

Field Notes: June/July 2024

Kentucky Warbler, American Avocet, Great-tailed Grackle, Calliope Hummingbird, Golden Eagle

We set a record for the number of consecutive days with temperatures higher than 100 degrees: five. The previous record of four days was set in the 1940s. July was the typical “dog days of summer,” when birds quiet down after the breeding frenzy. At this writing, it’s looking like another hot spell is coming at the start of August. Meanwhile, some of the arctic-breeding birds started to trickle in, with more on their way. By the time you read this, that trickle will have become a stream or a river!

Abbreviations:

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

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| Common Nighthawk | June/July | Eugene/Springfield | M.ob. | More numerous than a few years ago |
| Calliope Hummingbird | June/July | Cascades | M.ob. | Three reports – more than normal |
| Calliope Hummingbird | July 24 | River Rd area | TG | Very rare summer report for the valley |
| Black-necked Stilt | June/July | FRR – Royal Ave | M.ob. | Didn’t hear of any breeding this year |
| American Avocet | June 24 | Danebo Pond | VT | A first for this location |
| American Avocet | July 26 | FRR – Fisher Butte | HS | Post-breeding dispersal? |
| Pacific Golden-Plover | July 26 | FRR – Fisher Butte | HS | Never common inland |
| Whimbrel | July | FRR – Fisher Butte | M.ob. | Unusual inland reports |
| Parasitic Jaeger (3) | June 3 | NJSR | LH | Non-breeding or post-breeding birds? |
| Tufted Puffin | June/July | Heceta Head area | M.ob. | Breeding again in the area? |
| Forster’s Tern | June 25 | FRR – Perkins Pen | SH | Unusual in Lane Co |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | June 25 | FRR – Fisher Butte | VB | First report for the post-breeding season |
| Golden Eagle | June 20 | Delta Ponds | CT | Rare for the valley during breeding season |
| Lewis’s Woodpecker | June 12 | Bloomberg Park | NC, HK | Rare for Lane Co during breeding season |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | June 7 | Suzanne Arlie Park | JT, LG | They have summered at Mt Pisgah |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | June 1 | Mt Pisgah | FT | They have summered in the past |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | July 1 | Tokatee Golf Club | CM | First report away from the valley |
| Red-eyed Vireo | July 23 | Elijah Bristow SP | JH | Breeding location, but no recent reports |
| Bank Swallow | June 2 | McKenzie River | JCG | Breeding colony, below Hendricks Bridge |
| Rock Wren | June/July | Cascades | M.ob. | Breed in small numbers in proper habitat |
| Mountain Bluebird | July 3 | Helena Saddle | NC, LP | Breed in small numbers in proper habitat |
| Mountain Bluebird | July 23 | Old McKenzie Pass | NC, VB | Breed in small numbers in proper habitat |
| Brewer’s Sparrow | July 8 | FRR – Royal Ave | PT | Rare in Lane Co |
| Great-tailed Grackle ♀ | June 20 | FRR – Royal Ave | NS | Rare – seen throughout the summer |
| Kentucky Warbler | July 8 | Heceta Head SP | SH | First record for Lane Co |
| Indigo Bunting | June | Mt. Pisgah | M.ob. | The species has summered in the past |

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