

Field Notes: March 2014

- **White-tailed Kite**
- **Lewis's Woodpecker**
- **Northern Shrike**
- **Lazuli Bunting**

March was a more normal month weather-wise, with some rain and some nice sunny, warm spring days. Those days always make you think that migration should be in full swing, but it never really is until mid-April. The really early warbler reports below might have been birds that wintered locally, not migrants just arriving from their southern wintering areas. The first wave of Orange-crowned Warblers that start moving through in the latter part of March are the local breeding subspecies that are much brighter yellow than the more northern breeding birds that migrate through later in the spring, and these locals can be confused with other bright yellow warblers like Yellow and Wilson's. So look carefully at those first bright yellow warblers that come through in late March and early April!

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

WATERBIRDS

Snow Goose (3)	Mar 12	Mt Pisgah	KL, et al.	Normally winter in small numbers
Cinnamon Teal (5)	Mar 24	FRR – Royal Ave	A&TM	A couple weeks later than normal
Horned Grebe	Mar 26	FRR – Royal Ave	DA, et al.	They have been showing up this time of year for the last few years
American White Pelican (20)	Mar 23	FRR – Royal Ave	SH	Good numbers for this early in the year

RAPTORS to TERNS

White-tailed Kite	Mar 1	Cottage Grove area	MB, JB	One of very few reports since the Dec freeze
Sandhill Cranes (200)	Feb 26	Cottage Grove area	J&JD	Their normal migration time
Black-bellied Plover (50)	Mar	FRR	m.ob.	A normal wintering location, but with the high
Dunlin (5000)	Mar 25	FRR – Royal Ave.	RR	water they are more visible at the edges of the reservoir
Lesser Yellowlegs	Mar 13	Meadowlark Prairie	BC	Earlier than normal migration timing
Caspian Tern	Mar 30	FRR	MRa	A normal time for their migration to the
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WOODPECKERS to FINCHES

Lewis's Woodpecker	Mar 15	FRR – Royal Ave	E&VT	Still being seen
Northern Shrike	Mar 19	FRR – Royal Ave	BC	Still being found
No. Rough-winged Swallow	Mar 26	Delta Ponds	SMcC	About a week earlier than normal
Cliff Swallow (2)	Mar 12	FRR – Royal Ave	SM	About two weeks earlier than normal
Barn Swallow	Mar 19	FRR – E Coyote	BC	About two weeks earlier than normal
Orange-crowned Warbler (3)	Mar 22	Skinner Butte	A&TM	Right on time!
Common Yellowthroat	Mar 26	FRR – Royal Ave	DA, et al.	Right on time!
Yellow Warbler	Mar 25	Eugene yard	JD	About a month earlier than normal
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Mar 13	Delta Ponds	BG	Singing migrants starting to show up
Wilson's Warbler	Mar 25	River Road area	BC	About three weeks earlier than normal
Chipping Sparrow	Mar 27	North River Road	MRu	A few days earlier than normal
Lazuli Bunting	Feb 6	near Alton Baker Park	fide MP	First winter record for Lane Co
Brown-headed Cowbird	Mar 22	FRR	TMo	About two weeks earlier than normal
Evening Grosbeak	Mar 20	Cottage Grove area	J&JD	Becoming more widely reported now

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