September 2001 Field Notes

This month’s sightings include a few very rare species not seen in Lane County more than a few times--Red-necked Stint, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Phainopepla, and Black-and-White Warbler. Migration is always an exciting time as birds move from summer to winter quarters, with some getting lost in the process.

**Waterbirds**

**Eared Grebe** (2) Sept. 21; SJSR; P&SS, TM  
**American White Pelican** Sept…; FRR; m.ob.  
**Brown Pelican** Sept…; Florence area; m.ob.  
**Snowy Egret** Sept. 16; North Fork; AC, HH  
**White-fronted Goose** Sept. 30; Florence area; AC, DF, SS, LB

**Raptors**

**Osprey** (2) Sept. 1; Gold Lake; HH, DF  
**Ferruginous Hawk** Sept. 3; Eugene airport; AJ, MN  
**Merlin** Sept…; Lane County; m.ob.  
**Peregrine Falcon** Sept…; FRR & Florence area; m.ob.  
**Prairie Falcon** Sept. 10; FRR; DI

**Rails & Shorebirds**

**Virginia Rail** Sept. 20; Fisher Butte; NM  
**Black-bellied Plover** (80) Sept. 26; Deflation plain; DD  
**American Golden-plover** (2) Sept. 3; Deflation plain; J&JCa  
**Pacific Golden-plover** Sept. 15; Florence area; B&ZS  
**American Avocet** (3) Sept. 22; Crab dock; TM, P&SS  
**Whimbrel** Sept. 16; FRR; DD, KL  
**Marbled Godwit** Sept…; Florence area; m.ob.  
**Ruddy Turnstone** Sept. 22; SJSR; TM, P&SS  
**Red Knot** (3) Sept. 9; Crab dock; JCa, A&TM  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper** (3) Sept…; FRR & Florence area; m.ob.  
**Red-necked Stint** (2) Sept. 3; Siltcoos; J&JCa  
**Red-necked Stint** Sept. 6; Siltcoos; DPe  
**Baird’s Sandpiper** Sept…; FRR & Florence area; m.ob.  
**Pectoral Sandpiper** (25+) Sept. 5; FRR; m.ob.  
**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** Sept. 4; FRR; DF  
**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Sept. 9; Baker Beach; LR  
**Red-necked Phalarope** Sept. 3; FRR; DI  
**Red Phalarope** Sept. 7; Crab dock; DD, RF

**Gulls, Terns, & Alcids**

**Franklin’s Gull** Sept. 16; FRR; RR  
**Sabine’s Gull** (immature) Sept. 8; FRR; NB
Sabine’s Gull (immature) Sept. 19; FRR; DD, PS
Forster’s Tern Sept…; FRR; m.ob.

Swifts & Hummingbirds
Vaux’s Swift (12,000+) Sept. 21; Agate Hall, U of O; DH, AE
Vaux’s Swift (12-15,000) Sept. 24, 26; Agate Hall, U of O; BN, A&TM
Rufous Hummingbird Sept. 7; Island Park; VA

Passerines
Lewis’ Woodpecker (4) Sept. 1-28; Eugene area; DD
Lewis’ Woodpecker Sept. 1; Gold Lake; HH, DF
Williamson’s Sapsucker Sept. 3; Gold Lake; A&TM
Three-toed Woodpecker Sept. 1; N. Waldo Lake area; HH, DF
Three-toed Woodpecker (4) Sept. 3; N. Waldo Lake area; A&TM
Pacific-sloped Flycatcher Sept. 12; LCC; LM
Ash-throated Flycatcher Sept. 22; Delta Ponds; JCo
Cassin’s Vireo Sept. 7; Skinner Butte; A&TM
Warbling Vireo Sept. 23; Creswell area; SN
Horned Lark Sept. 7; SJSR; DD, RF
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Sept. 22; Creswell area; SN
Tree Swallow Sept. 28; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Violet-green Swallow (~2000) Sept. 9; Mapleton; JCa, A&TM
Violet-green Swallow (~200) Sept. 25-26; Alton Baker Park; VA
Violet-green Swallow Sept. 28; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Barn Swallow Sept. 28; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Townsend’s Solitaire Sept. 20; E. Eugene; LM
American Pipit (80-100) Sept. 16; FRR; DD, KL
Phainopepla Aug. 30; S. Eugene; CD
Yellow Warbler (2) Sept. 12; LCC; LM
Yellow Warbler (12) Sept. 15; Skinner Butte; TM
Yellow Warbler Sept. 16; Deflation plain; AC, HH
Yellow Warbler Sept. 23; Creswell area; SN
Black-throated Gray Warbler Sept. 23; Creswell area; SN, D&HL
Black-and-White Warbler Sept. 6; Island Park; VA
Common Yellowthroat (2) Sept. 3; Gold Lake; A&TM
Common Yellowthroat Sept. 25; Alton Baker Park; VA
Yellow-breasted Chat (2) Sept. 12; LCC; LM
Western Tanager Sept. 23; Creswell area; D&HL
Brewer’s Sparrow Sept. 2; Alton Baker Park; DW
Fox Sparrow (gray-headed race) Sept. 1; Gold Lake; HH, DF
Golden-crowned Sparrow Sept. 15; Skinner Butte; TM
Lapland Longspur Sept. 17; Crab dock; PS, DD

Abbreviations:
FRR Fern Ridge Reservoir, Crab dock Crab dock at the south jetty of the Siuslaw River, Deflation plain Deflation plain at the south jetty of the Siuslaw River, North Fork Estuary at the confluence of the North Fork and main stem of the Siuslaw River, LCC Lane Community College, m.ob. many observers, NJSR North Jetty of the Siuslaw River, SJSR South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, Siltcoos Siltcoos River mouth, Sept... Throughout September.

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