

Field Notes: August 2018

Long-tailed Jaeger, Parasitic Jaeger, Snow Goose, Hudsonian Godwit

Another warm, dry month. Fern Ridge Reservoir was exceptional for shorebirds this month, as you can see from the sightings below. Some other very good Lane County birds were found during the month, which isn't unusual for August.

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

WATERFOWL TO SWIFTS

Snow Goose	Aug 23.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	CC,BT	Rare summer sighting
Greater White-fronted Goose	Aug 23.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	CC,BT	Earlier arriving flock than normal
Red-necked Grebe	Aug 10.....	Siltcoos & SJSR.....	JS	Rare summer sighting
Black Swift	Aug 24.....	Marshall Island	BC	Rare sighting away from Salt Ck falls

CRANES TO TERNS

Sandhill Crane	Aug 17.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	JS,JL	Rare summer record
Long-billed Curlew	Aug 10.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	JS	First of a larger number than normal
Hudsonian Godwit (photos)	Aug 15.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	TJ	Second Lane record
Stilt Sandpiper (adult)	Aug 10.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	JS	Four years since the last report
Stilt Sandpiper (2)	Aug 15.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	TJ	Juvenile birds, so different than the earlier one
Stilt Sandpiper	Aug 31.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	JS, et al.....	Different bird or one of the earlier ones?
Dunlin (10)	Aug 21.....	Heceta Beach	BG	Very early record for this late migrant
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (ad).....	Aug 23.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	CC,BT	Rare, a little earlier than normal
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (juv).....	Aug 27.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	CG.....	Different than the earlier bird
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (4)	Aug 31.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	m.ob.	Very large number for Oregon
Solitary Sandpiper	Aug 1.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	SH	Annual in small numbers in the fall
Wilson's Phalarope (3).....	Aug 21.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	RR	Did they breed here this summer?
Long-tailed Jaeger (photo)	Aug 27.....	FRR - Perkins Pen.....	CG.....	Rarely found inland in Lane Co
Jaeger species.....	Aug 27.....	FRR - Perkins Pen.....	CG.....	Thought to be a Parasitic
Black Tern	Aug 23.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	SH	Last report for the breeding season
Elegant Terns (2)	Aug 31.....	Heceta Beach area.....	DP	First report in two years

OWLS TO BUNTINGS

Northern Pygmy-Owl	Aug 19.....	Skinner Butte.....	JH.....	Unusual location for this species
Lewis's Woodpecker (2).....	Aug 24.....	Waldo Lake.....	GM.....	They migrate through the high Cascades
Merlin (photo).....	Aug 25.....	Springfield.....	JS	Much earlier than normal
Black Phoebe (photo)	Aug 22.....	Waldo Lake.....	GM.....	First sighting for the high Cascades
Western Kingbird	Aug 14.....	FRR	JS	Last report for the breeding season
Red-eyed Vireo	Aug 6.....	Friendly St area.....	fide DA.....	Unusual location for this species
Green-tailed Towhee	Aug 12.....	Blair Lake.....	JG	Good time to find them in the Cascades
Grasshopper Sparrow (photo)	Aug 24.....	FRR	NS	Getting late for this species
Common Grackle	Aug 6.....	Eugene Airport	LM	About the fifth record for Lane Co
Black-and-White Warbler	Aug 8.....	Mt Pisgah.....	JG	About the tenth record for Lane Co
Summer Tanager (female).....	Aug 30.....	Delta Ponds	LB.....	Third record for Lane Co
Lazuli Bunting	Aug 20.....	Mt Pisgah area	A&TM.....	Last report for the breeding season

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