Field Notes: April-May 2014

- Chimney Swift
- Dusky Flycatcher

- Harlequin Duck
- Clay-colored Sparrow

This is a condensed version of the spring field notes because we were in Europe for five weeks during the period (birding) and returned just before the end of May. Most of the neotropical migrants seemed to return on schedule, but the waterfowl were around the valley a little later than normal.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

WATERBIRDS

Blue-winged Teal	May 17	FRR	JS	A species that always arrives late
Blue-winged Teal	May 17	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	A species that always arrives late
Green-winged (Comm.) Teal	April 13	EWEB, Roosevelt Ave	AC	Found annually during migration
Harlequin Duck	May 9	Salmon Ck, Oakridge	MLS	Hasn't been reported on the breeding grounds for a number of years
Common Goldeneye	May 23	FRR	JS, et al.	A late report for this species
Eared Grebe	April 5	FRR	RS	Becoming almost annual in the spring
Black-crowned Night-Heron	April 19	W Eugene	MN	Getting to be time for them to start breeding—
Black-crowned Night-Heron	May 20	W Eugene	E&VT	are they breeding somewhere in the area?
Black-crowned Night-Heron	May 26	Camas Swale	ВС	
White-faced Ibis (16)	May 26	FRR	SH	They are normally found this time of year

CRANES to TERNS

Sandhill Crane	May 20	FRR	EM	A very late report
Black-necked Stilt (4)	May 6	FRR	RR	They breed in small numbers at this location
American Avocet	May 30	FRR	VT	They bred last year at this location
Solitary Sandpiper	May 4	Stewart Pond	SH	They migrate through the first week of May
Solitary Sandpiper	May 4	FRR	A&CH	They migrate through the first week of May
Marbled Godwit	April 15	SJSR	DJ	A normal time for their migration
Red Knot	May 8	FRR	PS, SMc	Rarely found inland—normally migrate along coast
Wilson's Phalarope (4)	May 6	FRR	RR	They breed in small numbers at this location.
Franklin's Gull	May 3	FRR	A&CH	Found almost annually in small numbers.
Black Tern	May 3	FRR	A&CH	A normal time for this breeding species to return.
Forster's Tern (3)	May 31	FRR	AH	Almost annual during the spring migration

SWIFTS to SPARROWS

Vaux's Swift (7780)	April 26	Agate Hall, UO	DL, MS	Migration numbers are starting to increase
Chimney Swift	May 11	Agate Hall, UO	ВС	In roosting flock of swifts—first Lane Co record and will be second Oregon record if accepted by the OBRC
Calliope Hummingbird	April 16	Santa Clara area	MRu	A normal spring migrant in small numbers
Lewis's Woodpecker (2)	April 16	FRR	NS	The last winter date for the species
Dusky Flycatcher	April 20	Bailey Hill	SH	The only report this spring
Horned Lark	May 10	Eugene airport area	RM	An area where they may breed
Horned Lark (2)	May 26	Eugene airport	SMa, VB	An area where they may breed
Rock Wren	April 25	Hills Creek dam	MLS	An area where they may breed
Mountain Bluebird	April 5	EWEB, Roosevelt Ave	ВС	Rarely found in the valley
Townsend's Solitaire	April 27	Creswell	NS	They breed in the Cascades & Coast Range

Varied Thrush	May 20	SW of Eugene	MS	A late date for a singing bird in the area
Northern Mockingbird	April 4	Alvadore	DB	Last date seen this winter
Yellow-breasted Chat	May 5	Oakridge	CF	Never common in this area
Yellow-breasted Chat	May 21	Woahnik Lk	DF	Never common in this area
Clay-colored Sparrow	May 7	N Eugene	DS	About a dozen records for the county
Grasshopper Sparrow	May 3	FRR	BC	A normal time for their return
Harris's Sparrow	April 13	Cantrell Rd	SH	Less than annual wintering species

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