Field Notes: January 2017

o Golden Eagle

o Virginia Rail

o Townsend's Solitaire

o Palm Warbler

It was cooler than normal with even a little snow at the first of the month. A few of the hardy early migrants started to arrive for the summer much earlier than normal. It was surprising to see that a few of the semi-hardy wintering species survived the cold snowy weather in December and early January.

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

## WATERBIRDS

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| **Canvasback** | Jan 30 | Oakridge | MLS | Rare at this location |
| **Long-tailed Duck** | Jan 6 | Ocean Haven | PO | Normally one along coast in winter |
| **Ruddy Duck** (1500) | Jan 19 | Siltcoos Lake | AC | They winter in large numbers here |
| **American White Pelican** | Jan | FRR | m.ob. | Larger numbers than normal |
| **American Bittern** | Jan 15 | FRR - Royal Ave | MP | Rare in the winter |
| **Black-crowned Night-Heron** (3) | Jan 29 | Kirk Park | BA | Rare in the winter |

## HAWKS to GULLS

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| **Osprey** | Jan 31 | SJSR | fide AC | Wintering the last couple of years |
| **Golden Eagle** | Jan 31 | Junction City area | BC | Rare in the valley |
| **Virginia Rail** | Jan 29 | Mercer Lake area | SB | Not uncommon along coast in winter |
| **Virginia Rail** (2) | Jan 22 | FRR - Fisher Butte | KW | Rare in the valley in winter |
| **Sandhill Crane** | Jan 20 | SE Eugene | TM | Rare in the winter |
| **Semipalmated Plover** | Jan 3 | FRR - Orchard Point | SH | Rare in the winter |
| **Lesser Yellowlegs** | Jan 14 | FRR - Royal Ave | ID | Rare in the winter |
| **Glaucous Gull** | Jan 26 | Bob Creek mouth | NN | Small numbers in the winter |

## PIGEONS to FINCHES

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| **Band-tailed Pigeon** (2) | Jan 16 | Sutton Lake | TB | Occasionally winter on coast |
| **Band-tailed Pigeon** | Jan 23 | Delta Ponds | SH | About a month & a half earlier than normal |
| **Short-eared Owl** (2) | Jan 6 | Franklin Rd | JS,JL | Only report this winter! |
| **Say's Phoebe** | Jan 3 | Alvadore Rd | RR | Another wintering bird |
| **Say's Phoebe** | Jan 21 | Airport area | PS | Another wintering bird |
| **Northern Shrike** | Jan 13 | Bond Rd | JS | Very few reports this winter |

| Species | Date | Location | Observer | Notes |
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| **Horned Lark** (7) | Jan 27 | Delta Ponds area | CS | Normally found in grass fields |
| **Tree Swallow** (15) | Jan 3 | FRR - Royal Ave | TMe,TM | About a month earlier than normal |
| **Tree Swallow** (2) | Jan 3 | Siltcoos River | GR | About a month earlier than normal |
| **Townsend's Solitaire** | Jan 14 | E Alton Baker | RR | Rare in the valley in winter |
| **American Robin** | mid-Jan | throughout valley | m.ob. | Large flocks everywhere |
| **Northern Mockingbird** | Jan 14 | Florence | SH,DP | They winter in very small numbers |
| **Orange-crowned Warbler** (2) | Jan 2 | EWEB - Roosevelt | VT | Winter in small numbers most years |
| **Orange-crowned Warbler** | Jan 16 | Sutton Lake | TB | Winter in small numbers most years |
| **Orange-crowned Warbler** (2) | Jan 16 | Siltcoos River | GR | Winter in small numbers most years |
| **Palm Warbler** | Jan 5 | SW Eugene | SG | Rare in the valley |
| **Chipping Sparrow** | Jan 29 | River Rd area | LMa | Rare in the winter |
| **Swamp Sparrow** | Jan 14 | FRR - Royal Ave | ID | A normal wintering location |
| **Swamp Sparrow** | Jan 29 | EWEB - Roosevelt | BC | Unusual wintering location |
| **Harris's Sparrow** | Jan | Bond Rd | m.ob. | Seen throughout the month |
| **Harris's Sparrow** | Jan 4 | W Eugene | fide AP | Another wintering bird |
| **Brown-headed Cowbird** | Jan 3 | FRR - Coyote Ck | JM | Occasionally winter in small numbers |
| **Brambling** | Jan | Sutton Lake | m.ob. | Seen throughout the month |
| **Cassin's Finch** | Jan 3 | Alton Baker Park | SH | Rare in the valley |
| **Pine Siskin** (6) | Jan 22 | Camas Ridge School | JGa | Rare this winter |
| **Late Reports** | | | | |
| **Golden Eagle** | Dec 23 | Walterville area | SD | Rarely in the valley |
| **Bullock's Oriole** | Nov-Feb | Florence | MH | Rare in the winter |

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