

## **August 2004 Field Notes**

August is a prime season for shorebirds, as you can see from the following reports. With the low water levels at parts of Fern Ridge Reservoir, large numbers of shorebirds stopped on their southern migration for the second year in a row, allowing birders a glimpse into the species and numbers that normally pass by unseen. August also signals the arrival of our wintering species, as well as the departure of some of the breeding species. It's always an exciting time when birds move about after breeding--you never know what might show up!

### **WATERFOWL & QUAIL**

**Mute Swan** (3) June 14; Ayers Rd. pond

**Redhead** (5) August 25; Fern Ridge Reservoir; LM et al.

**Surf Scoter** (1000) August 22; Heceta Head; AC et al.

**Black Scoter** August 14; Heceta Head; DP

**Ruddy Duck** w/downy young August 5; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD

### **WATERBIRDS**

**American White Pelican** (50) August; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** August 1; Fern Ridge Reservoir; TL

### **RAPTORS**

**Peregrine Falcon** August; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.

### **SHOREBIRDS**

**Black-bellied Plover** (40) August 22; Deflation plain; AC et al.

**American Golden-Plover** August 15; Fern Ridge Reservoir; A&TM

**American Golden-Plover** August 25; Crab Dock; B&ZS

**Pacific Golden-Plover** August 25; Deflation plain; B&ZS,DP

**Golden-Plover** spp. August 22; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

**Black-necked Stilt** August 25; Fern Ridge Reservoir; LM et al.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** (5) August 5; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR

**Solitary Sandpiper** August 6; Fern Ridge Reservoir; SO

**Solitary Sandpiper** August 20; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

**Solitary Sandpiper** August 28; Sandpiper Pond; SG

**Willet** August 3; Siuslaw River mouth; NS

**Willet** (3) August 17; North Jetty; B&ZS

**Wandering Tattler** August 7; North Jetty; B&ZS

**Long-billed Curlew** August 8; Fern Ridge Reservoir; PS

**Long-billed Curlew** August 8; North Jetty; A&DH

**Marbled Godwit** August 18; Fern Ridge Reservoir; BB

**Ruddy Turnstone** (2) August 28; Deflation plain; DD

**Black Turnstone** August 7; North Jetty; B&ZS

**Surfbird** (100+) August 5; Siuslaw River jetties; B&ZS

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** (2) August 14; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

**Pectoral Sandpiper** August 5; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF  
**Baird's Sandpiper** August 8; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR  
**Stilt Sandpiper** August 25; Deflation plain; B&ZS,DP  
**Ruff** August 22; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI  
**Ruff** August 25; Deflation plain; B&ZS,DP  
**Short-billed Dowitcher** August 6; Heceta Beach; B&ZS  
**Red-necked Phalarope** August 5; Siuslaw River mouth; B&ZS

### GULLS, TERNS, & ALCIDS

**Bonaparte's Gull** (2) August 24; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DA  
**Elegant Tern** August 14; Siltcoos River mouth; DA  
**Black Tern** (15-20) August 15; Fern Ridge Reservoir; A&TM  
**Cassin's Auklet** August 8; Siltcoos River mouth; A&DH  
**Cassin's Auklet** (8) August 11; Florence area; LM et al.  
**Tufted Puffin** August 5; South Jetty; B&ZS

### OWLS, GOATSUCKERS, & SWIFTS

**Barred Owl** (pair) August 30; SE Eugene; A&TM  
**Common Nighthawk** August 27; S Eugene; BMc  
**Common Nighthawk** (10) August 31; Big Island; GG  
**Black Swift** (2) August 18; Salt Creek falls; JKKF  
**Vaux's Swift** August 27; UO; AM

### PASSERINES

**Lewis' Woodpecker** August 18; Waldo Lake; JKKF  
**Three-toed Woodpecker** August 10; The Twins; DD et al.  
**Black-backed Woodpecker** August 17; Maiden Peak; DD et al.  
**Willow Flycatcher** August 8; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR  
**Black Phoebe** August 8; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR  
**Western Kingbird** August 27; Fern Ridge Reservoir; TB  
**Red-eyed Vireo** Jun 29, Jul 1; S Eugene; RA  
**Bank Swallow** (2) August 6; Fern Ridge Reservoir; SO  
**Barn Swallow** August 25; Alvadore; DB  
**Mountain Chickadee** August 17; Maiden Peak; DD et al.  
**Oak Titmouse** July 15; Mt. Pisgah; TMn  
**Wrentit** August 2; Eugene; MP  
**Northern Mockingbird** August 30; Mohawk Rd., Spfd.; LD  
**American Pipit** August 21; Deflation plain; B&ZS  
**Yellow-breasted Chat** August 22; Deflation plain; TL  
**Brewer's Sparrow** (3) August 27; Hills Creek Reservoir; DF  
**Lazuli Bunting** August 26; Mt. Pisgah; DD  
**Common Grackle** August 11; Florence; DP  
**Cassin's Finch** (3) August 10; The Twins; DD et al.  
**White-winged Crossbill** (2) August 15; The Twins; RR

**Abbreviations:**

**Big Island** Island in the McKenzie River just east of Springfield;**Deflation plain** Deflation plain at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **m.ob.** many observers; **North Jetty** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **Sandpiper Pond** located in the West Eugene Wetlands; **South Jetty** South Jetty of the Suislaw River; **The Twins** Butte east of Waldo Lake.

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