

Field Notes: March 2021

Green-winged Teal (Eurasian), Harlequin Duck, Swainson's Hawk, Golden Eagle

A few of the early neotropical migrants have begun arriving and some wintering species have started to head north to their breeding areas, as is normal for this time of year. A lot more of that will be happening over the next month or two.

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

WATERFOWL TO WARBLERS

Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)	March 9	Coburg	NSz	Rare subspecies
Harlequin Duck	March 6	Leaburg area	SA	Rare inland, but breed in the Cascades
Long-tailed Duck	March	Siuslaw River mouth	M.ob	At least one in the area all winter
Sandhill Crane (37)	March 2	Creswell area	TMo	Only sighting of migrants this spring
Sandhill Crane	March 2	Mt Pisgah	LG	Heard calling overhead - same flock?
Sandhill Crane	March 2	Springfield	SM	Heard calling overhead - same flock?
Pacific Golden-Plover	March	FRR - Fisher Butte	M.ob	Wintering at this location
Semipalmated Plover	March 27	FRR - Fisher Butte	JS,VT	The first report for spring migration
Pigeon Guillemot (103)	March 16	Sea Lion Caves	RR	Very large numbers - they breed on the cliffs
Pigeon Guillemot (250)	March 22	Sea Lion Caves	JK	Very large numbers - they breed on the cliffs
Black-legged Kittiwake (600)	March 16	Tokattee Klootchman	RR	Very large numbers reported for a few days
Caspian Tern	March 27	Heceta Beach	TMy	First report for the year
American Bittern	March 20	FRR - Royal Ave	JW	First report for the spring
Osprey	March 9	Dexter	MLS	First report away from wintering areas
Swainson's Hawk	March 17	Springfield	MG	Rare for Lane Co
Rough-legged Hawk	March 7	FRR - Royal Ave	VT	Last report for the winter season
Golden Eagle	March 27	Cantrell Rd	AC	Rare in the valley
Short-eared Owl (4)	March 17	Meadowlark Prairie	JR	A large number
Cliff Swallow	March 14	Delta Ponds	SH	About a week earlier than normal
Pygmy Nuthatch	March 6	Eugene	TC	Last report
Northern Mockingbird	March	SJSR	M.ob	Reported throughout the month
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Chipping Sparrow (2)	March 28	Springfield	SM	A couple days earlier than normal
Orange-crowned Warbler	March 13	FRR - Royal Ave	A&EB	A few days earlier than normal
Common Yellowthroat	March 26	Mill Race, Springfield	BVW	A day earlier than normal

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