

## Field Notes: January 2018

# Lesser Yellowlegs, Long-tailed Duck, Swamp Sparrow, Prairie Falcon

You may notice a different order to the species listed this month - finches and sparrows before warblers, and falcons between woodpeckers and flycatchers. It's because the American Ornithological Society (formerly the American Ornithological Union - AOU) reorganized the official checklist for North American birds over a year ago and I'm just now catching up!

The month was pretty typical with some rain and some warm spring-like days.

**Abbreviations:** Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR), Washington-Jefferson Street Bridge (WJSB)

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### WATERBIRDS & RAPTORS

Cinnamon Teal	Jan 11	South Canary Rd	SB	Normal wintering location
Eurasian Wigeon (3)	Jan 4	Kirk Pond	SM	Large number for one flock
Long-tailed Duck	Jan 2	Tokatee Klootchman	SH	There's normally one along the coast
Surfbird	Jan	Coast	m.ob.	Very small numbers this winter
Lesser Yellowlegs	Jan 26	Eugene airport area	JS	Rare in winter
Pigeon Guillemot (2)	Jan 3	SJSR	BC	Occasional along coast in the winter
Black-legged Kittiwake (2)	Jan 10	Big Creek	VB	Small numbers reported this winter
American Bittern	Jan 14	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	Small numbers winter at this location
Green Heron	Jan	Many locations	m.ob.	Quite a number reported during the month
Osprey	Jan 10	Delta Ponds	LM,et al.	A place they have wintered in the past
White-tailed Kite	Jan 24	Lorane valley	SH	Very few reports this winter
Bald Eagle (52)	Jan 7	Alvadore & Franklin	JS,TJ	Large roost site in the southern valley
Short-eared Owl (2)	Jan 13	FRR - Royal Ave	TJ	Large number of reports for the month
Short-eared Owl (2)	Jan 16	Meadowlark Prairie	AP	Large number of reports for the month
Short-eared Owl	Jan 20	Ricketts Rd	TGT	Large number of reports for the month

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### WOODPECKERS TO WABLERS

Lewis's Woodpecker	Jan 13	Mt. Pisgah	BN,PB	Large number of reports for the month
Lewis's Woodpecker	Jan 29	Mathews Rd	TGT	Large number of reports for the month
Lewis's Woodpecker	Jan 30	Franklin Rd	SH	Large number of reports for the month
Lewis's Woodpecker	Jan 23	Creswell area	SH	Large number of reports for the month
Prairie Falcon	Jan 15	Junction City area	CN	The only report this month
Say's Phoebe	Jan 9	N of Eugene airport	BC	Wintering birds or early migrants?
Say's Phoebe	Jan 20	Franklin Rd	SH	Wintering birds or early migrants?
Gray Jay	Jan 1	Spencer Butte	JG,TJ	Found in very small numbers here
Tree Swallow (6-8)	Jan 14	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	Wintering birds or early migrants?
Tree Swallow (4)	Jan 21	WFSB	JG	Wintering birds or early migrants?
Barn Swallow	Jan 1	SJSR	SH	Small numbers seen afterward
Barn Swallow	Jan 10	Delta Ponds	LM,et al.	Wintering birds or early migrants?
Northern Mockingbird	Jan 7	Seavey Loop	GP	Another location for this winter
Northern Mockingbird	Jan	SJSR	m.ob.	Seen throughout the month
Common Redpoll (2)	Jan 5	EWEB	CT,WW	The last report
Red Crossbill	Jan	Coast	m.ob.	Very large numbers in the Sitka spruce
White-winged Crossbill	Jan 28	SJSR pay station	MB	Last report for the month
Fox Sparrow - red form	Jan 24	FRR - Perkins	DS	Third sighting for this winter
Swamp Sparrow	Jan 4	FRR - Royal Ave	RS	The only report for the month
Townsend's Warbler (6)	Jan 7	North Eugene	BG	A large number for one flock
Hermit Warbler	Jan 18	Eugene South Hills	LMf	Very small numbers winter some years

**AP** Al Prigge, **BC** Barbara Combs, **BG** Brandon Green, **BN** Bruce Newhouse, **CN** Colby Neuman, **CT** Charlie Thomas, **DS** Doug Stotz, **GP** Gary Perless, **JG** Joshua Galpern, **JS** John Sullivan, **LM** Larry McQueen, **LMf** Lori Markoff, **MB** Mark Baldwin, **PB** Peg Boulay, **RS** Robert Snowden, **SB** Sean Burns, **SH** Sally Hill, **SM** Sylvia Maulding, **TGT** Torrey Gage-Tomlinson, **TJ** Tye Jeske, **VB** Vickie Buck, **WW** Will Wright.