

Field Notes: November/December 2019

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Burrowing Owl, Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting, American Bittern

An unusually dry couple months—November was the fifth driest on record for Eugene. A number of species were found later than normal this season, as you can see below. It will be interesting to see if any of them overwinter.

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

WATERFOWL TO HAWKS

Snow Goose (2)	Nov 5	SJSR	RA	Unusual for the coast
Snow Goose (12)	Dec 8	Eugene airport area	JS,TJ	Larger flock than usual
Black Scoter	Nov 17	Siuslaw River mouth	AC,et al.	Unusual location for this species
Common Goldeneye	Nov 28	Willamette @ VRC	TMe	Becoming common at this site
Eared Grebe	Dec 5	SJSR	AC,et al.	Unusual in winter at the coast
Clark's Grebe	Dec 5	Siuslaw River mouth	AC,et al.	Rare along the coast
Band-tailed Pigeon (4)	Nov 1	Stonefield Beach	TJ,et al.	Very late for anywhere in the county
Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird	Nov 17	Westlake	AC,et al.	Rarely this late in the year
Sandhill Crane (27)	Nov 20	Dorena Reservoir	SS	Later than normal
American White Pelican (2)	Nov 1	SJSR	TJ,et al.	Very rare along the coast
American Bittern	Dec 2	Springfield mill race	RA	Rare in the winter months
Osprey	Nov 17	Siuslaw River mouth	AC,et al.	Have wintered the last few years
Osprey	Dec 22	Alton Baker Park	RR, JS	Have wintered in small numbers for yrs
Burrowing Owl	Nov 1	Eugene area	DJ	Rarely found in the valley any more
Barred Owl	Nov-Dec	Eugene area	M. ob.	About a dozen reports from around town
Short-eared Owl	Nov 1	FRR - Royal Ave	Fide RF	Early for this wintering species
Prairie Falcon	Dec 8	Greenhill Rd	JS,TJ	First report for winter

FLYCATCHERS TO WARBLERS

Say's Phoebe	Nov 19	99N/Enid Rd area	JS	Likely wintering – often seen thru Dec
Tropical Kingbird	Nov 7	Florence	AD	Found almost annually along the coast
Blue Jay (photo)	Nov 18	River Rd	Fide PC	Rare record for the county
California Scrub-Jay	Dec 4	C&M Stables	AC,et al.	Rarely found along the coast
Swainson's Thrush (photo)	Nov 13	River Rd	LMa	Very late record – last photo Dec 11
Tree Swallow (1)	Dec 12	99N/Enid Rd area	JS	Rare outside the breeding season
Tree Swallow (2)	Nov 18	FRR - Royal	TR	Rare outside the breeding season
Barn Swallow (4)	Dec 1	E Alton Baker Park	RR	Rare outside the breeding season
Barn Swallow	Dec 14	SJSR deflation plain	JS,et al.	Rare outside the breeding season
Barn Swallow (2)	Dec 26	Baker Beach	MP	Rare outside the breeding season
Swallow sp. (4)	Dec 7	Alvadore	JS	Rare outside the breeding season
Mountain Chickadee	Dec 9	Veneta	Fide RF	Rare away from the high Cascades
House Wren	Nov 5	FRR - Royal	TC	Rare outside the breeding season
House Wren	Nov 28	W D St greenway	JS	Rare outside the breeding season
Evening Grosbeak	Nov 27	Oakridge area	MLS	Not common in winter
Lesser Goldfinch	Nov 12	Sutton Lake	AC,et al.	Rarely found along the coast
Lapland Longspur (2)	Dec 14	SJSR deflation plain	JS,et al.	Rarely found on Lane coast in winter
Snow Bunting	Nov 5	Mt Pisgah	Fide VT	Rarely found in the valley
Snow Bunting (21)	Dec 14	Baker Beach	MS	Rarely found on Lane coast in winter
Chipping Sparrow	Nov 5	99N/Enid Rd area	JS	Very late report
American Tree Sparrow	Nov 8	FRR - Royal	PS	Small numbers in winter most yrs
Swamp Sparrow	Nov 9	FRR - Royal	RJ	They winter, but aren't easy to observe
Swamp Sparrow (3)	Dec 14	Waite Ranch	DF,et al.	They winter, but aren't easy to observe
Bullock's Oriole	Nov-Dec	Florence	Fide NT	One has wintered at same house 2-3 yrs

Tricolored Blackbird..... Nov 24 FRR - RoyalJSp.....About ten records for the county
 Brown-headed Cowbird Dec 22..... Meadowlark Prairie.....BN,NBRarely overwinter
 Orange-crowned Warbler (6).....Nov-Dec..... Eugene & FRR.....M. ob.Winter in small numbers most years
 Common Yellowthroat..... Nov 3..... Delta Ponds.....RF,TJo.....Late report for this species
 Wilson's Warbler..... Nov 30 Jasper Park.....FT,TGTVery late report for this species

AC Alan Contreras, AD Adele Dawson, BN Bruce Newhouse, DF Daniel Farrar, DJ Dave Jones, FT Forest Tomlinson, JS John Sullivan, JSp Josh Spice,
 LMa Libbie Marshall, MLS Mary Lee Sayre, MP Magnus Persmark, MS Martin Stervander, NB Neil Bjorkland, NT Nikki Thomas, PC Pam Comeleo,
 PS Pat Snyder, RA Ramiro Aragon, RF Rachael Friese, RJ Robert Jilek, RR Roger Robb, SS Sue Sheppard, TC Thomas Czubek, TGT Torrey Gage-
 Tomlinson, TJ Tye Jeske, TJo Tim Johnson, TMe Thomas Meinzen, TR Tim Ream, VT Vjera Thompson. Fide references a sighting reported to the
 listed observer. M.ob.signifies many observers.