

Field Notes: February 2022

Thick-billed Murre, White-winged Scoter, Wilson's Warbler, Rufous Hummingbird

The month was drier than normal and ended with record-setting cold. This may have kept a number of our less hardy birders inside. Some of the early migrants have started to arrive, as usual, with many more to come in the next couple months.

Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Oregon Birds Records Committee (OBRC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSP)

Blue-winged Teal.....	Feb 1	Vaughn Rd.....	SH	Wintering or very early migrant?
White-winged Scoter (1100)	Feb 25	Tokatee Klootchman	RR	Very large flocks still in the area
Surf Scoter (540).....	Feb 25	Tokatee Klootchman	RR	Large flocks still in the area
Clark's Grebe (3).....	Feb 9	SJSR	S&SG	Uncommon at coast
Band-tailed Pigeon.....	Feb 14	Oakridge.....	MLS	Earlier than normal
Rufous Hummingbird.....	Feb 15	Fox Hollow Rd.....	RW.....	Quite a bit earlier than normal
Sandhill Crane (49).....	Feb 18	Springfield	A&DH.....	First report for spring migration
Black-bellied Plover (122).....	Feb 22	Amazon Prairie	RR	Large flocks occur in the winter
Thick-billed Murre.....	Feb 19	Siltcoos beach	JL,NC.....	First Lane record is accepted by OBRC
Rhinoceros Auklet (80)	Feb 19	SJSR	JL,NC.....	Very high numbers
Black-legged Kittiwake (8)	Feb 19	SJSR	JL,NC.....	Still around in good numbers
Black-legged Kittiwake (35)	Feb 25	Tokatee Klootchman	RR	Around in even larger numbers
Northern Fulmar	Feb 19	SJSR	JL,NC.....	Headed north for the breeding season
Snowy Egret.....	Feb 22	FRR.....	MS	Same bird as earlier?
Turkey Vulture.....	Feb 22	Pleasant Hill area	MJ.....	First of the year in that area
Violet-green Swallow	Feb 14	Cantrell Rd.....	JW.....	First spring arrival
American Robin (1000s)	Jan	McKenzie Bridge.....	WL	Feeding on Madrone fruit
Chipping Sparrow.....	Feb 13	KR Neilson Rd.....	DA.....	Wintering or very early migrant?
Swamp Sparrow	Feb 15	Bond Rd.....	VB.....	Few reports this winter
Orange-crowned Warbler	Feb 5	Eugene yard	S&SG	One of many found this winter
Wilson's Warbler.....	Feb 19	Springfield	VB.....	Rare wintering species

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