

## February 2002 Field Notes

### **Cranes, kittiwakes, a lonely tattler, others**

With spring in the air, spring migration can't be far behind. So, dust off those binoculars and go check out your favorite "patch" to see what this spring brings and be sure to let us know what you find. Or if you're just getting started at birding, join an LCAS Bird Walk and find out more about the birds that inhabit Lane County.

### **Waterbirds & Seabirds**

**Eared Grebe** Feb. 8+; Florence area; m.ob.

**Yellow-billed Loon** Feb. 2; Florence old town; DH,AE

**American Bittern** Feb. 9; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JC

**Great Egret** February; East of Mt. Pisgah; DD

**Snowy Egret** (2) Jan. 18; Eugene Airport; fide DW

### **Vultures**

**Turkey Vulture** (13) Feb. 1; Nielson Road; PS

**Turkey Vulture** Feb. 26; SW Eugene hills; MS

**Turkey Vulture** Feb. 27; Florence; B&ZS

### **Waterfowl**

**Greater White-fronted Goose** February; Fern Ridge Res. area; m.ob.

**Ross's Goose** (2) February; Nielson & Cantrell Rds.; m.ob.

**Tundra Swan** (867) Feb. 15; Meadowview Road; JS

**Long-tailed Duck** Feb. 10; Siuslaw River mouth; DP

### **Raptors**

**Osprey** February; Alton Baker Park; m.ob.

**Osprey** (2) Feb. 27; Skinner Butte; PS

**Red-shouldered Hawk** Feb. 15; 8 mi. east of Florence; MN

**Golden Eagle** Feb. 1; Nielson Road; DD

### **Grouse, Rails & Shorebirds**

**Sandhill Crane** (40) Feb. 18; East Springfield; SMC

**Sandhill Crane** Feb. 22; River Road area; MM

**Greater Yellowlegs** (36) Feb. 24; Amazon Flats; SMC

**Wandering Tattler** Feb. 11; N. Jetty, Siuslaw River; DS fide MN

### **Gulls & Alcids**

**Glaucous Gull** February; Florence area; m.ob.

**Black-legged Kittiwake** February; Siuslaw River mouth; m.ob.

### **Doves, Pigeons & Owls**

**Band-tailed Pigeon** Feb. 21; Creswell area; HL

**Short-eared Owl** (2) Feb. 1; End of Royal Avenue; NB

## Passerines

**Rufous Hummingbird** Feb. 10; Florence; DP  
**Rufous Hummingbird** Feb. 18; South Eugene hills; PV  
**Lewis's Woodpecker** February; Royal Avenue; m.ob.  
**Northern Shrike** February; Mt. Pisgah; DD  
**Western Scrub-jay** February; Florence; B&ZS  
**Horned Lark** Feb. 4; Mt. Pisgah; DD  
**Horned Lark** Feb. 21; Eugene Airport; DF  
**Tree & Violet-green Swallows** end of Feb.; Eugene/Springfield; m.ob.  
**Townsend's Solitaire** Feb. 5; Greenhill Road; DF  
**Townsend's Solitaire** Feb. 18; Emerald St.; GW  
**Northern Mockingbird** Feb. 18; SW Eugene; DM  
**Palm Warbler** Feb. 2; Florence old town; DH,AE  
**MacGillivray's Warbler** Feb. 21; Owosso Bike Bridge; LG  
**Yellow-breasted Chat** Jan. 28; Florence; fide DP  
**Fox Sparrow** (red form) Feb. 27; Skinner Butte; DI  
**White-throated Sparrow** (2) Feb. 16; Perkins Peninsula, FRR; DF  
**White-throated Sparrow** (3) Feb. 24; Stewart Pond area; NB,BN,PB

### **Abbreviations:**

**FRR** Fern Ridge Reservoir, **m.ob.** many observers.

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