

Field Notes: January 2013

- Hermit Warbler
- Trumpeter Swan
- Snow Goose
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

The month started out with an unusually cold, dry but foggy couple of weeks before changing to a more normal warmer and wetter end of the month. Wintering Hermit Warblers have increased exponentially in the last five years, with two being found just this month. Other interesting birds found this month include the “blue” Snow Goose, Trumpeter Swans, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, the “red” Fox Sparrows, and the “pink-sided” Dark-eyed Junco.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), many observers (m.ob.), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR).

WATERBIRDS

Snow Goose – blue phase	Jan 30	Cottage Grove	MB,JB	A color phase rarely seen in Lane County.
Ross’s Goose (2)	Jan 28	Creswell area	NS	Individuals are found in large flocks of Cackling Geese.
Canada Goose – lesser (20+)	Jan 18	Eugene area	SMc	A subspecies that rarely winters in the southern Willamette Valley.
Trumpeter Swan (5)	Jan 26	Siuslaw South Slough	DP	A species rarely found in Lane Co.
Eurasian Wigeon (2)	Jan 1	Kirk Pond	E&VT	A normal wintering location.
Cinnamon Teal	Jan 1	Delta Ponds	m.ob.	Seen throughout the month.
Cinnamon Teal (2)	Jan 6	Ada Grange	AC,DP	A normal wintering location.
Canvasback	Jan 7	Delta Ponds area	TMe	Not a normal location for the species.
Canvasback (36)	Jan 24	Dexter Reservoir	AC,HH	A normal wintering location.
Redhead	Jan 24	LCC ponds	AC,HH	One was also seen there in December.
Common Goldeneye (10)	Jan 24	Dexter Reservoir	AC,HH	A normal wintering location.
Eared Grebe	Jan 15	old town Florence	RR	Occasionally winters in the area.

GULLS to OWLS

Black-legged Kittiwake	Jan 16	NJSR	A&TM	A normal wintering species.
Glaucous Gull	Jan 2	Bob Creek	JW	A normal wintering species in small numbers.
Black-bellied Plover (22)	Jan 1	FRR	RR	A normal winter flock.
Wilson’s Snipe (26)	Jan 7	Delta Ponds	TMe	A large group for this location.
Marbled Murrelet (12)	Jan 16	Tokatee Klootchman	A&TM	A large number for the Lane County coast.
Northern Pygmy-Owl	Jan 6	Perkins Peninsula	AC	A freshly dead bird on the highway – not normal habitat being pasture, marsh and ash woodland.
Northern Pygmy-Owl (2)	Jan 31	Zumwalt Park	LF	Heard calling.
Northern Pygmy-Owl	Jan	SE Eugene	A&TM	They started calling at the first of the month and have been quite vocal all month – earlier than normal.

WOODPECKERS to SPARROWS

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Jan 13	Santa Clara	MRu	Fifth record for Lane County.
Horned Lark	Jan 13	Camas Swale area	RR	Few reports from the area, but that could be because of the lack of birders visiting the area.
Mountain Chickadee (2)	Jan 1	Creswell area	NS	Still a few being found in the area.
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Northern Mockingbird	Jan	Alvadore	m.ob.	Seen throughout the month.

Northern Mockingbird	Jan 17	Autzen Stadium area	DH	Winters in very small numbers most years.
Orange-crowned Warbler	Jan	River Road area	TMe	Seen throughout the month.
Orange-crowned Warbler	Jan 30	Perkins Peninsula	DA et al.	Small numbers winter most years.
Hermit Warbler	Jan 4	Perkins Peninsula	JH	Very rare in winter, but reports have been
Hermit Warbler	Jan 9	Masonic Cemetery	DA et al.	increasing in the last few years.
Chipping Sparrow	Jan 2	River Road area	BC	An unusual wintering species. A second bird was seen sporadically during the
				month.
Fox Sparrow – red subspecies	Jan 7	Heceta Beach	DP	Rarely found in Oregon.
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Swamp Sparrow	Jan 24	Washburn Lane	AC,HH	One of the same birds found in Nov?
Dark-eyed Junco – pink-sided	Jane14	Delta Ponds area	AC	Rarely found in Lane County.

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