

Field Notes: October 2017

Bonaparte's Gull, Lewis's Woodpecker, Mountain Chickadee, Northern Mockingbird

It turned out to be a pretty nice month, given what we had last year! Along with some rain, we also had a number of warm, sunny days. As is normal, the last of the neotropical migrants that come north to breed headed south for the winter, and a few of the northern breeders returned for the winter. Small numbers of the hardier neotropical migrants occasionally winter here, i.e. Orange-Crowned warbler, Common Yellowthroat, etc.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Lane Community College (LCC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

WATERBIRDS

Snow Goose	Oct 4	FRR - Royal Ave.....	LM,et.al.	An early sighting
Tundra Swan.....	Oct 28	FRR	RW	First report for the winter
Cinnamon Teal.....	Oct 4	FRR - Royal Ave.....	SM,CA	Last report for the breeding season
Eurasian Wigeon.....	Oct 17	FRR - Perkins Pen.....	SH	First report for the winter
Green Heron	Oct 11	River Road area.....	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Black-crowned Night-Heron.....	Oct 9	FRR - Royal Ave.....	SH	Last report for the season

VULTURES TO GULLS

Turkey Vulture (50).....	Oct 4	near downtown Eug.....	J&SF	Headed south
Turkey Vulture (45).....	Oct 6	River Road area.....	BC	Slowly circling south
White-tailed Kite.....	Oct 4	FRR - Royal Ave.....	LM,et.al.	Back for the winter
American Golden-Plover	Oct 2	FRR - Royal Ave.....	m.ob.	Found in small numbers most falls
American Avocet	Oct 16	FRR - Royal Ave.....	RS.....	Last report
Red Phalarope (3).....	Oct 20	SJSR.....	AC.....	Large numbers on coast during fall storms
Bonaparte's Gull (17).....	Oct 29	Waldo Lake.....	A&TM.....	Rarely seen in the high Cascades

PIGEONS TO FINCHES

Band-tailed Pigeon.....	Oct 23	Creswell area	TMo.....	Last report for the breeding season
Barred Owl.....	Oct 8	River Road area.....	BC.....	Appears to have become resident
Vaux's Swift (195).....	Oct 7	Agate Hall, U of O	BC.....	But none seen on the 14th
Rufous Hummingbird (photo).....	Oct 18	East Eugene	MP	Last report for the breeding season
Lewis's Woodpecker.....	Oct 9	FRR - Royal Ave.....	SH	Another fall record for the area
Tropical Kingbird	Oct 20	Florence	LW	One found most falls along the coast
Prairie Falcon.....	Oct 7	FRR - Royal Ave.....	SH	First report for this fall
Northern Shrike	Oct 13	SJSR deflation plain.....	AC.....	First report for this fall
Violet-green Swallow (300).....	Oct 13	SJSR deflation plain.....	AC.....	A large flock for so late in the year
Violet-green Swallow (150-200).....	Oct 14	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	A large flock for so late in the year
Barn Swallow (50).....	Oct 8	FRR - Perkins Pen.....	SH	Last report for the breeding season
Mountain Chickadee	Oct 25	Prairie Peak	HH.....	Very rare in the Coast Range
Swainson's Thrush	Oct 10	River Road area.....	BC.....	Last report for the breeding season
Northern Mockingbird.....	Oct 8	SJSR deflation plain.....	AC,TJ.....	Seen sporadically the last year plus
Orange-crowned Warbler (2)	Oct 23	Valley River area	SH	Last report for the breeding season
MacGillivray's Warbler	Oct 6	Box Canyon area	CW.....	Last report for the breeding season
Common Yellowthroat (2)	Oct 15	FRR - Royal Ave.....	AC,VT	Last report for the breeding season
Black-throated Gray Warbler.....	Oct 15	Row River trail.....	TMo.....	Last report for the breeding season
Chipping Sparrow.....	Oct 7	River Road area.....	MRu.....	First fall record for yard
Western Tanager	Oct 4	East Bank bike path.....	RF.....	Last report for the breeding season

Pine Siskin Oct Eugene/Springfield m.ob.Numbers have been increasing

AC Alan Contreras, A&TM Allison & Tom Mickel, **BC** Barbara Combs, **CA** Cindy Armstrong, **CW** Cynthia Worthington, **HH** Hendrick Herlyn, **J&SF** Judy & Steven Franzen, **LM** Larry McQueen, **LW** Lisa Wallace, **m.ob.** many observers, **MP** Magnus Persmark, **MRu** Mark Rudolph, **RF** Rachael Friese, **RS** Randy Sinnott, RW Ron Wallace, **SH** Sally Hill, **SM** Sylvia Maulding, **TJ** Tye Jeske, **TMo** Tori Morgan, **VT** Vjera Thompson. **M&SS** Max & Sarah Smith, **NS** Noah Strycker, **RF** Rachael Friese, **RR** Roger Robb, **SD** Steve Dignam, **SH** Sally Hill, **SMc** Steve McDonald, **TMo** Tori Morgan, **WW** Will Wright.