

Field Notes: June–July 2014

The weather was mostly sunny and warm to hot, with about a week of rain during the middle of June. There were a number of first and near first records for the county during the period. A number of fall migrants and postbreeding birds arrived earlier than normal. Fall is always an exciting time, with large numbers of birds moving from their breeding grounds to their wintering areas, with a few always getting lost or turned around in the process, so you never know what you might find.

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

WATERBIRDS

Canvasback (3)	June 14	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	They summered this year for the first year
Hawaiian Petrel	July 16	85 km off coast	PL	First Lane Co record if accepted by OBRC
American White Pelican (125)	July 10		FRR – Royal Ave RR	Larger than normal numbers this year
Great Egret (4 nests w/young)	June 30		Cushman SH, SM	The first known nesting in Lane Co
Great Egret (4)	July 10	FRR – Royal Ave	RR	A normal postbreeding arrival time
Black-crowned Night-Heron	June 1	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	Earlier than normal for their return to the area
Black-crowned Night-Heron	July 3	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	A more normal time for their return to the area
White-faced Ibis (20)	June 3	Creswell area	NS	Later than normal – is the drought & lack of
White-faced Ibis (24)	June 4	FRR – Royal Ave	DA, et al.	breeding habitat in CA & the Great Basin the cause?

SHOREBIRDS to ALCIDS

Pacific Golden-Plover	June 18	FRR – Royal Ave	LG	Found in small numbers most years during
Pacific Golden-Plover	July 16	FRR – Royal Ave	JD	their southward migration
Black-necked Stilt	July 2	FRR – Royal Ave	DS, et al.	A pair with young
Black-necked Stilt	July 10	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Two pairs w/young & possible pair w/eggs
American Avocet	June 14	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Nesting again this year
American Avocet	July 10	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Nesting failed
Solitary Sandpiper	July 16	FRR – Royal Ave	BU, TB	Becoming annual in the fall
Solitary Sandpiper (2)	July 31	FRR – Royal Ave	SH	Becoming annual in the fall
Wandering Tattler (3)	July 21	SJSR	BW	A normal time for their southward migration
Greater Yellowlegs (25)	July 1	FRR – Royal Ave	JS, BMC	A normal time for their southward migration
Lesser Yellowlegs (2)	July 1	FRR – Royal Ave	JS, BMC	A normal time for their southward migration
Marbled Godwit	July 24	SJSR – Dog Pond	KC	A normal time for their southward migration
Ruddy Turnstone (3)	July 25	Siltcoos River mouth	SB	A normal time for their southward migration
Semipalmated Sandpiper	July 15	SJSR – Crab Dock	AC, GF	A normal time for their southward migration
Semipalmated Sandpiper	July 25	Siltcoos River month	SB	A normal time for their southward migration
Baird's Sandpiper	July 30	FRR – Royal Ave	VB	Earlier than normal
Pectoral Sandpiper (3)	July 23	FRR – Royal Ave	JD	Earlier and higher numbers than normal
Pectoral Sandpiper (8)	July 29	FRR – Royal Ave	RR, DA	Earlier and higher numbers than normal
Stilt Sandpiper	July 25	FRR – Royal Ave	JB	Rare, but almost annual – earlier than normal
Short-billed Dowitcher (2)	July 29	FRR – Royal Ave	RR, DA	Normally found in small numbers here
Franklin's Gull	June 1	FRR – Royal Ave	SH	Earlier and larger numbers than normal—is the
Franklin's Gull (7)	June 2	FRR – Royal Ave	SH	drought in CA & the Great Basin the cause?
Bonaparte's Gull (3)	June 2	FRR – Royal Ave	SH	Earlier than normal
Forster's Tern	June 14	FRR – Royal Ave	JS	Rarely found during migration
Forster's Tern (3 pairs)	June 22	FRR – Royal Ave	JS, LJ	Found nesting for the first time in Lane Co
South Polar Skua	July 16	85km off coast	PL	A normal time for their southward migration
Long-tailed Jaeger	July 16	85km off coast	PL	A normal time for their southward migration
Tufted Puffin	July 16	Heceta Head area	KC	Rarely found in the area any more

NIGHTHAWKS to SPARROWS

Common Nighthawk (2)	June 12	Eugene – Oakway area	AH	First report for the area this year
Black Swift (2 pair)	July 20/21	Salt Creek Falls	EH	Two nests found this year

Least Flycatcher	June 22	FRR – Coyote Ck	JS, LJ	Second record for Lane Co
Least Flycatcher	July 13	Veneta – Country Fair	MM	Third record for Lane Co?
Black Phoebe	June 29	EWEB – Roosevelt	VT	A recently fledged bird
Eastern Kingbird	June 11	Delta Ponds	SC	About the eleventh record for Lane Co
Horned Lark (Streaked)	June 4	Eugene airport area	JG, BA	Recently listed as a federal threatened species; all breeding season sightings should be reported
Bank Swallow	July 25	FRR – Royal Ave	SH	Small numbers are found in the fall
Vesper Sparrow	June 12	Creswell area	JG	One of very few reports this year
Grasshopper Sparrow (3)	June 12	Creswell area	JG	Good numbers were found singing this year
Grasshopper Sparrow	June 28	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	Still singing in the area

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