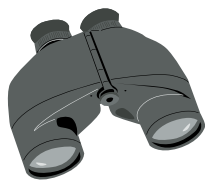


## Field Notes: April-May 2013



- Pine Warbler
- Lark Sparrow

- Loggerhead Shrike
- Black-crowned Night Heron

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**W**e 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

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

### RAPTORS to TERNS

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

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

## SWIFTS to THRUSHES

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