## Field Notes: June - July 2012

Nesting Black Swifts Spotted Redshank Acorn Woodpecker Rose-breasted Grosbeak

The weather was a real mixed bag this season; a wet June and a mostly dry July with lots of morning clouds. From a birding standpoint, this season was amazing – just look at all the rare and unusual reports below. The highlight is a toss-up between Eric Horvath's finding Black Swift nests at Salt Creek Falls and the breeding-plumage Spotted Redshank found by Becky Uhler at Fern Ridge Reservoir. After thirty years of watching Black Swifts at the falls, Eric found the first documented nests in Oregon! And of course a breeding-plumage Spotted Redshank is a spectacular bird, and to find one in Lane County is an amazing find! Unfortunately, it wasn't very cooperative and was seen by only about a dozen people.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR).

## **WATERBIRDS**

Brant (11)	June 14	Siuslaw River	DP	Small numbers summer along the coast.
Snow Goose	June 22	Florence	DP	Rare summer record – injured wing.
Cackling Goose	July 20	FRR – Royal Ave	NS	Rare summer record – injured?
Blue-winged Teal (pair)	June 26	Siltcoos Estuary	DF	Rare on the outer coast.
Black Scoter (3)	July 19	NJSR	JW	Unusual during the summer.
Snowy Egret	June 24	Delta Ponds	TMe	First summer record, 15th for county.
Black-crowned Night-Heron	June 15	East Springfield	SMc	Unusual summer sighting away from FRR.
Black-crowned Night-Heron	June 18	Mt Pisgah area	MO	There aren't any known Lane County nesting areas.
Black-crowned Night-Heron	June 29	Mt Pisgah area	AM	An immature calling and circling over the river.
Black-crowned Night-Heron (5)	July 25	FRR – Royal Ave	LM,et al.	A normal time and place for this species.

## **QUAIL to AUKLETS**

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Mountain Quail	June 2	Spencer Butte	TMe	An area where they were "common," but
Mountain Quail	June 20	Spencer Butte	E&VT	haven't been reported for a number of years.
White-tailed Kite	June 9	Noti	VT	An area where they've bred in the past.
Red-shouldered Hawk	July 26	Morse Ranch park	CQ	Found in the area for the last couple months.
Peregrine Falcon	June 15	Coast Range	J&JD	A pair fledged 3 young.
Black-bellied Plover (4)	June 4	Siltcoos Estuary	DF	Still headed north?
Semipalmated Plover	July 5	FRR – Royal Ave	LM,RR	An early date for their southern migration.
Black-necked Stilt (3)	<b>k-necked Stilt</b> (3) July 5 F		NS	First report since early spring this year.
Pacific Golden-plover	July 13	FRR - Royal Ave	JS	An almost annual migrant.
Wandering Tattler (2)	July 29 SJSR		RR	A normal migration time.
Greater Yellowlegs (4)	June 24 Siltcoos Estuary		DF	Breeding plumage – headed south?
Spotted Redshank	July 4	FRR – W Coyote	BU	Second Oregon record.
Willet	June 9	SJSR	LC	A very unusual June record.
Ruddy Turnstone	July 20	NJSR	DP	Their normal migration period.
Ruddy Turnstone	July 29	FRR – Royal Ave	NS	First record for inland Lane County.
Semipalmated Sandpiper	June 27	Siltcoos Estuary	DF	A little early for their southward migration.

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