Field Notes: March 2018

Green Heron, Rufous Hummingbird, Say’s Phoebe, Black-throated Gray Warbler

We were out of town for most of the month, but heard the weather was fairly typical. As is normal, there were a few early Neotropical migrants and a few late ones. The vast majority of migrants arrive during April and the first part of May, so now is the time to get out and enjoy them!

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR)

HUMMINGBIRDS TO FLYCATCHERS

Rufous Hummingbird ....................... March 10 .......... 28th Ave & Onyx .......... JG ...................... First of this season’s arrival wave
Virginia Rail ................................ March 4 ............ FRR - Royal Ave .......... SG, CK ................. They winter most years
Lesser Yellowlegs (3)..................... March 29 .......... Meadowlark Prairie .......... AC, et al. ............ Wintered in the area
Green Heron ................................ March 28 .......... Mill Race, Springfield .... DA, et al. ............ Normal arrival date; small numbers overwinter
Lewis’s Woodpecker ..................... March 17 .......... Creswell area ............ BC ..................... A bird that spent the winter
Say’s Phoebe ................................ March 1 .......... Westfir ......................... MLS ..................... An unusual location
Say’s Phoebe (2) ......................... March 9 .......... Alton Baker Park ........ E&VT ..................... Several have been seen during past migrations

SHRIKES TO WARBLERS

Northern Shrike (photos) ............. March 29 .......... FRR - Royal Ave ........ NS ..................... Getting late for this wintering species
No. Rough-winged Swallow .......... March 28 .......... Hills Creek pond .......... VB ..................... A few days earlier than normal
Cliff Swallow ............................. March 29 .......... Ada Grange ............... AC, et al. ............ A few days later than normal
Barn Swallow ............................ March 30 .......... FRR .................. m.ob. ..................... A few days later than normal
House Wren ................................ March 14 .......... Oak Hill cemetery .... BC ..................... More than a month early; overwintering?
Chipping Sparrow ....................... March 29 .......... FRR - Royal Ave .......... JH, JP ..................... A couple days earlier than normal
Swamp Sparrow ......................... March 31 .......... FRR - Fisher Butte .......... VB, SH ..................... Getting late for this wintering species
Common Yellowthroat ................ March 20 .......... FRR - Jeans Rd .......... BC ..................... About a week earlier than normal
Black-throated Gray Warbler ....... March 19 .......... Delta Ponds ............... VB ..................... About three weeks earlier than normal

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