

Field Notes: February 2016

- Golden Eagle
- Eastern Towhee
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Hermit Warbler
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The weather was pretty typical for February. As is normal for the month, some of the early migrants are starting to show up, but alas, most of the neotropical migrants won't show up until April or May, when all the insects start to hatch!

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

## WATERBIRDS

<b>Redhead</b>	Feb 27	Kirk Pond	LG	First report for the winter
<b>Barrow's Goldeneye</b>	Feb 12	Mt. Pisgah	JF	Unusual to find on the river
<b>Red-breasted Merganser (27)</b>	Feb 7	SJSR crab pier	AC	A high count for the Lane coast
<b>Common Loon</b>	Feb 15	Dexter Reservoir	ID	Unusual to find them inland
<b>Eared Grebe (3)</b>	Feb 6	Florence - old town	NS	A good wintering location
<b>Green Heron</b>	Feb 13	Row River Nature Park	BB	They winter in small numbers most years

## RAPTORS to OWLS

<b>Osprey</b>	Feb	multiple locations	m.ob.	Found around nesting sites already
<b>Bald Eagle</b>	Feb 22	Skinner Butte	AP	A bird on the nest
<b>Golden Eagle</b>	Feb 15	Coburg area	BC	Rare in winter
<b>Golden Eagle (3)</b>	Feb 20	multiple locations	m.ob.	Three reports from wide areas in the valley
<b>Sandhill Crane</b>	Feb 18	Creswell area	NS	Right on schedule for spring migration
<b>Western Sandpiper</b>	Feb 5	FRR	SH	Rare wintering species
<b>Glaucous Gull</b>	Feb 6	SJSR crab pier	NS	Normally found in small number in winter
<b>Band-tailed Pigeon (4)</b>	Feb 18	S of Eugene	MS	About normal arrival time the last few years
<b>Great Gray Owl</b>	Feb 9	Jasper area	fide BN	It's been seen in the area since late Dec
<b>Short-eared Owl (2)</b>	Feb 27	FRR- Royal Ave	EC	A normal wintering location

## HUMMINGBIRDS to GROSBEAKS

<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>	Feb 21	Siltcoos River area	GR	A normal arrival time
<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b>	Feb 23	South Eugene	MS,LM	Right on time for their arrival

<b>Red-breasted Sapsucker</b>	Jan 31	Bloomberg Park	RF	Hybrid w/Red-naped
<b>Say's Phoebe</b>	Feb 5	Mt Pisgah	CA,SMa	About a month earlier than normal
<b>Say's Phoebe (2)</b>	Feb 21	Mt Pisgah	JS	A more normal time for their migration
<b>Northern Shrike</b>	Feb	numerous locations	m.ob.	Seem to be more common than usual
<b>Tree Swallow</b>	Jan 31	FRR - E Coyote	RR	The first report for the "spring"
<b>Violet-green Swallow</b>	Feb 15	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	About two weeks earlier than normal
<b>Mountain Chickadee</b>	Feb 17	Kirk Park	BU	At least one still being reported for the area
<b>Northern Mockingbird</b>	Feb 19	SE Eugene	A&TM	Same area where one was reported in Jan
<b>Cedar Waxwing (6)</b>	Feb 24	Delta Ponds	SMc,SMa	They winter in small numbers most years
<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b>	Feb 17	River Rd area	BC	They winter in small numbers most years
<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>	Feb 6	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	They winter in small numbers most years
<b>Hermit Warbler</b>	Feb 8	Eugene -S hills	DG	One or two have been found in winter recently
<b>Eastern Towhee</b>	Feb 6	SE Eugene	AP	First Lane record if approved by the OBRC
<b>Swamp Sparrow</b>	Feb 25	Lynn Hollow area	NS	A new wintering location for this species
<b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b>	Feb 11	Walterville area	VB	A rare species, especially in the winter

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