Field Notes: August 2019

Long-billed Curlew, Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, Franklin's Gull, Williamson's Sapsucker

A normal month as far as the weather, maybe a little cooler. As is normal for August, the migration is picking up, especially for shorebirds. They always seem to be in a hurry to get south, and for some of them that means southern South America!

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

WATERFOWL TO PELICANS

Ruddy Duck (adult & juv)	Aug 8	Gold Lake	KL	Rare breeding record for Lane Co
Red-necked Grebe	Aug 20	SJSR	SMa,TL	Early for this wintering species
American Avocet (2)	Aug 28	FRR - Royal	RN	First report for FRR this year
Golden-Plover species	Aug 25	FRR - Royal	LG	Reported as both species over a few days
Long-billed Curlew	Aug 29	FRR - Royal	RR,et al	Rare in Lane Co
Marbled Godwit (6)	Aug 28	Heceta Beach	AC,et al	Small numbers migrate through in fall
Ruddy Turnstone (3)	Aug 7	Heceta Beach	DF	Small numbers migrate through in fall
Red Knot	Aug 28	FRR - Royal	RN	Rare inland in Lane Co
Ruff	Aug 28	FRR - Royal	RN	Almost annual during fall migration
Sanderling	Aug 17	FRR - Royal	JL	Rare away from the coast
Pectoral Sandpiper	Aug 17	FRR - Royal	JL,MP	First report for fall migration
Solitary Sandpiper	Aug 28	Dog Pond - SJSR	AC,et al	Found in very small numbers in the fall
Wandering Tattler (12)	Aug 22	NJSR	JL	Large number for Lane Co
Parasitic Jaeger	Aug 28	Stonefield Beach	AC,et al	Normal time for their migration south
Ancient Murrelet (2)	Aug 9	Ocean Beach SP	EL-H	Very rare breeding season report
Bonaparte's Gull	Aug 15	FRR - Royal	BC	First report for fall migration
Franklin's Gull (2)	Aug 13	FRR - Royal	SH	Rare sighting for Lane Co
Black Tern (2)	Aug 21	FRR - Royal	JS,NS	Last report for the breeding season
Common Tern (2)	Aug 21	FRR	TL	Small numbers most late summers at FRR
Common Tern (2)	Aug 29	SJSR - crab dock	KL,SMc	Small numbers migrating along the coast
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	Aug 12	SJSR	LW,et al	Very rarely seen from land in Lane Co
American White Pelican	Aug 7	Heceta Beach	DP	First report of this species from the coast

WOODPECKERS TO BUNTINGS

Lewis's Woodpecker	Aug 23	Waldo Lake	GM	Normal migration time through high Cascades
Williamson's Sapsucker	Aug 23	Waldo Lake	GM	Rare in Lane Co
Merlin	Aug 20	FRR	RR	First report for this wintering species
House Wren	Aug 31	Wild Iris Ridge	JL	Last report for the breeding season
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Aug 25	Mt Pisgah	JH	Still being reported after breeding
Lincoln's Sparrow	Aug 19	FRR	SH,VB	First report from the "low lands"
Lincoln's Sparrow	Aug 29	Box Canyon	A&TM	Still singing, high Cascades breeding grounds
Yellow-breasted Chat	Aug 16	Westlake County Park	DR	Rare along the coast
Bullock's Oriole	Aug 1	FRR - Royal	FТ	Last report for the breeding season
Bullock's Oriole	Aug 1	Mt Pisgah	SH	Last report for the breeding season
Hermit Warbler	Aug 18	Diamond Peak area	FT	Last report for the breeding season
Lazuli Bunting	Aug 17	West Eugene wetlands	VT	Last report for the breeding season

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