

## Field Notes: September 2023

# Broad-winged Hawk, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Rock Wren, Brown Pelican, Turkey Vulture

It was a warm and dry month until the last few days when we got some much-needed rain. As is normal for this time of the year, our wintering species have started to show up. This includes large numbers of waterfowl and some of the species of sparrows (Fox, Golden-crowned, and White-throated), plus many other species.

### Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

White-fronted Goose	Sept 5	S	Eugene	WL	First report for the fall migration
White-fronted Goose	Sept 20		Eugene	M.ob.	Flocks reported all around town
Cackling Goose	Sept 20		Eugene	VT,RH	Flocks heard flying over – earlier than normal
American Avocet (5)	Sept 7		FRR	DG	Not common in the fall
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Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (2)	Sept 28		FRR	HK,M	Rare fall migrant
Sabine's Gull	Sept 23		FRR	NS	Not common inland
Brown Pelican (1203)	Sept 28		Tokatee Klootchman	RR	An amazing number moving south
Turkey Vulture (675)	Sept 30		Skinner Butte	NS	An amazing number moving south
Broad-winged Hawk	Sept 30		Skinner Butte	NS	Would be first Lane record if OBRC accepts it
Pygmy Nuthatch	Sept 19		W Eugene	VT	About the sixth record for Lane
Rock Wren	Sept 27		Lowell Butte	JS,LJ	Getting late for this uncommon breeder
Palm Warbler	Sept 14		SJSR	AC,et al	Earlier than normal
Palm Warbler	Sept 30		FRR	NS	Unusual inland
Western Tanager	Sept 29		River Rd area	LM	Enjoying grapes & suet – getting late

AC Alan Contreras, DA Dennis Arendt, DG David Gallagher, HK Holly Knight, JS John Sullivan, LJ Laura Johnson, LM Libbie Marshall, M Maitreya, NS Noah Strycker, RH Rick Hoyer, RR Roger Robb, VT Vjera Thompson, WL Whitey Lueck. M.ob. signifies many observers.