

Common Redpoll, White-winged Crossbill, Gyrfalcon, Say's Phoebe

It was drier and cooler than normal, with this being Eugene's fifth driest December on record. Winter finches put on quite the show during the end of the period! In early December, White-winged Crossbills were first spotted in the large flocks of Red Crossbills along the coast in the spruce zone. They continued to be seen in small numbers through the month. The two Common Redpolls found during the Eugene CBC were but one of many rare occurrences for Lane County.

Abbreviations: Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR), Lane Community College (LCC), Middle Fork of the Willamette River (MFWR), North Jetty of the Siuslaw River (NJSR), South Jetty of the Siuslaw River (SJSR), Willamette River (W River)

WATERBIRDS

Ross's Goose	Dec 5	Purkerson Rd	DE	Very small numbers most winters
Trumpeter Swan (3)	Dec 6	Milliron Rd	SH, LG	Found in very small numbers in winter
Harlequin Duck	Dec 26	SJSR	TL	Unusual location for rocky shore species
Black Scoter	Dec 26	SJSR	TL	Normally found along north Lane coast
Long-tailed Duck	Dec 16	NJSR	TM, et al.	One normally winters at mouth of river
Barrow's Goldeneye	Nov 24	Florence - old town	NS	Uncommon on the Lane coast
Common Loon	Nov 28	MFWR - Mt Pisgah	JN	Not commonly found on the river
Clark's Grebe	Nov 24	Florence - old town	NS	Not commonly found along the coast
Laysan Albatross	Dec 1	Princess Cruise	m.ob.	Rarely found off Lane coast
Short-tailed Albatross	Dec 1	Princess Cruise	m.ob.	Very rare off Oregon coast
Mottled Petrel	Dec 1	Princess Cruise	m.ob.	Rarely found off Lane coast
Green Heron	Nov 24	W D St - Springfield	SD	Winters in very small numbers

VULTURES TO ALCIDS

Turkey Vulture (17)	Dec 17	Meadowlark Prairie	BN	Unusually large number - many reports
Osprey	Dec 4	Leaburg	BN	Wintering in a number of places now
Osprey	Dec 18	Cottage Grove Res	TMo	Wintering in a number of places now
Osprey	Dec 28	Oakridge	A&TM	Wintering in a number of places now
Osprey	Dec 31	SJSR	AC	Wintering in a number of places now
White-tailed Kite (4)	Dec 6	Lorane Valley	LG, et al.	First in a couple of years
Northern Goshawk	Dec 28	Siltcoos River mouth	J&TL	Very unusual location for this species
Red-tailed Hawk (photo)	Nov 1	Hwy 36/Poodle Ck	KK	A white individual - very striking
Golden Eagle	Dec 5	KR Nielson Rd	LG	Rare in Lane Co
Golden Eagle	Dec 30	SE Eugene	RS	Rare in Lane Co
Sandhill Crane	Dec 5	15th & Charnelton	JH	Rare winter flock
Sandhill Crane	Dec 6	Mt Pisgah	AJ	Same flock?
Semipalmated Plover (3)	Dec 3	Cantrell Rd	AC, et al.	Rare in the winter
Western Sandpiper	Nov 14	FRR	BC	Rare in the winter
Wandering Tattler	Nov 29	Bob Ck	BC	Very rare in the winter
Black-legged Kittiwake	Nov 24	Siltcoos River mouth	NS	First report for the winter season
Glaucous Gull	Dec 17	Heceta Beach	TM	Winter in very small numbers most years
Marbled Murrelet (2)	Dec 4	NJSR	SH	Not commonly seen from shore in winter
Ancient Murrelet (3)	Dec 5	ocean @ Lily Lake	AC	Not commonly seen from shore in winter

PIGEONS TO FINCHES

Band-tailed Pigeon	Dec 28.....	Westfir	DH.....	Rare in the winter
Barred Owl (2)	Dec 26.....	River Road area.....	BC	Both calling - a pair?
Short-eared Owl (2)	Dec 3.....	Meadowlark Prairie	AC,et al.	First sighting for the winter
Lewis's Woodpecker.....	Dec 7.....	Creswell area.....	NS	Winters some years
Gyr Falcon.....	Dec 6.....	SJSR deflation plain.....	KF,et al.	Less than ten records for Lane Co
Prairie Falcon.....	Nov 24.....	Cantrell Rd	AC,et al.	An individual or two winter each year
Say's Phoebe	Dec 3.....	Washburn Rd	AC,et al.	Rare in the winter
Tree Swallow	Dec 3.....	FRR - Fisher Butte	JS,JM.....	Rare in the winter
Violet-green Swallow (5).....	Dec 16.....	Delta Ponds	RS.....	Very rare in the winter
Northern Mockingbird.....	Nov 14.....	SJSR deflation plain.....	AC	Seen throughout the period
Orange-crowned Warbler	Dec 17.....	Danebo Ave area.....	BN.....	A rare wintering species
Orange-crowned Warbler	Dec 27.....	River Rd area	BC.....	A rare wintering species
Orange-crowned Warbler	Dec 28.....	SJSR area.....	J&TL.....	A rare wintering species
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Nov 27.....	SJSR deflation plain.....	AC.....	Unusually large numbers
Townsend's Warbler (30-40).....	Dec 13.....	Coburg Rd area	PS	Very large flock
Wilson's Warbler.....	Dec 27.....	LCC area.....	LM,et al.	Very rare wintering species
Fox Sparrow (red subsp - photo)	Nov 29.....	Mill Race Trail.....	EC,m.ob.....	Rarely found in Oregon
Swamp Sparrow	Dec.....	FRR & coast.....	m.ob.	A number of reports
Yellow-headed Blackbird.....	Dec 20.....	FRR - Nielson Rd.....	SH	Very rare winter sighting
Brown-headed Cowbird (3).....	Dec 5.....	FRR	EH.....	Rare wintering species
White-winged Crossbill	Dec 6.....	Woahink Lk area	DF	Rarely found in Oregon
White-winged Crossbill (12+)	Dec 28.....	SJSR road.....	DP	Continued sightings throughout period
Common Redpoll (2)	Dec 31.....	W River @ EWEB.....	DH.....	Sixth record for Lane Co
Evening Grosbeak	Nov 28.....	Hendricks Park.....	TM.....	Last report - winters most years

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