rare sighting for Lane Co.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Oct 22	NJSR	DF	Fourth Lane Co record - photos
Common/Arctic Tern	Oct 14	FRR	MS	Found in small numbers most falls
Green Heron	Oct 20	Delta Ponds area	EC	A good area for them to winter

OWLS TO GROSBEAKS

Short-eared Owl (2)	Oct 15	NJSR	DF	Unusual location for this species
Lewis's Woodpecker	Oct 7	Cottage Grove dam	SS	They have wintered some years
Prairie Falcon	Oct 28	Washburn Ln	SH	First report for the winter season
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Oct 6	FRR - Perkins Pens	SH	Last report for the breeding season
Say's Phoebe	Oct 18	LCC area	DA,EC	Becoming more common in fall
Say's Phoebe	Oct 18	Eugene airport area	BC	Becoming more common in fall
Tropical Kingbird	Oct 15	Siltcoos River mouth	DF	A few found most fall/early winters
Northern Shrike	Oct 11	SJSR - deflation plain	MK	First coastal report for the winter season

Northern Shrike.....	Oct 14.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	MS.....	First valley report for the winter season
Cassin's Vireo.....	Oct 10.....	Mt Pisgah area	A&TM.....	Last report for the breeding season
Warbling Vireo	Oct 2.....	Delta Ponds	MK.....	Last report for the breeding season
Tree Swallow.....	Oct 6.....	Eugene area.....	m.ob.	Last report for the breeding season
Violet-green Swallow.....	Oct 10.....	Skinner Butte.....	VT	Last report for the breeding season
Barn Swallow.....	Oct 26.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	JS	Last report for the breeding season
American Dipper	Oct 25.....	Stonefield Beach	AC,et al.....	An uncommon location
Swainson's Thrush.....	Oct 7.....	SE Eugene.....	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Lapland Longspur.....	Oct 10.....	SJSR.....	DF	First report – larger than normal numbers
Snow Bunting - photo	Oct 14.....	SJSR.....	LW.....	Small numbers found most fall/early winters
Grasshopper Sparrow	Oct 25.....	Cantrell Rd	SH	A very late report
Swamp Sparrow - photo	Oct 20.....	Waite Ranch.....	AC,et al.....	First report for the winter season
White-throated Sparrow.....	Oct 8.....	River Rd area	BC	First report for the winter season
Orange-crowned Warbler.....	Oct 9.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	RM	Last report for the breeding season
Common Yellowthroat	Oct 19.....	Florence Old Town.....	DP,SH.....	Last report for the breeding season
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Palm Warbler (2)	Oct 14.....	SJSR - deflation plain ...	DF	First report – more than normal for fall
Palm Warbler (4) - photos.....	Oct 16.....	SJSR - deflation plain ...	RR,DA.....	A large number for one location
Black-throated Gray Warbler..	Oct 23.....	Hendricks Park.....	TM	Last report for the breeding season
Townsend's Warbler	Oct 2.....	River Rd area	BC	First report for the valley for the winter
Western Tanager (2) - photos..	Oct 30.....	River Rd area	LM.....	Last report for the breeding season
Black-headed Grosbeak - photo	Oct 6.....	Springfield.....	SMc	Last report for the breeding season

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