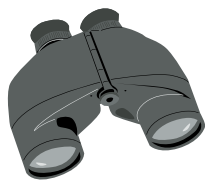


Field Notes: April-May 2013



- Pine Warbler
- Lark Sparrow

- Loggerhead Shrike
- Black-crowned Night Heron

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We seemed to have the extremes in weather during this period, with a record high temperature for the date of May 5 and tying a century-old record for the lowest high temperature for the date of May 15! We had cool wet weather at the start of the period, then very warm and sunny days during the middle, and more cool wet weather at the end of the period. During the third week of April an offshore migration occurred that, according to everyone who witnessed it, was truly amazing because of the number of birds moving north. The Pine Warbler seen on Skinner Butte will be a new species for Lane County if accepted by the Oregon Birds Record Committee (OBRC).

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

WATERBIRDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	April 16	South central Eugene	StG	Flock flying overhead; the start of their annual spring migration
Snow Goose (2)	April 27	FRR-Royal Ave	LF et al.	Later than normal for the species
Snow Goose	May 11	Delta Ponds area	LF	Much later than normal
Blue-winged Teal (3)	April 27	FRR-Royal Ave	LF et al.	Arriving right on time
Black Scoter	May 12	Heceta Head	LF, KO	Later than normal for this wintering species
Loon Species (1000s)	April 24	Coastal Lane Co.	DF	Very large numbers migrating north
Eared Grebe (6)	April 3	FRR-Royal Ave	St&SuG	Unusual in that they were around throughout the period
Pink-footed Shearwater	April 25	Heceta Beach	DP	Not commonly seen from shore
Pink-footed Shearwater	May 1	NJSR	DP	Not commonly seen from shore
Black-crowned Night-Heron	May 5	FRR-Royal Ave	RR, DA	Rarely found during the breeding season
Black-crowned Night-Heron	May 7	FRR-Royal Ave	LF	Rarely found during the breeding season
White-faced Ibis (3)	May 6	Camas Swale	NS	Annual in small numbers during the spring
White-faced Ibis (4)	May 12	FRR-Fisher Butte	LF, KO	Annual in small numbers during the spring
Sora	April 20	FRR	MN	Arriving about 10 days later than normal

RAPTORS to TERNS

Bald Eagle	April 8	Skinner Butte	SM	Adult feeding one young at nest
Bald Eagle (10)	May 1	FRR-Royal Ave	LM et al.	Large numbers for the nesting season
Swainson's Hawk	March 29	FRR	TMe	Fewer than 20 records for Lane Co.
Golden Eagle	April 21	KR Nielson Rd	RR, DA	Rare in the valley but becoming more
Golden Eagle	April 25	Dorena Reservoir	RN	commonly found
Sandhill Crane	April 15	Camas Swale	NS	A late record for the valley
Black-bellied Plover (87)	April 26	FRR-Royal Ave	LF, JS	A large number for the valley
Black-necked Stilt (16)	May 3	FRR	RR, DA	A large number for the valley
American Avocet	April 25	FRR-Royal Ave	LG	Becoming almost annual
Solitary Sandpiper	April 26	FRR-Royal Ave	LF, JS	First of larger numbers than normal for spring migration

Wandering Tattler (2)	May 12	SJSR	LF, KO	Later than normal for spring migration
Whimbrel (7)	April 27	Florence	KK	Found on Sandpines Golf Course
Whimbrel (flocks)	May 2	Coastal Lane Co.	DF	Large numbers started to migrate north
Long-billed Curlew	April 11	KR Nielson Rd	MN	Small numbers are found almost annually
Long-billed Curlew (2)	May 25	Siltcoos River mouth	LF, KO	Small numbers are found almost annually
Marbled Godwit	April 24	Sutton Creek mouth	DF	First of the spring migration
Red Knot (4)	April 23	SJSR–crab dock	DH	First of larger numbers than normal
Ruddy Turnstone	April 28	Florence area	RR, DA	First of large numbers than normal
Wilson’s Phalarope	May 1	FRR–Royal Ave	LM et al.	Arriving a couple days earlier than normal
Red-necked Phalarope (flocks)	April 24	Sutton Creek mouth	DF	Larger numbers than normal for a few days
Bonaparte’s Gull (1000s)	April 25	Coastal Lane Co.	DF	Amazing number of this species migrating
Bonaparte’s Gull	May 10	FRR–Royal Ave	LF et al.	Almost annual during spring migration
Black Tern	May 1	FRR–Royal Ave	LM et al.	Arriving a couple days earlier than normal
Common Tern	April 20	Bob Creek	LF	Not commonly seen during spring migration
Forster’s Tern	May 10	FRR–Royal Ave	LF et al.	Almost annual during the spring migration

SWIFTS to THRUSHES

Black Swift	May 20	Baker Marsh	DP	A normal migration period on the coast
Vaux’s Swift	April 10	Delta Ponds	NS	Arriving right on time
Calliope Hummingbird	April 12	Skinner Butte	SM	First of only a handful of reports
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker	April 26	Gold Lake area	LG	Always a good location for this species
Olive-sided Flycatcher	April 28	Skinner Butte	DS	Arriving a few days earlier than normal
Western Wood-Pewee	April 29	Skinner Butte	Ma	Arriving a couple days earlier than normal
Willow Flycatcher	May 14	Mt. Pisgah	TM	Arriving right on time
Hammond’s Flycatcher	April 13	Skinner Butte	TMe	Arriving about a week earlier than normal
Dusky Flycatcher	April 23	Skinner Butte	LF	Arriving right on time
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	April 25	Skinner Butte	Ma	Arriving a few days later than normal
Western Kingbird	April 23	Skinner Butte	RR	Arriving right on time
Western Kingbird	April 23	Highway 99N	JS	Arriving right on time
Western Kingbird	April 23	EWEB ponds	SM	Arriving right on time
Ash-throated Flycatcher	April 30	Skinner Butte	LF	Annual during the spring migration
Loggerhead Shrike	April 11	KR Nielson Rd	SM	Rare, but normally found during
Loggerhead Shrike	May 14	FRR–Royal Ave	KL, DA	spring migration
Cassin’s Vireo	April 13	Willamette River	TMe	Arriving just a few days later than normal
Warbling Vireo	April 23	Skinner Butte	RR	Arriving right on time
Red-eyed Vireo	May 25	Skinner Butte	CH	Arriving about 10 days earlier than normal
No. Rough-winged Swallow	April 21	Mt. Pisgah	A&TM	Arriving a couple weeks later than normal
Mountain Chickadee	April 3	Skinner Butte	LM et al.	Rare spring record for the valley
Mountain Chickadee	April 14	SJSR	NS	Rare record for the coast
House Wren	April 22	Coburg Hills	TM	Arriving right on time
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	May 10	FRR–Royal Ave	LF	Last report for the winter
Townsend’s Solitaire	April 1	SJSR–crab dock	DP	An unusual location for this species
Townsend’s Solitaire	April 24	North Eugene	BG	Almost annual in the valley during
Townsend’s Solitaire	April 25	Skinner Butte	AP, BH	spring migration
Swainson’s Thrush	April 23	River Road area	BC	Arriving about 10 days earlier than normal
Varied Thrush	April 30	Skinner Butte	LF	Last report from the valley for the winter
Northern Mockingbird	April 5	Alvadore	fide DB	Last date seen for the winter

WARBLERS to FINCHES

Nashville Warbler	April 4	Skinner Butte	AP	Arriving about 10 days earlier than normal
MacGillivray's Warbler	April 21	Veneta area	RR, DA	Arriving right on time
MacGillivray's Warbler	April 21	Mt. Pisgah area	AM	Arriving right on time
Common Yellowthroat	April 1	SJSR-dog pond	DP	First report for the coast
Yellow Warbler	April 27	FRR-Royal Ave	CT	Arriving right on time
Pine Warbler	May 22	Skinner Butte	Ma	First Lane Co. & third OR record if OBRC accepts
Black-throated Gray Warbler	April 4	Skinner Butte	BG	Arriving right on time
Hermit Warbler	April 18	Skinner Butte	SM	Arriving a few days earlier than normal
Wilson's Warbler	April 18	Skinner Butte	SM	Arriving a few days later than normal
Wilson's Warbler	April 18	River Road area	TMe	Arriving a few days later than normal
Yellow-breasted Chat	May 3	FRR-Royal Ave	A&TM	Arriving a few days earlier than normal
Chipping Sparrow	March 9	River Road area	BC	Last seen for the winter at her feeder
Chipping Sparrow (2)	April 11	South central Eugene	StG	Arriving about 10 days later than normal
Lark Sparrow	April 24	Delta Ponds area	AC	Rare, but almost annual
Sage Sparrow	April 26	FRR-Royal Ave	LF, JS	Seventh record for Lane Co.
Grasshopper Sparrow (3)	May 5	FRR-Royal Ave	RR, DA	Arriving a few days earlier than normal
Grasshopper Sparrow	May 19	Creswell area	BA	Larger numbers than normal were
Grasshopper Sparrow (2)	May 26	Mt. Pisgah area	A&TM	found during May
Fox Sparrow (red subspecies)	April 3	Heceta Beach	DP	Rare in the county
Lincoln's Sparrow	May 1	FRR-Royal Ave	NS	Last report from the valley for the winter
White-throated Sparrow	April 30	Creswell	NS	Last report for the winter
Golden-crowned Sparrow	May 8	FRR-Royal Ave	NS	Last report for the winter
Golden-crowned Sparrow	May 24	High Pass Rd	JG	Singing; much later than normal
Western Tanager	April 24	Skinner Butte	Ma	Arriving a couple days later than normal
Black-headed Grosbeak	April 4	Hendricks Park	MP	Arriving a couple weeks earlier than normal
Lazuli Bunting	April 26	Mt. Pisgah	BMc, DA	Arriving a few days earlier than normal
Brown-headed Cowbird	April 15	Creswell	NS	Arriving a little over a week later than normal
Bullock's Oriole	April 27	River Road area	TMe	Arriving a couple days later than normal
Bullock's Oriole	April 27	Meadowlark Prairie	A&TM	Arriving a couple days later than normal
Red Crossbill	May	Eugene/Springfield	m. ob.	Scattered flocks reported through the month
Lesser Goldfinch	May 20	Florence area	DP	Rarely found on the coast

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