

## September 2002 Field Notes

### Lingering migrants; Owls in unusual habitats

For the most part September was sunny and warm, with only a couple days of wet weather at mid-month. Given the late warm weather, a number of bird species lingered in our area, as you will see by the many reports below.

#### Waterbirds & Seabirds

**Common Loon** Sept. 15; South Jetty; AC,DF

**Red-necked Grebe** Sept. 16; Heceta Head; B&ZS

**Western/Clark's Grebe** (121) Sept. 11; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

**Black-crowned Night-heron** Sept. 1; Fern Ridge Reservoir; fide LG

#### Waterfowl

**Greater White-fronted Goose** Sept. 17; Eugene; SMc

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**Harlequin Duck** (5) Sept. 21; Stonefield Beach; HH

#### Raptors

**Osprey** (2) Sept. 11; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

**Cooper's Hawk** Sept. 3,4; Agate Hall, UO; PG,SMc

**Red-shouldered Hawk** Sept. 22; Walton area; AC,et al.

**Merlin** (2) Sept. 15; South Jetty; AC,DF

**Prairie Falcon** Sept. 30; Fern Ridge Reservoir; PS

**Peregrine Falcon** September; throughout County; m.ob.

#### Grouse, Rails & Shorebirds

**Black-bellied Plover** September; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.

**American Golden-plover** Sept. 21; Siltcoos River mouth; HH

**Pacific Golden-plover** Sept. 21; Siltcoos River mouth; HH

**Wandering Tattler** (2) Sept. 21; North Jetty; DP,SMu

**Marbled Godwit** (11) Sept. 15; Crab Dock; AC,DF

**Ruddy Turnstone** Sept. 21; North Jetty; DP,SMu

**Sanderling** Sept. 12; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS

**Baird's Sandpiper** September; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.

**Pectoral Sandpiper** September; Fern Ridge R., coast; m.ob.

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** Sept. 28; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF,et al.

**Dunlin** Sept. 10; Siltcoos River mouth; B&ZS

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Sept. 4; Deflation Plain; D&DP

**Ruff** Sept. 27; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF

**Red-necked Phalarope** Sept. 1; South Jetty; AC

#### Gulls & Alcids

**Parasitic Jaeger** Sept. 21; North Jetty; DP,SMu

**Herring Gull** Sept. 21; Siltcoos River mouth; HH  
**Caspian Tern** (28) Sept. 6; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS  
**Common Tern** (22) Sept. 4; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF

### Doves, Pigeons & Owls

**Northern Pygmy-owl (2)** Sept. 25; Spencer Butte; LMc,et al.  
**Burrowing Owl** Sept. 29; Deflation Plain; AC,et al.  
**Spotted Owl** (2) Sept 1-4; Buck Meadows, TSW; BN,PB.  
**Short-eared Owl** Sept. 24; Spencer Butte; NS  
**Common Nighthawk** Sept. 13; River Road area; BC  
**Common Nighthawk** Sept. 7; South Jetty; B&ZS  
**Vaux's Swift** (9000) Sept. 4; Agate Hall, UO; SMc  
**Vaux's Swift** (11000) Sept. 10; Agate Hall, UO; MRu

### Passerines

**Lewis's Woodpecker** September; MP,FRR,SKB,SPB; m.ob.  
**Black-backed Woodpecker** Sept. 1-4; Buck Meadows; BN,PB  
**Willow Flycatcher** Sept. 1-4; Buck Meadows; BN,PB  
**Hammond's Flycatcher** Sept. 29; Siltcoos River mouth; AC,et al.  
**Pacific-sloped Flycatcher** Sept. 23; Santa Clara area; DD  
**Cassin's Vireo** Sept. 11; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI  
**Warbling Vireo** Sept. 23; Santa Clara area; DF  
**Horned Lark** Sept. 22; Deflation Plain; AC,et al.  
**Rock Wren** Sept. 25; Spencer Butte; LMc,et al.  
**House Wren** Sept. 18; Hills Creek Reservoir; NS  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** Sept. 25; Spencer Butte; LMc,et al.  
**Yellow Warbler** Sept. 21; Skinner Butte; SG,et al.  
**Black-and-White Warbler** Sept. 22; Santa Clara; MM  
**Wilson's Warbler** Sept. 18; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI  
**Yellow-breasted Chat** Sept. 20; Creswell; NS  
**Western Tanager** Sept. 25; Skinner Butte; DF  
**Vesper Sparrow** (10) Sept. 18; Mt. Pisgah; DD  
**Savannah Sparrow** Sept. 18; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI  
**Fox Sparrow** Sept. 18; Mt. Pisgah; DD  
**Lincoln's Sparrow** Sept. 16; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI  
**Golden-crowned Sparrow** Sept. 18; Mt. Pisgah; DD  
**Yellow-headed Blackbird** (10+) Sept. 11; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

### **Abbreviations:**

**Crab Dock** Crab Dock at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River,**Deflation Plain** Deflation Plain near the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **FRR** Fern Ridge Reservoir, **m.ob.** many observers,**MP** Mt. Pisgah, **NJSR** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **SJSR** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **SKB** Skinner Butte, **SPB** Spencer Butte, **TSW** Three Sister Wilderness.

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