Field Notes: October 2013

- Mountain Quail
- Red-naped/Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Sedge Wren
- Lapland Longspur
- Harris's Sparrow

October was a mostly dry month with many foggy days in the valley. Most of the wintering waterfowl and raptors had arrived for the winter, and most, if not all, of the neotropical migrants had left. Dead swallows were found during the first few days of the month, after the cool, wet weather we experienced during the end of September.

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

## **WATERBIRDS**

Snow Goose (6)	Oct 23	Mt Pisgah	LM, et al.	As usual, large flocks of
Snow Goose (2)	Oct 24	LCC	MLS	northern breeding geese arrived
Snow Goose	Oct 28	FRR—Shore Ln	PNHK	at about the same time
Cackling Goose	Oct 3	Clearwater Park	SMc	First flocks for the winter
Cackling Goose (4000)	Oct 23	Mt Pisgah/LCC	LM, et al.	A normal time for their arrival
Tundra Swan (3)	Oct 29	FRR—Shore Ln	LG	A normal time for their arrival
Cinnamon Teal	Oct 27	Delta Ponds	TMe	Wintering again this year?
Surf Scoter (2)	Oct 27	FRR—Jeans Rd	NS	Rare migrant at inland lakes
Common Loon	Oct 21	Cottage Grove res	BC	Rare migrant at inland lakes
Common Loon	Oct 27	FRR—yacht club	NS	Rare migrant at inland lakes
Red-necked Grebe	Oct 6	FRR—Shore Ln	LG	Rarely found in the valley
Eared Grebe (2)	Oct 27	FRR—Shore Ln	NS	Rare, but regular in migration
American White Pelican (30)	Oct 23	Creswell area	SN	Flying to the SE—leaving FRR?

## **QUAIL to SWIFTS**

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Mountain Quail	Oct 11	SW of Eugene	DL	Returned after five year absence
Rough-legged Hawk	Oct 29	SJSR	DP, et al.	First report for the winter season
Rough-legged Hawk	Oct 30	Creswell area	NS	First report for the valley
Sandhill Crane	Oct 27	Walterville	VB	A normal time for their migration
Sandhill Crane (10)	Oct 28	Mohawk River area	BC	A normal time for their migration
Pectoral Sandpiper (2)	Oct 27	Camas Swale	NS	Getting late for this species
<b>Dunlin (3000)</b>	Oct 30	FRR—Zumwalt Park	LM, et al.	A normal wintering flock
Band-tailed Pigeon	Oct 12	Mt Pisgah	TMe	Getting late for this species
Barred Owl	Oct 16	River Rd area	fide LG	Uncommon away from the south hills
Vaux's Swift (1560)	Oct 12	Agate Hall—U of O	BC	Last report for the breeding season
Vaux's Swift	Oct 19	Agate Hall—U of O	BC	No swifts entered the chimney

## **WOODPECKERS to FINCHES**

Lewis's Woodpecker	Oct 19	FRR—Cantrell Rd area	BU	Rare, but regular in fall
Red-naped/Yellow-bellied				
Sapsucker	Oct 27	River Rd area	LMl	Rare, but she has photo of one last year
Say's Phoebe	Oct 12	Stewart Pond	MP, DPs	Unusual fall report
Say's Phoebe	Oct 21	London area	BC	Unusual fall report
Northern Shrike (2)	Oct 15	SJSR	DP, et al.	First report for the winter season
Cassin's Vireo	Oct 11	Cottage Grove area	VT, TM	Last report for the breeding season

Warbling Vireo	Oct 3	Creswell area	NS	Last report for the breeding season
Gray Jay	Oct 6	Spencer Butte	LMf	They're irregularly found here
Blue Jay	Oct 22	Florence area	KK	Rarely found in Lane Co, especially the coast
Violet-green Swallow	Oct 11	Cottage Grove area	VT, TM	Last report for the breeding season
Sedge Wren (possible)	Oct 2	FRR—Royal Ave	DB	Would be a first Lane Co record
Wrentit (2)	Oct 22	Westfir area	BC	Found in small numbers in the area
Swainson's Thrush	Oct 16	Skinner Butte Park	LM, et al.	Last report for the breeding season
Northern Mockingbird	Oct 18	Alvadore	DB	Returned for the third winter
<b>Lapland Longspur</b>	Oct 19	Deflation Plain—SJSR	NS	Rare migrant mainly along coast
Orange-crowned Warbler	Oct 30	FRR—Zumwalt Park	LM, et al.	Last report for the breeding season
Common Yellowthroat	Oct 12	<b>Lookout Point res</b>	NS	Last report for the breeding season
Yellow Warbler	Oct 8	Creswell area	NS	Last report for the breeding season
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Oct 16	Skinner Butte	LM, et al.	Last report for the breeding season
Wilson's Warbler	Oct 8	River Rd area	TMe	Last report for the breeding season
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>	Oct 9	Delta Ponds	LM, et al.	Last report for the breeding season
Fox Sparrow	Oct 9	River Rd area	BC	First valley report for the winter season
Harris's Sparrow	Oct 16	Creswell area	SN	Rare and irregular in Lane Co
Western Tanager	Oct 12	FRR area	MN	Last report for the breeding season
Black-headed Grosbeak	Oct 16	North Eugene area	BG	About a month later than normal in leaving
Black-headed Grosbeak	Oct 30	FRR—Zumwalt Park	LM, et al.	About a month later than normal in leaving

BC Barbara Combs, BG Brandon Green, BU Becky Uhler, DB Dave Brown, DL Dick Lamster, DP Diane Pettey, DPs Dael Parsons, KK Keith Kraft, LG Linda Gilbert, LM Larry McQueen, LMf Lori Markoff, LMl Libbie Marshell, MLS Mary Lee Sayre, MN Mark Nikas, MP Margie Paris, NS Noah Strycker, PNHK Priscilla Nam Hari Kaur, SMc Steve McDonald, SN Sally Nelson, TM Tom Mickel, TMe Thomas Meinzen, VB Vickie Buck, VT Vjera Thompson. Fide indicates a sighting that was reported to the listed observer.