

Field Notes: January 2024

Brown Booby, Pine Grosbeak, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Black-headed Grosbeak, Mountain Chickadee

What can we say about the month! It started off normally—rainy and cool. Then our freezing rain event brought everything to a standstill for about a week in the middle of the month. After that, the weather was warmer and drier. It will be interesting to see what effect the ice had on some of the less hardy wintering species. One that comes to mind is Black Phoebe. After the last ice storm their numbers dropped substantially, but rebounded fairly quickly over the next couple of years.

Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR)

Brant	Jan 19	FRR – Royal Ave	KD	Rarely found away from the coast
Costa's Hummingbird	Jan	Chambers St area	M.ob.	Still around after showing up in late Dec
Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird	Jan 29	River Road area	TM	A rare Jan record
Glaucous Gull	Jan 11	NJSR	AC,DP	Winters in small numbers along coast
Brown Booby	Jan 11	Siltcoos River mouth	LH	Fourth report for Lane Co.
Brown Pelican	Jan 16	Strawberry Hill	LL	Very late sighting
Snowy Egret	Jan	FRR area	M.ob.	Still being found – wintering
Green Heron	Jan	Willamette Valley	M.ob.	Small numbers winter some years
Osprey	Jan	Coast & Valley	M.ob.	Small numbers winter – especially on coast
Golden Eagle	Jan 5-10	Junction City area	M.ob.	Occasionally found during the winter
Short-tailed Shearwater	Jan 11	Strawberry Hill	AC,DP	Small numbers found along coast in winter
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	Jan 11	NJSR	AC,DP	Rarely seen from shore
Canada Jay	Jan 16	Westmoreland area	NB	Not normally found in the valley
Tree Swallow	Jan	Coast & Valley	M.ob.	Still being found in small numbers
Barn Swallow	Jan	Coast & Valley	M.ob.	Still being found in small numbers
Mountain Chickadee	Jan 17	Glen Oak Park	M.ob.	Normally only found in the high Cascades
Pygmy Nuthatch	Jan 15	Glen Oak Park	TJ,M.ob.	Small numbers in W Oregon fall/winter
Pine Grosbeak	Jan 14	Hendricks Park area	JG	Rarely found in Lane, especially in the Valley
Chipping Sparrow	Jan 14	Springfield	SM	Rare wintering species
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Jan 27	KR Nielsen Rd.	SH	Rare wintering species
Tricolored Blackbird	Jan 27	KR Nielsen Rd.	SH	Rare wintering species
Orange-crowned Warbler	Jan	Eugene/Springfield	M.ob.	Small numbers winter most years
Common Yellowthroat (photo)	Jan 5	Alton Baker Park	SD	Rare wintering species
Western Tanager	Jan 31	UofO area	BN	Same bird as seen in Dec?
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Jan 1 & 11	Lost Creek area	RP	Rare wintering species! Photo
Black-headed Grosbeak	Jan 15 & 16	Cottage Grove area	SS	Rare wintering species! Photo

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