

Field Notes: November/December 2021

White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll, Lapland Longspur, Brown Thrasher

The weather seemed a little warmer and drier than normal until the cold and snow moved in the last week of the year. Birding, though, didn't seem too unusual, except for the large numbers of White-winged Crossbills and Common Redpolls in the high Cascades. Those species have been reported even earlier some years. Someone has to hike into the high Cascades to find them, which is often difficult or impossible in December.

Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Christmas Bird Count (CBC), Lane Community College (LCC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

GREBES TO STORM-PETRELS

Snow Geese (11)	Nov 21	Cox Butte Rd	RR	Flock in the area for some time
Greater White-fronted Goose (12)	Nov 21	Cox Butte Rd	RR	Rare winter visitor
Trumpeter Swan (8)	Nov 21	Cox Butte Rd	RR	A large number for Lane
Tundra Swan (5)	Nov 21	Cox Butte Rd	RR	Not many reported this year
Cinnamon Teal (6)	Dec 14	West Lake	LW	Known to winter in very small numbers
Eurasian Wigeon	Dec 1	LCC ponds	DA,et al	Same wintering bird as last year?
Redhead (3)	Nov 16	Kirk Pond	NS	Wintering on the pond?
White-winged Scoter (100s)	Nov 23	Heceta Head area	RH	Very large numbers for Lane
Long-tailed Duck	Dec 18	Florence CBC	Fide VT	Singles winter most years
Rufous Hummingbird	Nov 1-11	Creswell area	NS	Very rare winter visitor
Black Oystercatcher (14)	Nov 19	Bob Creek	JS,VB	Very large number for Lane
Black-bellied Plover (150)	Nov 17	FRR	KS,et al	Flocks are known to winter
Dunlin (2583)	Nov 17	FRR	KS,et al	Large flocks can winter
Western Sandpiper	Nov 17	Siltcoos River mouth	TJ&AC	Normally gone by the first of Nov
Red Phalarope	Dec 18	Florence CBC	Fide VT	A few weeks later than normal
Ancient Murrelet (3)	Nov 19	SJSR	JS,VB	Found in very small numbers in winter
Cassin's Auklet (6)	Nov 19	Tokatee Klootchman	JS,VB	Found in very small numbers in winter
Cassin's Auklet (2)	Nov 19	SJSR	JS,VB	Found in very small numbers in winter
Sabine's Gull	Nov 10	Siuslaw River mouth	DF	Not commonly seen from shore
Leach's Storm-Petrel	Nov 9	Tokatee Klootchman	RR	Rarely seen from shore

WOODPECKERS TO TANAGERS

Lewis's Woodpecker	Nov 10	Sher Khan Rd	CT	Late migrant or wintering?
Lewis's Woodpecker	Nov 18	Rest Lawn Mem Park	RH	Very small numbers winter some years
Gyr Falcon	Nov 18	High Pass Rd area	RH	Rare winter visitor to Lane
Prairie Falcon	Nov	Valley	M.ob	Very small numbers winter most years
Say's Phoebe	Dec 2	Edenvale Rd	MJ	Becoming a wintering species
Barn Swallow (5)	Nov 17	Siltcoos River mouth	TJ&AC	Normally gone by the third week of Oct
Brown Thrasher	Dec 5	Hayden Bridge Rd	DAI	Fourth record for Lane
Brambling	Nov 4	Deadwood area	KB	Last day seen
Common Redpoll (2)	Dec 5	Erma Bell Lakes area	CC,CKJ	Rarely found in Lane
White-winged Crossbill (6)	Dec 1	Gold Lake	JS,LJ	Rare visitor to Lane
White-winged Crossbill (168)	Dec 5	Southern Three Sisters	CC,CKJ	An amazing number!
White-winged Crossbill (48)	Dec 18	Otter Lake area	AC,JG	Rare visitor to Lane

Lapland Longspur Nov 2SJSR..... MaRare migrant in Lane
Yellow-headed Blackbird Dec 4 Lehman Dairy..... DFVery small numbers found in wintering
blackbird flocks
Tricolored Blackbird Dec 4 Lehman Dairy..... DFSmall numbers wintering in blackbird
flocks
Orange-crowned Warbler..... Nov-Dec Valley & Coastal..... M.ob.....Being reported in larger numbers than
normal
Palm Warbler Nov 21.....SJSR..... RHRare wintering species
Common Yellowthroat..... Dec 18 Florence CBC..... Fide VTRare wintering species
Black-throated Gray Warbler ... Nov 3.....Alton Baker Park DA,et al.....Normally gone by the third week of Oct
Western Tanager Nov 14.....River Road area RHNormally gone by the middle of Oct

AC Alan Contreras, CC Caleb Centanni, CKJ Courtney Kelly Jett, CT Craig Tumer, DA Dennis Arendt, DAI Donna Albino, DF Daniel Farrar, JG Joshua Galpern, JS John Sullivan, KB Kaki Burruss, KS Kathleen Smith, LJ Laura Johnson, LW Lisa Wallace, Ma Maitreya, MJ Mary Johnson, NS Noah Strycker, RH Rich Hoyer, RR Roger Robb, TJ Tye Jeske, VB Vickie Buck, VT Vjera Thompson. Fide references a sighting reported to the listed observer. M.ob signifies many observers.