

June - July 2005 Field Notes

After a cool wet spring, the summer season has been pretty much normal--sunny and warm to hot. The draining of Fern Ridge Reservoir didn't seem to have too large an impact on nesting birds, thanks to impoundments in the southeast corner of the reservoir. Most affected were open water nesting species (i.e., Western and Clark's Grebe) and dense vegetation nesting species (i.e., American Bittern). The vegetated lake bed may have provided nesting habitat for a couple of uncommon breeding species (i.e., Horned Lark and Western Meadowlark).

WATERBIRDS & SEABIRDS

Ruddy Duck July 20; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DA

Western & Clark's Grebe June-July; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.

American White Pelican June-July; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob

Brown Pelican June 28; Siltcoos; PS,SM

Great Egret (5) June 11; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF

Black-crowned Night-Heron July 4; Meadowlark Prairie; JA

Black-crowned Night-Heron July 25; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

RAPTORS

White-tailed Kite July 14; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF

Red-shouldered Hawk July 17; E. Alton Baker Park; RR

Golden Eagle (imm) July 5; SW Eugene; SG

Peregrine Falcon July 27; Fern Ridge Reservoir; LM et al.

SHOREBIRDS

Semipalmated Plover July 12; South Jetty; B&ZS

Black-necked Stilt June-July; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.

Greater Yellowlegs (29) June 22; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF

Lesser Yellowlegs July 20; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DA

Willet July 31; South Jetty; B&ZS

Wandering Tattler July 23; Florence area; DA

Whimbrel (4) July 3; South Jetty; B&ZS

Long-billed Curlew July 9; Fern Ridge Reservoir; TR

Semipalmated Sandpiper July 22; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF,VA

Semipalmated Sandpiper July 23; South Jetty; AC

Semipalmated Sandpiper July 31; Fern Ridge Reservoir; RR

Red-necked Stint July 23; South Jetty; AC

Wilson's Phalarope June-July; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.

GULLS, TERNS & ALCIDS

Heermann's Gull June 26; Heceta Head; LM

Ring-billed Gull (3) June 21; Alton Baker Park; RR

California Gull July 25; Oakway Mall area; A&DH

Black Tern July; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.

Cassin's Auklet June 28; South Jetty; PS
Tufted Puffin (2) July 5; Heceta Head; DP

OWLS & NIGHTJARS

Barred Owl June 2; Ridgeline Trail; TC
Common Nighthawk June-July; Eugene-Springfield; m.ob.

SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS & WOODPECKERS

Black Swift June-July; Salt Creek Falls; m.ob.
Costa's Hummingbird June 19; Little Groundhog Mt.; A&TM
American Three-toed Woodpecker July 26; Scott Lake; PS,DA
Black-backed Woodpecker June-July; Waldo Lake; m.ob.

FLYCATCHERS

Willow Flycatcher June 6; Eugene; EC
Gray Flycatcher June 24; Waldo Lake; RR
Black Phoebe July 10; Valley River Center; RR
Ash-throated Flycatcher June 11; Deflation Plain; B&ZS
Ash-throated Flycatcher June 18; Hills Creek Reservoir; AP

VIREOS to FINCHES

Red-eyed Vireo June 8; Elijah Bristow St.Pk.; PS
Clark's Nutcracker June 24; Waldo Lake; RR
Horned Lark July 25; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI
Rock Wren June 21; Scott Lake; KL,MD
Rock Wren July 26; Scott Lake; DA,PS
Northern Mockingbird July 5; South Jetty; DP
Yellow Warbler June 11; West Lake; B&ZS
Yellow-rumped Warbler June 19; Logger Butte; A&TM
Townsend's Warbler June 8; Skinner Butte; DI
American Redstart June 13; Hills Ck. Reservoir; DF
Northern Waterthrush June-July; Salt Creek; m.ob.
Western Meadowlark July 14; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF
Rose-breasted Grosbeak June 2; Lowell; fide DL
Cassin's Finch June 24; Waldo Lake; RR
Red Crossbill June-July; Eugene-Springfield; m.ob

Abbreviations:

m.ob. many observers; **Siltcoos** Siltcoos River mouth; **South Jetty** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **deflation plain** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River deflation plain.

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