

Field Notes: October 2021

Orchard Oriole, Dusky Warbler, Brambling, Snow Bunting

Weather for the month seemed cooler and wetter than normal, but that may have been because of the warmer and drier summer. The “bomb cyclone” that passed offshore during the third week of the month pushed a number of pelagic birds closer in (e.g., shearwaters, fulmars, storm-petrels, etc). Lastly, with the addition of two new species to the Lane list, the species total for Lane is now at 430 species. Lane has had the largest list of any Oregon county for some time!

Abbreviations:

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

GREBES TO VULTURES

Red-necked Grebe	Oct 4	Hills Ck Res.	AC,TJ	An unusual location
Eared Grebe (12)	Oct 5	Dorena Res.	NS	Large number for one Lane location
Vaux's Swift (3)	Oct 25	Lily Lake area	AC, et al	About two weeks later than normal
Red Phalarope	Oct 22	Tokatee-Kloutchman	AC	Normal time for southward migration
Black-legged Kittiwake	Oct 9	NJSR	A&GB	First report for the winter season
Common Tern (12+)	Oct 5	Dorena Res.	NS	Annual at FRR in the fall
Northern Fulmar (3)	Oct 14	Tokatee-Kloutchman	AC,MP	Normal time for southward migration
Short-tailed/Sooty Shearwater	Oct 14	Tokatee-Kloutchman	AC,MP	Hundreds seen moving south
Pink-footed Shearwater	Oct 21	Tokatee-Kloutchman	RR	Uncommon to see from shore
Leach's Storm-Petrel (2)	Oct 27	Tokatee-Kloutchman	AC	Rarely seen from shore in Lane
American White Pelican (35)	Oct 23	Cottage Grove Res.	DB	Larger number than normal
Snowy Egret	Oct 6	FRR	SH	The last report
Turkey Vulture (214)	Oct 5	SW Eugene	SG	Kettles moving south

WOODPECKERS TO TANAGERS

Lewis's Woodpecker	Oct 21	Dorris Ranch	VB,MO	First report from the valley this fall
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Oct 11	Lily Lake area	JK	About two weeks later than normal
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Oct 25	Mt Pisgah	SD	About two weeks later than normal
Northern Shrike	Oct 23	FRR	DF, et al	First for the winter season
Dusky Warbler	Oct 7	Stonefield Beach	AC	First Oregon record
Mountain Bluebird	Oct 26	Sher Khan Rd	NS	Unusual in the valley
American Pipit (150)	Oct 5	Dorena Res.	NS	Normal time of year for large flocks
Brambling	Oct 29	Deadwood area	KB	Fourth record for Lane
Lapland Longspur (2)	Oct 4	FRR - Royal	JS	Never common in the valley
Snow Bunting	Oct 31	FRR - W Royal	LG	Never common in the valley
Brewer's Sparrow	Oct 12	Waite Ranch	AC, TJ	Rare record for the coast
Vesper Sparrow	Oct 25	KR Neilsen Rd	SH	Unusual this late
Swamp Sparrow	Oct 14	Waite Ranch	AC, et al	First report for the winter season
Orchard Oriole	Oct 14	Waite Ranch	MP, AC	First Lane record
Yellow Warbler	Oct 18	Florence	AC, et al	A little later than normal
Palm Warbler (2)	Oct 27	Deflation plain SJSR	JS	Normal location during fall migration
Wilson's Warbler	Oct 19	FRR - W Coyote	RW	About two weeks later than normal
Western Tanager	Oct 21	River Rd area	RH	Last report for the breeding season

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