Field Notes: August 2022

Loggerhead Shrike, Long-tailed Jaeger, Grasshopper Sparrow, Ash-throated Flycatcher

The month was warm, dry, and sunny, as is normal for August. The southward migration started and will continue for at least the next couple months. So, now is a good time to be out and about to observe the spectacle, and remember to let us know what you’re seeing. With your help, this list could easily be longer and more inclusive.

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

Greater White-fronted Goose ........Aug 26........ UO area..........................BN ................ Headed south already
Red-breasted Merganser ...............Aug 20........ NJSR..........................A&DH ............ Seem early for this wintering species
Red-necked Grebe ....................Aug 23........ Tokatee Klooktschman......RR .............. Seem early for this wintering species
Eared Grebe ..........................Aug 24........ FRR - Perkins ...................SH .............. Found in small numbers this time of year
Common Nighthawk (3) ...............Aug 10........ Hampton Rd ..................BK .............. Also a good yard bird
Vaux’s Swift (3000) ..................Aug 22........ Agate Hall, UO ..............BC .......... Good numbers for this early
Pacific Golden-Plover ...............Aug 12........ FRR - Royal Ave ..............LG,CS ........ Found in small numbers most falls
Long-billed Curlew ...................Aug 3 ........... Sutton Beach .................DF,MLS.......... Found in very small numbers most falls
Marbled Godwit ......................Aug 13........ NJSR..........................MS .......... They migrate through in small numbers
Ruddy Turnstone .....................Aug 17........ NJSR..........................MS .......... Always an early fall migrant
Baird’s Sandpiper .....................Aug 11........ FRR, Royal Ave .............RR .............. First sighting for the fall migration
Pectoral Sandpiper ...................Aug 9 ............ FRR, Royal Ave .............SH,et al .......... Seems early for this fall migrant
Solitary Sandpiper ...................Aug 1 ............ FRR, Royal Ave .............M.ob ........ Good numbers seen this fall
Wandering Tattler ....................Aug 1 ............ NJSR..........................BW ............. Seems early for this migrant
Long-tailed Jaeger ...................Aug 31 ........... FRR, Royal Ave .............DA,et al ........ Rarely found inland
Black Phoebe ........................Aug 24 ........... Diamond Pk Wilderness ..JP ............. Very high elevation for this valley breeder
Ash-throated Flycatcher .............Aug 10 ........... Sea Lion Caves .............MS .......... Strange location for this rare Lane breeder
Loggerhead Shrike ...................Aug 23 ........... Diamond Pk Wilderness ..JP .......... Unusual migrant for the Lane Cascades
White-breasted Nuthatch .............Aug 9 .......... Uz O area .....................KL .............. Yard 1st in 45 yrs; numbers increasing
Western Bluebird (5 young) ........Aug 21 ........... Westmoreland area .......S&SG .......... Second brood of the year fledged
Grasshopper Sparrow .................Aug 4 ............ FRR - Royal Ave .............RR,DA .......... Fledged young; 1st confirmed breeding
Yellow-breasted Chat .................Aug 12 ........... FRR - Royal Ave .............RF,EB .......... Last sighting for the breeding season