

Field Notes: February 2018

## Rough-legged Hawk, Orange-crowned Warbler, Band-tailed Pigeon, Violet-green Swallow

This month turned out to be about normal with rain, cooler temperatures, and some snow. And as normal for this month, some of the early migrants began to return for the breeding season - hummingbirds, swallows, etc.

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

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### WATERBIRDS TO RAPTOR

<b>Blue-winged Teal (2)</b> .....	Feb 11 .....	Canary Road area .....	SH,DP .....	A rare winter report
<b>Redhead</b> .....	Feb 22 .....	Kirk Pond .....	SH .....	First report for the breeding season
<b>Barrow's Goldeneye (2)</b> .....	Feb 25 .....	Dexter dam area.....	VB .....	Small numbers can be found in the winter
<b>Long-tailed Duck</b> .....	Feb 7.....	Stonefield Beach area.....	LG .....	Small numbers winter along the coast
<b>Band-tailed Pigeon</b> .....	Feb 15 .....	Creswell area .....	TMo.....	About 3 weeks early, but do occur mid-Feb
<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b> .....	Feb 8.....	Siltcoos Lake .....	HG .....	First report for the breeding season
<b>Rufous Hummingbird</b> .....	Feb 18 .....	Cottage Grove area.....	DAu .....	A few days earlier than normal
<b>Common Loon</b> .....	Feb 15 .....	Dexter Res. ....	NS .....	Occasionally winter in large valley lakes
<b>Turkey Vulture</b> .....	Feb.....	Eugene/Springfield .....	m.ob. ....	Much higher numbers than normal
<b>Turkey Vulture</b> .....	Feb 15 .....	Oakridge .....	MLS .....	Rare for this early in the year
<b>Osprey</b> .....	Feb 4.....	North River Road.....	MRu.....	First winter sighting from this location
<b>Osprey</b> .....	Feb 11 .....	Oakridge .....	MLS .....	One must be wintering in the area
<b>White-tailed Kite</b> .....	Feb.....	Eugene/Springfield .....	m.ob. ....	Much lower numbers than normal
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b> .....	Feb 1.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	LG .....	One of very few reports this winter
<b>Merlin</b> .....	Feb 7.....	SJSR.....	LG .....	Always around in the winter

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### SWALLOWS TO WABLERS

<b>Say's Phoebe</b> .....	Feb 1.....	Franklin Rd area .....	DE,C&MA.....	Last report for this bird
<b>Say's Phoebe</b> .....	Feb 10 .....	Greenhill/Hwy 126 .....	TJ,JS.....	Another wintering bird
<b>Violet-green Swallow</b> .....	Feb 3.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	ID,RM .....	Two weeks earlier than normal
<b>Northern Mockingbird</b> .....	Feb 10 .....	SJSR.....	KY .....	Still being reported in the area
<b>White-winged Crossbill</b> .....	Feb 7.....	SJSR pay station .....	LG .....	Last report from this location
<b>Orange-crowned Warbler</b> .....	Feb 25 .....	River Road area.....	BC .....	Singing - first report - about 3 weeks early

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