

Field Notes: March 2022

Ancient Murrelet, Rhinoceros Auklet, Orange-crowned Warbler, Western Tanager

The month seemed a little warmer and drier than normal. By the time you read this, migration should be in full swing, given that some of the early neotropical migrants have already started to arrive. So, get out and enjoy it while you can, and let us know what you're seeing!

Abbreviations:

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

Ross's Goose	Mar 24	Dillard Rd area	RR	Rare wintering species
Black-necked Stilt (2)	Mar 26	FRR - Royal Ave	SH,VB	A few days later than normal
Ancient Murrelet	Mar 11	Tokatee Klootchman ...	RR,DA	Uncommon in Lane Co
Rhinoceros Auklet (20)	Mar 11	Tokatee Klootchman ...	RR,DA	Higher than usual number for this early
Caspian Tern	Mar 19	NJSR	MF	Earlier than normal
Bald Eagle (20)	Mar 28	FRR	SH	High numbers for the area
Purple Martin (4)	Mar 27	FRR - Royal Ave	RF	About a week and a half early
No. Rough-winged Swallow	Mar 24	Alton Baker Park	NS	About a week earlier than normal
Cliff Swallow	Mar 10	FRR - Royal Ave	TL	A couple weeks earlier than normal
Mountain Bluebird	Mar 10	Pleasant Hill area	MJ	Rare visitor to the valley
Evening Grosbeak	Mar 18	Creswell area	NS	A couple weeks earlier than normal
White-winged Crossbill (10)	Mar 18	Gold Lake	CC,CKJ	Still in the area after last fall's "invasion"
Chipping Sparrow	Mar 22	Creswell area	NS	About a week earlier than normal
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Mar 28	FRR - Perkins	SH	A few days earlier than normal
Orange-crowned Warbler (15+)	Mar 26	Skinner Butte	VT,et al	Normal time for good numbers
Common Yellowthroat	Mar 26	Junction City area	CS	Right on time
Black-throated Gray Warbler ...	Mar 26	Skinner Butte	VT,et al	About a week and a half early
Wilson's Warbler	Mar 27	FRR - Royal Ave	RW	A couple weeks earlier than normal
Western Tanager	Feb 27	Hendricks Park area	TJ,JG	Very rare wintering bird
Western Tanager (photo)	Mar 12	Hendricks Park area	JS	Most likely the same bird as above
Orange-crowned Warbler (8+) . wintering	Eugene/Springfield	M.ob		An amazing number *See below

*Kit Larson asked if anyone had this species wintering in their yard; six people said yes. Five were counted in the Eugene CBC, along with one known bird that wasn't seen that day. Two were in Springfield, outside the count area, so this number would be a minimum for the area. An amazing number considering they were very rare in winter just a few years ago!

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