

## Field Notes: June/July 2023

# Tufted Puffin, Marbled Godwit, Willet, Ovenbird

The season seemed fairly normal, with a couple of very warm days. The breeding season, however, seemed condensed this year. It could have been caused by the cool wet spring turning to hot summer so quickly. A few unusual birds showed up, which isn't out of the norm. See the sightings below for details.

### Abbreviations:

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

Blue-winged Teal	June 12	Meadowlark Prairie	VT	Female w/downy young
Northern Shoveler	June 12	Danebo Pond	VT	Female w/downy young
Sandhill Crane	July 18	McKenzie Bridge area	VH,et al	Rare summer sighting in low Cascades
Marbled Godwit	July 4	FRR	RR	Never common in the valley
Semipalmated Sandpiper	July 9	FRR	KY	First report for the fall migration
Wandering Tattler	July 11	NJSR	LH	First report for the fall migration
Willet	July 8	NJSR	LP,SM	Rare in Lane Co
Tufted Puffin	June 26	Devils Elbow SP	DM	Former breeding location
Tufted Puffin	June 28	Strawberry Hill	NS	Rarely seen in Lane Co any longer
Tufted Puffin	July 20	NJSR	RR	Rarely seen in Lane Co any longer
Bonaparte's Gull	June 29	FRR	LP,BR	Uncommon inland in Lane Co
Heermann's Gull	June 29	SJSR	NS	First sighting for the fall
Common Tern	July 21	Siltcoos River mouth	DD	Small numbers are seen from shore
American White Pelican	June 20	June Mountain	NS	Very unusual location – flying overhead
Least Flycatcher	May 29	Mt Pisgah	NS	Fifth record for Lane Co
Say's Phoebe	June 30	FRR	RR	Rare summer sighting
Ash-throated Flycatcher	May 19	Creswell area	JGr	Breeding habitat – did it breed?
Purple Martin	June 11	N Eugene	RH	Second report of nesting in a cell tower
Bank Swallow	July 2	Walterville Reservoir	VB	Very unusual location
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	June 8	Mt Pisgah	AH	Very late sighting from the valley
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	June 28	Hills Creek R eservoir	A&TM	Rare this low in Cascades in summer
Rock Wren	June 17	Cougar Dam	JS,LJ	Breed in small numbers in the Cascades
Western Bluebird – 6 young	May 25	Westmoreland area	SG	Fledged from nest box in backyard
Brewer's Sparrow	July 15	FRR	JGn,TJ	Occasionally found in the fall in the valley
Vesper Sparrow	June 30	FRR	RR	Only possible nesting in Lane this year
Lark Sparrow	June 8	Siltcoos River mouth	LH	A late spring "overshoot"?
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	May 29	South Sister	JM	Only reliable location in Lane Co
Grasshopper Sparrow	June 21	FRR	DA,et al	The normal breeding location
Ovenbird (photos)	June 15	Salt Creek Falls area	JN	Fourth record for Lane Co
Summer Tanager	June 27	Bohemia Mtn area	SH,VB	Fourth record for Lane Co
Summer Tanager (photos)	July 9	W Eugene	HK,NC	Fifth record for Lane Co – same bird?
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	May 21	Cottage Grove area	Fide MS	Normal time of year for this rare migrant
Indigo Bunting	June 1	Skinner Butte	RF	Rare but almost annual in Lane Co

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