Field Notes: November/December 2018
Sedge Wren, Fox Sparrow, Red-naped Sapsucker, Harlequin Duck

The weather was a little more normal, but still dry. Some great (i.e., very rare) birds were found during the period, and some normal wintering species were very hard to find. It will be interesting to see what 2019 brings!

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), South Eugene High School (SEHS)

WATERFOWL TO HUMMINGBIRDS

Snow Goose (2) .................................. Nov 12 .......... Bond Rd .................................. SH, DP .................................. Occur most winters in small numbers
Snow Goose (2) .................................. Nov 14 .......... Oakridge .................................. MLS .................................. Rare in the area
Cinnamon Teal (2) .................................. Nov 26 .......... Ada .................................. DF .................................. A normal wintering location
Eurasian Wigeon .................................. Nov 12 .......... Kirk Pond .................................. SH, DP .................................. First report for the winter season
Harlequin Duck .................................. Nov/Dec ............ Along coast .................................. M, ob .................................. Seem to be absent from the coast
Black Scoter ...................................... Nov 7 ............. Bray Point .................................. DF .................................. In small numbers during the winter
Eared Grebe (5) .................................... Nov 20 .......... Silcox Lake .................................. DF .................................. A large number
Anna’s Hummingbird (40+) ...................... Nov 9 ............. Florence area .................................. AC, et al .................................. An amazing number for one day of birding

CRANES TO OWLS

Sandhill Crane (25) ................................. Nov 30 .......... Jasper area .................................. Fide BN .................................. A little later than normal
Long-billed Curlew (probable) .............. Dec 12 .......... Mt Pisgah area .................................. JR .................................. Heard calling, then large shorebird seen flying away—rare in the valley during the winter
Glaucous Gull ....................................... Dec 30 .......... SEHS area .................................. TM, JG .................................. Rare wintering in the valley
Great Egret, smallish .............................. Dec 15 .......... Washburn Rd .................................. SMA .................................. Originally ID’d as a Cattle Egret
Osprey .............................................. Nov 11 .......... Delta Ponds .................................. JE .................................. Last report for the Eugene area
Rough-legged Hawk .............................. Nov 12 .......... Canton Rd .................................. SH, DP .................................. First report for the winter season
Barred Owl ........................................ Nov 1 .......... N River Rd area .................................. MM .................................. Becoming more common in town
Long-eared Owl .................................. Nov 12 .......... Florence area .................................. SP .................................. Heard calling at night; uncommon in Lane Co

WOODPECKERS TO SPARRWS

Lewis’s Woodpecker .............................. Dec 29 .......... Matthews Rd .................................. TG-T .................................. Wintered in same location last year
Red-naped Sapsucker ............................. Nov 13 .......... Creswell area .................................. SN .................................. Rarely found in the area
Say’s Phoebe ....................................... Dec 2 .......... Washburn Rd .................................. SH .................................. Found almost all winter nowadays!
Tropical Kingbird ................................ Nov 9 .......... Oldtown Florence .................................. AC, et al .................................. One or two found along the coast in the fall
California Scrub-Jay .............................. Nov 20 .......... C&M stables .................................. AC, et al .................................. Found farther north than before along coast
Tree Swallow (2) .................................. Nov 30 .......... FRR .................................. BC, F & TG-T .................................. Unusual in the winter
Sedge Wren ........................................ Dec 13 .......... Waite pasture .................................. RR .................................. Third Oregon record—first Lane Co
Northern Mockingbird ........................ Nov 7 .......... Bob Creek .................................. DF .................................. Occurred the last few winters along the coast
Northern Mockingbird ........................ Nov 9 .......... Oldtown Florence .................................. AC, et al .................................. Occurred last few winters along the coast
Northern Mockingbird ........................ Dec 30 .......... KR Neilsen Rd .................................. CT .................................. They winter some years
Pine Siskin ......................................... Dec 31 .......... West Eugene .................................. AC .................................. First report for the winter season
Clay-colored Sparrow ............................ Nov 3 .......... Oldtown Florence .................................. DF .................................. Very small numbers along coast in late fall
Fox Sparrow - red subspec ........................ Dec 10 .......... Oldtown Florence .................................. DF, DP .................................. Rarely found in Lane Co
Swamp Sparrow (4) .............................. Nov 17 .......... Waite pasture .................................. AC, et al .................................. Large numbers for one location in Lane Co
Swamp Sparrow (6) .............................. Dec 10 .......... Waite pasture .................................. DF, DP .................................. Even larger numbers!
Harris’s Sparrow .................................. Nov 29 .......... Bond Rd .................................. RR, DA .................................. Same location as last winter
ICTERIDS TO TANAGERS

Yellow-headed Blackbird .........................Dec..................Florence..........................SK........................Rare during the winter
Bullock's Oriole (male) ..........................Dec..................Florence..........................SK........................One was at the same feeder last winter
Bullock's Oriole (female)..........................Dec 13.............Florence..........................SK........................Rare during the winter
Orange-crowned Warbler .........................Dec 2..............Mt Pisgah..........................BN,PB........................Winter in small numbers most years
Orange-crowned Warbler .........................Dec 7..............Eugene............................JD........................Winter in small numbers most years
Orange-crowned Warbler .........................Dec 7..............Wooahink Lake.....................DF........................Winter in small numbers most years
Palm Warbler (2) ....................................Nov 2..............Westlake Co. park ..................DF........................Small numbers along the coast late fall
Palm Warbler ........................................Nov 5..............Oldtown Florence....................DF........................Small numbers along the coast this time of yr
Black-throated Gray Warbler ....................Dec 19..........West Lawn cemetery..............BN,et al........................Rarely found in the winter
Wilson's Warbler .....................................Nov 6..............Westlake Co. park ..................DF........................Rare during late fall/winter
Western Tanager (2) ...............................Nov 19..............River Rd area........................LMa........................Last seen on this date