

## Field Notes: September 2022

# Long-eared Owl, Ruff, Acorn Woodpecker, Prairie Falcon

September was mostly warm, with some smoke in the Eugene/Springfield area from the Cedar Creek fire in the Waldo Lake area and dense smoke in the Oakridge area. We got a little precipitation in the latter part of the month. Shorebirding was again good at Fern Ridge Reservoir, as has been the case for a number of years. The neotropical migrants have started heading south, now that the breeding season is over. Our wintering species have begun arriving.

### Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

Cackling Geese	.....Sept 29	..... Florence area	.....TJ,et al	..... Large flocks moving south along the coast
Western/Clark's Grebe	.....Sept 8	..... FRR	.....JM	..... Displaying/Dancing
Ruff	.....Sept 8	..... FRR - Fisher Butte	.....DG	..... Almost annual in the fall
Ruff	.....Sept 10	..... FRR - Royal Ave	.....VT,RF	..... Same bird as above?
Ruff	.....Sept 21	..... FRR - Royal Ave	.....JS,et al	..... Same bird as above?
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	.....Sept 11	..... FRR - Fisher Butte	.....DG	..... Almost annual in the fall
Stilt Sandpiper	.....Sept 2	..... FRR - Royal Ave	.....JS	..... Found every few years
Sabine's Gull	.....Sept 5	..... FRR	.....AP	..... Almost annual at this location
Snowy Egret	.....Sept 12	..... Florence area	.....SH	..... Becoming more common in the fall
Turkey Vulture (70)	.....Sept 22	..... Creswell area	.....NS	..... Migrating south
Long-eared Owl	.....Sept 26	..... Scott Lake area	.....DF,RF	..... Rarely found in Lane
Lewis's Woodpecker	.....Sept 7	..... Diamond Peak area	.....JP	..... Not uncommon in the high Cascades in fall
Acorn Woodpecker	.....Sept 23	..... SJSR	.....LW	..... Very unusual location for this species
Prairie Falcon	.....Sept 13	..... FRR	.....TG-T,TM	..... Very early for this wintering species
Say's Phoebe	.....Sept 17	..... FRR - Royal Ave	.....JS	..... First report for the "winter"
Cassin's Vireo	.....Sept 21	..... Springfield	.....MG	..... Last sighting for the breeding season
Clay-colored Sparrow	.....Sept 29	..... Baker Beach access	.....AC,et al	..... Found in small numbers most falls
Golden-crowned Sparrow	.....Sept 18	..... Vida area	.....PA	..... First report for the "winter"

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