

Field Notes: August 2024

Manx's Shearwater, Leach's Storm-Petrel, Mute Swan, Long-billed Curlew, Horned Puffin

This was a very different August weather-wise, with a cool period and thunderstorms toward the end of the month and a hot spell at the very end. August is always a quiet month. With the breeding season over, the fields and forests don't resound with bird song as they did in the previous few months. But as birds start to move away from their breeding grounds, you are never sure what you might find while birding. Also, it's the start of fall migration, especially for birds that breed in the far north. Consequently, the coast and inland mudflats can host quite a diversity.

Abbreviations:

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

Mute Swan	.....Aug	.....FRR - Royal Ave	.....M.ob.	.....Rarely seen in Lane Co
Red-necked Grebe	.....Aug 3	.....NJSR	.....LH	.....Many more reports; earlier than normal
Black Swift (2)	.....Aug 25	.....NJSR	.....SH,DP	.....Rarely found in fall, especially at the coast
Calliope Hummingbird	.....Aug 17	.....Creswell	.....CC,MG	.....Rarely found in the valley except for spring
Sandhill Crane	.....Aug 6	.....FRR	.....SMa	.....Rarely found in the valley except for spring
Sandhill Crane (4)	.....Aug 18	.....Quaking Aspen swamp	.....KK	.....Appear to be breeding at this location
American Golden-Plover	.....Aug 13	.....FRR - Royal Ave	.....RR,DA	.....Found in small numbers most fall migrations
Pacific Golden-Plover	.....Aug 6	.....FRR - Royal Ave	.....SD	.....Found in small numbers most fall migrations
Long-billed Curlew (2)	.....Aug 18	.....NJSR	.....CS,MC	.....Rare migrant to the coast
Marbled Godwit	.....Aug 1	.....SJSR	.....RS	.....Small numbers found during migration
Red Phalarope (20)	.....Aug 21	.....Ocean Beach SP	.....MP	.....Very early for this species
Willet	.....Aug 1	.....SJSR	.....RS	.....Small numbers found during migration
Ruddy Turnstone	.....Aug 2	.....SJSR	.....JB	.....Small numbers found during fall migration
Red Knot	.....Aug 22	.....FRR - W Coyote	.....NS	.....Small numbers found during migration
Surfbird	.....Aug 17	.....Heceta Head	.....SH,DP	.....Earlier than normal
Baird's Sandpiper	.....Aug 23	.....FRR - Royal Ave	.....RR	.....Small numbers found during migration
Horned Puffin	.....Aug 12	.....NJSR	.....DP,SH	.....Less than fifteen records for Lane Co
Cassin's Auklet	.....Aug 15	.....Tokatee Klootchman	.....TJ,et.al.	.....Earlier than normal
Short-billed Gull	.....Aug 15	.....NJSR	.....TJ,et.al.	.....Earlier than normal
Common Tern (23)	.....Aug 31	.....FRR - Perkins Pen.	.....AC	.....Normally occur this time of the year
Leach's Storm-Petrel	.....Aug 17	.....Siltcoos River beach	.....LH	.....Very rare from land
Sooty Shearwater	.....Aug 12	.....NJSR	.....DP,SH	.....Earlier than normal
Manx's Shearwater	.....Aug 9	.....Bray Point	.....NS	.....About the third report for Lane Co
White-faced Ibis (18)	.....Aug 2	.....Westmoreland area	.....SG	.....Flying over headed NW
White-faced Ibis	.....Aug 6	.....FRR - Royal Ave	.....SD	.....Around most of the month
Gray Flycatcher	.....Aug 29	.....Sutton Campground	.....LH	.....Rarely found along the coast
Horned Lark	.....Aug 23	.....FRR - Royal Ave	.....JS	.....Earlier than normal
Bank Swallow	.....Aug 13	.....FRR - Royal Ave	.....DA,RR	.....Small numbers found in the fall
American Pipit	.....Aug 3	.....FRR - Royal Ave	.....SMe	.....Earlier than normal
Lark Sparrow	.....Aug 10	.....Heceta Head	.....DAI	.....Rarely found along the coast
Lark SparrowAug 24SJSRSH,DPRarely found along the coast
Great-tailed GrackleAug 3FRR - Royal AveMPLast report of this bird

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