

Splitting feathers: Good-bye Blue, hello Dusky; Lane County prime real estate for mating

Our summer started out a little cooler and wetter than usual, but dried out and heated up very quickly. This breeding season brought some interesting reports and some questions about whether certain species such as Black-crowned Night-Heron and Bank Swallow are breeding locally. We'll be investigating these local breeding questions next season! It appeared that most alcid and Western Gull nests failed because of late upwellings and that the south bound shorebird migration is a little later than normal (fide B&ZS).

The AOU checklist committee has once again spilt a species that's found in Lane County: the Blue Grouse. The two new species are called Sooty and Dusky Grouse, with Sooty Grouse being the species that occurs within the county.

WATERBIRDS to RAPTORS

Cackling Goose (3)	June 25	Fern Ridge Reservoir	LMc
Pacific Loon (2)	July 23	Bray Point	DF
Red-necked Grebe	July 23	N. Fork, Suislaw R.	MC,PV
Great Egret (6)	July 2	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AC
Black-crowned Night-Heron (juv)	June 25	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI
Black-crowned Night-Heron	July 19	Roosevelt & Beltline	DI
White-faced Ibis (30)	July 19	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF,FF
White-tailed Kite	June	FRR (Royal Ave)	m.ob.
White-tailed Kite	June 16	Upper Marcola Valley	EC,LM
White-tailed Kite	June 28	Veneta area	A&TM
Cooper's Hawk (5)	July 13-27	Alton Baker Park	AM
Red-shouldered Hawk	July 31	Willow Creek	RS
Golden Eagle	July 5	30th Ave., LCC	AC,MH
Peregrine Falcon	July 23	Heceta Head	A&DH
Prairie Falcon	June 28	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AP

SHOREBIRDS to ALCIDS

Pacific Golden-Plover	June 30	Fern Ridge Reservoir	RR
Snowy Plover (8)	July 28	Siltcoos River	B&ZS
Semipalmated Plover	July 23	Crab Dock	DF
Black Oystercatcher	June 28	Heceta Head	DP
Lesser Yellowlegs	June 29	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF
Wandering Tattler	July 11	South Jetty	PS
Whimbrel	July 27	North Jetty	B&ZS
Marbled Godwit	July 25	South Jetty	B&ZS
Black Turnstone	July 28	Siltcoos River	B&ZS
Sanderling	July 28	Siltcoos River	B&ZS
Western Sandpiper	July 4	North & South Jetties	B&ZS
Least Sandpiper	July 19	Florence city docks	B&ZS
Short-billed Dowitcher	July 23	Deflation Plain	A&DH
Wilson's Phalarope (8)	July 3	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF
Bonaparte's Gull	July 1	North Jetty	B&ZS

Glaucous-winged Gull (5)	July 23	Florence area	AC
Caspian Tern	June 28	Fern Ridge Reservoir	LMc
Tufted Puffin	June-July	Heceta Head	DP,B&ZS

OWLS to FINCHES

Long-eared Owl	July 29	Fern Ridge Reservoir	MP
Common Nighthawk	early June	Eugene area	m.ob.
Common Nighthawk	early June	along the coast	DM,VP
Common Nighthawk	late June-July	Eugene area	m.ob.
Black Swift	June 29	FRR (Fisher Butte)	DF
Black Swift (12)	July 6	Salt Creek Falls	LMc
Black-chinned Hummingbird	June 12	Alton Baker Park	GC
Calliope Hummingbird	July 30	Bohemia Mt.	MP
American Three-toed Woodpecker	July 21	Waldo Lake area	DS
Black-backed Woodpecker	July 21	Waldo Lake area	DS
Olive-sided Flycatcher (2)	June 7	Mt. Pisgah	DB
Olive-sided Flycatcher	July 7	Spencer Butte	TM
Hammond's Flycatcher	June 20	McBeth Road	AMc
Black Phoebe	June 16	Fall Creek dam	DF
Black Phoebe	June 28	Fern Ridge Reservoir	LMc
Black Pheobe	July 10	FRR (E. Coyote)	DS
Black Pheobe	July 29	FRR	DF
Ash-throated Flycatcher	June 26	Fern Ridge Reservoir	MP
Red-eyed Vireo	June 8	Elijah Bristow SP	DI
Red-eyed Vireo	June 15	Alton Baker Park	DI
Red-eyed Vireo	July 8	Veneta area	DF
Red-eyed Vireo	July 11	Big Island	RR,KL,GG
Horned Lark	July 2	Eugene Airport area	DJ
Bank Swallow	June 22	Fern Ridge Reservoir	A&DH
Bank Swallow	July 11	Big Island	RR,KL,GG
Bank Swallow	July 19	FRR (W Coyote)	LMc
Northern Mockingbird	June 13	Delta Ponds area	B&KA
Northern Mockingbird	July 18	Deflation Plain	B&ZS
Northern Waterthrush	June	Mule Prairie	m.ob.
Brewer's Sparrow	July 2	Green Island	RR,KL
Vesper Sparrow	June 7	Mt. Pisgah	DB,A&TM
Grasshopper Sparrow	June	Fern Ridge Reservoir	m.ob.
Grasshopper Sparrow	June 29	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF
Great-tailed Grackle	June 21	Fern Ridge Reservoir	MS
Red Crossbill (25)	June 18	Coast Range	TM

Abbreviations:

Big Island an island in the McKenzie River near Springfield; **Crab Dock** crab dock at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **Deflation Plain** deflation plain at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **FRR** Fern Ridge Reservoir; **Green Island** an island near the confluence of the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers; **m.ob.** many observers; **N. Fork** North Fork of the Siuslaw River; **North Jetty** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **Siltcoos River** mouth of the Siltcoos River; **South Jetty** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **SP** State Park.

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