Field Notes: September 2017

Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Rose-throated Pipit, Pigeon Guillemot, Parasitic Jaeger

We finally got some significant rain during the month; otherwise it was warm and sunny. Migration was in full swing, as is normal, with some birds arriving from the north for the winter and others heading south for warmer climes.

**Abbreviations:** Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), North Fork of the Siuslaw River (NFSR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR)

**WATERBIRDS**

Cackling Goose .................................... Sept 13 .......... Eugene ......................... SMc ................. First report for the winter season - early
Common Goldeneye .......................... Sept 23 .......... Eugene ......................... JM ................. First report for the winter season - early

**VULTURES TO GULLS**

Turkey Vulture (117) .......................... Sept 22 .......... Creswell area .................. NS ....................... Moving south - a 10 min count!
American Golden-Plover .................... Sept 22 .......... FRR - HQ pond ................ JS ....................... Found most years in small numbers
American Avocet .............................. Sept 3 .......... NFSR mouth .................. JS ....................... Rare away from FRR
American Avocet (3) .......................... Sept 10 .......... NFSR mouth .................. AC,et.al ........ Rare away from FRR
American Avocet .............................. Sept 30 .......... FRR ......................... JS ....................... A late sighting
Long-billed Curlew .......................... Sept 22 .......... FRR ......................... SH ....................... Annual in small numbers during migration
Marbled Godwit (9) .......................... Sept 4 .......... FRR - HQ pond ............ JS ....................... A very large number for inland Lane Co.
Red Knot (2) ................................. Sept 3 .......... NFSR mouth .................. JS ....................... Seen in small numbers during migration
Dunlin ........................................... Sept 22 .......... FRR ......................... JS ....................... First report for the winter season
Ruff ............................................. Sept 1 .......... SJSR deflation plain ........ JS ....................... Rare, but regular migrant in the county
Wilson’s Phalarope .......................... Sept 21 .......... FRR ......................... KP ....................... One of only a handful of reports from Sept
Sabine’s Gull ................................ Sept 9 .......... FRR ......................... SH ....................... Rare, but regular migrant in the county at FRR
Franklin’s Gull ................................ Aug 30 .......... Siltcoos Beach ............... DF ....................... Rare, but regular migrant in the county
Common Tern .................................. Sept 14 .......... FRR ......................... RR,JS ................. Rare, but regular migrant in the county at FRR
Common Tern (16) ............................ Sept 16 .......... NJSR ......................... AC,et.al ........ Rare, but regular migrant in the county at FRR
Common Tern .................................. Sept 24 .......... McKenzie River area .... JK ....................... Rare, but regular migrant in the county at FRR
Forster’s Tern ................................ Sept 16 .......... SJSR - crab dock/pier .... AC,DF ................. Rare in migration
Parasitic Jaeger ............................. Sept 22 .......... FRR ......................... JS ....................... Rare away from the coast
Pigeon Guillemot (3) ........................ Sept 16 .......... NJSR ......................... AC,et.al ........ Not usually reported this time of year

**WOODPECKERS TO BLACKBIRDS**

Lewis’s Woodpecker (3) .................... Sept 17 .......... Mt Pisgah ..................... JSi .................... Rare, but regular during the fall migration
Western Wood-Pewee ........................ Sept 20 .......... Skinner Butte ................. LM,et.al ............. Last report for the breeding season
Willow Flycatcher ................................. Sept 7 .......... Eugene ....................... EC ....................... Last report for the breeding season
Hammond’s Flycatcher ........................ Sept 6 .......... FRR - Jeans Rd .............. LM,et.al ............. Last report for the breeding season
Gray Jay (3) .................................. Sept 18 .......... south hills of Eugene ...... RF ....................... Sporadic reports from the area
Varied Thrush ................................ Sept 18 .......... Creswell ......................... NS ....................... First report for the valley for the winter season
Red-throated Pipit (probable) ................ Sept 26 .......... Siltcoos River mouth ..... AC ....................... Only one record for Lane Co.
Lapland Longspur .......................... Sept 19 .......... Baker Beach .................. LG ....................... Annual along the coast in the fall
Lapland Longspur .......................... Sept 24 .......... Siltcoos River mouth .... WW,CH ............... Annual along the coast in the fall
MacGillivray’s Warbler .................... Sept 8 .......... Creswell area .................. TMi ....................... Last report for the breeding season
Townsend’s Warbler ........................ Sept 15 .......... South Eugene ............... BG ....................... First report for the valley for the season
Yellow-breasted Chat .................................. Sept 6 .......... FRR - Jeans Rd......................... LM,et.al. ............... Last report for the breeding season
Clay-colored Sparrow .............................. Sept 8 .......... FRR - Royal Ave..................... JS, SH............... Rare, but regular migrant in the county
Clay-colored Sparrow .............................. Sept 12 ......... Bob Creek............................. M&SS ............... Rare, but regular migrant in the county
Fox Sparrow ............................................. Sept 14 .......... Creswell area....................... NS ..................... First report for the winter season
White-throated Sparrow ......................... Sept 26 ......... Siltcoos River mouth......... AC ..................... First report for the winter season
White-throated Sparrow ......................... Sept 27 ......... Oakridge............................ MLS ..................... First report for the winter season
Golden-crowned Sparrow ....................... Sept 15 ......... Lorane Highway.................. BCo ..................... First report for the winter season
Western Tanager ..................................... Sept 20 ......... Skinner Butte................. LM,et.al. ............... Last report for the breeding season
Rose-breasted Grosbeak .......................... Sept 16 ......... Eugene............................... LM ..................... Rare in county, especially in fall
Black-headed Grosbeak ......................... Sept 13 ......... Kirk Park............................ CS ..................... Last report for the breeding season
Lazuli Bunting ......................................... Sept 10 ......... SJSR - crab dock/pier ......... AC,et.al. ............... Last report for the breeding season
Yellow-headed Blackbird ......................... Sept 6 .......... FRR - Royal Ave......................... SD ..................... Last report for the breeding season

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