

Field Notes August 2017

Willet, Cattle Egret, Northern Goshawk, Snowy Plover

It was a hot and dry month with numerous fires in the Cascades making for smoky skies in the valley. As is normal for the “dog days” of summer, birding was quiet, but more migrants will be on the move in the next couple of months.

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

WATERBIRDS

Harlequin Duck (10).....	Aug 10	Bob Creek	VB.....	Back at its wintering grounds
Red-breasted Merganser	Aug 9	NJSR	BC.....	First report for the “winter”
Red-necked Grebe	Aug 11	Brays Point	SR	First report for the “winter”
Snowy Egret.....	Aug 24	N Fork Siuslaw River.....	RR,DA.....	Rare, but a normal time for it

SHOREBIRDS TO GULLS

Northern Goshawk (photos)	Aug 6	FRR - Royal Ave	KL.....	A very unusual place for this species
Pacific Golden-Plover.....	Aug 14	Berry Creek	DF	Found in small numbers most falls
Snowy Plover	Aug 16	FRR - Royal Ave.....	AC,et al	A very unusual place for this species
Solitary Sandpiper.....	Aug 1	FRR.....	CS	A normal time for their fall migration
Wandering Tattler	Aug 5	Strawberry Hill.....	DP	First report for the fall migration
Willet	Aug 18	NJSR.....	JL	Rare in Lane Co.
Ruddy Turnstone (5)	Aug 14	Berry Creek	DF	Normal time of year for their migration
Surfbird (6)	Aug 12	NJSR.....	DF	First report for fall migration
Red Knot (2).....	Aug 24	SJSR crab dock/pier	RR,DA.....	Seen in small numbers during migration
Pectoral Sandpiper.....	Aug 26	FRR - Royal Ave	JL	First report for the fall migration
Franklin’s Gull.....	Aug 15	SJSR	SR	Rare, but regular migrant in the county
Black Tern	Aug 23	FRR - Royal Ave	SM	Last report for the breeding season
Cassin’s Auklet (8).....	Aug 12	NJSR.....	DF	A large number from shore

GOATSUCKERS TO BLACKBIRDS

Vaux’s Swift (216)	Aug 12	Agate Hall - UO	BC.....	Starting to use the chimney to roost
Western Kingbird.....	Aug 8	FRR - Royal Ave.....	TJ.....	Last report for the breeding season
Yellow-breasted Chat.....	Aug 23	FRR - Royal Ave.....	SH.....	Last report for the breeding season
Brewer’s Sparrow	Aug 16	FRR - Royal Ave	AC,et al	Found in very small numbers in the fall

Late Report

Cattle Egret (photos) mid-winter Canary Rd..... fide DP Rare in Lane County

AC Alan Contreras, **BC** Barbara Combs, **CS** Cody Smith, **DA** Dennis Arendt, **DF** Daniel Farrar, **DP** Diane Pettey, **JL** Joshua Little, **KL** Kit Larsen, **RR** Roger Robb, **SH** Sally Hill, **SM** Sylvia Maulding, **SR** Stephan Rossiter, **TJ** Tim Johnson, **VB** Vickie Buck. Fide indicates a sighting reported to the listed observer.