

November - December 2003 Field Notes

This two-month period started rather mild, but ended on a rather wintry note-- snow on the valley floor! As you can see below, there were a number of semi-hardy species (Orange-Crowned Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Clay-colored Sparrow) found lingering during the first part of the period. We'll see if they made it through the cold, snowy weather next month.

WATERFOWL

Ross's Goose (2) Nov. 9; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS,LJ
Brant Nov. 28; KR Nielson Rd; DF
Trumpeter Swan Nov. 13; Fern Ridge Reservoir; LS
Tundra Swan (49) Nov. 5; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JF
Tundra Swan Nov. 27; North Fork, Suislaw R.; AC
Wood Duck (30) Nov. 15; Delta Ponds; DA
Blue-winged Teal Nov. 10; Fiddle Ck; B&ZS
Eurasian Wigeon Nov. 25; Fiddle Ck; B&ZS
Eurasian Wigeon Nov. 30; Stewart Pond; DA
Canvasback (7) Nov. & Dec.; Lane Memorial pond; m.ob.
Redhead Nov. 30; Creswell; NS
Long-tailed Duck Nov. 14; South Jetty; HH&DF
Long-tailed Duck Nov. 27; Sea Lions Caves; AC
Common Goldeneye Dec. 5; Creswell; NS
Common Merganser (120) Nov. 2; Fern Ridge Reservoir; AC

WATERBIRDS

Common Loon Nov. 13; Dexter Reservoir; DF
Eared Grebe Nov. 14; Siuslaw River mouth; HH&DF
Eared Grebe Nov. 30; Creswell; NS
Northern Fulmar (100) Nov. 14; South Jetty; HH&DF
Brown Pelican Nov. 2; Siltcoos River mouth; AC
American Bittern Nov. 25; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD et al.

VULTURES & RAPTORS

Turkey Vulture (15) Dec. 29; FRR area; VA
Osprey Nov. 6; Alton Baker Park; LM
Osprey Nov. 26; Row River; DHy
Osprey (2) Dec. 10; Willamette R. at Beltline; DB
White-tailed Kite (24) Dec. 20; W. Eugene & Junction City; JS,LJ
Red-shouldered Hawk Nov.; Baker Beach area; m.ob.
Rough-legged Hawk (3) Dec. 26; Alvadore Rd.; JS,LJ
Peregrine Falcon Nov.; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.
Peregrine Falcon (2) Nov. 28; Heceta Head; B&ZS
Prairie Falcon Nov. 3; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD&DA

RAILS, CRANES, SHOREBIRDS, & GULLS

Virginia Rail Nov.; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.
Sandhill Crane (2) Nov. 11; Delta Ponds; RD
Sandhill Crane Nov. 23; Eugene Aripport area; JS,LJ
Sandhill Crane Dec. 6; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS,LJ
Sandhill Crane (45) Dec. 30; Dexter; DF
Killdeer (600) Dec. 23; FRR; area; DD
American Avocet Nov. 27; Stewart Pond; DW
Lesser Yellowlegs Nov. 3; South Slough; B&ZS
Lesser Yellowlegs Nov. 9; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS,LJ
Lesser Yellowlegs Dec. 10; Fern Ridge Reservoir; LM
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Nov. 4; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD&PS
Western Sandpiper Nov. 9; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS,LJ
Red Phalarope (3) Nov. 2; Siuslaw River mouth; AC
Red Phalarope Dec. 27; South Jetty; JC
Bonaparte's Gull Dec. 29; South Jetty; A&TM
Heermann's Gull Nov. 14; Siuslaw River mouth; HH&DF
Black-legged Kittiwake Nov. 14; Siuslaw River mouth; HH&DF

PIGEONS & OWLS

Band-tailed Pigeon Nov. 21; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Burrowing Owl Dec. 29; W. Juntion City; JH,DT
Barred Owl Dec. 12; SE Eugene; DHn
Short-eared Owl Nov. 8; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DA

PASSERINES

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Dec. 19; Florence; GH
Black Phoebe Dec. 10; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF
Black Phoebe Dec. 18; Fiddle Ck.; B&ZS
Northern Shrike (4) Dec. 6; Willamette Valley; JS,LJ
American Crow Dec. 23; Rose Garden; NB
Horned Lark (2) Nov. 12; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Horned Lark (2-4) Nov. 24; Eugene Airport area; DF
Tree Swallow (2) Dec. 4; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DA,PS
Tree Swallow (3) Dec. 26; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS,LJ
Barn Swallow Dec. 15; Dillard Rd. area; DD
Barn Swallow (5) Dec. 16; FRR area; A&DHy
Barn Swallow (10) Dec. 22; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD
Barn Swallow (8-10) Dec. 26; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS,LJ
Sage Thrasher Dec. 20; FRR area; JS,LJ
Orange-crowned Warbler Dec. 4; College Hill area; DA
Palm Warbler Nov. 3; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD&DA
Black-throated Gray Warbler Nov. 30; Stewart Pond; MP
Common Yellowthroat Dec. 5; Hills Ck. reservoir; DF

American Tree Sparrow Nov. 28; Fern Ridge Reservoir; VA,HR
Clay-colored Sparrow Dec. 26; Pickens Rd., Veneta; AP,BH
Brewer's Sparrow Dec. 18; Fiddle Ck.; B&ZS
Swamp Sparrow Dec. 6; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JR,BMc
White-throated Sparrow Nov.; Eugene-Springfield; m.ob.
Western Meadowlark (24) Nov. 14; Fern Ridge Reservoir; VA
Pine Siskin Dec. 30; Cottage Grove; KB

Abbreviations:

Fiddle Creek SE corner of Siuslaw Lake; **FRR** Fern Ridge Reservoir; **Deflation plain** Deflation plain at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **m.o.b.** many observers; **South Jetty** South Jetty, Siuslaw River; **South Slough** South Slough, Siuslaw River.

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