

Field Notes: January 2021

Mountain Plover, Red-throated Pipit, Pygmy Nuthatch, Red-necked Grebe

This year is starting out right where last year ended—with another new species for Lane County! It will be interesting to see if this trend continues throughout the year. It's been a mild winter so far and some of the birds seen this month reflect that, with a number of species that don't normally winter.

Abbreviations: North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR), Willamette River (WR)

WATERFOWLS TO OWLS

Cinnamon Teal.....	Jan 5	Dorena Res.....	NS	Winter in small numbers most years
Common Goldeneye (9).....	Jan 4	Canary Rd.....	DP	Very large number for Lane
Barrow's Goldeneye (12).....	Jan 10.....	WR, Dexter to Jasper	M.ob.	Large number for the lower river
Red-necked Grebe	Jan 3.....	Dexter Res.....	VB.....	Never common inland
Red-necked Grebe (2).....	Jan 5.....	Dorena Res.....	NS	Never common inland
Band-tailed Pigeon.....	Jan 23.....	Creswell area.....	HL.....	Uncommon winter record
Anna's Hummingbird	Jan 30.....	NW Eugene	fide AC	On nest in same shrub as last year
Sora (2).....	Jan 3.....	N Eugene.....	RH.....	Rare in the valley during the winter
Sora	Jan 10.....	Mt Pisgah area.....	TM.....	Rare in the valley during the winter
Mountain Plover (photos)	Jan 16.....	Siltcoos River mouth	DF,LC	A first for Lane
Black Turnstone (40)	Jan 29.....	NJSR.....	AC	Highest number this winter for both species,
Surfbird (8).....	Jan 29.....	NJSR.....	AC	but lower than in past years
Red Phalarope	Jan	NJSR.....	M.ob.	Continuing to be seen through the month
Green Heron.....	Jan 23.....	Row River trail	TS.....	Winter in small numbers
Osprey	Jan	Florence area.....	M.ob.	Winter in small numbers
Osprey	Jan	Eugene/Springfield ..	M.ob.	A couple found wintering this year
Short-eared Owl (12)	Jan 31.....	Washburn Lane	CS	Flushed from day roost by four wheelers

FLYCATCHERS TO WARBLERS

Say's Phoebe	Jan	Willamette Valley	M.ob.	Larger numbers than normal wintering
Tree Swallow.....	Jan	Delta Ponds	M.ob.	Small numbers throughout the month
Barn Swallow.....	Jan	Delta Ponds	M.ob.	A few seen sporadically through the month
Mountain Chickadee.....	Jan 2.....	Creswell area.....	NS,et al	Occasionally found in valley during winter
Mountain Chickadee.....	Jan 10.....	Dexter.....	RH.....	Occasionally found in valley during winter
Pygmy Nuthatch.....	Jan 28.....	S Eugene	TC.....	About the fifth record for Lane
Northern Mockingbird	Jan	SJSR	M.ob.	Continuing to be seen through the month
Red-throated Pipit.....	Jan 31.....	Eugene airport area.	RA	Second record for Lane
Evening Grosbeak	Jan	Eugene/Springfield ..	M.ob.	Only three reports for the month
Swamp Sparrow.....	Jan	Willamette Valley	M.ob.	Larger than normal numbers seen
Tricolored Blackbird (1).....	Jan 3.....	Lehman Dairy	M.ob.	Found in large "blackbird/starling" flock
Tricolored Blackbird (4).....	Jan 3.....	Harrold's Dairy	NS	Found in large "blackbird/starling" flock
Orange-crowned Warbler	Jan	Eugene/Springfield ..	M.ob.	Larger than normal numbers seen
Common Yellowthroat	Jan 3.....	N Eugene	RH.....	Rarely wintering in Lane

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