

Field Notes: March 2018

Green Heron, Rufous Hummingbird, Say's Phoebe, Black-throated Gray Warbler

We were out of town for most of the month, but heard the weather was fairly typical. As is normal, there were a few early Neotropical migrants and a few late ones. The vast majority of migrants arrive during April and the first part of May, so now is the time to get out and enjoy them!

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

HUMMINGBIRDS TO FLYCATCHERS

Rufous Hummingbird	March 10.....	28th Ave & Onyx.....	JG	First of this season's arrival wave
Virginia Rail	March 4.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	SG,CK.....	They winter most years
Lesser Yellowlegs (3)	March 29.....	Meadowlark Prairie	AC,et al.	Wintered in the area
Green Heron	March 28.....	Mill Race, Springfield.....	DA,et al.	Normal arrival date; small numbers overwinter
Lewis's Woodpecker	March 17.....	Creswell area	BC	A bird that spent the winter
Say's Phoebe	March 1.....	Westfir	MLS	An unusual location
Say's Phoebe (2)	March 9.....	Alton Baker Park	E&VT	Several have been seen during past migrations

SHRIKES TO WARBLERS

Northern Shrike (photos)	March 29.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	NS	Getting late for this wintering species
No. Rough-winged Swallow	March 28.....	Hills Creek pond	VB	A few days earlier than normal
Cliff Swallow	March 29.....	Ada Grange.....	AC,et al.	A few days later than normal
Barn Swallow	March 30.....	FRR	m.ob.	A few days later than normal
House Wren	March 14.....	Oak Hill cemetery	BC	More than a month early; overwintering?
Chipping Sparrow	March 29.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	JH,JP	A couple days earlier than normal
Swamp Sparrow	March 31.....	FRR - Fisher Butte	VB,SH.....	Getting late for this wintering species
Common Yellowthroat	March 20.....	FRR - Jeans Rd.....	BC	About a week earlier than normal
Black-throated Gray Warbler	March 19.....	Delta Ponds	VB	About three weeks earlier than normal

AC Alan Contreras, **BC** Barbara Combs, **CK** Cary Kerst, **DA** Dennis Arendt, **E&VT** Eddie & Vjera Thompson, **JG** Joshua Galpern, **JH** Jeff Harding, **JP** John Polo, **SG** Steve Gordon, **SH** Sally Hill, **MLS** Mary Lee Sayre, **m.ob** many observers, **NS** Nancy Stotz, **VB** Vickie Buck.