

Field Notes: November/December 2018

Sedge Wren, Fox Sparrow, Red-naped Sapsucker, Harlequin Duck

The weather was a little more normal, but still dry. Some great (i.e., very rare) birds were found during the period, and some normal wintering species were very hard to find. It will be interesting to see what 2019 brings!

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), South Eugene High School (SEHS)

WATERFOWL TO HUMMINGBIRDS

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| Snow Goose (2) | Nov 12 | Bond Rd. | SH,DP | Occur most winters in small numbers |
| Snow Goose (2) | Nov 14 | Oakridge | MLS | Rare in the area |
| Cinnamon Teal (2) | Nov 26 | Ada | DF | A normal wintering location |
| Eurasian Wigeon | Nov 12 | Kirk Pond | SH,DP | First report for the winter season |
| Harlequin Duck | Nov/Dec | Along coast | M.ob. | Seem to be absent from the coast |
| Black Scoter | Nov 7 | Bray Point | DF | In small numbers during the winter |
| Eared Grebe (5) | Nov 20 | Siltcoos Lake | DF | A large number |
| Anna's Hummingbird (40+) | Nov 9 | Florence area | AC,et al. | An amazing number for one day of birding |

CRANES TO OWLS

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| Sandhill Crane (25) | Nov 30 | Jasper area | Fide BN | A little later than normal |
| Long-billed Curlew (probable) | Dec 12 | Mt Pisgah area | JR | Heard calling, then large shorebird seen flying away—rare in the valley during the winter |
| Glaucous Gull | Dec 30 | SEHS area | TM,JG | Rare wintering in the valley |
| Great Egret, smallish | Dec 15 | Washburn Rd. | SMA | Originally ID'd as a Cattle Egret |
| Osprey | Nov 11 | Delta Ponds | JE | Last report for the Eugene area |
| Rough-legged Hawk | Nov 12 | Cantrell Rd. | SH,DP | First report for the winter season |
| Barred Owl | Nov 1 | N River Rd area | MM | Becoming more common in town |
| Long-eared Owl | Nov 12 | Florence area | SP | Heard calling at night; uncommon in Lane Co |

WOODPECKERS TO SPARROWS

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| Lewis's Woodpecker | Dec 29 | Matthews Rd. | TG-T | Wintered in same location last year |
| Red-naped Sapsucker | Nov 13 | Creswell area | SN | Rarely found in the area |
| Say's Phoebe | Dec 2 | Washburn Rd. | SH | Found almost all winter nowadays! |
| Tropical Kingbird | Nov 9 | Oldtown Florence | AC,et al. | One or two found along the coast in the fall |
| California Scrub-Jay | Nov 20 | C&M stables | AC,et al. | Found farther north than before along coast |
| Tree Swallow (2) | Nov 30 | FRR | BC,F&TG-T | Unusual in the winter |
| Sedge Wren | Dec 13 | Waite pasture | RR | Third Oregon record—first Lane Co |
| Northern Mockingbird | Nov 7 | Bob Creek | DF | Occurred the last few winters along the coast |
| Northern Mockingbird | Nov 9 | Oldtown Florence | AC,et al. | Occurred last few winters along the coast |
| Northern Mockingbird | Dec 30 | KR Neilsen Rd. | CT | They winter some years |
| Pine Siskin | Dec 31 | West Eugene | AC | First report for the winter season |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | Nov 3 | Oldtown Florence | DF | Very small numbers along coast in late fall |
| Fox Sparrow - red subsp | Dec 10 | Oldtown Florence | DF,DP | Rarely found in Lane Co |
| Swamp Sparrow (4) | Nov 17 | Waite pasture | AC,et al. | Large numbers for one location in Lane Co |
| Swamp Sparrow (6) | Dec 10 | Waite pasture | DF,DP | Even larger numbers! |
| Harris's Sparrow | Nov 29 | Bond Rd. | RR,DA | Same location as last winter |

ICTERIDS TO TANAGERS

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| Yellow-headed Blackbird | Dec..... | Florence..... | SK..... | Rare during the winter |
| Bullock's Oriole (male) | Dec..... | Florence..... | SK..... | One was at the same feeder last winter |
| Bullock's Oriole (female) | Dec 13..... | Florence..... | SK..... | Rare during the winter |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | Dec 2..... | Mt Pisgah..... | BN,PB..... | Winter in small numbers most years |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | Dec 7..... | Eugene..... | JD..... | Winter in small numbers most years |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | Dec 7..... | Woahink Lake..... | DF..... | Winter in small numbers most years |
| Palm Warbler (2) | Nov 2..... | Westlake Co. park..... | DF..... | Small numbers along the coast late fall |
| Palm Warbler | Nov 5..... | Oldtown Florence..... | DF..... | Small numbers along the coast this time of yr |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | Dec 19..... | West Lawn cemetery..... | BN,et al..... | Rarely found in the winter |
| Wilson's Warbler | Nov 6..... | Westlake Co. park..... | DF..... | Rare during late fall/winter |
| Western Tanager (2) | Nov 19..... | River Rd area..... | LMa..... | Last seen on this date |

AC Alan Contreras, **BC** Barbara Combs, **BN** Bruce Newhouse, **CT** Charlie Thomas, **DA** Dennis Arendt, **DF** Daniel Farrar, **DP** Diane Pettey, **FG-T** Forest Gage-Tomlinson, **JD** Joni Dawning, **JE** Jacob Edmonds, **JG** Joshua Galpern, **JR** Jeff Rosier, **LMa** Libbie Marshall, **MLS** Mary Lee Seyre, **MM** Meghan May, **PB** Peg Boulay, **RR** Roger Robb, **SH** Sally Hill, **SK** Sara Kaul, **SMa** Sylvia Maulding, **SN** Sally Nelson, **SP** Susan Perry, **TG-T** Torrey Gage-Tomlinson, **TM** Tom Mickel. **Fide** references a sighting reported to the listed observer. **M.ob.** signifies many observers.