

## Amazing diversity of shorebirds drop by Fern Ridge

August was a little cooler than usual, but still dry. There were a number of unusual birds found at Fern Ridge Reservoir during the month, and the sightings seemed to “feed upon themselves.” This is a birding phenomena whereby one person finds a rare or unusual bird, so others come looking for it and find something else rare or unusual, which brings more people who find unusual birds, and so on.

### WATERBIRDS

<b>Pink-footed Shearwater</b>	Aug. 28	Heceta Beach	DI
<b>American White Pelican</b>	Aug.	Fern Ridge Reservoir	m.ob.
<b>Great Egret (3)</b>	Aug. 8	Wolf Lake/Meadow	AR
<b>Snowy Egret</b>	Aug. 21	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DA
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron (10)</b>	Aug. 4	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF
<b>White-faced Ibis (2)</b>	Aug. 16	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI

### RAPTORS

<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>	Aug. 9	Hills Ck. Reservoir	DF
<b>Golden Eagle</b>	Aug. 18	Boulder & Scott Ck.	PS
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>	Aug.	Fern Ridge Reservoir	m.ob.

### SHOREBIRDS

<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>	Aug.	Fern Ridge Reservoir	m.ob.
<b>Golden-Plover species</b>	Aug. 2	Fern Ridge Reservoir	LM
<b>Golden-Plover species</b>	Aug. 26	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS
<b>Greater Yellowlegs (25)</b>	Aug. 11	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs (10+)</b>	Aug. 11	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>	Aug. 15	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS
<b>Solitary Sandpiper (2)</b>	Aug. 21	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DA
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>	Aug. 31	Fern Ridge Reservoir	TM
<b>Long-billed Curlew</b>	Aug. 4	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS
<b>Long-billed Curlew</b>	Aug. 27	Fern Ridge Reservoir	A&DH
<b>Long-billed Curlew</b>	Aug. 28	Heceta Beach	DI
<b>Marbled Godwit (2)</b>	Aug. 27	Crab Dock	AC,GF
<b>Marbled Godwit</b>	Aug. 27	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS
<b>Ruddy Turnstone (6)</b>	Aug. 29	Siltcoos River	LM
<b>Sanderling</b>	Aug. 15	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AC
<b>Little Stint (possible)</b>	Aug. 15	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI
<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b>	Aug. 7	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS
<b>Baird's Sandpiper (2)</b>	Aug. 15	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AC

<b>Pectoral Sandpiper</b>	Aug. 15	Fern Ridge Reservoir	AC
<b>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</b>	Aug. 28	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DF
<b>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</b>	Aug. 29	Siltcoos River	DI,DP
<b>Ruff</b>	Aug. 22	Deflation Plain	B&ZS
<b>Ruff (2)</b>	Aug. 30	Deflation Plain	DP
<b>Red-necked Phalarope</b>	Aug. 11	Siuslaw River	B&ZS
<b>Red-necked Phalarope (1000s)</b>	Aug. 29	Siuslaw River	LM

#### JAEGER & TERNS

<b>Parasitic Jaeger (2)</b>	Aug. 28	NJSR/Heceta Beach	DI
<b>Caspian Tern (14)</b>	Aug. 26	Fern Ridge Reservoir	JS
<b>Common Tern</b>	Aug. 23	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DH
<b>Black Tern</b>	Aug.	Fern Ridge Reservoir	m.ob.

#### NIGHTJARS & SWIFTS

<b>Common Nighthawk (12+)</b>	Aug. 6	Elmira area	DI
<b>Black Swift (6+)</b>	Aug. 5	Salt Ck. falls	MAS
<b>Vaux's Swift (1500)</b>	Aug. 18	Agate Hall, UO	DI

#### FLYCATCHERS

<b>Black Phoebe</b>	Aug. 5	Fern Ridge Reservoir	PS
<b>Black Phoebe</b>	Aug. 9	Fern Ridge Reservoir	LM
<b>Black Phoebe</b>	Aug. 22	Fern Ridge Reservoir	DI
<b>Say's Phoebe</b>	Aug. 31	Fall Ck. Reservoir	DF

#### SWALLOWS to BLACKBIRDS

<b>Bank Swallow</b>	Aug.	Fern Ridge Reservoir	m.ob.
<b>Gray Jay</b>	Aug. 7	Creswell area	HL
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>	Aug. 25	Cape Mt. Rd.	B&ZS
<b>Gray Catbird</b>	Aug. 4	Alvadore	MD fide DB
<b>Townsend's Warbler</b>	Aug. 25	Cape Mt. Rd.	B&ZS
<b>Tricolored Blackbird</b>	Aug. 5	Fern Ridge Reservoir	TL

#### Abbreviations:

**m.ob.** many observers; **Siltcoos River** Siltcoos River mouth; **NJSR** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River; **Deflation plain** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River deflation plain; **Crab Dock** Siuslaw River crab dock.

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