

Field Notes: April/May 2017

Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, Le Conte's Sparrow, Hudsonian Godwit, White-crowned X Golden-crowned Sparrow

Weather was a normal spring mix: wet, dry, warm, and cool. A number of rare birds were seen in the county, including a first record! Some migrants arrived early and some late, as is getting to be the norm. Now that the breeding season is upon us it will be interesting to see what's found.

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

WATERBIRDS

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| Snow Goose | April 2 | Alvadore..... | BC..... | A late report |
| Trumpeter Swan (photos) | May 8 | Noti Pond..... | OSU..... | Rare spring report |
| Blue-winged Teal | April 15 | FRR – Fisher Butte..... | LG..... | About a week earlier than normal |
| Harlequin Duck (pair)..... | May 5 | Brice Creek | BH..... | Breeding? |
| Laysan Albatross | May 4 | 80km W of Dunes City | PL..... | Doesn't appear to be uncommon out this far |
| Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel | May 5 | Siltcoos River mouth | DF..... | Rarely seen from the beach |
| Sora | April 6 | FRR | RR..... | Right on time |

HAWKS TO ALCIDS

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| Swainson's Hawk (photo) | April 28 | SW Eugene | AC..... | Rare but regular in spring |
| Swainson's Hawk | May 6 | Royal Ave area | MN..... | Rare but regular in spring |
| Caspian Tern (2)..... | April 3 | Florence area | LG..... | A normal time for their arrival |
| Black Tern (2)..... | May 6 | FRR – Royal | JP..... | A couple days later than normal |
| Common Tern | April 16 | Heceta Head..... | PR..... | A normal time for their migration |
| Forster's Tern | May 6 | FRR – Royal | WG,et.al..... | Bred two years ago |
| Black-bellied Plover (3)..... | April 6 | Sutton Creek..... | DF..... | A normal time for their migration |
| Semiplumated Plover (4)..... | April 19 | Sutton Creek..... | DF..... | A normal time for their migration |
| Black-necked Stilt | April 1 | FRR – Fisher Butte..... | SH,VB..... | About two weeks earlier than normal |
| Solitary Sandpiper | April 22 | Siltcoos River mouth | RP..... | Rare on the coast |
| Solitary Sandpiper | April 23 | Stewart Road..... | RR..... | A normal time for their migration |
| Willet | May 5 | SJSR..... | SB..... | Occasional in migration |
| Whimbrel | May 30 | FRR | BC..... | Unusual inland |
| Long-billed Curlew | May 10 | SJSR beach..... | DF..... | Rare on the coast |
| Marbled Godwit | April 19 | Sutton Creek..... | DF..... | A normal time for their migration |
| Hudsonian Godwit (photos)..... | May 24 | SJSR crab pier | NS..... | First Lane Co record |
| Ruddy Turnstone | May 1 | SJSR beach..... | WW..... | Small numbers in migration |
| Red Knot | May 19 | Sutton Creek..... | DF..... | Unusual during spring migration |
| Baird's Sandpiper | May 5 | Berry Creek..... | DF..... | Rarely found in the spring |
| Wilson's Phalarope | May 13 | FRR – Fisher Butte..... | TGT..... | About a week later than normal |
| Red-necked Phalarope (2) | April 8 | Cantrell Rd | JL..... | Not found in high numbers inland |
| Red Phalarope | May 24 | Strawberry Hill | NS..... | Not often seen from shore |
| Tufted Puffin | May 10 | Heceta Head..... | BC..... | Small numbers may still be breeding |

GOATSUCKERS TO FINCHES

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| Common Nighthawk | May 26..... | Walterville area..... | VB..... | About a week earlier than normal |
| Black Swift | April 11..... | Cantrell Rd..... | BC..... | Very early for this species |
| Black Swift (5) | May 19..... | Siltcoos River mouth..... | DF..... | A normal time for their migration |
| Vaux's Swift (2) | April 8..... | Agate Hall – UO..... | BC..... | A couple days earlier than normal |
| Black-chinned Hummingbird | May 4..... | SW Eugene..... | AC..... | Possible female – rare in the county |
| Costa's Hummingbird | April 2..... | Springfield..... | JS..... | Less than fifteen records for Lane Co. |
| Calliope Hummingbird | early April..... | Eugene/Springfield..... | m.ob..... | About four sightings – a normal number |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | April 28..... | Dunes City..... | DF..... | A few days earlier than normal |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | April 28..... | Skinner Butte..... | SM..... | A few days earlier than normal |
| Western Wood-Pewee | April 24..... | River Road area..... | MM..... | About a week earlier than normal |
| Willow Flycatcher | May 6..... | Willow Creek..... | BC..... | About a week earlier than normal |
| Hammond's Flycatcher | April 6..... | Long Tom canoe path..... | RR..... | A couple weeks earlier than normal |
| Gray Flycatcher | April 18..... | Creswell area..... | NS..... | Almost annual in spring |
| Gray Flycatcher | May 9..... | LCC area..... | RR..... | Almost annual in spring |
| Dusky Flycatcher | May 17..... | Skinner Butte..... | DI..... | A few days earlier than normal |
| Pacific-slope Flycatcher | April 22..... | Skinner Butte..... | AC..... | Right on time |
| Say's Phoebe | April 9..... | OR Dunes NRA..... | DF..... | Not a normal place for this species |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | May 8..... | Skinner Butte..... | LG..... | Almost annual in the spring |
| Western Kingbird | April 21..... | FRR - Perkins..... | JL..... | Right on time |
| Warbling Vireo | April 18..... | Alton Baker Park..... | BR..... | A few days earlier than normal |
| Purple Martin | April 3..... | FRR..... | NS..... | About a week earlier than normal |
| House Wren | April 9..... | Mt Pisgah..... | TM..... | Over a week earlier than normal |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | April 19..... | Skinner Butte..... | DW..... | About 25 records for Lane Co. |
| Swainson's Thrush | April 28..... | SW Eugene..... | AC..... | A couple days earlier than normal |
| Gray Catbird (photos) | April 6..... | Florence..... | MH..... | Fifth record for Lane Co. |
| Gray Catbird | May 26..... | Hills Creek Dam..... | ER..... | Sixth record for Lane Co. |
| Nashville Warbler | April 13..... | Skinner Butte..... | SH,VB..... | Right on time |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | April 16..... | Cottage Grove area..... | TMo..... | A few days earlier than normal |
| Yellow Warbler | April 22..... | Cottage Grove Res..... | TMo..... | A couple days earlier than normal |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | April 5..... | Skinner Butte..... | SH..... | Right on time |
| Hermit Warbler | April 17..... | Siltcoos River..... | GR..... | About a week earlier than normal |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | May 4..... | Eugene..... | DS..... | Right on time |
| Chipping Sparrow | April 3..... | Skinner Butte..... | SH..... | A couple days later than normal |
| Brewer's Sparrow | April 18..... | Creswell area..... | NS..... | Rare in the spring |
| Vesper Sparrow | April 3..... | FRR – Fisher Butte..... | A&TM..... | About a week earlier than normal |
| Vesper Sparrow | May 9..... | LCC area..... | RR..... | Possible breeding location |
| Lark Sparrow | May 21..... | Hills Creek Dam..... | FT..... | Almost annual spring migrant |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | May 20..... | Meadowlark Prairie..... | VT..... | Almost two weeks later than normal |
| Le Conte's Sparrow | May 20..... | FRR – Royal..... | RR..... | First Lane Co record if accepted by OBRC |
| White-throated Sparrow | May 18..... | River Road area..... | BC..... | Last report for the winter |
| W-c X G-c Sparrow (photos) | April 27..... | Skinner Butte..... | RR..... | Rare to find a hybrid |
| Western Tanager | April 15..... | Stewart Road..... | VT..... | Over a week earlier than normal |
| Black-headed Grosbeak | April 22..... | Skinner Butte..... | SH..... | Right on time |
| Lazuli Bunting | April 24..... | SW Eugene..... | AC..... | A couple days earlier than normal |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | April 1..... | FRR – Fisher Butte..... | SH,VB..... | Right on time |
| Great-tailed Grackle | May 25..... | FRR – Royal..... | SM..... | Found almost annually at this location |
| Bullock's Oriole | April 29..... | River Road area..... | LM..... | A few days later than normal |
| Evening Grosbeak (12) | April 12..... | Eugene downtown..... | AC..... | A couple weeks later than normal |

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