

## Field Notes: April/May 2023

# Oriole, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Ruff, Red-naped Sapsucker

Oddly, we went from winter to mid-summer, before settling into spring this year—quite the rollercoaster ride these past two months! Migration seemed a little later, but that could be caused by the cool, wet weather early on. That weather was most likely the reason for some east-side and high-elevation species found in larger numbers than normal.

### Abbreviations:

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

Ross's Goose.....	April 11.....	C&M Stables .....	DP .....	Later than normal for this species
Tundra Swan.....	May 13.....	Alvadore Rd.....	SH .....	Later than normal for this species
Trumpeter Swan .....	April 28.....	Walterville Res.....	VB .....	Neck collar from Summer Lake refuge
Harlequin Duck.....	April 28.....	Belknap Hot Springs .....	PT .....	Reported from that area in the past
Sandhill Crane (2) .....	April 22.....	Gold Lake.....	GM .....	They have nested in marshes in Cascades
Ruddy Turnstone.....	May 2.....	Heceta Beach.....	JS .....	Small numbers can be found in migration
Red Knot .....	April 25.....	Heceta Beach.....	SH,VB .....	Small numbers can be found in migration
Ruff.....	April 9.....	Bond Rd.....	NP .....	Rare in the spring
Wilson's Phalarope (2).....	May 3.....	Creswell.....	NSr.....	Arriving for the breeding season
Wilson's Phalarope .....	May 3.....	Meadowlark Prairie.....	LG,CS .....	Arriving for the breeding season
Solitary Sandpiper .....	April 28.....	Meadowlark Prairie.....	SH .....	Found in small numbers during migration
Forster's Tern .....	May 12.....	FRR.....	NB.....	They have bred here in the past
Snowy Egret.....	April 8.....	FRR - Royal Ave.....	AS .....	Uncommon during the spring
Great Egret (26).....	May 13.....	Meadowlark Prairie.....	SH .....	Numerous - where are they breeding?
Great Egret (20).....	April 30.....	Coyote South .....	SH .....	Numerous - where are they breeding?
Swainson's Hawk.....	April 12.....	Airport area.....	DA.....	Very small numbers seen during spring
Rough-legged Hawk.....	April 13.....	Meadowlark Prairie.....	BP .....	Last sighting for the winter
Great Gray Owl.....	May 7.....	Lane Cascades.....	HF .....	An area where they've been found before
Calliope Hummingbird.....	April/May.....	Eugene/Springfield.....	M.ob.....	More reports than normal
Red-naped Sapsucker (photos).....	April 23.....	Skinner Butte .....	JH.....	Rare for the valley
Lewis's Woodpecker.....	April/May.....	Eugene/Springfield.....	M.ob.....	More reports than normal
Gray Flycatcher.....	April/May.....	Eugene/Springfield.....	M.ob.....	More reports than normal
Ash-throated Flycatcher .....	May.....	Eugene/Springfield.....	M.ob.....	More reports than normal
Western Kingbird .....	April 28.....	Big Ck & Highway101 .....	NSz .....	Unusual along the coast
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher .....	May.....	Mt. Pisgah .....	M.ob.....	Back for another breeding season
Western Bluebird .....	April 27.....	Westmoreland area .....	S&SG .....	Nesting in backyard again this year
Mountain Bluebird.....	April 10.....	KR Nielsen Rd.....	PO,VJ .....	Unusual for the valley
Mountain Bluebird.....	April 11.....	Amazon Park.....	RF .....	Unusual for the valley
Swainson's Thrush (8).....	April 30.....	River Rd area.....	RH.....	Recorded flying overhead - early
Pine Siskin .....	April 23.....	Oakridge.....	MLS .....	Very few reported this spring
Brewer's Sparrow.....	April 8.....	River Rd area.....	RH.....	Very uncommon in the spring
Brewer's Sparrow.....	April 12.....	River Rd area.....	RH.....	A second bird
Grasshopper Sparrow.....	May 8.....	FRR.....	DF .....	First report from the breeding season
Lark Sparrow.....	May 3.....	Westlake .....	JS,LJ .....	Uncommon for Lane
Lark Sparrow.....	May 15.....	Mt Pisgah .....	GH .....	Uncommon for Lane
Lark Sparrow.....	May 18.....	Hills Creek dam .....	DF .....	Uncommon for Lane
Western Meadowlark.....	April 12.....	River Rd area.....	RH.....	Very unusual location for this species
Hooded Oriole (photo) .....	May 8.....	Eugene.....	TC .....	Rare for Lane
Yellow-headed Blackbird (2) .....	April 24.....	Oakridge.....	MLS .....	Rare for the area
Palm Warbler .....	April 16.....	Alton Baker Park.....	JS .....	The same bird as last month?
Palm Warbler .....	April 29.....	Mt Pisgah .....	RF .....	Unusual for spring and inland Lane
Palm Warbler .....	April 30.....	SJSR Crab Dock.....	TJ,JG .....	Unusual for spring
Yellow-rumped Warbler (40+) .....	April 17.....	Springfield.....	RR .....	Very large numbers at the feeders
Western Tanager .....	April 9.....	North Eugene.....	DG .....	A very early report for this species

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