Field Notes: February 2015

- o Golden Eagle
- o Ancient Murrelet
- o Mountain Chickadee
- o MacGillivray's Warbler
- o Lark Sparrow
- o Pine Grosbeak

February started off quite wet, but then turned dry and stayed that way for most of the month. There were some interesting sightings this month—rarities for both the winter season and Lane County, as well as early migrants.

Abbreviations: Alton Baker Park (A. Baker), Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Golden Gardens Park (G. Gardens), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

WATERBIRDS

Ross's Goose	Feb 13	Junction City area	LF	Almost annual in the large cackler flocks
Brown Pelican	Feb 13	Heceta Head	JNS	At least one bird still around
Brown Pelican	Feb 15	Sea Lion Caves	JW	At least one bird still around
Green Heron	Feb 2-11	A. Baker/G. Gardens	m.ob.	They winter in very small numbers

HAWKS to OWLS

Sooty Grouse (2)	Feb 14	Sutton Lake area	DPe	Always a good bird for the Coast Range
Turkey Vulture	Feb 12	SJSR	DPe	First "spring" report for the coast
Osprey	Feb 17	Dorena Reservoir	TMo	Early away from the Eugene/Springfield rivers
Golden Eagle (4)	Feb 21	15 mi S of Oakridge	CF	Photographed by a trailcam at a cougar kill
Snowy Owl	Feb	FRR	m.ob.	It's been seen all month
Sandhill Crane (38)	Feb 14	Lorane Highway	EC	A few days early and unusual away from the east edge of the valley
Glaucous Gull	Feb 4	Bob Creek	SH	Seen again this month
Pigeon Guillemot	Feb 7	NJSR	TJ	Not normally seen from shore this time of year
Marbled Murrelet	Feb 3	SJSR	JF, LW	Not normally seen from shore this time of year
Ancient Murrelet (2)	Feb 3	SJSR	JF, LW	Unusual, especially this far south in Lane Co

WOODPECKERS to FINCHES

Band-tailed Pigeon	Feb 13	Lorane Highway	EC	About a month earlier than normal
Rufous Hummingbird	Feb 13	Florence	MM	First report for the coast
Rufous Hummingbird	Feb 18	SE Eugene	DPi	A few days earlier than normal
Gray Jay (2)	Feb 13	Owl Rd, Eugene	DC	They're occasionally found around the butte
Horned Lark (2)	Feb 25	Eugene airport area	SH	An area where they're normally found
Violet-green Swallow (15)	Feb 21	I-5, Brown Ck rest area	AR	A couple days earlier than normal
Barn Swallow	Feb 20	West Eugene	SN	Over a month earlier than normal
Mountain Chickadee	Feb 15	SE Eugene	SC	A rare report away from the high Cascades
Cedar Waxwing	Feb 12	River Road area	ВС	Only one bird in yard
MacGillivray's Warbler	Feb 3	Valley River Inn area	SN	About the sixth winter record for Lane Co
Lark Sparrow	Feb 8	North Eugene	DS	A rare mid-winter report
Evening Grosbeak (40)	Feb 13	Oakridge	MLS	A large flock for winter
Late Report				
Pine Grosbeak	Jan 27	Foley Ridge Rd	LG	Rare - less than a dozen records for Lane Co

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