

Field Notes: March 2023

Sandhill Crane, Palm Warbler, Golden Eagle, Black-legged Kittiwake

Well, what can we say about the month, except it's been cooler than normal and wet! That wet included snow at least twice during the month, depending on where you live. In SE Eugene, we had about an inch of hail on our deck toward the end of the month. Some of the early migrants started showing up and some of the wintering species started leaving, as is typical for March. Normally, April is when the flood gates open up for migrants, so study up on your identification skills, both by sight and song!

Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

Cinnamon Teal	.....Mar 16	..... Meadowlark Prairie	.....RMH	.....	A little later than normal for the valley
Long-tailed Duck	.....Mar 16	..... Tokatee Klootchman	.....SM,LP	.....	So far, the only sighting for this year
Sandhill Crane (3)	.....Mar 17	..... FRR	.....JM,TG	.....	Rare in the area, even during migration
Semipalmated Plover	.....Mar 25	..... FRR	.....DGa	.....	First report for spring migration
Western Sandpiper (5)	.....Mar 18	..... FRR	.....JS	.....	First report for spring migration
Golden Eagle	.....Mar 18	..... Leaburg Lake	.....CM	.....	Rarely found here, away from the valley
Swainson's Hawk	.....Mar 9	..... Junction City area	.....MP	.....	Last report for this rare wintering bird
Rough-legged Hawk	.....Mar 19	..... Eugene airport area	.....BG	.....	Last report for the winter
Black-legged Kittiwake (250+)	.....Mar 7	..... Tokatee Klootchman	.....RR	.....	Very high number to be seen from shore
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	.....Mar 17	..... Florence	.....JS,NB	.....	Last report for this rare wintering bird
Mountain Chickadee	.....Mar	..... Oakridge	.....MLS	.....	Has been a regular at her feeder
No. Rough-winged Swallow	.....Mar 18	..... Cougar Reservoir	.....SH,DP	.....	A couple weeks earlier than normal
Winter Wren	.....Mar 12	..... Skinner Butte	.....VT,LP	.....	Last report, but maybe no one's looking
Western Bluebird (pair)	.....Mar 22	..... North Eugene area	.....B&DG	.....	Back checking out nest boxes
Red Crossbill	.....Mid-Mar	..... Willamette Valley	.....M.ob	.....	Starting to be reported in the area
Pine Siskin	.....Mar	..... Willamette Valley	.....M.ob	.....	Small numbers being reported
Chipping SparrowMar 27 McKenzie BridgeVB	A little earlier than normal
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Harris's SparrowMar 4 River Rd areaTG	The last report for this species
Swamp Sparrow (2)Mar 22 Creswell areaNS	Only report for the month
Orchard Oriole	.....Mar 9	..... Florence	.....BT,AB	.....	The last report for this rare species
Common Yellowthroat	.....Mar 29	..... FRR	.....AO	.....	First report for the breeding season
Common Yellowthroat	.....Mar 30	..... Springfield mill race	.....VT	.....	Reported sporadically this winter
Palm Warbler	.....Mar 3	..... Alton Baker Park	.....RR	.....	Rarely found inland
Palm Warbler	.....Mar 11	..... Alton Baker Park	.....M.ob	.....	Last date it was seen
Hermit Warbler	.....Mar 24	..... Creswell area	.....NS	.....	Rarely found during the winter
Hermit Warbler (photo)	.....Mar 27	..... SE Eugene	.....PC	.....	Rarely found during the winter
Western Tanager	.....Mar 1	..... College Hill area	.....JM	.....	Rare late winter sighting

Late Report

Snow Goose (200+).....Feb 16..... Coburg areaRB..... A very large flock for Lane Co

AB Aaron Beerman, AO Andy Orenstein, B&DG Barbara & Dan Gleason, BT Bill Tice, CM Craig Miller, DGa David Gallagher, DP Diane Pettey, JM Jasper Meekes, JS John Sullivan, KL Kai Lindland, LP Lalla Pudewell, MLS Mary Lee Sayre, MP Magnus Persmark, NB Neil Bjorkland, NS Noah Strycker, PC Patrick Chinn, RB Robin Bloomgarden, RMH Ricardo Martinez Hernandez, RR Roger Robb, SH Sally Hill, SM Sylvia Maulding, TG Tim Griffith, VB Vickie Buck, VT Vjera Thompson. M.ob signified many observers.