

October 2003 Field Notes

For the most part, October was quite mild and dry. The exceptions were a storm system that passed through mid-month and the clear, cold weather at the end of the month. The mild weather seemed to entice summer breeders to linger, as the report below shows. We thought the wintering species might arrive later than usual, but they showed up right on schedule.

WATERFOWL & QUAIL

Tundra Swan Oct. 24; FRR; DB

Bufflehead Oct. 31; Siuslaw River; B&ZS

Ruffed Grouse Oct. 17; Halderson Rd. (S. FRR); CW

Ruffed Grouse Oct. 19 Mt. Pisgah A&TM

WATERBIRDS

Horned Grebe Oct. 15; Lane Memorial Gardens; DF

Horned Grebe Oct. 24; Siuslaw River mouth; B&ZS

Red-necked Grebe Oct. 8; FRR; LM,DA

Red-necked Grebe Oct. 19; FRR, Kirk Pond; RR

Eared Grebe Oct. 19; FRR, Zumwalt Park; RR

Western Grebe Oct. 8; FRR; LM,DA

Pink-footed Shearwater (4) Oct. 18; Strawberry Hill SW; DF,VA

Sooty Shearwater (2) Oct. 28; Siuslaw River; B&ZS

American Bittern Oct. 21; FRR; DF

Green Heron Oct. 16; Amazon Ck. @ SEHS; MP

Green Heron Oct. 16; FRR; DD

Black-crowned Night-Heron (4) Oct. 9; FRR; DF,VA

VULTURES & RAPTORS

Turkey Vulture (2) Oct. 23; Spencer Creek Rd.; TM

Osprey Oct. 28; Alton Baker Park; VA

Northern Goshawk Oct. 17; SE Eugene; DD

Rough-legged Hawk Oct. 24; FRR; JS

Rough-legged Hawk Oct. 31; deflation plain; B&ZS

Prairie Falcon Oct. 26; FRR; JS

Peregrine Falcon Oct. 26; FRR; JS

Peregrine Falcon Oct. 29-30; Delta Ponds; RD

RAILS, CRANES, SHOREBIRDS, & GULLS

Sora Oct. 22; FRR; LM,et al.

Sandhill Crane Oct. 24; Leaburg; AR

Pacific Golden-plover Oct. 8; Crab Dock; B&ZS

Black Oystercatcher (11) Oct. 18; Stonefield Beach SW; DF,VA

Red Knot Oct. 14; FRR; DD,DA

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Oct. 2; FRR; DF

Red Phalarope (large numbers) Oct. 12-19; Siuslaw River mouth; m.ob.
Red Phalarope Oct. 30; Kirk Pond; LG
Glaucous Gull Oct. 13; Heceta Head; B&ZS

OWLS, SWIFTS & HUMMINGBIRDS

Western Screech-Owl Oct. 6; 24th & Charnelton St.; IW
Vaux's Swift Oct. 2; Agate Hall, UO; DD
Vaux's Swift Oct. 7; Agate Hall, UO; DI
Rufous Hummingbird Oct. 8; Springfield; KJ

PASSERINES

Lewis's Woodpecker Oct. 22; FRR; LM,et al.
Loggerhead Shrike Oct. 16; FRR; AO
Northern Shrike (juv) Oct. 17; FRR; DF
Northern Shrike (3) Oct. 30; deflation plain; B&ZS
"Solitary" Vireo Oct. 14; 15th Ave. & Hayes St.; DI
Blue Jay Oct. 12; Blue River; fide KC
Western Scrub-Jay Oct.; Florence; B&ZS
Tree & Violet-green Swallow (40) Oct. 7; Mt. Pisgah; DD,DA
Tree Swallow (2) Oct. 18; Delta Ponds; SG
White-breasted Nuthatch Oct.; Santa Clara; MM
Swainson's Thrush Oct. 2; S. Eugene; DI
Palm Warbler Oct. 13; deflation plain; B&ZS
Black-throated Gray Warbler Oct. 1; Mt. Pisgah; DI,et al.
MacGillivray's Warbler Oct. 4; College Hill, Eugene; JH
Common Yellowthroat Oct. 22; FRR; LM,et al.
Western Tanager Oct. 8; FRR; LM,DA
Vesper Sparrow Oct. 16; FRR; DF
White-throated Sparrow Oct. 1; Mt. Pisgah; DI,et al.

Abbreviations:

FRR Fern Ridge Reservoir, **deflation plain** deflation plain at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **m.ob.** many observers, **SEHS** South Eugene High School, **SW** State Wayside.

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