

## Field Notes: January 2015

### Semipalmated Plover

### Northern Shrike

### Snow Bunting

### Snowy Owl

January was rather foggy and quite a bit dryer than normal. The mild weather may account for some of the unusual wintering species and the early arrival of Tree Swallows. It will be interesting to see whether the trend continues.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR)

## WATERBIRDS

Snow Goose	Jan 15	Stewart Pond	SH	Normally found in small number with other
Snow Goose	Jan 17	Cesar Chavez school	JD, DH	goose flocks in the valley
Eurasian Wigeon	Jan 5	Kirk Pond	FT	Normally around in small numbers with flocks
Eurasian Wigeon	Jan 10	Creswell Pond	BF	of American Wigeon
Barrow's Goldeneye	Jan 8	Delta Ponds area	SH	Not normally found on the valley floor
American White Pelican (8)	Jan	FRR	m.ob.	Reported throughout the month
Brown Pelican (50)	Jan 6	Sea Lion Caves area	SH	A high number for the middle of winter
American Bittern	Jan 11	FRR - Royal Ave	BN, PB	Only around in small numbers during winter

## HAWKS to OWLS

Osprey	Jan 14	McKenzie View Rd	JSa	The only report for the month
Red-tailed Hawk (105)	Jan 12	Raptor route #2	JS, EC	A record number for this route
Black-bellied Plover (80)	Jan 27	FRR	AB	A normal winter flock for the reservoir
Semipalmated Plover	Jan 10	FRR	TB	Rarely found in the winter
Semipalmated Plover	Jan 23	FRR	SH	Rarely found in the winter
Western Sandpiper (2)	Jan 1	FRR - Royal Ave	A&TM, VT	Rarely found in the winter
Western Sandpiper	Jan 25	Siltcoos River mouth	VB, SH	Rarely found in the winter
Glaucous Gull	Jan 26	Bob Creek	SM	The only report for the month
Snowy Owl	Jan	FRR - Royal Ave	m.ob.	It has been seen all month

## WOODPECKERS to FINCHES

Acorn Woodpecker	Jan 16	Oakridge	fide CF	Rare in that area
Northern Shrike	Jan	FRR - Royal Ave	m.ob.	Still being seen near parking lot
Tree Swallow	Jan 9	FRR	RS	Earlier than normal by about a month
Tree Swallow (3)	Jan 27	FRR	RR	Normal arrival date is Feb 4
Northern Mockingbird	Jan	Alvadore	m.ob.	It has been seen all month
Snow Bunting	Jan 18	NJSR dunes	KS	Rare in the county
Orange-crowned Warbler	Jan	around town	m.ob.	They seem to be wintering in higher numbers
Swamp Sparrow	Jan	FRR & Waite Pasture	m.ob.	Good numbers being reported this month
Western Meadowlark (30)	Jan 19	Meadowlark Prairie	CS	A large wintering flock
Western Meadowlark (40)	Jan 28	FRR - E. Coyote unit	VB	Another large wintering flock
Brown-headed Cowbird	Jan 19	Washburn Lane	SH	Rarely found during the winter
Purple Finch (4)	Jan 7	SW Eugene	AC	Started coming to feeder

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