

Field Notes: February 2024

Great Gray Owl, Costa's Hummingbird, Brown Pelican, Osprey, Swamp Sparrow

After the ice storm last month, February seemed normal. Several of the wintering species were around this month, so they seemed to have survived the ice storm. Some of the early breeding species (Hutton's Vireo, Pacific Wren, Song Sparrow, Spotted Towhee, etc.) have started singing (which is normal), so spring can't be too far off.

Abbreviations:

Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

Costa's Hummingbird	Feb	Chambers St area	M.ob.	Still being seen
Brown Pelican	Feb	Lane coast	M.ob.	Normally not around this time of year
Snowy Egret	Feb	FRR	M.ob.	Still being seen
Osprey	Feb 19	Alton Baker	RG	Rarely found in the area during winter
Osprey	Feb	Lane coast	M.ob.	Small numbers now winter in the area
Golden Eagle	Feb	Junction City area	M.ob.	Reported a couple times this month
Great Gray Owl	Feb 19	S of Eugene	RF	Very rare in the valley foothills
Prairie Falcon	Feb 20	Washburn Ln	FT	Small numbers winter in the valley
Mountain Chickadee	Feb	Eugene/Oakridge	M.ob.	Small numbers are being reported
Swamp Sparrow	Feb 1	FRR - Royal Ave	SH	Only report for the month
Spotted Towhee	Feb 6	Armitage Rd area	JO	All white - albino/leucistic
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Feb 3	FRR - Fisher Butte	JJ,KT-J	Still being seen in the area
Bullock's Oriole	Feb 5	Florence	LW	They have wintered in the past
Tricolored Blackbird	Feb 3	FRR - Fisher Butte	SQ, PR	Rarely winter away from dairies
Brown-headed Cowbird (25)	Feb 20	Creswell area	NS	In large blackbird flock at local dairy
Western Tanager	Feb 1	U of O area	BN	Still being seen at feeder
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Feb 7	Lost Creek Rd area	RP	Still being seen at feeder
Black-headed Grosbeak	Feb 11	Cottage Grove area	SS	Still being seen at feeder

BN Bruce Newhouse, FT Forest Tomlinson, JJ Jacob Jones, JO Joan Ojerio, KT-J Kellum Tate-Jones, LW Lisa Wallace, NS Noah Strycker, PR Paul Reed, RF Rachael Friese, RG Rachel Glaeser, RP Ritch Pope, SH Sally Hill, SQ Samantha Queeno, SS Susan Sheppard, M.ob. signifies many observers.