August 2002 Field Notes

Less than normal? Not too unusual? What's up?

August was quite dry and warm, but what effect that had on the birds we're not sure. We received fewer reports than normal for the month, and the reports we did receive didn't seem unusual. When you're out and about or even in the backyard, let us know what you're seeing.

Waterbirds & Seabirds

Black-crowned Night-heron (adults) August 21; Fern Ridge Reservoir; fideDD **Black-crowned Night-heron** (juveniles) August 30; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF **White-faced Ibis** August 1; Fern Ridge Reservoir; PS

Waterfowl

Greater White-fronted Goose (11) August 30; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF Snow Goose (3) early Aug.; Fern Ridge Reservoir; TM Blue-winged Teal (125) August 2; Fern Ridge Reservoir; SMc Common Merganser (140) August 17; N. Fork, Siuslaw R.; AC,DF

Raptors

Northern Goshawk August 16; Horsepasture Mt.; DD Peregrine Falcon August 16; Fern Ridge Reservoir; NS Prairie Falcon August 30; Four-in-One-Cone; DD

Shorebirds

Marbled Godwit August 3; North Jetty; B&ZS
Semipalmated Sandpiper August 6; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF
Baird's Sandpiper August 11 Fern Ridge Reservoir; AC,NS
Baird's Sandpiper August 17; Siltcoos River mouth; AC,DF
Pectoral Sandpiper (3) August 25; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF
Wilson's Phalarope August 17; Siltcoos River mouth; AC,DF
Red-necked Phalarope August 7; South Jetty dike; B&ZS
Red-necked Phalarope (8) August 8; Creswell; NS

Gulls, Turns & Alcids

Bonaparte's Gull August 6; North Jetty; B&ZS Caspian Tern (12) August 5; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD Elegant Tern (2) August 6; Sout Jetty crab dock; PS Tufted Puffin August 13; South Jetty; fideDP Tufted Puffin (3) August 19; North Jetty; PS

Owls, Nighthawks & Swifts

Barn Owl August 31; South Jetty; B&ZS Common Nighthawk August 28; River Road area; MRu Common Poorwill August 21; Hills Creek area; TM Black Swift August 20; Salt Creek; AP,BH

Passerines

Lewis's Woodpecker August 25; Waldo Lake; JS

Three-toed Woodpecker August 24; Waldo Lake; SJ

Black-backed Woodpecker (2) August 20; Waldo Lake; AP,BH

Western Wood-Pewee August 24; River Road area; BC

Homed Lark August 2; The Twins; DD,PS,DA

Bank Swallow (1+) August 18; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DD

Mountain Chickadee August 2; The Twins; DD,PS,DA

Rock Wren August 25; Wolf Mountain; PS

Mountain Bluebird (15) August 30; Four-in-One-Cone; DD

Swainson's Thrush August 31; Florence; DP

Wrentit August 26; South Eugene; AC,LM

Northern Mockingbird August 12; South Jetty crab dock; B&ZS

Nashville Warbler August 20; Waldo Lake; AP,BH

Green-tailed Towhee August 25; Waldo Lake; JS

Brewer's Sparrow August 17; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF

Brewer's Sparrow August 30; Four-in-One-Cone; DD

Gray-crowned Rosy-finch (60) August 28; South Sister; JM

Cassin's Finch (4) August 2; The Twins; DD

Abbreviations:

m.ob. many observers, **South Jetty** South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, **North Jetty** North Jetty of the Siuslaw River.

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