

## **April - May 2005 Field Notes**

These are the prime migration months of the year, when all the Neotropical migrants returning to breed. Even with the wet cool spring, the vast majority of birds returned at their normal times. It will be interesting to see what effects the low water level at Fern Ridge Reservoir will have on nesting waterbirds.

### **WATERFOWL, GALLINACEOUS BIRDS, WATERBIRDS & RAPTORS**

**Greater White-fronted Goose** April 10; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR et al.

**Greater White-fronted Goose** April 18; Skinner Butte; DI

**Brant** April 19; KR Nielson Rd.; SM

**Brant** (3) April 20; Baker Beach; B&ZS

**Eurasian Wigeon** (2) April 8; Kirk Pond; RR

**Blue-winged Teal** April 24; Fern Ridge Reservoir; SM

**Horned Grebe** April 13; Dexter Reservoir; DHn

**Western/Clark's Grebe** (575) May 5; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

**American White Pelican** April 24; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.

**Great Egret** April 30; Stewart Pond; DH

**Snowy Egret** (possible) April 12; Fern Ridge Reservoir; TM

**Cattle Egret** April 9; Fern Ridge Reservoir; SM

**Cattle Egret** April 18; Alvadore; DI

**Northern Goshawk** April 20; Hendricks Park area; DD

### **SHOREBIRDS, GULLS, TERNS, ALCIDS & OWLS**

**Sora** April 9; Florence; DP

**Black-bellied Plover** April 2; South Jetty; B&ZS

**Black-bellied Plover** (5) April 18; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

**Semipalmated Plover** April 23; Baker Beach; B&ZS

**Semipalmated Plover** (2) May 1; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR,JH

**Black-necked Stilt** (2) April 3; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JM

**Black-necked Stilt** (2) April 23; Stewart Pond; RS

**Solitary Sandpiper** April 17; KR Nielson Rd.; RR

**Solitary Sandpiper** April 24; Greenhill Rd.; RR

**Solitary Sandpiper** May 23; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DB

**Whimbrel** April 30; South Jetty; B&ZS

**Long-billed Curlew** April 22; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF

**Long-billed Curlew** April 29; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR

**Long-billed Curlew** May 3; Fern Ridge Reservoir; LM

**Marbled Godwit** (6) April 20; Baker Beach; B&ZS

**Black Turnstone** (2) April 18; Florence; DP

**Surfbird** (100) April 18; Florence; DP

**Red Knot** April 29; South Jetty; DP et al.

**Short-billed Dowitcher** April 17; North Jetty; B&ZS

**Wilson's Phalarope** April 30; Fern Ridge Reservoir; PS

**Red-necked Phalarope** April 30; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DH  
**Bonaparte's Gull** April 9; Florence; DP  
**Glaucous Gull** April 23; Heceta Beach; B&ZS  
**Sabine's Gull** May 6; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS  
**Caspian Tern** April 18; Florence; DP  
**Caspian Tern** April 18; Kirk Pond; DI  
**Black Tern** (2) May 1; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR,JH  
**Pigeon Guillemot** April 29; Sea Lion Caves; DP et al.  
**Marbled Murrelet** April 13; Siuslaw River; B&ZS  
**Rhinoceros Auklet** April 29; Siuslaw River; DP et al.  
**Barred Owl** (adult) May 29; Ridgeline Trail; MM,RF

### PASSERINES

**Vaux's Swift** April 6; UO; MP  
**Calliope Hummingbird** April 20; Cheshire; LMg  
**Calliope Hummingbird** April 21; Creswell area; HL  
**Calliope Hummingbird** May 25; Skinner Butte; M  
**Olive-sided Flycatcher** April 29; Skinner Butte; RR  
**Western Wood-Pewee** April 28; Skinner Butte; SM  
**Willow Flycatcher** May 14; Skinner Butte; DI  
**Hammond's Flycatcher** April 16; SE Eugene; AC,BN  
**Gray Flycatcher** April 21; Hills Creek Reservoir; DF  
**Gray Flycatcher** April 25; Mt. Pisgah; DD  
**Dusky Flycatcher** April 22; Skinner Butte; M  
**Dusky Flycatcher** April 25; Skinner Butte; DF  
**Pacific-sloped Flycatcher** April 16; Skinner Butte; DA  
**Black Phoebe** May; Fiddle Creek; B&ZS  
**Ash-throated Flycatcher** May 12; Cantrell; Rd PS  
**Western Kingbird** April 10; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DHn  
**Cassin's Vireo** April 7; Skinner Butte; A&DH  
**Warbling Vireo** April 21; Creswell; SN  
**Purple Martin** (4 pair) April 18; Florence; DP  
**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** April 16; South Slough; B&ZS  
**Bank Swallow** May 5; Fern Ridge Reservoir; EC  
**White-breasted Nuthatch** May 11; Kirk Pond area; LM et al.  
**Rock Wren** May 1; Tire Mt. area; BN,PB  
**Rock Wren** May 23; Hills Creek Dam; PS  
**House Wren** April 20; Creswell area; HL  
**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** May 4; Skinner Butte; LM et al.  
**Townsend's Solitaire** April 18; Skinner Butte; DI,DD  
**Swainson's Thrush** April 29; Elkhorn Creek; TM  
**Sage Thrasher** April 23; Skinner Butte; m.ob.  
**Nashville Warbler** April 16; Skinner Butte; DA  
**Yellow Warbler** April 30; Skinner Butte; A&TM

**Black-throated Blue Warbler?** April 5; Skinner Butte; SM  
**Black-throated Gray Warbler** April 6; Skinner Butte; DH  
**Hermit Warbler** April 18; Creswell area; HL  
**MacGillivray's Warbler** April 15; Creswell area; HL  
**Wilson's Warbler** April 11; Alton Baker Park; AM  
**Yellow-breasted Chat** April 30; LCC; DD  
**Western Tanager** (3) April 22; Skinner Butte; TR  
**Green-tailed Towhee** May 29; Skinner Butte; M  
**Chipping Sparrow** April 6; Skinner Butte; SM  
**Vesper Sparrow** April 25; Mt. Pisgah; DD  
**Grasshopper Sparrow** April 30; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS,LJ  
**White-throated Sparrow** (2) April 4; Skinner Butte; DI,RR  
**Golden-crowned Sparrow** May 4; Skinner Butte; LM et al.  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** May 29; Dexter area; fide DL  
**Black-headed Grosbeak** April 10; Eugene South Hills; BMc  
**Lazuli Bunting** April 24; Skinner Butte; DI  
**Yellow-headed Blackbird** (3) April 3; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JM  
**Bullock's Oriole** April 23; Skinner Butte; m.ob.  
**Red Crossbill** April-May; throughout valley; m.ob.  
**Red Crossbill** (42) May 17; Florence feeder; B&ZS  
**Red Crossbill** (400) May 20; Mt. Pisgah; DD

#### **Abbreviations:**

**m.ob.** many observers; **Siuslaw River** mouth of the Siuslaw River; **North Jetty** North Jetty Siuslaw River; **South Jetty** South Jetty Siuslaw River; **South Slough** Siuslaw River South Slough.

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