

February 2003 Field Notes

Overall, we've had a very mild winter extending through February, except for the cooler temperatures at the end of the month. That mild weather is reflected in the bird sightings below, with few reports of northern species (e.g. Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Shrike) and several reports of early migrants. Spring and all the migrants are just around the corner, so keep us informed of the species you're seeing.

Waterbirds & Seabirds

American Bittern Feb 8; Fisher Butte, FRR; PS

Vultures

Turkey Vulture Feb 27; Eugene; DH

Waterfowl

Ross's Goose Feb 6; Royal Ave., FRR; NS

Emperor Goose Feb 5; Royal Ave., FRR; DA

Brant Feb 6; Royal Ave, FRR; JF

Green-winged Teal (Eurasian) Feb; Creswell; NS

Ring-necked Duck (225) Feb 15; Fisher Butte, FRR; NS

Long-tailed Duck Feb 15; Oldtown Florence; RK

Long-tailed Duck (3) Feb 15; Siuslaw River mouth; M&MD

Raptors

White-tailed Kite Feb 24; Walterville; DH

Rough-legged Hawk Feb 17; Cox Butte Road; PS

Grouse, Rails & Shorebirds

Sandhill Crane (250) Feb 12; East Springfield; SMc

Sandhill Crane Feb 20; Eugene & Springfield; m.ob.

Ruff (2) Feb; West Eugene; m.ob.

Gulls & Alcids

Glaucous Gull Feb 22; Siuslaw River mouth; WH et al.

Doves, Pigeons & Owls

Band-tailed Pigeon Feb 23; Southwest Eugene; MS

Great Gray Owl Feb 25; Fall Creek area; TH

Short-eared Owl (3) Feb 2; Royal Ave., FRR; A&TM

Passerines

Costa's Hummingbird Feb 13; East Eugene; LM

Rufous Hummingbird Feb 8; Florence; DP

Rufous Hummingbird Feb 23; Southwest Eugene; MS

Black Phoebe Feb 8; Fisher Butte, FRR; PS

Say's Phoebe (2) Feb 25; Pleasant Hill area; DD

Say's Phoebe Feb 26; Creswell area; NS

Northern Shrike Feb 6; Royal Ave., FRR; NS
Blue Jay Feb 18; Springfield; DD
Tree Swallow Feb 4; Royal Ave., FRR; DD,DA
Barn Swallow Feb 4; Royal Ave., FRR; DD,DA
Palm Warbler Feb; Sandpiper Pond; m.ob.
Palm Warbler Feb 10; Florence; JH
Baltimore Oriole Feb; Florence; m.ob.
Brown-headed Cowbird Feb 28; Pleasant Hill area; DHo

Abbreviations:

FRR Fern Ridge Reservoir, **m.ob.** many observers, **Sandpiper Pond** West Eugene Wetlands at Bertelson & Stewart Rds.

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