

September 2003 Field Notes

Migration symphony produces hit records!

With the fall migration in full swing, September is always an interesting month for birding. This fall seemed a little "slow" to most birders because the nice weather throughout the month didn't force any large concentrations of migrants to stop. They seemed to fly right over Lane County without any need to stop due to bad weather. A number of "good" birds were found during the month, though, despite it being rather "slow".

WATERFOWL & QUAIL

Brant Sept. 29; South Jetty; JF et al.

American Wigeon Sept. 24; North Jetty; B&ZS

Black Scoter Sept. 14; North Jetty; AC,HH

WATERBIRDS

Common Loon Sept. 27; FRR; JS

Western Grebe (100+) Sept. 3; FRR; DI et al.

Clark's Grebe (1) Sept. 3; FRR DI; et al.

Pink-footed Shearwater (5) Sept. 29; South Jetty; JF et al.

Sooty Shearwater (2800+) Sept. 29; South Jetty; JF et al.

American White Pelican (20-25) Sept. 3; FRR; DD

American Bittern (6) Sept. 6; FRR; DI

RAPTORS

Osprey Sept. 28; FRR; PV,MC

Red-shouldered Hawk (imm.) Sept. 7; FRR; LG

Gyrfalcon Sept. 23,24; N. of Florence; LL

Peregrine Falcon (2) Sept. 1; FRR; SM

SHOREBIRDS

Pacific Golden-Plover Sept. 2; FRR; JF

Pacific Golden-Plover Sept. 14; FRR; JS

Pacific Golden-Plover (2) Sept. 28; FRR; DI

American Avocet (24) Sept. 3; FRR; PS,DD

Solitary Sandpiper (2) Sept. 1; FRR; SM

Solitary Sandpiper Sept. 8; FRR; PS,DD

Ruddy Turnstone Sept. 4; North Jetty; B&ZS

Semipalmated Sandpiper Sept. 3; FRR; DI

Baird's Sandpiper Sept. 1; FRR; SM

Pectoral Sandpiper (20±) Sept. 3; FRR; DD

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Sept. 24; deflation plain; B&ZS

Short-billed Dowitcher Sept. 9; FRR; JS

Dunlin (2) Sept. 21; South Jetty crab dock; B&ZS
Red-necked Phalarope (2) Sept. 6; FRR; DI

GULLS, TERNS, & ALCIDS

Mew Gull Sept. 23; North Jetty; B&ZS
Sabine's Gull Sept. 18; North Jetty; DI,DPy
Caspian Tern (3) Sept. 3; FRR; DI et al.
Common Tern Sept. 3; FRR; DI et al.
Sterna spp. tern (4) Sept. 9; Dexter Reservoir; DH
Black Tern (3 juvenile) Sept. 3; FRR; DI et al.
Ancient Murrelet (3) Sept. 29; South Jetty; JF et al.

OWLS, GOATSUCKERS, & SWIFTS

Short-eared Owl Sept. 6; FRR; DI
Common Nighthawk Sept. 20; SE Eugene; DI
Vaux's Swift (15,000) Sept. 16; Agate Hall, UO; DI

PASSERINES

Lewis's Woodpecker (33) Sept. 14; Four-in-One Cone; A&TM
Acorn Woodpecker Sept. 10; Hills Creek Reservoir; DI et al.
Western Wood Pewee Sept. 12; Skinner Butte; DF
Hammond's Flycatcher Sept. 18; Wolf Creek; TM
Willow Flycatcher Sept. 21; SE Eugene; DI
Dusky Flycatcher Sept. 8; Skinner Butte; DI
Pacific-slope Flycatcher Sept. 10; Hills Creek Reservoir; DI et al.
Cassin's Vireo Sept. 17; LCC; DI,LM
Blue-headed Vireo Sept. 13; Alton Baker Park; DI
Warbling Vireo Sept. 17; LCC; DI,LM
Horned Lark Sept. 14; deflation plain; AC,HH
Horned Lark (20+) Sept. 19; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Northern Rough-winged Swallow Sept. 10; FRR; SS,DF,VA
Northern Rough-winged Swallow Sept. 10; Skinner Butte; SS,DF,VA
Bank Swallow Sept. 9; FRR; JS
Swallow spp. (500+) Sept. 28; Scott Lake area; AT&M
American Dipper Sept. 28; Mohawk River; fide DA
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Sept. 27; Florence; AC,HH,NS
Yellow Warbler Sept. 15; Alton Baker Park; DI
Black-throated Gray Warbler Sept. 21; SE Eugene; DI
Blackpoll Warbler Sept. 20; Sitlcoos River mouth; AC,HH
MacGillivray's Warbler Sept. 10; Hills Creek Reservoir; DI et al.
Wilson's Warbler Sept. 15; Alton Baker Park; DI
Yellow-breasted Chat Sept. 10; Hills Creek Reservoir; DI et al.
Yellow-breasted Chat Sept. 17; LCC; DI,LM
Western Tanager Sept. 22; Creswell aera; HL
Chipping Sparrow Sept. 21; SE Eugene; DI

Brewer's Sparrow (3) Sept. 14; FRR; JS,et al.
Vesper Sparrow Sept.; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Golden-crowned Sparrow Sept. 17; LCC; DI,LM
Fox Sparrow Sept. 28; S. Eugene; DPs
Lincoln's Sparrow Sept. 2; Creswell; SN
Black-headed Grosbeak Sept. 17; LCC; DI,LM
Bobolink Sept. 29; deflation plain; JF et al.

Abbreviations:

FRR FRR; **deflation plain** Deflation plain at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **m.ob.** many observers; **North Jetty** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **South Jetty** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River.

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