

Field Notes: June/July 2019

Tufted Puffin, Willet, Williamson's Sapsucker, Curlew Sandpiper

It's been a fairly normal season, maybe a little cooler and wetter than usual. A few unexpected birds are always found during the breeding season and this season wasn't any different. Fall migration has already started with some of the northern breeding species and will continue for the next few months.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

WATERFOWL TO ALCIDS

Greater White-fronted Goose	....	June 11	.....	Siltcoos River mouth	....	DF	.....	Later than normal
Brant (3)	.....	June 29	.....	Siuslaw River mouth	....	KL	.....	Summering birds?
Harlequin Duck (♀ w/2 young)	.....	July 10	.....	Salmon Creek	.....	CO, et al.	.....	Rare in the Lane Cascades recently
Harlequin Duck (5 young)	.....	July 13	.....	Coal Creek	.....	NB	.....	Rare in the Lane Cascades recently
Red-necked Grebe	.....	July 29	.....	Sea Lion Caves	.....	EL-H	.....	Rare breeding season report
Common Nighthawk	.....	June 2	.....	River Rd area	.....	BC	.....	Normal arrival time
Black-bellied Plover	.....	July 18	.....	FRR	.....	AC, et al.	.....	First fall migrant
Pacific Golden-Plover	.....	July 12	.....	FRR - Fisher Butte	.....	MP,DM	.....	Uncommon inland sighting
Semipalmated Plover	.....	June 21	.....	Siltcoos River mouth	....	DF	.....	First fall migrants
Long-billed Curlew	.....	June 28	.....	FRR - Fisher Butte	.....	JS	.....	Rarely found during breeding season
Marbled Godwit (2)	.....	July 29	.....	Danebo Pond	.....	SH	.....	Rarely found during breeding season
Curlew Sandpiper	.....	July 22	.....	FRR - Royal Ave	.....	A&DH	.....	Rare in Lane Co and inland
Semipalmated Sandpiper (2)	.....	July 4	.....	FRR - Fisher Butte	.....	JS	.....	Normal arrival time
Baird's Sandpiper	.....	July 18	.....	Heceta Beach	.....	DF	.....	First report for the fall migration
Western Sandpiper	.....	June 21	.....	Siltcoos River mouth	....	DF	.....	First fall migrants
Wandering Tattler	.....	July 28	.....	Siuslaw River jetties	.....	M.ob.	.....	A little earlier than normal
Lesser Yellowlegs	.....	June 28	.....	FRR - Fisher Butte	.....	JS	.....	Normal time for post-breeding birds
Willet (2) (photos)	.....	July 15	.....	Siltcoos River mouth	....	DF	.....	Rarely found in the county
Willet	.....	July 28	.....	Danebo Pond	.....	BC	.....	Rarely found in county
Wilson's Phalarope	.....	July 22	.....	Siltcoos River mouth	....	DF	.....	Uncommon along the coast
Red-necked Phalarope	.....	June 28	.....	FRR	.....	VT	.....	Early fall migrants?
Marbled Murrelet (27)	.....	June 27	.....	Klootchman	.....	AC	.....	Very large number for Lane Co
Tufted Puffin	.....	July 27	.....	Siltcoos River beach	.....	DP, JD	.....	Rarely seen in Lane Co anymore

GULLS TO SPARROWS

Mew Gull	.....	July 1	.....	Florence docks	.....	DF	.....	Summering bird
Snowy Egret	.....	July 29	.....	Florence	.....	DS	.....	Rare in Lane Co, esp. in breeding season
Black-crowned Night-Heron	....	July 21	.....	FRR - Royal Ave	.....	VT	.....	Normal time and location
Golden Eagle	.....	July 26	.....	Diamond Peak	.....	TG-T	.....	Uncommon during breeding season
Williamson's Sapsucker ♀	.....	July 26	.....	Willamette Pass area	....	NS	.....	Rarely found in Lane Co
Say's Phoebe	.....	June 16	.....	Jasper Park	.....	BC	.....	Not a normal summer bird
Ash-throated Flycatcher	.....	July 21	.....	Mt Pisgah	.....	PO	.....	Did they breed on the south side?
Red-eyed Vireo	.....	June 5	.....	Springfield Mill Race	....	DA, et al.	.....	Normal arrival time
Red-eyed Vireo	.....	June 30	.....	Finn Rock Reach	.....	RR	.....	Never found so far up McKenzie River
House Wren	.....	June	.....	Eugene/Springfield	.....	M.ob.	.....	Higher numbers than normal

Northern Mockingbird..... July 10 Mt Pisgah..... LM,SMRare breeding season sighting
 Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch..... July 23 Diamond Peak..... NS.....Normal location for this species
 Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (6).... July 26 Diamond Peak..... TG-TNormal location for this species
 Red Crossbill..... June 11 Siltcoos River mouth.... DF.....They haven't been around until now
 Green-tailed Towhee June 8..... Blair Lake area..... FTQuite rare in Lane Co in breeding season
 Grasshopper Sparrow (2-3)..... June 29 Meadowlark Prairie..... VTFirst time heard this year at this location
 Grasshopper Sparrow..... July 7..... FRR - Fisher Butte..... TJ.....New breeding location?
 White-throated Sparrow June 27 Berggren Watershed..... RR.....Rarely found singing in the breeding season

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