

Field Notes: August 2023

Black-necked Stilt, Long-billed Curlew, Hudsonian Godwit, Whimbrel

A warm, dry month, as is normal, but this seemed warmer and drier than our usual. Migration was just getting under way, especially with shorebirds and a few early migrants.

Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

Black-necked Stilt (2)	Aug 18	FRR	SA,HS	Unusual fall migrant
American Avocet	Aug 18	FRR	SA,HS	Unusual fall migrant – 5 the next day
Whimbrel	Aug 31	FRR	RR	Unusual away from the coast
Long-billed Curlew	Aug 19	Heceta Beach	DF,RF	Uncommon on the beach
Hudsonian Godwit (photos)	Aug 5	FRR	TJ,JG	Rare in OR; nearly annual last few years
Ruddy Turnstone	Aug 15	Siltcoos River mouth	DW	Small numbers found in early migration
Solitary Sandpiper	Aug 10	Danebo Pond	VT	More common during spring migration
Baird's Sandpiper	Aug 6	FRR	DA,RR	First report for fall migration
Wilson's Phalarope	Aug 2	FRR	M.ob	The last report for the season
Red-necked Phalarope	Aug 8	FRR	DG	More common along the coast
Sabine's Gull	Aug 18	Heceta Beach	TJ,JG	Small numbers seen during migration
Common Tern	Aug 19	FRR	DF,RF	Small numbers seen during migration
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Aug 1	FRR	VB	Smaller numbers than normal reported
White-faced Ibis (31)	Aug 28	Delta Ponds	RM	Normally seen during spring migration
Lewis's Woodpecker	Aug 20	Blanton Ridge	NC,EC	Earlier than normal
Merlin	Aug 22	Pleasant Hill area	JC	Quite early for this wintering species
Western Kingbird	Aug 12	Benson Rd	BB	Last report – they migrate early
Horned Lark	Aug 17	FRR	JS	Earlier than normal
House Wren	Aug 13	FRR	SH	Last report – early migrants?
Vesper Sparrow	Aug 20	FRR	BK,EK	They appear to have bred here this year
Bullock's Oriole	Aug 12	Wayne Morse Park	VT,LP	Last report – they migrate early

BB Brian Broderick, BK Billi Krochuk, DA Dennis Arendt, DF Daniel Farrar, DG David Gallagher, DW Doyle Wilson, EC Ellen Cantor, EK Ethan Kistler, HS Hal Sadofsky, JC Jenna Curtis, JG Joshua Galpern, JS John Sullivan, LP Lalla Pudewell, NC Nancy Clogston, RF Rachael Friese, RM Rooze McKelvey, RR Roger Robb, SA Sue Armstrong, SH Sean Haight, TJ Tye Jeske, VB Vickie Buck, VT Vjera Thompson. M.ob. signifies many observers.