

October 2004 Field Notes

The big news bird-wise in October was the large number of Red-breasted Nuthatches found along the coast, where they are normally rare. We also fielded reports of high Pine Siskin numbers, especially along the coast where flocks were feeding in the beach grass. Where are these birds coming from--local mountains, Canada? With so many Mountain Chickadees in the high Cascades at the start of October, it will be interesting to see if they show up in large numbers around the valley this winter. We already have one report.

WATERBIRDS

Gadwall Oct. 31; Canary Rd.; B&ZS

Eurasian Wigeon (7) Oct. 28; Delta Ponds; RJ

Black Scoter (2) Oct. 28; Siuslaw River; B&ZS

Common Goldeneye Oct. 26; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

Common Loon (5 calling) Oct. 3; Waldo Lake; A&TM

Common Loon Oct. 27; Hills Creek Reservoir; DF

Brown Pelican Oct.; Coastal areas; m.ob.

American Bittern Oct. 26; deflation plain; B&ZS

Great Egret Oct. 26; NW Expressway pond; BC

Black-crowned Night-Heron (16) Oct. 11; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JG,PS,DA

VULTURES & RAPTORS

Turkey Vulture (14) Oct. 11; Skinner Butte; TS

Osprey Oct. 11; Long Tom River; TS

White-tailed Kite Oct. 27; Triangle Lake; MRu

Red-shouldered Hawk Oct. 7; Harvest Ln.; RR

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Harlan's (Red-tailed) Hawk Oct. 29; Spencer Creek Rd.; GC

Peregrine Falcon (2) Oct. 23; Heceta Head; B&ZS

CRANES & SHOREBIRDS

Sandhill Crane (100+) Oct. 21; Walterville area; DI

American Golden-Plover Oct. 16; deflation plain; AC

Snowy Plover (20-30) Oct. 9; Siltcoos River; DL

Wandering Tattler Oct. 21; North Jetty; B&ZS

Marbled Godwit (6) Oct. 21; South Jetty; DP

Baird's Sandpiper Oct. 16; Siltcoos River; AC

Pectoral Sandpiper (25+) Oct 1; Fern Ridge Reservoir; TM

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Oct. 1; Fern Ridge Reservoir; BMc

Rock Sandpiper Oct. 30; South Jetty; JS

JAEGERS, GULLS, & ALCIDS

Parasitic Jaeger Oct. 30; Bray Point; AC

Bonaparte's Gull (15) Oct. 21; Walterville Pond; DI

Heermann's Gull Oct.; Coastal areas; m.ob.
Herring Gull Oct. 20; South Jetty; B&ZS
Glaucous-winged Gull Oct. 21; Eugene; AC
Ancient Murrelet Oct. 30; Bray Point; AC

PIGEONS & OWLS

Band-tailed Pigeon (2) Oct. 13; Mt. Pisgah; LM et al.
Barred Owl Oct. 28; Creswell area; HL
Great Gray Owl Oct. 12; Scott Lake; BW

PASSERINES

Calliope Hummingbird Oct. 29; Tokatee golf course; JG
Rufous Hummingbird Oct. 6; Leaburg; AR
Lewis's Woodpecker Oct. 6; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Say's Phoebe Oct. 30; Florence; B&ZS
Northern Shrike Oct. 20; South Jetty Rd.; B&ZS
Northern Shrike Oct. 25; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF
Horned Lark Oct. 21; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Violet-green Swallow (100s) Oct. 6; Autzen footbridge; AM
Violet-green Swallow (30+) Oct. 11; Walker Point; TM
Barn Swallow Oct. 21; Fiddle Creek; B&ZS
Mountain Chickadee Oct. 3; Waldo Lake; A&TM
Mountain Chickadee Oct. 27; Springfield; KJ
Red-breasted Nuthatch (30-40) Oct. 13; Florence area; B&ZS
Rock Wren Oct. 5; Lookout Point Dam; DF
Swainson's Thrush Oct. 24; SE Eugene; A&TM
Black-throated Gray Warbler Oct. 6; Fern Ridge Reservoir; LM
Palm Warbler Oct. 3; deflation plain; AC
Palm Warbler Oct. 30; Old Town, Florence; JS
Common Yellowthroat Oct. 31; Walterville Pond; KJ
Fox Sparrow Oct. 6; Siltcoos Station Rd.; B&ZS
White-throated Sparrow Oct. 1; Florence; DP
White-throated Sparrow Oct. 8; Harvest Ln.; RR
Lapland Longspur Oct. 19; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Black-headed Grosbeak Oct. 10; Mt. Pisgah; RR
Pine Siskin Oct. 20; Eugene; AC

Abbreviations:

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; **Siltcoos** Siltcoos River mouth.

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