

October 2001 Field Notes

October was a mild month with little rain to ease the drought. The gentle weather encouraged some Neotropical migrants to linger longer than usual and some wintering species to arrive later than usual, as can be seen by the reports below. As always, enjoy your birding and report your sightings!

Waterbirds & Seabirds

Red-necked Grebe (2) Oct. 20; South Jetty; B&ZS

Western Grebe Oct. 29; Alton Baker Park; VA

Clark's Grebe Oct. 23; Siuslaw River mouth; B&ZS

American White Pelican Oct. 3; FRR; DD

Great Egret Oct. 10, 30; Island Park; VA

Green Heron Oct. 13; Mt. Pisgah; RF

Black-footed Albatross Oct. 6; Heceta Banks; PS

Vultures

Turkey Vulture (300) Oct. 3; South Eugene; GP

Turkey Vulture (5) Oct. 5; FRR; DA

Waterfowl

Snow Goose (4) Oct. 19; Northwest Eugene; DA

Canvasback Oct. 12; Walterville Lake; PS

Black Scoter Oct. 28; Ocean House; DI

Raptors

Osprey Oct. 31; Kirk Pond; DA

White-tailed Kite (2) Oct. 5; Royal Avenue @ FRR; DA

Accipiter species Oct. 11; Agate Hall, UO ; DD

Red-shouldered Hawk Oct. 13; Willow Creek; CQ

Rough-legged Hawk Oct. 8; Deflation plain; B&ZS

Peregrine Falcon Oct. 14, 16; FRR; MP,DI

Rails & Shorebirds

Sandhill Crane (about 500) Oct. 20; Camp Creek; KR

Sandhill Crane (25) Oct. 22; Mt. Pisgah; BN

Black-bellied Plover (62) Sep. 27; South Jetty; B&ZS

Snowy Plover (33) Oct. 7; Siltcoos River mouth; AC

Lesser Yellowlegs (6) Oct. 6; FRR; JH

Pectoral Sandpiper (13) Sep. 30; Deflation plain; B&ZS

Dunlin Oct. 11; Crab dock; B&ZS

Red-necked Phalarope Oct. 6; FRR; JH

Red Phalarope Oct. 23; North Jetty; DP

Tube-noses, Gulls, & Alcids

South Polar Skua Oct. 6; Heceta Banks; PS

Bonaparte's Gull Oct. 29; Siuslaw River mouth; B&ZS
Bonaparte's Gull Oct. 30; LCC; RF,DD
Mew Gull Oct. 7; Siuslaw River mouth; B&ZS
Herring Gull Oct. 23; South Jetty; B&ZS
Black-legged Kittiwake (2) Oct. 7; Siuslaw River mouth; AC
Pigeon Guillemot (10) Oct. 28; Ocean House; DI
Marbled Murrelet (2) Oct. 28; Ocean House; DI

Owls

Northern Saw-whet Owl Sep. 24, Oct. 15; Sutton Lake; B&ZS

Swifts & Hummingbirds

Chimney Swift (possible) Oct. 7; Siltcoos River mouth; AC
Vaux's Swift (1000s) Oct. 4; Agate Hall, UO; MP
Vaux's Swift (200-300) Oct. 11; Agate Hall, UO; DD
Vaux's Swift Oct. 13; Southeast Eugene; RF
Rufous Hummingbird Oct. 6; East Springfield; KJ

Passerines

Northern Shrike Oct. 28; Deflation plain; AC
Blue Jay Oct. 18; McKenzie Bridge; L&TB
Horned Lark Oct. 8; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Horned Lark (2) Oct. 26; FRR; DI
Tree Swallow Oct. 8; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Violet-green Swallow Oct. 8; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Townsend's Solitaire Oct. 17; LCC; LM
Wrentit Oct. 17; LCC; LM
Cedar Waxwing Oct. 11; Mt. Pisgah; BN
Black-throated Gray Warbler Oct. 7; Southeast Eugene; A&TM
Common Yellowthroat Oct. 7; Deflation plain; AC
Vesper Sparrow Oct. 8; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Fox Sparrow Oct. 3; Mt. Pisgah; LM
White-throated Sparrow Oct. 15; Southeast Eugene; LM
Western Meadowlark Oct. 8; Alton Baker Park; VA

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, **LCC** Lane Community College, **NJSR** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **SJSR** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **OBRC** Oregon Bird Records Committee.

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