Field Notes: January 2022

Brown Booby, Snowy Owl, Western Tanager, Wilson’s Warbler

The weather for the month seemed a little cooler, sunnier, and foggier than normal. In other words, not as cloudy and wet as normal. And, for some reason, I forgot to include the Snowy Owl in last month’s fieldnotes!

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**GESE TO RAPTORS**

Ross’s Goose .................... Jan 16....... Franklin Rd ............SH................. Unusual in the valley
Tundra Swan (800) ............... Jan 26....... Meadowview Road ..AC .............. A large flock
Long-tailed Duck .................. Jan 9........ Mill Race - UO ............JL .............. Rarely found in the winter
Common Goldeneye ............... Jan 1 ........ Franklin Rd ............RR .............. Rare away from large lakes or rivers
Band-tailed Pigeon ............... Jan 22...... Creswell area ..........TMo .............. Rarely found in the winter
Common Loon ..................... Jan 9....... Mt Pisgah area ....Ma .............. Uncommon away from large lakes
Brown Booby ...................... Jan 2........ NSJSR ..............DP .............. Rare; third Lane Co sighting
Snowy Egret ...................... Jan 2 ....... FRR area ..............AK,PR .............. Last report for the area
Green Heron ...................... Jan 1 ....... Alton Baker Park ......JM .............. Winter in small numbers most years
Osprey ........................... Jan ............ Florence area ........M.ob .............. Have wintered in the area for a few years
Red-shouldered Hawk (15) .. Jan 30 ...... Lorane valley ........LG,CS .............. A good area for this species

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**WOODPECKERS TO TANAGERS**

Lewis’s Woodpecker.............. Jan .......... Sher Khan Rd ........M.ob .............. Wintering in the area
Lewis’s Woodpecker.............. Jan 22 ...... Seavey Loop Rd ....SR .............. Only reported that day
Horned Lark ........................ Jan 28...... Oakridge ..............MLS .............. Found last year about the same time
Tree Swallow ..................... Mid-Jan..... FRR/Siuslaw mouth ..M.ob .............. A little earlier than normal
Violet-green Swallow ............. Jan 28....... 30th Ave area ......JG .............. A little over a month early
Barn Swallow ..................... Mid-Jan .... FRR/Siuslaw mouth ..M.ob .............. They normally don’t stay for long
Northern Mockingbird ........... Jan 24 ...... Alton Baker Park ......JJ .............. A few winter here some years
Harris’s Sparrow .................. Jan 14 ...... Oakridge ..............MLS .............. Rare winter visitor
Swamp Sparrow ................... Jan 6 ....... FRR area ..................SH .............. Fewer than normal reports this winter
White-throated Sparrow (9) Jan 12...... River Road area ........RH .............. How many are in Eugene during winter?
Wilson’s Warbler .................. Jan 2 ....... Stewart Pond .........JL .............. Rare wintering species
Orange-crowned Warbler .... Jan .......... Eugene area ........M.ob .............. Much larger numbers than normal
Western Tanager .................. Jan 8 ....... River Road area ........RH .............. Rare wintering species

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Snowy Owl (photo) ............. Dec 7 ...... Elmira .................PM .............. Rare winter visitor

Abbreviations:
- Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR)