

## **November - December 2004 Field Notes**

A very mild and mostly dry period may account for some of the unusual reports below. Some of the abnormal trends of the last few years have repeated themselves again this year. For example, Barn Swallows are showing up in December-January for the third consecutive year.

### **WATERBIRDS**

**Greater White-fronted Goose** Dec. 18; South Eugene H.S.; AC

**Emperor Goose** Nov. 10; Creswell area; DD et al.

**Snow Goose** (3) Dec. 11; Alvadore area; A&DH

**Ross's Goose** Dec. 22; Stewart Pond area; AP,BH

**Brant** (7) Nov. 11; Klootchman Wayside; AC et al.

**Tundra Swan** Nov. 3; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD et al.

**Eurasian Wigeon** Nov. 21; Kirk Pond; RR

**Eurasian Wigeon** Nov. 27; W. 11th cemetery pond; AP

**Blue-winged Teal** Dec. 22; Stewart Pond area; SMC

**Cinnamon Teal** Dec. 22; Stewart Pond area; SMC

**Canvasback** Nov. 28; W. 11th cemetery pond; DB

**Redhead** Nov. 28; W. 11th cemetery pond; DB

**Harlequin Duck** (17) Nov. 11; Klootchman Wayside; AC et al.

**Black Scoter** (10) Nov. 6; Klootchman Wayside; AC

**Long-tailed Duck** Nov.-Dec.; Florence area; m.ob.

**Long-tailed Duck** Nov. 30; Dexter Reservoir; DF

**Common Loon** (2) Dec. 8; Hills Creek Reservoir; DF

**Red-necked Grebe** Nov. 11; South Jetty; AC et al.

**Red-necked Grebe** Nov. 20; Florence area; AC,VA

**Eared Grebe** Nov. 11; South Jetty; AC et al.

**Eared Grebe** Dec. 1; LCC; AP,BH

**Western Grebe** (124) Nov. 21; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR

**Clark's Grebe** Nov. 21; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR

**Northern Fulmar** Nov. 20; Klootchman Wayside; AC,VA

**Brown Pelican** (25) Nov. 6; Heceta Head; AC et al.

**American Bittern** Nov. 18; Fern Ridge Reservoir; VA

**Great Egret** Dec. 8; Deadwood area; TM

**Great Egret** Dec. 21; Highway 126, MP 15; AR

**Green Heron** Dec. 26; East Regional Park; DD

### **VULTURES & RAPTORS**

**Turkey Vulture** Nov. 3; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD et al.

**Turkey Vulture** Dec. 11; LCC area; DI

**Turkey Vulture** Dec. 20; Florence CBC; DP,FC

**Osprey** Dec. 28; McKenzie R.; RR

**White-tailed Kite** (8) Nov. 14; FRR, Royal Avenue; PSu

**Bald Eagle** (10+) Nov. 14; Waldo Lake; A&TM  
**Northern Harrier** (30) Nov. 14; FRR, Royal Avenue; PSu  
**Red-shouldered Hawk** Dec. 27; Long Tom R. @ J.City; TS  
**Rough-legged Hawk** Nov. 21; High Pass Road; JS  
**Rough-legged Hawk** (2) Dec. 11; Alvadore area; A&DH  
**Merlin** (2) Nov. 1; Harvest Ln.,Springfield; RR

### CRANES & SHOREBIRDS

**Virginal Rail** (several) Nov. 6; Lily Lake; AC  
**Sora** Dec. 22; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DA et al.  
**Lesser Yellowlegs** (2) Nov. 18; Fern Ridge Reservoir; VA  
**Surfbird** (400+) Dec. 20; Florence CBC; m.ob.  
**Red Phalarope** (6) Nov. 16; North Jetty; DP  
**Red Phalarope** Dec. 20; Florence CBC; PP,TM

### JAEGERS, GULLS & ALCIDS

**Bonaparte's Gull** Nov. 16; North Jetty; DP  
**Bonaparte's Gull** (2) Dec. 11; Deflation Plain; AC  
**Heermann's Gull** (10) Nov. 6; Bob Creek; AC et al.  
**Glaucous Gull** Nov. 20; North Jetty; AC,VA  
**Herring/Thayer's Gull** (800+) Nov. 26; Deflation Plain; AC  
**gull species** (3000+) Nov. 26; Deflation Plain; AC  
**Black-legged Kittiwake** Nov. 20; Klootchman Wayside; AC,VA  
**Black-legged Kittiwake** Dec. 20; Florence CBC; m.ob.  
**Common Murre** Nov. 11; Strawberry Hill; AC et al.  
**Common Murre** Dec. 20; Florence CBC; m.ob.  
**Pigeon Guillemot** Nov-Dec; Florence area; m.ob.  
**Marbled Murrelet** Nov-Dec; Florence area; m.ob.  
**Ancient Murrelet** (2) Nov. 20; Klootchman Wayside; AC,VA  
**Ancient Murrelet** Dec. 20; Florence CBC; PP  
**Rhinoceros Auklet** Nov. 26; Sea Lion Caves; AC  
**Rhinoceros Auklet** Dec. 20; Florence CBC; m.ob.

### OWLS

**Northern Pygmy-Owl** Nov. 20; Bender Landing; AC,VA  
**Burrowing Owl** Dec. 20; Deflation Plain; A&DH,NS  
**Barred Owl** Dec. 12; Mt. Pisgah; JC  
**Short-eared Owl** (2) Nov. 14; FRR, Royal Avenue; PSu

### PASSERINES

**Rufous Hummingbird** Dec. 20; Florence CBC; MM  
**American Three-toed** Nov. 14; Waldo Lake; A&TM  
**Black-backed Woodpecker** Nov. 14; Waldo Lake; A&TM  
**Black Phoebe** Nov. 2; East Regional Park; DF  
**Clark's Nutcracker** Nov. 1; Florence; DP  
**Clark's Nutcracker** Nov. 6; 30th Avenue, Eugene; BMC

**Tree Swallow** (4) Nov. 3; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD et al.  
**Tree Swallow** Dec. 22; Fern Ridge Reservoir; AD et al.  
**Barn Swallow** (7) Dec. 20; Florence CBC; m.ob.  
**Barn Swallow** Dec. 22; Fern Ridge Reservoir; AD et al.  
**Mountain Chickadee** (4-5) Nov. 27; Dexter; fide DI  
**Mountain Chickadee** (2) Nov. 28; Creswell; SN  
**Mountain Chickadee** Dec. 7; Lowell; DF  
**Mountain Chickadee** (2) Dec. 11; Heerman Peak; area AC  
**Mountain Chickadee** Dec. 20; Florence CBC; HR,MD  
**White-breasted Nuthatch** Dec. 13; Elmira; DM  
**Western Bluebird** Nov-Dec; Eugene/Springfield; m.ob.  
**Varied Thrush** Nov. 7; N. Eugene; MM  
**Northern Mockingbird** (poss.) Nov. 13; I-5 @ Gateway; PAS  
**Orange-crowned Warbler** Nov. 23; Hendricks Park; DD  
**Orange-crowned Warbler** Dec. 22; Delta Hwy & Beltline; DI  
**Orange-crowned Warbler** Dec. 26; Beltline & Willamette R.; MRu  
**Nashville Warbler** Dec. 14; South Central Eugene; NS  
**Palm Warbler** Nov. 21; Hulbert Lake Rd.; JS  
**Common Yellowthroat** Nov. 14; Fern Ridge Reservoir; TR  
**Swamp Sparrow** (2) Nov. 14; Fern Ridge Reservoir; TR  
**Snow Bunting** Oct. 20; Spencer Butte; RA  
**Snow Bunting** (4) Nov. 27; North Jetty; JS,JF  
**Brown-headed Cowbird** Dec. 20; Florence CBC; TM  
**White-winged Crossbill** (2) Dec. 20; Florence CBC; MM  
**Pine Siskin** Nov-Dec; throughout county; m.ob.

#### **Abbreviations:**

**CBC** Christmas Bird Count; **FRR** Fern Ridge Reservoir; **Deflation Plain** Deflation plain at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **LCCL** Lane Community College; **North Jetty** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **RMS** Roosevelt Middle School; **South Eugene H.S.** South Eugene High School; **South Jetty** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River.

#### **Location information:**

**Bender Landing** is along the North Fork of the Siuslaw River just east of Florence; **East Regional Park** is near Cottage Grove; **High Pass Road** is just west of Junction City; **Hulbert Lake Road** is also just west of Junction City; **Kloutchman Wayside** is a small state wayside north of Carl G. Washburn State Park; and **Strawberry Hill** is another small state wayside just south of the Lane/Lincoln County line.

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