September 2002 Field Notes

Lingering migrants; Owls in unusual habitats

For the most part September was sunny and warm, with only a couple days of wet weather at mid-month. Given the late warm weather, a number of bird species lingered in our area, as you will see by the many reports below.

Waterbirds & Seabirds
Common Loon Sept. 15; South Jetty; AC,DF
Red-necked Grebe Sept. 16; Heceta Head; B&ZS
Western/Clark's Grebe (121) Sept. 11; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI
Black-crowned Night-heron Sept. 1; Fern Ridge Reservoir; fide LG

Waterfowl
Greater White-fronted Goose Sept. 17; Eugene; SMc
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Harlequin Duck (5) Sept. 21; Stonefield Beach; HH

Raptors
Osprey (2) Sept. 11; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI
Cooper's Hawk Sept. 3,4; Agate Hall, UO; PG,SMc
Red-shouldered Hawk Sept. 22; Walton area; AC,et al.
Merlin (2) Sept. 15; South Jetty; AC,DF
Prairie Falcon Sept. 30; Fern Ridge Reservoir; PS
Peregrine Falcon September; throughout County; m.ob.

Grouse, Rails & Shorebirds
Black-bellied Plover September; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.
American Golden-plover Sept. 21; Siltcoos River mouth; HH
Pacific Golden-plover Sept. 21; Siltcoos River mouth; HH
Wandering Tattler (2) Sept. 21; North Jetty; DP,SMu
Marbled Godwit (11) Sept. 15; Crab Dock; AC,DF
Ruddy Turnstone Sept. 21; North Jetty; DP,SMu
Sanderling Sept. 12; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS
Baird's Sandpiper September; Fern Ridge Reservoir; m.ob.
Pectoral Sandpiper September; Fern Ridge R., coast; m.ob.
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Sept. 28; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF,et al.
Dunlin Sept. 10; Siltcoos River mouth; B&ZS
Buff-breasted Sandpiper Sept. 4; Deflation Plain; D&DP
Ruff Sept. 27; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF
Red-necked Phalarope Sept. 1; South Jetty; AC

Gulls & Alcids
Parasitic Jaeger Sept. 21; North Jetty; DP,SMu
Herring Gull Sept. 21; Siltcoos River mouth; HH
Caspian Tern (28) Sept. 6; Fern Ridge Reservoir; JS
Common Tern (22) Sept. 4; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DF

Doves, Pigeons & Owls
Northern Pygmy-owl (2) Sept. 25; Spencer Butte; LMc, et al.
Burrowing Owl Sept. 29; Deflation Plain; AC, et al.
Spotted Owl (2) Sept 1-4; Buck Meadows, TSW; BN, PB.
Short-eared Owl Sept. 24; Spencer Butte; NS
Common Nighthawk Sept. 13; River Road area; BC
Common Nighthawk Sept. 7; South Jetty; B&ZS
Vaux's Swift (9000) Sept. 4; Agate Hall, UO; SMc
Vaux's Swift (11000) Sept. 10; Agate Hall, UO; MRu

Passerines
Lewis's Woodpecker September; MP, FRR, SKB, SPB; m.ob.
Black-backed Woodpecker Sept. 1-4; Buck Meadows; BN, PB
Willow Flycatcher Sept. 1-4; Buck Meadows; BN, PB
Hammond's Flycatcher Sept. 29; Siltcoos River mouth; AC, et al.
Pacific-sloped Flycatcher Sept. 23; Santa Clara area; DD
Cassin's Vireo Sept. 11; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI
Warbling Vireo Sept. 23; Santa Clara area; DF
Horned Lark Sept. 22; Deflation Plain; AC, et al.
Rock Wren Sept. 25; Spencer Butte; LMc, et al.
House Wren Sept. 18; Hills Creek Reservoir; NS
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Sept. 25; Spencer Butte; LMc, et al.
Yellow Warbler Sept. 21; Skinner Butte; SG, et al.
Black-and-White Warbler Sept. 22; Santa Clara; MM
Wilson's Warbler Sept. 18; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI
Yellow-breasted Chat Sept. 20; Creswell; NS
Western Tanager Sept. 25; Skinner Butte; DF
Vesper Sparrow (10) Sept. 18; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Savannah Sparrow Sept. 18; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI
Fox Sparrow Sept. 18; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Lincoln's Sparrow Sept. 16; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI
Golden-crowned Sparrow Sept. 18; Mt. Pisgah; DD
Yellow-headed Blackbird (10+) Sept. 11; Fern Ridge Reservoir; DI

Abbreviations:

Crab Dock Crab Dock at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, Deflation
Plain Deflation Plain near the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, FRR Fern Ridge Reservoir, m.ob. many observers, MP Mt. Pisgah, NJSR North Jetty of the Siuslaw River, SJSR South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, SKB Skinner Butte, SPB Spencer Butte, TSW Three Sister Wilderness.
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