

September 2001 Field Notes

This month's sightings include a few very rare species not seen in Lane County more than a few times--Red-necked Stint, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Phainopepla, and Black-and-White Warbler. Migration is always an exciting time as birds move from summer to winter quarters, with some getting lost in the process.

Waterbirds

Eared Grebe (2) Sept. 21; SJSR; P&SS, TM
American White Pelican Sept...; FRR; m.ob.
Brown Pelican Sept...; Florence area; m.ob.
Snowy Egret Sept. 16; North Fork; AC, HH
White-fronted Goose Sept. 30; Florence area; AC, DF, SS, LB

Raptors

Osprey (2) Sept. 1; Gold Lake; HH, DF
Ferruginous Hawk Sept. 3; Eugene airport; AJ, MN
Merlin Sept...; Lane County; m.ob.
Peregrine Falcon Sept...; FRR & Florence area; m.ob.
Prairie Falcon Sept. 10; FRR; DI

Rails & Shorebirds

Virginia Rail Sept. 20; Fisher Butte; NM
Black-bellied Plover (80) Sept. 26; Deflation plain; DD
American Golden-plover (2) Sept. 3; Deflation plain; J&JCa
Pacific Golden-plover Sept. 15; Florence area; B&ZS
American Avocet (3) Sept. 22; Crab dock; TM, P&SS
Whimbrel Sept. 16; FRR; DD, KL
Marbled Godwit Sept...; Florence area; m.ob.
Ruddy Turnstone Sept. 22; SJSR; TM, P&SS
Red Knot (3) Sept. 9; Crab dock; JCa, A&TM
Semipalmated Sandpiper (3) Sept...; FRR & Florence area; m.ob.
Red-necked Stint (2) Sept. 3; Siltcoos; J&JCa
Red-necked Stint Sept. 6; Siltcoos; DPe
Baird's Sandpiper Sept...; FRR & Florence area; m.ob.
Pectoral Sandpiper (25+) Sept. 5; FRR; m.ob.
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Sept. 4; FRR; DF
Buff-breasted Sandpiper Sept. 9; Baker Beach; LR
Red-necked Phalarope Sept. 3; FRR; DI
Red Phalarope Sept. 7; Crab dock; DD, RF

Gulls, Terns, & Alcids

Franklin's Gull Sept. 16; FRR; RR
Sabine's Gull (immature) Sept. 8; FRR; NB

Sabine's Gull (immature) Sept. 19; FRR; DD, PS
Forster's Tern Sept...; FRR; m.ob.

Swifts & Hummingbirds

Vaux's Swift (12,000+) Sept. 21; Agate Hall, U of O; DH, AE
Vaux's Swift (12-15,000) Sept. 24, 26; Agate Hall, U of O; BN, A&TM
Rufous Hummingbird Sept. 7; Island Park; VA

Passerines

Lewis' Woodpecker (4) Sept. 1-28; Eugene area; DD
Lewis' Woodpecker Sept. 1; Gold Lake; HH, DF
Williamson's Sapsucker Sept. 3; Gold Lake; A&TM
Three-toed Woodpecker Sept. 1; N. Waldo Lake area; HH, DF
Three-toed Woodpecker (4) Sept. 3; N. Waldo Lake area; A&TM
Pacific-sloped Flycatcher Sept. 12; LCC; LM
Ash-throated Flycatcher Sept. 22; Delta Ponds; JCo
Cassin's Vireo Sept. 7; Skinner Butte; A&TM
Warbling Vireo Sept. 23; Creswell area; SN
Horned Lark Sept. 7; SJSR; DD, RF
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Sept. 22; Creswell area; SN
Tree Swallow Sept. 28; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Violet-green Swallow (~2000) Sept. 9; Mapleton; JCa, A&TM
Violet-green Swallow (~200) Sept. 25-26; Alton Baker Park; VA
Violet-green Swallow Sept. 28; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Barn Swallow Sept. 28; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Townsend's Solitaire Sept. 20; E. Eugene; LM
American Pipit (80-100) Sept. 16; FRR; DD, KL
Phainopepla Aug. 30; S. Eugene; CD
Yellow Warbler (2) Sept. 12; LCC; LM
Yellow Warbler (12) Sept. 15; Skinner Butte; TM
Yellow Warbler Sept. 16; Deflation plain; AC, HH
Yellow Warbler Sept. 23; Creswell area; SN
Black-throated Gray Warbler Sept. 23; Creswell area; SN, D&HL
Black-and-White Warbler Sept. 6; Island Park; VA
Common Yellowthroat (2) Sept. 3; Gold Lake; A&TM
Common Yellowthroat Sept. 25; Alton Baker Park; VA
Yellow-breasted Chat (2) Sept. 12; LCC; LM
Western Tanager Sept. 23; Creswell area; D&HL
Brewer's Sparrow Sept. 2; Alton Baker Park; DW
Fox Sparrow (gray-headed race) Sept. 1; Gold Lake; HH, DF
Golden-crowned Sparrow Sept. 15; Skinner Butte; TM
Lapland Longspur Sept. 17; Crab dock; PS, DD

Abbreviations:

FRR Fern Ridge Reservoir, **Crab dock** Crab dock at the south jetty of the Siuslaw River, **Deflation plain** Deflation plain at the south jetty of the Siuslaw River, **North Fork** Estuary at the confluence of the North Fork and main stem of the Siuslaw River, **LCC** Lane Community College, **m.ob.** many observers, **NJSR** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **SJSR** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **Siltcoos** Siltcoos River mouth, **Sept...** Throughout September.

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