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Why are there no pictures? Because we need your contributions!! There weren't a lot of pictures that worked for the field notes periods or the articles—people have been posting on the WWW, but not sending them to OB. Please send pictures that we can use!!!

New Bird Records for Clackamas County, January 1995-June 2000

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Having been suitably chided by Dave Irons for not reporting unusual sightings for Clackamas County (*OB* 26(2): 154), the following observations for the past five years are submitted. In each instance, the sighting is believed to be a county first. Other sightings which could be called "unusual" but which were not believed to be first county records are not included.

1995

One **Franklin's Gull** was found on 7 March by Elmer Specht [ES] (*vide* Tim Janzen [TJ]) in a flock of several hundred Mew Gulls in the Blount Road swale on a privately owned farm east of Canby. This wetland has subsequently been drained.

A **Boreal Owl** was heard about midnight near Salmon River Meadows by TJ, ES, and Dan van den Broek [DVDB] on 16 April. A repeat trip one week later yielded another brief hearing by multiple observers. None has been reported since.

A **Heermann's Gull** was seen by Paul Sullivan at Roslyn Lake. It could not be relocated.

A **Red Phalarope** was found on the Molalla Sewage Treatment Ponds on 12 December following the big offshore storm that scattered this pelagic species all over western Oregon for a brief period. None have been seen since. TJ, ES and DVDB first located the bird.

1996

An **American Bittern** was found on 9 May by Steve Dowlan [SD] in the Blount Road swale and was seen by other observers. It remained for the summer. No nesting was confirmed. American Bitterns have since been seen in the Coffee Lake wetland southwest of Wilsonville and have remained for the summer.

A pair of migrating **Whimbrels** was seen flying north over the Blount Road swale on 7 April by Darlene Philpott [DP] and ES. One was heard to call to the other, following which they turned

around and landed on the shore of the swale. They did not remain. Dale Shank has seen Whimbrels once in the county since, but again only as transients.

An **American Avocet**, another eastern Oregon species, was found by TJ and ES on 30 April at the Blount Road swale. It did not remain.

A **Bar-tailed Godwit** was found by ES at the Molalla Sewage Treatment Plant on 25 September. It did not remain, and no other observers could confirm this county first.

One **Blue Jay** was seen by Martin and Cheryl Steenson on McQuaw Road east of Sandy 19 and 20 October. It did not remain. Another was later reported from Eaden Road east of Oregon City but could not be relocated.

1997

A **Marbled Godwit** was found [T] and ES] on 4 September and was seen again by the same observers on 12 September.

A **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** [T] *vide* ES] with Pectoral Sandpipers, a usual fall species, was seen on 2 October on the Molalla Sewage Treatment Ponds in a particularly good fall migration. It was seen by other observers on that day. No others have been found.

An **Arctic Tern** in second fall plumage was found for several days flying about Roslyn Lake, north of Sandy on 9 October [T], ES, and Harry Nehls]. It remained until 12 October, when it was seen by Tom Love [TL] and SD. No others have been found.

Three **White-winged Scoters** were found on Roslyn Lake by SD and TL on 12 October. They did not remain.

A **Clay-colored Sparrow** for a county first was found on 11 December by ES [*vide* TJ] and was seen throughout the winter by multiple observers at Three Rivers Farm northwest of Canby in a winter flock of the usual sparrows. It has not returned since, and this is the

only county record. It remained until at least 27 January 1998.

1998

Two **American White Pelicans** were seen on 3 and 4 December by Molly Hawthorne and one by Patricia McGinnis on 5 December near Elk Rock in the Willamette River near Milwaukie. They did not remain.

1999

A **Black-necked Stilt** was found by Pat Muller and Linda Weiland at the Molalla Sewage Treatment Plant. It did not remain.

A pair of **Black Terns** was found flying over the Molalla Sewage Treatment Plant by ES on 24 May [*vide* TJ] and remained for several days. During this period, there were several other reports of black terns in the Willamette Valley at various locations. This is unusual for the valley.

A singing **Black-chinned Sparrow**, considerably out of range, was seen by Skip Russell, TJ, and DP on 13 June in a clearcut off South Maple Grove Road in the southeast extremity of the county. It could not be relocated.

2000

On the Portland Christmas Bird Count on 2 January, Michael Kay and Tom Ewert reported "a flycatcher" [unidentified] to the count recorder. On 3 January, DVDB [*vide* ES] was able to relocate and identify the bird, a **Black Phoebe**, in the jurisdictional wetland area along the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks which runs along Mount Scott Creek in Milwaukie. This bird was subsequently seen by numerous observers and remained until at least 20 March, for a first northern Willamette Valley record.

On 2 February, an **American Tree Sparrow** was found by Tim Sellers [TSe] and ES in a private farm field near the Pudding River ["the Pudding River Oxbows"] just north of the Whiskey Hill Airport on Meridian Road. Numerous

observers were able to find this bird for a period of several days afterward.

On 29 May, a brightly colored **Palm Warbler** was seen briefly by ES and TSe near the Rock Creek Meadow off Bird Road, south of Molalla. It was not seen afterward.

One brief observation of a **Hooded Oriole** was reported during late June just south of the Molalla River near the Liberal store on highway 99E. It could not be relocated.

(Editor's Note: Hooded Orioles, an OBRC review species, can be confused with second-year male Bullock's Orioles,

and any summer observation should be made with this in mind).

Acknowledgments

Tim Janzen supplied the material for sightings reported to Harry Nehls and subsequently relayed the information to regular Clackamas County birders.

Woodpecker Big Day

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On May 6, 2000 Glen Pritchard and I ran a successful big day searching for all 12 species of Oregon's woodpeckers. I don't know if such an attempt has been made, either in Oregon or in North America, so I do not know if our success sets any kind of record.

Our day was not planned as well as it could have been. I did not have a "sure" place for the Three-toed Woodpecker, and some of the other species were in doubt. I had gotten suggestions for many of the woodpecker species east of the Cascades. I also spent a day birding with Steve Shunk, a birder from the Sisters area, and obtained vital information on Lewis's Woodpecker, Red-naped and Williamson's Sapsuckers.

We began at Cold Springs Campground, near Sisters, just as it was getting light. Our first two species were found quickly: Red-breasted Sapsucker and Hairy Woodpecker, and shortly after that we found a Downy Woodpecker. I was happy to get the sapsucker. I knew where I could find one on the west side of the mountains, but in case we were running short on time later in the day, it would be nice to have already found it.

Our next stop was Indian Ford Campground, the well-known woodpecker stop for birders traveling through the Sisters area, where we were able to find Red-naped Sapsucker and White-headed Woodpecker. We drove north on Indian Ford Road to the famous Calliope Hummingbird stop at Squawback Road where we located the Williamson's Sapsuckers Steve had told me about. Actually, we saw all three sapsuckers here (as well as a few Calliope Hummers). Again following Steve's advice, locating an old burn on Camp Polk Road, it did not take long to find a Lewis's Woodpecker.

We were off to a great start, having already gotten seven woodpeckers. It was to our advantage that we had not had to spend too much time searching for these woodpeckers, as we would need that time looking for the Three-toed Woodpecker.

We headed up into the higher elevations, going first to the Pringle Falls burn, which is located about ten miles west of LaPine. Here we immediately found a long overdue Northern Flicker, and within a few minutes a Black-backed Woodpecker. We scoured the whole burn but could not find a Three-toed, so we headed toward the Little Cultus Lake area where I have seen Three-toeds in the past. As we neared the area I thought to ask at the Cultus Lake Lodge if the road to Elk Lake was open. We were told it was, so we decided it would be more advantageous to go another fifteen miles to the Elk Lake burn where a pair had been seen many times last year, rather than search around Little Cultus Lake where we knew it would be hit or miss.

The Elk Lake burn was easy to find. Woodpeckers were plentiful, especially Black-backed. We followed all leads (tapping), usually to find a Black-backed or two, and occasionally a Hairy or Flicker. We finally found a pair of Three-toeds at the top northwest corner. We were ecstatic! I now knew we had a reasonable chance to reach our goal of getting all twelve species. It was 1:00 p.m. and it would not get dark until after 8:00, which gave us seven hours to get the last two woodpecker species: Pileated and Acorn.

When we reached the car we were on an adrenaline high. Because we neglected to put gas in the tank, I think the car was running on fumes until we

reached Bend, where we filled up the tank and gave our bodies a caffeine fix for the drive over the mountains. Our necks hurt. Now I know by experience what the term "craning" for birds means.

I knew the Acorn was a freebie from a colony I knew in Polk County, but I was a little doubtful of finding the Pileated. There were Pileateds at Luckiamute Landing but was not sure I wanted to drive all the way there if I could find one elsewhere. Steve Dowlan had told me the day before that he had a pair hanging around his house, but I didn't pay close enough attention to the directions and we couldn't locate his house. So it was off to Polk County. We reached the Acorn Woodpecker colony at 5:30 p.m., heard them immediately, and within a few minutes we each saw one. It was now 5:45. With a couple hours of light I knew we had a fair chance at getting the Pileateds.

We sped on to Luckiamute Landing and walked to the woods, one half mile beyond the parking area. Following our usual method of stalking woodpeckers, we would walk a few hundred feet, stop, and listen. We reached a clearing where I had seen Pileateds before, sat down, and waited. There were Downy Woodpeckers, Flickers, and Red-breasted Sapsuckers seen and heard, but our Pileated would not show up. After about 25 minutes we decided to back track. A short distance back down the trail we heard a bird, but I was so exhausted I could not tell if it was a Flicker or a Pileated, usually easy for me when I'm alert. Within a minute it called again and there was no doubt it was a Pileated. We let out a few loud "yahoos" and slapped high fives. Glen wanted to get a visual, which I was not too thrilled about

since there were nettles and brambles galore in between us and the bird, but I reluctantly agreed. After about 125 feet I spotted the bird on a large fir tree. Glen was ahead of me, but a few minutes later he saw it as well.

Seeing 12 species of woodpeckers in Oregon is an accomplishment, but it was not that hard to do. It was fun to set out to do it and enjoy the final result. It was all done in two counties, and eleven species can be found in Deschutes County alone. With better planning, we could have easily knocked two hours off of the time factor. As I look at the range maps of woodpeckers, seeing twelve species of woodpeckers could also be

accomplished in Washington, but Washington birder Mike Denny says it would take some luck. California has fourteen species within its borders, but seeing all of them looks to be impractical based on the distances between some of the species, finding local birds on territory while migrants may be heading north, and determining the best time of year for optimal searching.

It is hard for me to think that no one has done this before. If there were an overwintering Yellow-bellied Sapsucker or Red-headed Woodpecker hanging around in Oregon in early May, I think I would be up to the challenge of trying for thirteen. If a birder wanted to

cross state lines and go into Northern California, Nuttall's Woodpecker could be a good possibility. That might take more discreet planning, as the farther south in the Cascades one goes, the less likely it is to find the Three-toed Woodpecker.

All in all, it was a fun day and we had a great time. The birding society welcomes these types of big days. Oregon holds the record for the most waterfowl in one day, and now possibly woodpeckers. Is there another group of birds for which Oregon might hold potential records of listing?

Woodpecker Sightings, Times, and Locations, May 6, 2000

1. Red-breasted Sapsucker	5:52	Cold Springs CG	7. Lewis's Woodpecker	8:30	Camp Polk Road
2. Hairy Woodpecker	5:56	Cold Springs CG	8. Northern Flicker	10:05	Pringle Falls Burn
3. Downy Woodpecker	6:13	Cold Springs CG	9. Black-backed Woodpecker	10:10	Pringle Falls Burn
4. Red-naped Sapsucker	7:05	Indian Ford CG	10. Three-toed Woodpecker	13:00	Elk Lake Burn
5. White-headed Woodpecker	7:14	Indian Ford CG	11. Acorn Woodpecker	17:45	Farmer Road
6. Williamson's Sapsucker	8:10	Squawback Road	12. Pileated Woodpecker	19:15	Luckiamute Landing

Short Notes

Clarification Regarding Northern Mockingbird Nesting in Oregon

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The Summer 2000 issue of *Oregon Birds* contained an article titled "First Northern Mockingbird Nest for Oregon" by Fred Zeillemaker. This was indeed the first documented nest for Oregon and the first published photos of a nest. However, there have been several other published reports of Northern Mockingbird nests in Oregon. Harry Nehls summarized known nesting in Oregon in his Fall 1996 article in *Oregon Birds*, "The Northern Mockingbird becomes established in the Rogue Valley." In that article, Nehls mentioned several possible nesting attempts, as well as birds feeding young in a nest in Jackson County in 1993. He also mentioned a nest found by Bill Tice and family in Lake County in 1983. More recently, Mike and Merry Lynn Denny reported a pair with young in Bone Creek Canyon, Malheur County, in their Spring 1998 article in *Oregon Birds* on that

locale. Also, Maitreya found a nest and later three fledged young at Fields a couple of years ago. There may be others I am not aware of. The true "first" in this article was the thorough documentation of the occurrence for all to see, with photos of the nest, eggs, and young; truly an outstanding and model effort on the part of Mr. Zeillemaker. I regret that the misleading title of the article and contents did not acknowledge the previous reports, and hope that this note clarifies the breeding status of Northern Mockingbird in Oregon.

American Goldfinches attacked by Dragonfly

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In the late afternoon of 24 July 1998, at Page Springs Campground, Harney Co., Oregon, it being too hot to do anything more strenuous, I was looking through my binoculars at 2 male American Goldfinches perched close by. A large red dragonfly hovered over the head of one of the birds and tried to pick up the

bird's black cap. The dragonfly actually scabbled at the spot with its feet. The finch ducked and squirmed, but did not take off. The dragonfly moved on over to the other bird and scrutinized the head spot, but did not try to grasp it.

Black-billed Magpies Groom Mule Deer

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Early in the morning of 24 July 1998, in the small grassy and shady spot near the bottom of the nature trail uphill from Page Springs Campground, Harney Co., Oregon, I saw a female mule deer standing perfectly still, hind legs braced back and head raised. Atop her head was a Black-billed Magpie. The magpie was gleaning all around the deer's face and ears, walking out onto her forehead to reach her face. The deer shook her head a little when the magpie tickled her ears, but otherwise seemed near a trancelike state, not even looking my way as I watched from less than 50 feet. A second magpie landed on her back

and worked over that area and around the tail. A buck deer lying in the grass nearby also hosted a gleaning magpie.

The birds and deer were completely absorbed in the activity, which

continued for at least the 10 minutes I watched.

Short notes like these are invaluable to researchers who are studying birds within and beyond Oregon. We want to encourage people to write up short paragraphs like these that document behaviors, plumages, interactions, and observations that add to our understandings of birds within Oregon.

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Friday, December 15

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Saturday, December 16

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Sunday, December 17**Columbia Estuary**

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Sodhouse

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Saturday, December 23

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Tuesday, December 26

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Inevitably, when one moves, something gets lost. This time it was one envelope worth of field notes (several submissions) and my spare glasses. If you find that I have omitted notes you have sent me, please send them again, and I will publish an update. Many of the reports herein were gleaned from the OBOL archives—my thanks to Margaret LaFaive for her hard work in assembling these; from Craig Miller's excellent Field Notes, available at the Central Oregon Audubon web page (<http://www.teleport.com/~kcannon/audubon/notes1.htm>); from Grant County's *Upland Sandpiper* and Union County's *The Rav-On*. My thanks to those who sent reports to OBOL and to those who sent me reports: Paul Sullivan, Harry Nehls, Mike and MerryLynn Denny, and Dean Hale.

FORMAT

The format used for most sightings in this report is this: number of individuals, location, county, date, (INITIALS OF OBSERVERS).

ABBREVIATIONS

CBC	Christmas Bird Count
Lk.	Lake
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
PDW	President's Day Weekend (several reports had no firm dates except for this weekend).
R.	River (includes use within name of Hood River)
Res.	Res.
s.p.	Sewage Ponds
WMA	Wildlife Management Area

DESIGNATIONS

Mallard: Plain type denotes species usually seen

Pacific Loon: Italics indicates unusual sightings, late dates, unusual locations, Latin subspecies

HARLEQUIN DUCK: All capitals indicates a rare sighting

ROSS'S GULL: All capitals underlined indicates a bird for which an OBRC report should be made

Common Loon

1, Odell Lk., Klamath, 21 Dec (DI).

YELLOW-BILLED LOON

1, Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 12-13 Feb (FC, CC).

Pied-billed Grebe

1, Suttle Lk., Jefferson, 20 Dec (DI); 1, Picture Gorge, Grant, 4 Feb (US).

Horned Grebe

Numerous birds were found near Hood R. on January 16 (DR); 1 remained until 29 Jan (PTS,CGAS).

Red-necked Grebe

1, Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 11 Dec (PTS,OFO); 1 on the Columbia R. near McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, on about 15 Jan (AC).

Western Grebe

"Several," Suttle Lk., Jefferson, 20 Dec (DI); 1, Hood R., Hood R., 29 Jan (PTS, CGAS).

Clark's Grebe

1 at Suttle Lk., 20 Dec, was apparently the fourth for Jefferson Co. (DI; CM).

American White Pelican

An individual was found around Mt. Vernon, Grant, from 18 Dec to 16 Jan (US).

Double-crested Cormorant

7, Haystack Res., Jefferson, 6 Jan (SS); 39, Lk. Simtustus, Jefferson, 8 Feb (SS).

Great Blue Heron

6, Union Co. CBC, 18 Dec (RV); 3 John Day CBC, Grant, 18 Dec (US).

Great Egret

A rare winter east side find was 1 on the Summer Lk. CBC, 21 Dec (CM, MM).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

6 & 7, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 12 Dec & 6 Jan, respectively (CC, JS, M&MLD); 150-200 (!), upstream from Link R. Bridge, Lk. Ewauna, Klamath (*vide* KS).

Turkey Vulture

5 at Pelican Marina, Klamath, PDW, may have either been birds that overwintered or very early arrivals (*vide* KS); 1, Wind R. Wetland, Klamath, 24 Feb (BN).

Greater White-fronted Goose

1, Wallowa Co. CBC, 19 Dec (CC).

Snow Goose

6, Sodhouse Lane, Malheur NWR, Harney, 11 Feb, were noted (SS). Numbers were typical at Summer Lk. and the Klamath Basin.

Ross's Goose

4 near Bend, Deschutes, were the third county record (no date was given; *vide* CM).

Canada Goose

219 was a high count, John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US); 1500, Sherman Co. section of Columbia Hills CBC, 26 Dec was a good count (CC, JS).

Trumpeter Swan

4, Summer Lk. CBC, 21 Dec (*vide* CM); 1, Summer Lk., Lake, 19 Feb (TR).

Tundra Swan

2, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 12 Dec-6 Jan (CC, JS, M&MLD); 2, Mt. Vernon, Grant, 18 Dec (US); 1, Willow Cove, Gilliam, 29 Dec (DF); 1, Prineville s.p., Crook, 30 Jan (CG, PTS).

Swan sp.

1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, Jan-early Feb. was reported as either species above (US).

Wood Duck

2, Union Co. CBC, 18 Dec (RV); 1, John Day, 3 Dec to 9 Jan (US); 18, Bend, 1 Jan (MM, CM); 135+, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 6 Jan (M&MLD).

Eurasian Wigeon

1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, from beginning of period to 18 Dec (*fide* CM); 1, Odell, Hood R., on CBC, 18 Dec and again on 29 Jan (RK, PTS); 1, Prineville CBC, 2 Jan (CG); 2, Prineville, Crook, 30 Jan (CG, PTS); 5, Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath, PDW (*fide* KS); 1, east end of Ochoco Res., Crook, 26 Feb (SS).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK

The enigmatic bird at Hood R. continued to be seen through the period, though it was difficult to locate at times.

Mallard

1457 was a lower number than usual on the Union Co. CBC, 18 Dec (RV).

Cinnamon Teal

1, Union Co. CBC, 18 Dec (RV).

Green-winged Teal

50, John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US).

Redhead

2, John Day Dam, Sherman, 23 Dec (M&MLD); 2, Prineville s.p., 6 Jan (SS); a pair, near Round Barn, Harney, 11 Feb (SS).

Ring-necked Duck

1, John Day CBC, 18 Dec, continued into January (US).

Greater Scaup

484, Sherman, 26 Dec (CC, JS).

Lesser Scaup

12 in swifter water below John Day Dam (as opposed to larger numbers of Greater upriver), Sherman, 26 Dec (CC, JS).

White-winged Scoter

1, Suttle Lk., Jefferson, 20 Dec (*fide* TS); 1 wintered at Ana Res., Lake, from 14 Dec through end of period (MSL, MM, CM).

Bufflehead

156 at Farewell Bend, Malheur, was a large concentration for the Snake R. (M&MLD, JG).

Common Goldeneye

2300+ was a conservative count at Farewell Bend, Malheur—the reporters had never seen such a huge concentration of goldeneye on the Snake R. (M&MLD, JG). Other records:

12, Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 11 Dec (PTS, OFO); 213 on 26 Dec was about average for the Sherman Co. portion of the Columbia Hills CBC (CC, JS); ~25, Six Mile Pond, Catlow Valley, Harney, mid Feb (M).

Barrow's Goldeneye

1, Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 11 Dec (PTS, OFO); 4 at the Biggs elevator, Sherman, was a low number, 26 Dec (CC, JS); 1, Black Butte Ranch, Deschutes, 22 Jan; 1 male, Farewell Bend, Malheur, 22 Jan (M&MLD, JG); 1 pair, Prineville s.p., Crook, 30 Jan (CG, PTS); 5 near Sisters, Deschutes, 20 Feb (SS).

Goldeneye sp.

Both Goldeneye species were found at the following Sherman locations on 12 Dec: Wasco Sewage Ponds; Rufus Sewage Ponds; .5 miles below the John Day Dam; and the Biggs Grain Elevators, where all 7 common diving duck species were found (RK). “Good numbers of both goldeneyes,” Odell Lk., Klamath, 21 Dec (DI).

Hooded Merganser

“Small groups,” Odell Lk., Klamath, 21 Dec (DI); 3, John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US).

Common Merganser

100+, Odell Lk., Klamath, 21 Dec (DI).

OSPREY

1 at Sunriver, 20-21 Jan, was an “unprecedented” winter record for Deschutes (GP *fide* CM); another bird, probably an early arrival, was found 19 Feb at Haystack Res., Jefferson (M&KK).

Bald Eagle

“A couple,” Suttle Lk., Jefferson, 20 Dec (DI); 2, Odell Lk., Klamath, 21 Dec (DI); 18, Prineville CBC, 2 Jan (CG); 1 ad. & 1 imm., Farewell Bend, Malheur, 22 Jan (M&MLD, JG); 7, Ochoco Res., Prineville, Crook, 30 Jan (CG, PTS); between 70 and 100 were reported in the Klamath Basin at the Bear Valley flyout (DHz, KS); birds were observed in the John Day Valley between Prairie City and Dayville during the entire period (US).

Northern Harrier

9 was a high count on the John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US).

Northern Goshawk

1, John Day, Grant, 14 Dec; 1 imm. John Day, Grant, 15 Feb (both US); 1, Summer Lk. WMA, Lake, PDW (RG).

Red-shouldered Hawk

4 were found on the Klamath Falls CBC, Klamath, 18 Dec, and what was probably a fifth bird was seen near Merrill on 15 Jan. Another bird was sighted in Klamath Co., PDW, after none had been reported since the Merrill bird. Apparently, this species is becoming a rare but regular winter visitor to the Klamath Basin (KS).

SWAINSON'S HAWK

1 was reported on the John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US). This species is often misreported on CBCs in North America, so photo documentation of such birds is greatly encouraged.

Red-tailed Hawk

121 on Wallowa Co. CBC, 19 Dec, was a high count (FC).

Ferruginous Hawk

1 wintered near Klamath Falls, and then 3 were found in various locations in the Klamath Basin, Klamath, during PDW (KS, FM).

Golden Eagle

1, Long Creek Canyon, Gilliam, 12 Dec (RK); 8, Prineville CBC, 2 Jan (CG); 1 feeding on prey, Cricket Flats, Union, 12 Jan (RV).

American Kestrel

10 on Wallowa Co. CBC, 19 Dec, was a high count (FC).

Merlin

1 or 2 were prowling feeders in LaGrande, Union, in Dec (RV); 1, west of Moon Creek, Grant, 12 Dec (US); 1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, 18 Dec; 1, Wallowa Co. CBC, 19 Dec (*fide* CC); 3, Prineville, Crook, 30 Jan (CG, PTS)

GYRFALCON

1 gray morph bird was reported by two different parties from Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath, in early Feb (*fide* KS).

Gray Partridge

Wallowa Co. in winter seems to be a good place for this species as many observers reported seeing flocks of 7-15 while looking for wintering sparrows and finches. Birds were also seen at Holliday Ranch, Grant, in Dec (US).

Wild Turkey

Numerous reports from the region this winter: ~100, nw of Wallowa, Wallowa, 12 Dec (PTS); 26 were a first on the Union Co. CBC, 18 Dec (RV); 3, Prineville CBC, 2 Jan (CG); 50, near Cricket Flats, Union, 12 Jan (RV); 26, nw of Mt. Vernon, Grant, 12 Feb (US); birds were near Prairie City, Grant, Feb (US).

California Quail

217, John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US).

Virginia Rail

2, Enterprise fish hatchery, Wallowa, 12 & 19 Dec (PTS, OFO, CC); 3, Indian Creek, Grant, 18 Dec; 3, Prineville CBC, 2 Jan (CG); "numerous" calling birds, Summer Lk. WMA, Lake, PDW (RG).

SORA

1 was heard at Barnes Butte Res., Crook, 4 Jan (MM, CM, KT). Craig Miller noted, "there is only one previous winter record for Central Oregon."

American Coot

10 were a high count at the John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US).

Sandhill Crane

4, Wind R. Wetlands, Klamath, 24 Feb (BN).

Killdeer

3 near Sisters, Deschutes, 20 Feb (SS); "several," Summer Lk. WMA, Lake, PDW (RG); arrived at Fields, Harney, 1 Mar (M).

Least Sandpiper

Up to 10 were at Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 12 Dec (DH, PM); at least one remained until 2 Jan (MM, CM).

Dunlin

3, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 12 Dec (DH, PM).

Long-billed Dowitcher

2, Ana Res., Lk., were very late on 16 Dec (CM, MM).

Common Snipe

1, Pine Creek, Grant, 31 Dec (US).

Bonaparte's Gull

6 adults at the mouth of the Umatilla R., Umatilla, 23 Dec, were late for this location (M&MLD).

Mew Gull

1 adult was chummed in at John Day Dam, Sherman, 23 Dec (M&MLD); 1, Hood R., Hood R., 29 Jan (PTS,CGAS); 2 imm., Lk. Ewauna, Klamath, PDW (*vide* KS).

Ring-billed Gull

Reported from Dayville, Grant, Dec-Jan (US); 50, Hood R., Hood R., 29 Jan HDR (PTS, CGAS).

California Gull

Of the "dozens" of gulls at Odell Lk., Klamath, 21 Dec, those that could be identified were this species (DI); 3, Hood R., Hood R. 29 Jan (PTS, CGAS).

Herring Gull

1 adult, Schoolhouse Lk., Lake, on the Summer Lk. CBC, 21 Dec, was a first December record for the county (CM, MM).

Thayer's Gull

1, Hood R., Hood R., 29 Jan (PTS, CGAS).

Western Gull

1, Hood R., Hood R., 29 Jan (PTS, CGAS).

Glaucous-winged Gull

16, mouth of Hood R., Hood R., 23 Dec (M&MLD); 3, Hood R., Hood R., 29 Jan (PTS,CGAS); 1-5, Lk. Ewauna, Klamath, PDW (*vide* KS).

Band-tailed Pigeon

A bird at Black Butte Ranch, Deschutes, 3 Dec, was a late record for a bird that is already uncommon at that locale (WH).

Mourning Dove

106 on Wallowa Co. CBC, 19 Dec, was a high count (FC). 6, Union Co. CBC, 18 Dec (RV); 40, John Day, Grant, Feb (US).

Barn Owl

1, Long Creek Canyon, Gilliam, 12 Dec, was asleep in a hole in the road-cut (RK); 2, Union Co. CBC, 18 Dec (RV); 2 Holliday Ranch, Grant, John Day CBC Count Week (US).

Western Screech-Owl

2, Sisters, Deschutes, 26 Dec (SS).

Great Horned Owl

1, Union Co., CBC, 18 Dec (RV); 2, Summer Lk. WMA, Lake, PWD (RG).

Northern Pygmy-Owl

These birds seem to be seen frequently in NE Oregon this winter. In Union Co., 1 frequented a LaGrande feeder in Dec, often chasing Juncos; 1 was at Cove, 31 Dec; another near Elgin, 2 Jan; and one on the EOU campus in LaGrande 7 Feb (RL). Other reports from Union Co. included birds feeding on California Quail and Steller's Jay (all RV). In Wallowa Co., 5 were found on 15-16 Jan (AC); 1, Joseph airport, 22 Jan (ML); 1, Joseph, 7 Feb (MM, CM); and 1, Wallowa, 12 Feb(CC). In Baker Co., one doesn't even have to leave I-84: the Dennys had one 2.8 miles north of Durkee and another near Lime, both 21 Jan. In Central Oregon, 2, Sisters CBC, 26 Dec (SS); 1 near Tumalo Res., Deschutes, 16 Jan (DT); 1, Powell Butte, Crook, 30 Jan (CG,PTS).

Barred Owl

1, Moss Springs, Union, 30 Dec (RV).

Great Gray Owl

1, Baker Co., 31 Jan (CS).

Short-eared Owl

1, Powell Butte, 30 Jan was a first for Paul Sullivan in Crook Co.. The bird was seen again 2 Feb. Maitreya had a bird in the town of Fields, Harney, as opposed to the outlying areas, for the first time on 29 Feb.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

1 was found dead in Crook Co. in an area described as "heavy juniper forest with no pines for 6-8 miles in any direction," 31 Jan (*vide* CG).

Anna's Hummingbird

The first bird reported was a singing male in Bend, Deschutes, 3 Feb (DT).

Williamson's Sapsucker

1, Prineville CBC, 2 Jan (CG).

Red-naped Sapsucker

Rare in winter, one was in Bend, 30 Jan (JL).

Red-breasted Sapsucker

1, Bend CBC, 18 Dec (TC, MM, CM).

White-headed Woodpecker

1 frequented a feeder near Elgin, Union, in Dec (RV).

Three-toed Woodpecker

1, Sisters CBC, 26 Dec (SS)

Yellow-shafted Flicker

1 visited a Redmond, Deschutes, feeder, on 16 & 24 Feb (KO).

Pileated Woodpecker

1 female came to a feeder near Elgin, Union, in Dec (RV).

Say's Phoebe

1, Fort Rock, Lake, 19 Feb (BQ); 1, Summer Lk. WMA, Lake, 19 Feb (TR); 1 pr., Aspen Lk. near Sisters, Deschutes, 20 Feb (SS); 1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 27 Feb (DT).

Loggerhead Shrike

1, Long Creek Canyon, Gilliam, 12 Dec (RK); 1 on Diamond-Princeton Rd., Harney, 11 Feb (SS).

Northern Shrike

Reports seemed a bit down: "several," Wallowa Co. OFO Weekend, 11-12 Dec (PTS); 1 above Phlippi Canyon, Gilliam, 12 Dec (RK); numbers varied on CBCs, generally between 1 and 3; 1, east of Haystack Res., 8 Feb (SS); 1-2, Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath, 18 Feb (DHZ); 2, Fort Rock, Lake, 19 Feb; "several," Summer Lk. WMA, Lake, PDW (RG); finally, 1 was seen eating a freshly impaled Horned Lark in Wallowa Co., 27 Feb (SR, DP).

Blue Jay

Several birds were in Deschutes Co.: 2 birds came to a feeder near Indian Ford Ranch through 26 Dec (MS); two were northeast of Sisters through the end of December and may have been different birds than the other two (*vide* SS); 2 more were in Bend, 19 Jan (J&KVL). Craig Miller reports that this is the fifth

consecutive winter where Blue Jays appeared in the area.

Western Scrub-Jay

2 found on the Prineville CBC, Crook, 2 Jan may have stayed to breed (CG, NM).

Pinyon Jay

18, Powell Butte, 30 Jan CRO (CG, PTS).

Clark's Nutcracker

"Several dozens," south of Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 27 Feb, were "far more than I had ever seen together" (SR).

Tree Swallow

1 along the Deschutes R. near Bend, Deschutes, 13 Feb, was the earliest on record for Central Oregon by 3 days (SS; CM).

Black-capped Chickadee

2, just west of Olex along Long Creek, Gilliam, 12 Dec were in marginal habitat (RK).

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Found on the Wallowa Co. CBC, 19 Dec (FC *vide* CC).

White-breasted Nuthatch

20 was a high count on the John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US).

Rock Wren

1, Long Creek Canyon, Gilliam, 12 Dec (RK); 1, John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US).

Canyon Wren

1, John Day CBC, 18 Dec; 1 Canyon Creek, Grant, 9 Feb (US); 1, above Pelton Park, Jefferson, 8 Feb (SS); 4, including one at Biggs Sewage Plant, Sherman Co., 26 Dec (CC, JS).

Bewick's Wren

9, Sherman Co., 26 Dec, was a good count (CC, JS).

Winter Wren

2, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 12 Dec (CC, JS); 4, Wallowa Co. CBC, 19 Dec (FC *vide* CC); 3, Prineville CBC, 2 Jan (CG).

Marsh Wren

1, John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US); 10 on Wallowa Co. CBC, 19 Dec, was a high count (FC); 1, Black Butte Ranch,

Deschutes, 26 Dec (SS); 1, Biggs s.p., Sherman Co., 26 Dec (CC, JS); "numerous calling birds," Summer Lk. WMA, Lake, PDW (RG).

American Dipper

3, Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 11 Dec (PTS, OFO); 1, Canyon Creek, Grant, 24 Jan (US). A pair was building a nest on a small bridge on Hwy. 82, Wallowa, 16 Feb (RF).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

1 accompanied the 2 Black-capped Chickadees near Olex, Gilliam, 12 Dec to form one of the smaller winter feeding flocks (RK); 10 in one flock, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 12 Dec (CC, JS).

Western Bluebird

19, Sisters CBC, 26 Dec (SS).

Mountain Bluebird

"Large flocks" east of Bend, Deschutes, 1 Dec (WH); 1 near Bend, 8 Feb (SS).

Townsend's Solitaire

2, Enterprise, Wallowa, 11 Dec (PTS, OFO); 1, Sunrise Rd., Wallowa 22 Jan (ML).

Hermit Thrush

1, between Biggs and Rufus, Sherman Co., 26 Dec (CC, JS); 2, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 6 Jan (M&MLD); 1, south of Hood R., Hood R., 29 Jan (PTS).

American Robin

The numbers in the reports are interesting as they show this common species' differing statuses in eastern Oregon in winter: 1, Cove, Union, 9 Dec (RV); 1000, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 12 Dec (CC, JS); "tens of thousands," including several flocks of 1000+ found in Crook and Deschutes Counties, 26 Feb (SS).

Varied Thrush

1, south of Hood R., Hood R., 29 Jan (PTS); reported from Prineville Golf Course, Crook, 1 Feb (CG).

GRAY CATBIRD

Quite unexpected was a single bird found north of Tumalo, Deschutes, on the Bend CBC on 18 Dec. This was the

first winter record for Central Oregon (LR *fide* CM).

Sage Thrasher

1, Summer Lk. WMA, Lake, PDW (RG).

European Starling

1824 was a high count for Union Co. CBC, 18 Dec (RV).

Bohemian Waxwing

Numbers in Wallowa Co. varied throughout the period, showing the flocking and wandering nature of the species, even when one expects it to be there: high counts were 1000+ in Joseph, 12-13 Feb, and 300-400 in Enterprise in late Dec (FC). Numbers in Joseph stayed in the triple digits to the end of the period. With all the birds in Wallowa Co., the fact that none were found on the Union Co. CBC was even more unusual. No reports were received outside Wallowa Co.

Cedar Waxwing

20, Joseph, Wallowa, 11 Dec (PTS,OFO); 100, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 12 Dec (CC, JS); "flocks," Enterprise, Wallowa, 15-16 Jan (AC).

Orange-crowned Warbler

1, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 12 Dec (CC, JS).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

20, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 12 Dec (CC, JS); reported from Mt. Vernon, Grant, Jan (US).

American Tree Sparrow

Flocks of 2-12 were around and about in Wallowa Co. throughout the period (many observers); 1, Miller Island WMA, Klamath, 15 Jan to 20 Feb (KS, FM).

Sage Sparrow

Arrived near Fields, Harney, 1 Mar (M).

Savannah Sparrow

2, Prineville CBC, 2 Jan (CG).

Fox Sparrow

2, form not noted, John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US); 1 sooty form, along Columbia R. west of Rufus, Sherman, 26 Dec (CC, JS).

Song Sparrow

91 on Wallowa Co. CBC, 19 Dec, was a high count (FC).

Lincoln's Sparrow

2, including 1 west of Rufus, Sherman, 26 Dec (CC, JS).

Swamp Sparrow

1, Wallowa Co., during the last week of November (FC); 1 was in 1 was found at Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, on 18 Dec and stayed until at least 29 January. This was the third Deschutes record (TC, CM, MM).

White-throated Sparrow

1, Bend, Deschutes, 7 Dec (CCa *fide* CM); 1 tan form, Enterprise Fish Hatchery, 19 Dec, was the first for the Wallowa Co. CBC (CC, FC); 1 was at Mt. Vernon, throughout the period, and 1 was west of Moon Creek in Feb, both Grant (US).

Harris's Sparrow

1, west of Moon Creek, Grant, 12 Dec into Jan (US).

White-crowned Sparrow

2, Enterprise, Wallowa, 11 Dec (PTS,OFO). These birds were seen during Count Week for the Wallowa Co. CBC.

Golden-crowned Sparrow

1 imm, McNary Wildlife Area, Umatilla, 6 Jan (M&MLD).

GRAY-HEADED JUNCO

A well-marked bird was observed about 7 miles north of Prineville, Crook, for about 10 minutes on 2 Jan (TC, CG).

Slate-colored Junco

"Several," Wallowa Co. OFO Weekend, 11-12 Dec (PTS); 1, John Day CBC, 18 Dec (US); 1, Bend, Deschutes, mid Jan (DT); 1 Canyon Creek, Grant, Feb (US).

Lapland Longspur

25, Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath, 22 Jan (FM); 4, same area, 20 Feb (TR).

Snow Bunting

20, near Joseph, Wallowa, 15 Jan (FC *fide* AC); 12, including 1 male in "spectacular breeding plumage," along Zumwalt Rd., Wallowa, 27 Feb (SR, DP).

Red-winged Blackbird

260 was a high count on the John Day CBC (US).

Tricolored Blackbird

2, Rimrock Springs, Jefferson, Utopia CBC, 19 Dec (DH); about 10% of a 3000-blackbird flock were this species, Stateline Rd., Klamath, PDW (*fide* KS); "dozens" were in Crook County between Terrebonne and Prineville on 26 Feb (SS).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

A large mixed blackbird flock in Klamath Co. had some of this species, 17 Jan (CB).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch

30-40 occupied OK Gulch, E of Enterprise, from early December to at least 22 Jan (multiple observers); 500, south of Joseph on the west side of Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 19 Dec.

Purple Finch

Not previously reported in Central Oregon in winter: 4, Black Butte Ranch, Deschutes, 4 Dec (DK); 4, Redmond, Deschutes, 14-15 Feb (KO).

Red Crossbill

Besides the reports from various expected areas, some birds were showing up in stranger places: 3, Arlington Cemetery, Gilliam, late Dec; 3, McNary Wildlife Area, late Dec; and 1-6, near the John Day Dam, 23 Dec and later that same week, respectively (DF, M&MLD).

Lesser Goldfinch

Reported from John Day, Grant, 8 Dec (US); 1, Bend CBC, 18 Dec (TC, CM, MM); 1, near Pelton Wildlife Overlook, Jefferson, 8 Feb (SS).

American Goldfinch

100, 5 miles west of Olex, Gilliam, 12 Dec (RK).

Evening Grosbeak

500, mostly between Indian Ford and Cold Spring CGs, Sisters CBC, 26 Dec (SS).

COMMON REDPOLL

Definitely an invasion year for this northern species.

In Central Oregon, the first bird was found by Anya Celarier on 27 Nov at Black Butte Ranch, Deschutes, in a mixed chickadee-siskin flock. As many as 7 Redpolls were seen in the area of the ranch until 13 Jan. 3 were at LaPine, Deschutes, on 6 Dec (MkM); 35 were in the Sunriver, Deschutes, for several days from 10 Dec (CCa, LP). 15 were found on the Prineville CBC, Crook, on 2 Jan and were seen through 18 Jan (CG). A single bird was at Redmond on 13 Jan (KO). Approximately 40 were in the west hills area of Bend from 13 Jan to 15 Feb (TC).

In Northeast Oregon, birds showed up in Wallowa Co. around 20 Nov, and on the OFO Weekend, 2 were in Joseph, 11 Dec and 250 were near Enterprise, 12 Dec (FC,PTS,OFO). 20 were in Enterprise in late Dec (F). 2 or 3 birds continued at Frank Conley's feeders in Joseph through the end of the period. Up to 44 birds were about a mile west of the Enterprise Fish Hatchery in mid-January, and some remained into February and March (AC, RF). On 22 and 23 Jan, Margaret LaFaive had 300 birds in 3 flocks (50, 50, and 200) at various Wallowa Co. spots. Elsewhere in NE Oregon, 12-15 were along Orchard Rd, Union, in early Dec (RV), and 1 was at Brownlee Res., Baker 13 Jan (AU).

Sightings were a little more scattered in North Central Oregon. In Grant Co., 1 was reported in John Day on 8 Dec as well as Mt. Vernon in Dec (US). about 10 birds were NE of Condon, Gilliam, on 12 Dec (RK). The Corders had 2 at their feeders in Hermiston, Umatilla, on 1 Jan, and 1 bird continued to show up until 27 Feb.

Observers

AC Alan Contreras, AU Aaron Utz, BN Bruce Newhouse, BQ Brain Quinn, CB Clint Brumitt, CC Craig Corder, CCa Chris Carey, CG Chuck Gates, CGAS Columbia Gorge Audubon Society, CM Craig Miller, CS Carol Speegle, DF Darrel Faxon, DH Dean Hale, DHZ Dave Helzer, DI Dave Irons, DP Darlene Philpott, DR Dave Roll, F The Fairchilds, FC Frank Conley, FM Frank Mayer, GP Gale Parlato, J&KVL Jerry & Kathleen Van Loo, JG John Gatchet, JL Jerry Lear, JS Judy Stevens, KO Kimdel Owen, LP Larry Pecenka, LR Lew Rems, M Maitreya, M&KK Mike & Karen Keller, M&MLD Mike & MerryLynn Denny, MkM Mike Mitchell, ML Margaret LaFaive, MM Marilyn Miller, MS Mary Smith, MSL Marty St. Louis, NM Nancy MacDonald, OFO OFO Birding Weekend, PM Patty Meehan, PTS Paul T. Sullivan, RF Reid Freeman, RG Roy Gerig, RK Ray Korpi, RL Ralph Lewis, RV *The Rav-On*, SR Skip Russell, SS Steve Shunk, TC Tom Crabtree, TR Tim Rodenkirk, TS Tim Shelmerdine, US *Upland Sandpiper*, WH Wayne Hoffman.

FIELD NOTES: Western Oregon, Winter 1999-2000

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Most of the two-week period for CBCs was unseasonably dry, which brought out good participation, hence most counts averaged higher than usual.

Format:

Species in All CAPS: Birds for which reports should be sent to the OBRC.

Abbreviations:

ANWR	Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge, Marion Co.
BOS	Bay Ocean Spit, Tillamook Co.
BSNWR	Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge, Polk Co.
CBC	Christmas Bird Count
FNWR	Finley National Wildlife Refuge, Benton Co.
FRR	Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co.
SI	Sauvie Island--county noted in text where known.
SJCR	South Jetty of the Columbia River, Clatsop Co

YELLOW-BILLED LOON

1 was in Port Orford, Curry, 30 Dec (Colin Dillingham, Nathaniel Wander).

Horned Grebe

2 were found on the Corvallis CBC, 22 Dec (*fide* Trent Bray); 1 was in Corvallis, Benton, 30 Dec (Don Boucher); 1 was at the Fernhill Wetlands, Washington, 15 Feb (Harry Nehls).

Red-necked Grebe

3 were found on the Portland CBC (*fide* Ray Korpi).

Clark's Grebe

1 was on SI, 13 Dec (Phil Pickering); 1 was at Empire, Coos, 16 Dec (Tim

Rodenkirk); 1 was on Hagg Lake, Washington, 26 Dec (Tom Love); 1 was on Selmac Lake, Josephine, 27 Dec (Dennis Vroman); 2 were found on the Portland CBC (*fide* Robert Lockett); 1 was found on the Yaquina Bay CBC, Lincoln, 3 Jan (*fide* R. Cheek); 1 was on the Port Orford CBC, Curry (*fide* Nathaniel Wander); 1 was at Fort Stevens State Park, Clatsop, for the winter (*fide* Harry Nehls).

Pelagic Trips

Greg Gillson reports that the trip out of Depoe Bay on 5 Feb saw:

Laysan Albatross	7
Black-footed Albatross	11
Northern Fulmar	60

Short-tailed Shearwater	1
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	1
Black-legged Kittiwake	4

Laysan Albatross

An immature bird was apparently brought to shore via a boat to Charleston Harbor, Coos, 21 Dec (*fide* Dan Van Dyke). On 13 Dec a research vessel off the Oregon coast found 94, certainly a new record for Oregon and probably North America! (Michael Force)

Black-footed Albatross

On 13 Dec a research vessel off the Oregon coast found 46 birds (Michael Force).

SHORT-TAILED ALBATROSS

On 13 Dec a research vessel off the Oregon coast found 1 bird (Michael Force). Details were sent to the OBR.

MOTTLED PETREL

On 13 Dec a research vessel off the Oregon coast found 1 bird (Michael Force).

American White Pelican

The pair that has wintered at FRR was there for the 3rd consecutive year (many observers).

Brown Pelican

6 were in Charleston, Coos, on 5 Dec, and 1 was still there 16 Dec (Tim Rodenkirk); 3 were at Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 26 Dec (Phil Pickering).

Snowy Egret

8 were found on the Coos Bay CBC, Coos, 19 Dec (*fide* Tim Rodenkirk).

Cattle Egret

2 were at Myrtle Point Marsh, Coos, 3 Dec (Dave Lauten); 1 was at Scappoose Bottoms, Columbia, 6 & 19 Dec (Ray Korpi); 1 was near Salem, Marion, 22 Dec (John Lundsten).

Green Heron

1 was found on the Coos Bay CBC, Coos, 19 Dec (*fide* Tim Rodenkirk); 1 was at FRR, Lane, 16 Feb (Jeff Fleischer).

Black-crowned Night Heron

4 were near the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Lincoln, 24 Dec (*fide* Range Bayer); 1 was found on the Forest Grove CBC, 26 Dec (*fide* Mary Anne Sohlstrom); 15 were found at a roost near Medford, Jackson, 26 Dec (Doug Kirkpatrick). At least 5 birds were observed at the North Portland roost site throughout the period (Ray Korpi).

American Bittern

1 seen at Millacoma Marsh, Coos, 19 Dec & 8 Jan, may have overwintered (Tim Rodenkirk).

Turkey Vulture

1 was seen along Cantrell Road, Lane, 13 Dec (Paul Sherrill); 2 were at FRR, 5 Jan (Diane Pettey); 1 was near Dallas, Polk, 16 Jan (Roy Gerig); 1 was in Eugene, Lane, 1 Feb (Diane Pettey).

Emperor Goose

1 was at the SJCR, 18 Dec (Mike Patterson); 3 were at BOS, 18 Dec (Jeff Harding); 1 was at Winchester Bay, Douglas, 22 Dec. (Mike Denny).

Snow Goose

5 were at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook, 2 Dec (Margaret Tweelinckx); 2 were at FNWR, 27 Dec (Mark Rudolph); 10 were near Beaverton, Washington, 2 Jan (Paul Sullivan); 7 were near Lebanon, Linn, 3 Jan (Roy Gerig); 1 was at BSNWR, 15 Jan (Brian Wegener); 1 was at FNWR, 23 Jan (Trent Bray).

Ross's Goose

1 was on SI, Multnomah, 6 Dec (Ray Korpi); 1 was at FNWR, 31 Jan (Mark Nikas). A blue phase bird was on SI 19 Dec to end of period (Ray Korpi).

Brant

1 was on SI, Columbia, 28 Jan (Margaret LaFaive).

Trumpeter Swan

4 were in a flock of Tundras for a possible Yamhill first, 30 Dec (Tom Love). The Maplegrove flock in S. Polk Co. remains strong with up to 40 birds this winter (Joel Geier).

Blue-winged Teal

1 was found on the Coquille Valley CBC, Coos, 2 Jan (*fide* Alan Contreras).

Cinnamon Teal

4 were in Medford, Jackson, 7 Dec (Mark Brazelton); several were on Scappoose Bottoms, Columbia, 19 Dec (Ray Korpi); 1 was found on the Forest Grove CBC 26 Dec (*fide* Mary Anne Sohlstrom); 1 was found on the Coquille Valley CBC, Coos, 2 Jan (*fide* Alan Contreras); 2 were at Millacoma Marsh, Coos, 7 Jan (Tim Rodenkirk); 7 were at Jackson Bottoms, Washington, 16 Jan

(Erik Knight); 1 was in Eugene, Lane, 8 Jan (Roger Robb); 1 was at BSNWR, 23 Jan (Jeff Harding); 3 were at Brigantine Monastery, Yamhill, 22 Jan (Paul Sullivan).

Eurasian Green-winged Teal

One was in Salem, Marion, 1 Jan (Dan Heyerly).

TUFTED DUCK

A male was at the Warrenton Sewage Ponds, Clatsop, 14 Jan (Todd Thornton).

Long-tailed Duck

1 was at the Warrenton Sewage Ponds, Clatsop, 18 Dec (Mike Patterson); 1 was found on the Florence CBC, Lane, 21 Dec (*fide* Paul Sherrill); 1 was in Salem, Marion, 23 Dec (John Lundsten); 2 were on the Columbia River in Portland, Multnomah, 1 Jan (Ray Korpi); up to 5 were around Coos Bay by 31 Jan (Tim Rodenkirk).

Barrow's Goldeneye

A pair were on Fernhill Lake, Washington, 5 Dec (Eric Knight); 1 was found on the Tillamook Bay CBC, Tillamook, 18 Dec (*fide* Owen Schmidt); 1 was found on the Coos Bay CBC, Coos, 19 Dec for only the 3rd county record (*fide* Tim Rodenkirk).

Osprey

1 was along the Applegate River, Josephine, 13-14 Dec (Dennis Vroman); 3 were found on the Coos Bay CBC, Coos, 19 Dec (*fide* Tim Rodenkirk).

Bald Eagle

A high of 14 was found on the Yaquina Bay CBC, Lincoln, 3 Jan (*fide* R. Cheek).

Northern Goshawk

1 adult seen in downtown Portland, Multnomah, 5 Feb, was believed to be wintering (Jeff Gilligan).

Red-shouldered Hawk

1 was near Fort Stevens, Clatsop, 4 Dec (David Mandell); 1 was near Dennis Vroman's place, Josephine, 5 Dec; 2 were found on the Tillamook Bay CBC, Tillamook, 18 Dec (*fide* Owen Schmidt); 1 was in Brownsmead, Clatsop, 30 Dec (Mike Patterson); 1 was at FRR, 1 Jan (Tom Mickel); 1 was in Eugene, Lane, 2 Jan (Barb Combs); it or another was

there, 22 Jan (Neil Bjorklund); 1 was near Cloverdale, Tillamook, 22 Jan (Wayne Hoffman); 1 was in Monroe, Benton, 5 Feb (Donald Boucher).

Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk

One returned to S. Polk Co. for its 9th winter (Joel Geier). 1 was on SI, 23 Jan (Carol Hallett); 1 was near the McMinnville Airport, Yamhill, 31 Jan (Tom Love).

Rough-legged Hawk

1 was found on the Coos Bay CBC, Coos, 19 Dec (*fide* Tim Rodenkirk).

GYRFALCON

1 near Amity, 18 Jan, was Yamhill's 2nd (Worth Matthewson, *fide* John Lundsten); 1 was 10 miles south of Corvallis, Benton, 29 Jan (Paula Vanderheul, Marcia Cutler).

Prairie Falcon

1 was at Floras Lake, Curry, 12 Dec (Don Munson).

Virginia Rail

1 was at the BOS, 18 Dec (Jeff Harding); 1 was found on the Sauvie Island CBC, Columbia, 18 Dec (Ray Korpi); 1 was found on the Florence CBC, Lane, 21 Dec (*fide* Paul Sherrill); 5 were found on the Corvallis CBC, Benton, 22 Dec (*fide* Trent Bray); 1 was found on the Silverton CBC, Marion, 1 Jan (*fide* Roger Freeman).

Sora

1 was found on the Florence CBC, Lane, 21 Dec (*fide* Paul Sherrill).

Sandhill Crane

3 were along I-5 in Linn Co. on 10 Dec (Jeff Harding).

Black-bellied Plover

73 were near the Eugene Airport, Lane, 1 Jan (Dave Irons); 42 were just south of FNWR, 31 Jan (Hendrik Herlyn).

Snowy Plover

1 was at BOS, 18 Dec (Jeff Harding); 24 were found on the Florence CBC, Lane, 21 Dec (*fide* Paul Sherrill).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER

The bird found late last period on the southern Douglas County coast stayed

the entire period (Dave Lauten, Alan Contreras, et al).

Greater Yellowlegs

1 was on the Salem CBC, Marion, 18 Dec (*fide* Karen Sparkman); 1 was found on the Corvallis CBC, Benton, 22 Dec (*fide* Trent Bray); 1 was found on the Silverton CBC, Marion, 1 Jan (*fide* Roger Freeman); 21 found south of Tangent, Linn, 3 Jan, stayed on for the rest of the period (Roy Gerig); 1 was in S. Clackamas Co. 17 Jan (Dan Van Den Broek); 1 was at ANWR, 23 Jan (Steve Dowlan); 20 were at Beaver Creek, Lincoln, 29 Jan (Jeff Harding); 30 were at the Kirtland Road Sewage Ponds, Jackson, 30 Jan (Norman Barrett).

Long-billed Curlew

1 was near Eugene, Lane, 4 Jan (Sylvia Maulding); 2 were along 7 Mile Lane, Linn, 10 Jan, where 2 were last winter (Jeff Fleischer); 1 was on Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 10 Jan (Eric Horvath).

Ruddy Turnstone

1 was found on the Coquille Valley CBC, Coos, 2 Jan (*fide* Alan Contreras).

Western Sandpiper

1 was on the Salem CBC, Marion, 18 Dec (*fide* Karen Sparkman); 1 was found on the Dallas CBC 28 Dec (*fide* Roy Gerig); 1 was at ANWR, 22 Jan (Alan Contreras).

Rock Sandpiper

5 were found on the Coquille Valley CBC, Coos, 2 Jan (*fide* Alan Contreras).

Short-billed Dowitcher

1 was found on the Coquille Valley CBC, Coos, 2 Jan (*fide* Alan Contreras).

Parasitic Jaeger

1 was seen off the Oregon Coast by M. Force on a research vessel 13 Dec.

Heermann's Gull

1 was found on the Coos Bay CBC, Coos, 19 Dec (*fide* Tim Rodenkirk).

Mew Gull

A possible "Kamchatka Gull" was seen at Westmoreland Park, Multnomah, 14 Dec (Harry Nehls).

Glaucous Gull

A 1st winter bird was at New River, Coos, 6 Dec (Dave Lauten); an adult was near Floras Lake, Curry, 12 Dec (Don Munson); 1 was at Coos Bay, Coos, 16 Dec (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 was at Floras Lake, Curry, 27 Dec (Tim Rodenkirk); an adult and a first-winter bird were at the Gertz Rd. wetland area, Multnomah, 2 Jan (Ray Korpi; Mary Anne Sohlstrom); 2 were at D River, Lincoln, 3 Jan (Phil Pickering); 1 was found on the Yaquina Bay CBC, Lincoln, 3 Jan (*fide* R. Cheek); 1 was in NW Linn Co., 16 Jan (Tom Love); 1 was in Westmoreland Park, Multnomah, 17 Jan (David Bailey); 1-2 were in Oregon City, Clackamas, 27 Jan- 5 Feb (Elmer Specht, Tim Janzen).

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE

A good view of a fly-by bird was seen in Oregon City, Clackamas, 23 Dec (Bob Fergus). The birder who saw this is very familiar with the species, and if accepted by the OBRC, the sighting would be the 3rd state record.

Band-tailed Pigeon

1 was found on the Coos Bay CBC, Coos, 19 Dec (*fide* Tim Rodenkirk); 2 were found on the Grants Pass CBC 18 Dec (*fide* Dennis Vroman); 1 was along Thornton Creek, Lincoln, 24 Dec (Darrel Faxon); 2 were in Beaverton, Washington, 2 Jan (Paul Sullivan); 1 was heard singing near Mehama, Marion, 19 Feb (Steve Dowlan).

Burrowing Owl

1 was on BOS, 18 Dec (Jeff Harding). The Marion Co. bird returned for its 2nd winter east of Salem (Steve Dowlan).

Barred Owl

1 reported earlier in the week was refound at BSNWR, 28 Dec (Ray Korpi); 1 was found on the Silverton CBC, Marion, 1 Jan (*fide* Roger Freeman); 1 was found on the Port Orford CBC (*fide* Nathaniel Wander).

Long-eared Owl

1 was near the SJCR, 18 Dec (Mike Patterson).

Short-eared Owl

4 were found on the Grants Pass CBC, 18 Dec (*fide* Dennis Vroman).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD

The Grants Pass bird returned for its 4th winter 17 Dec (Dennis Vroman).

Rufous Hummingbird

The first migrant showed up on 3 Feb at Alice Pfand's home near Port Orford, Curry.

Allen's Hummingbird

The first returning migrant was seen 9 Feb at New River, Coos (Tim Rodenkirk).

Black Phoebe

1 was found on the Portland CBC, 2 Jan, along Mt. Scott Creek for a Clackamas Co. 1st. It stayed through the end of the period (Tom Ewert, Michael Kay).

Say's Phoebe

1 was found on the Corvallis CBC, 22 Dec (*fide* Trent Bray); 1 was near Silverton, Marion, 26 Dec (Steve Dowlan); 1 was north of Salem, Marion, 1 Jan (Paul Sullivan); 1 was at BSNWR, 12 Feb (Paula Vanderheul).

Loggerhead Shrike

1 was found on the Dallas CBC, 28 Dec (*fide* Roy Gerig).

Western Scrub-Jay

1 was in Lincoln City, Lincoln, 27 Feb (Ed McVicker).

Tree Swallow

Reports of wintering birds trickled in during Dec-Jan. By Feb. they were fairly common.

Violet-green Swallow

2 were in Port Orford, Curry, 1 Jan (Nathaniel Wander); 6 were along Euchre Creek, Curry, 30 Jan (Nathaniel Wander); 1 was at ANWR, 29 Feb (Steve Dowlan).

Barn Swallow

1 was in Port Orford, Curry, 21 Dec & 1 Jan (Nathaniel Wander); 1 was at the Denman Wildlife Area, Jackson, 21 Dec (Matt Hunter); 1 was in N. Yamhill Co., 30 Dec (Tom Love); 1 was in Canby, Clackamas, 19 Jan (Dan van den Broek); 2 were at the Kirtland Road Sewage Ponds, Jackson, 30 Dec (Norman Barrett); 1 was in Bandon, Coos, 3 Feb (Dave Lauten).

Townsend's Solitaire

1 was found on the Tillamook Bay CBC, Tillamook, 18 Dec (*fide* Owen Schmidt); 1 was in North Plains, Washington, 29 Feb (Jeff Gilligan); 1 was on Cape Blanco, Curry, 29 Feb (Nathaniel Wander).

Northern Mockingbird

1 was at the N. Jetty Coos Bay, Coos, 5 Dec (Tim Rodenkirk) and may have been the same one seen there 16 Feb (Dave Lauten); 1 was at the Wahl Ranch in Langlois, Curry, 5 Dec (Terry Wahl); 1 was found on the Illinois Valley CBC, Josephine, 21 Dec (*fide* Romain Cooper); 1 was found on the Coquille Valley CBC, Coos, 2 Jan (*fide* Alan Contreras).

Orange-crowned Warbler

Many were reported during Dec. from the valleys and coast.

Nashville Warbler

1 was found on the Coquille Valley CBC, Coos, 2 Jan (*fide* Alan Contreras).

Palm Warbler

1 was near Gearhart, Clatsop, 4 Dec (David Mandell); 1 was found on the Columbia Estuary CBC, Clatsop, 18 Dec (Mike Patterson); 1 was found for the 2nd winter at the Columbia River Slough, Multnomah, 19 Dec-end of period (Jan Cornelius; Bob Stites); 3 were found on the Coos Bay CBC, Coos, 19 Dec (*fide* Tim Rodenkirk).

Common Yellowthroat

1 was at the Millacoma Marsh, Coos, for the entire period (Tim Rodenkirk). 1 was in S. Marion Co. 27 Dec (Steve Dowlan); 1 was in Brownsmead, Clatsop, 30 Dec (Mike Patterson); 1 was on SI, 26 Dec (Paul Osburn).

Wilson's Warbler

1 was in Port Orford, Curry, 30 Dec (Colin Dillingham, Nathaniel Wander).

American Tree Sparrow

1 was found on the Corvallis CBC, Benton, 22 Dec (*fide* Trent Bray); 1 was found in Fayetteville, Linn, 24 Dec for a 2nd county record (Greg Gillson); 1 was in S. Clackamas Co., 2 Feb (Elmer Specht).

Lark Sparrow

1 was found on the Salem CBC, Marion, 18 Dec (Karen Sparkman, Bob Altman).

Chipping Sparrow

1 was on the Salem CBC, Marion, 18 Dec (*fide* Karen Sparkman); 2 were found on the Dallas CBC, 28 Dec (*fide* Roy Gerig).

Clay-colored Sparrow

1 was at Millacoma Marsh, Coos, 2 Dec (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 was found on the Tillamook Bay CBC, Tillamook, 18 Dec (*fide* Owen Schmidt); 1 was near Albany (26 Dec) Marcia Cutler; 1 was on SI, Columbia, 31 Dec-end of period (Mike Marsh); 1 was at the Munson place in Curry, 8 Jan (Don Munson).

RED FOX SPARROW

1 was found on the Silverton CBC, 31 Dec (Steve Dowlan).

Swamp Sparrow

1 was found on the Salem CBC, Marion, 18 Dec (Karen Sparkman, Bob Altman); 3 were found on the Columbia Estuary CBC, 18 Dec (Mike Patterson); 2 were at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook, 19 Dec (Jeff Harding); 9 were found on the Coos Bay CBC, Coos, 19 Dec for a new count high (*fide* Tim Rodenkirk); 1 was found on Rentenaar Rd., SI, Columbia, 19 Dec-end of period (Ray Korpi); 1 was at Adair Village, Benton, 27 Dec (Matt Hunter).

Harris's Sparrow

1 was in S. Marion Co. 27 Dec (Steve Dowlan); 1 was on SI, Columbia, 27 Dec-end of period (Margaret LaFaive); 1 was in Eugene, Lane, 3 Jan (Bruce Newhouse); 1 was near FNWR, 12 Feb (David Bailey).

Lapland Longspur

10 were at Floras Lake, Curry, 27 Dec (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 was found on the Yaquina Bay CBC, Lincoln, 3 Jan (*fide* R. Cheek).

Snow Bunting

1 was at the SJCR, 12 Dec and again on 11 Feb (Todd Thornton); 2 were found on the Yaquina Bay CBC, Lincoln, 3 Jan (*fide* R. Cheek); 2 were near Florence, Lane, 23 Jan (Reid Freeman, Paul Sherrill).

PAINTED BUNTING

Trudy Walker photographed one coming to a feeder in Idlewild, Douglas, during Christmas week. Photos sent to the OBRC. This will be the 3rd state record if accepted.

Yellow-headed Blackbird

1 was at FRR, 28 Dec (Anne Esche).

HOODED ORIOLE

1 was in Brookings, Curry, 29 Dec (Ken Goldwater).

Common Redpoll

25+ were seen near Santiam Flats and flew across Detroit Lake, Marion/Linn, 5 Dec (Steve Dowlan); 1 was in Eugene, Lane, 6 Jan (Barb Combs).

FIELD NOTES: Eastern Oregon, Spring 2000

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THE SEASON

This spring eastern Oregon saw temperatures slightly below normal in March, above normal in April, and normal in May. Precipitation was slightly above normal in March. April precipitation varied across the region: down to only 50% of normal in the north central part of the state, but up to 125% of normal in Malheur County. By May precipitation was normal in most of the region, except for the central and southeast corner of the region, which were about 60% of normal.

NOTABLE SIGHTINGS

Noteworthy sightings included Ross's Geese in Crook County; a Tufted Duck at Hatfield Lake near Bend; a Harlequin Duck in Union County; Red Knot and Ruff at Lower Klamath NWR; a Little Gull at Summer Lake; an Eastern Phoebe in Wheeler County; Plumbeous and Red-eyed Vireos at Malheur NWR; Blue Jays in Bend and Sisters; a Brown Thrasher near Joseph; 2 Virginia's, a Black-throated Green, a Black-and-white Warbler, and an American Redstart at Malheur NWR; a Kentucky Warbler, a Northern Waterthrush, and a Summer Tanager at Fields; and a Great-tailed Grackle near LaGrande

REPORTS AND REPORTERS

Observations were received directly from 21 observers. Reports from a total of 96 observers were gleaned from *The Eagle Eye*, newsletter of the Central Oregon Audubon Society; *The Upland Sandpiper*, newsletter of the Grant County Bird Club; *The Raven-on*, newsletter of the Grande Ronde Bird Club; and sightings reported to Portland Audubon's Rare Bird Alert (aka Harry Nehls).

FORMAT

The format used for each sighting in this report is this: # individuals, location, county, date, (INITIALS OF OBSERVERS).

ABBREVIATIONS:

CG campground
 CPR central patrol road
 HQ Headquarters
 Lk.. Lake
 MNWR Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Harney Co.
 mob many observers
 NWR National Wildlife Refuge
 RD Ranger District
 Res. Reservoir
 s.p. sewage ponds
 St.Pk. state park
 WMA Wildlife Management Area

DESIGNATIONS

Mallard: Plain type denotes species usually seen

Pacific Loon: Italics indicates unusual sightings, late dates, unusual locations, Latin subspecies

HARLEQUIN DUCK: All capitals indicates a rare sighting

ROSS'S GULL: All capitals underlined indicates a bird for which an OBRC report should be made

Common Loon

25, Wickiup Res., Deschutes, 26 Mar (JM,HH,JI); 1, Ochoco Res., Crook, 21 May (KO).

Horned Grebe

1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 20 May (DH,JM,HH).

Eared Grebe

4, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 9 Apr (DH); 7, Antelope Res., Malheur, 22 Apr (MLD,MD); 340, Crook Co. NAMC, 13 May (CG); 3204, Lk.. Abert, Lake, 13 May (RG, AU).

Clark's Grebe

1, The Dalles, Wasco, 12 Mar (JH); 6, Pelican Point, Klamath Falls, Klamath, 25 Mar (PTS,KS,FM,OFO).

American White Pelican

4, Cold Spring NWR, Umatilla, 2 Apr (CJC,PTS).

American Bittern

1, MNWR, 26 May (VA).

Great Egret

1+, near Chandler State Wayside, Valley Falls, Lake, 13 May (LRF).

Snowy Egret

4, near Ft. Harney, Harney, 22 Apr (MD,MLD); 2, MNWR, 29 May (VA); 12, near Stateline Rd, Klamath, 30 May (DAH,AE).

Cattle Egret

1, The Narrows, MNWR, 21 Apr (DE).

Green Heron

1, Wood River Wetlands, Klamath, 18 April, (AMG); 1, Hood River, Hood River, 27 May (TE).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

2, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM).

White-faced Ibis

Several, MNWR, 24 Apr - May (CMO,TW); 6, *Gutierrez Ranch, E of Post, 29 Apr, were the fourth record for Crook (CG)*; several, Silvies valley, Grant, 4 May (JEL); 1518, Chewaucan marsh, Warner Valley, Lake NAMC, 13 May (conservative number, *fide* CM); 5, *Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 14 May, were the second record for Deschutes (DH,mob)*; 190, Page Springs CG, Harney, 28 May (VA);

1-5, Wallowa Co., last 2 weeks of May (FC,SC).

Turkey Vulture

1, Modoc Pt., Klamath, 19 Mar (JH); 8, Emigrant Springs CG, Union, 14 May (MD,MLD,JIB).

Greater White-fronted Goose

24, Peach Rd., Union, 12 Mar (JC); 200, Wood River/Agency Lk., Klamath, 5 April, (EMV); 100, Wilkinson Ln., Union, 9 Apr (JC); 150, Gutierrez Ranch, E of Post, Crook, 29 Apr (CG).

Snow Goose

7000, Summer Lk.. WMA, Lake, 18 Mar (CM,MM); 2500-5000, Burns, Harney, 23 Mar - 22 Apr (MDK,MLD,MD); 30, Wilkinson Ln., Union, 9 Apr (JC); 120, Gutierrez Ranch, E of Post, Crook, 15 Apr (CG).

Ross's Goose

180 at Gutierrez Ranch, E of Post, Crook, 15 Apr was an astonishing number(CG); 1, Miller Island WMA, Klamath, 19 April, (AMG).

Trumpeter Swan

1, pond at jct of I-84 & Hwy 207, Umatilla, 2 Apr (CJC,PTS).

Tundra Swan

6, Baker City, Baker, 26 Mar (CMO).

Wood Duck

3, Collier St.Pk. & Petric Park, Klamath, 18 April, (AMG); 2 pair, Jarbo Meadow, Union, 18 May (RJ,MD).

Eurasian Wigeon

1, Straits Drain, S. of Klamath Falls, Klamath, 25 Mar, (PTS,KS,FM,OFO); 1 bird that overwintered at Prineville, Crook, was last seen on 9 Apr (CG); 1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 10-30 Apr (DH,TJ,SR,DP).

Blue-winged Teal

5, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 11-20 May (CM,MM,DH,JM,HH,JI); 2, Ochoco Res., Crook, 23 May (CG); 4, MNWR, 20-29 May (PTS,OFO,AC).

Eurasian Green-winged Teal

1, lower dam, below Lk.. Simtustus, Jefferson, 2 Mar (RM).

Canvasback

200, Wickiup Res., Deschutes, 26 Mar (JM,HH,JI).

Redhead

4, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 9 Apr-14 May (DH).

TUFTED DUCK

1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 6 May (AW,SS,RJ).

Greater Scaup

1, The Dalles, Wasco, 12 Mar (JH); 1, Lk.. Ewauna, Klamath Falls, Klamath, 18-25 Mar (mob); 1, Hatfield Lake, Deschutes, Apr-1 May (mob).

Harlequin Duck

1, Curtis Lk., Union, 8 May (GRB).

Common Goldeneye

1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 9 Apr (DH); 5 females, Collier StPk, Klamath, 18 Apr (AMG).

Barrow's Goldeneye

3 pair, east of Sisters, Deschutes, 12 Mar (PTS); 1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 9 Apr (DH).

Ruddy Duck

286, Antelope Res., Malheur, 21 Apr (MLD, MD); 12,800, The Narrows, MNWR, 21 Apr (DE).

Osprey

1, Deschutes R., Bend, Deschutes, 8 Mar (DT); 1 on ground among squirrels, Rome, Malheur, 22 Apr (MLD,MD).

Bald Eagle

11 adults, 1 immature, Haystack Res., Jefferson, 11 Mar (DT).

Northern Goshawk

1, Squawback Rd., Indian Ford Cr., Deschutes, 7 Apr (GG); 1, Hart Mt. NWR, Lake, 26 May (KF); 1, Link Lk.. basin, Jefferson, 12 May (DT).

Swainson's Hawk

1, Sand Springs CG, Deschutes, Apr 10, (DT); 3, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM); 1, Whitney, Baker, 27 May (CMO).

Ferruginous Hawk

1, S of Klamath Falls, Klamath, 25 Mar (PTS,KS,FM,OFO); 1, Alfalfa, Deschutes, 15 Apr (DH); 1 on kill,

Brothers, Deschutes, 21-29 May (PTS,OFO,AC).

Rough-legged Hawk

1, Hwy 97, N of Klamath Falls, Klamath, 5 Apr (EMV); 1, Lower Bridge, Deschutes, 8 Apr (DH,HH,PM); 1, The Cove St.Pk., Jefferson, 13 May (DT).

Golden Eagle

4, Crow Cr. Rd., Wallowa, 31 Mar (MLD,MD).

Peregrine Falcon

1, Summer Lk., Lake, 9 May (TL,GG,DM,TJ).

Prairie Falcon

1, Lower Bridge, Deschutes, 8 Apr (DH,HH,PM).

Chukar

1, MNWR, 26-27 May (VA); 1, Hart Mountain NWR, Lake, 26 May (KF); 1, Jefferson Co., 27 May (TE).

Gray Partridge

1, Pine Cr., John Day, Grant, Mar (CK).

Ruffed Grouse

1, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM); 1, Malheur R., Grant, 27-28 May (JS).

Sage Grouse

4, E of Bend, Deschutes, 19 May were on the lek late (DH).

Blue Grouse

1, Dufur valley, Wasco, 12 Mar (JH).

Wild Turkey

1, Dog Cr., John Day, Grant, 12 Mar (CEG); 3, Johnson Rd., Bend, Deschutes, 26 Mar (DH).

Mountain Quail

2, Moore Pk., Klamath Falls, Klamath, 25 Mar (PTS,KS,FM,OFO).

Yellow Rail

1+, Klamath Marsh NWR, Klamath, 30 Apr (KO); 4, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM); many, Jack Spring, Westside Rd., Klamath, 20 May (KS,FM).

Virginia Rail

2, Summer Lk.. WMA, Lake, 24 Mar (DT); 1, pond at jct of I-84 & Hwy 207, Umatilla, 2 Apr (CJC,PTS); 1, Lower Bridge, Deschutes, 8 Apr (DH,HH,PM).

Sora

1, Squawback, Indian Ford Cr, Deschutes, 25 Apr (DT); 17, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM); 1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 20 May (DH,JM,HH).

Sandhill Crane

2, Foothill Rd., LaGrande, Union, 1 Mar (DJE); 150, Wilkinson Ln., McAlister Ln., Union, 9-11 Apr (JC,RL); 70, Gutierrez Ranch, E of Post, Crook, 15 Apr (CG); 250, Burns, Harney, 20 Apr (JG); 17, Bull Prairie, Warner Mts., Lake, 13 May (LRF).

Black-bellied Plover

8, Paulina Marsh, Lake, 29 Apr (TJ,DP,SR); 1+, Summer Lk.. WMA, Lake, 30 Apr (JH); 1, MNWR, 26 May (VA).

Snowy Plover

1, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM).

Semipalmated Plover

1+, Summer Lk.. WMA, Lake, 30 Apr (JH).

Black-necked Stilt

4, pond at jct of I-84 & Hwy 207, Umatilla, 2 Apr (CJC,PTS); 3, Wilkinson Ln., Union, 13 Apr-2 May (SF); 1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 14 Apr (HH); 2, Haystack Res., Jefferson, 18 Apr (DT,JW); 1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 14 May (DH).

American Avocet

1, Conley Lk., Union, 31 Mar (SF); 2, Hot Lk., Union, 17 Apr (DR); 14, Gutierrez Ranch, E of Post, Crook, 29 Apr (CG); 2, Hwy 82 & Booth Ln., Union, 8 May (JOB); 175, Klamath Co.,

13 May (FM); 5, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 14 May (DH).

Greater Yellowlegs

1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 10 Apr (DH); several, Hwy 82 & Booth Ln., Union, 8 May (JOB).

Lesser Yellowlegs

1, Silver Lk., Lake, 9-16 May (mob).

Solitary Sandpiper

1, Hatfield Lk., Bend, Deschutes, 29 Apr - 6 May (mob).

Willet

4, Antelope Res., Malheur, 21 Apr (MLD,MD); 2, Hatfield Lk., Bend, Deschutes, 6-11 May (RJ,KO).

Upland Sandpiper

5, Bear Valley, Grant, 7-13 May (TW,TH); several, Bear Valley, Grant, 28 May (TT).

Long-billed Curlew

1, Prairie City, Grant, 14 Mar (CK); 2, Echo Meadows, W of Stanfield, Umatilla, 2 Apr (CJC,PTS); 2, Hwy 19, N of Fossil, Wheeler, 13 May (PTS).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT

1 in alternate plumage, Miller Is. WMA, Klamath, 30 May (DAH,AE).

Marbled Godwit

59, Antelope Res., Malheur, 21 Apr (MLD,MD); 1, W of MNWR HQ, 20 May (PTS,OFO,JG).

Ruddy Turnstone

1, Hatfield Lk., Bend, Deschutes, 9 May (SSV); 4, Paulina marsh & Lk.. Abert, Lake NAMC, 13 May (*fide* CM).

RED KNOT

1, Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath, 1 May (KS); 3, Summer Lk.. WMA, Lake, 12 May (CM,MM).

Semipalmated Sandpiper

2, MNWR, 14 May (TB).

Least Sandpiper

1+, Summer Lk.. WMA, Lake, 30 Apr (JH); several, Hwy 82 & Booth Ln., Union, 8 May (JOB).

Dunlin

20, Echo Meadows, W of Stanfield, Umatilla, 2 Apr (CJC, PTS); 1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 10 Apr (DH); 2, Johnson Rd. pond, Alfalfa, Deschutes, 16 Apr (PTS, MB).

RUFF

1 red-phased male, Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath, 30 Apr (KO).

Short-billed Dowitcher

2, W of MNWR HQ, 28 May (MD,MLD).

Long-billed Dowitcher

Several, Hwy 82 & Booth Ln., Union, 8 May (JOB); 18, MNWR, 20-28 May (PTS,OFO,AC).

Wilson's Phalarope

2, Stinkingwater Cr., Drewsy, Harney, 22 Apr (MD,MLD); several, Hwy 82 & Booth Ln., Union, 8 May (JOB); 40, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 14 May (DH).

Red-necked Phalarope

1+, Summer Lk.. WMA, Lake, 30 Apr (JH); 1, Hwy 82 & Booth Ln., Union, 8 May (JOB); 4, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 14-20 May (DH,DT).

Franklin's Gull

1+, Burns, Harney, 9 Apr (TW); 33, Antelope Res., Malheur, 22 Apr (MLD,MD); several, Joseph s.p., Wallowa, last week of May (FC,SC).

LITTLE GULL

1+, Summer Lk.. WMA, Lake, 30 Apr (JH).

Bonaparte's Gull

46, Antelope Res., Malheur, 22 Apr (MLD,MD); 4, near Ft. Harney, Harney, 22 Apr (MD,MLD); 1 immature, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 15 May (DH).

Ring-billed Gull

1000, Adel, Lake, 29 May seemed to be feeding on mayfly(?) hatch (DT).

Caspian Tern

1, Hatfield Lk., Bend, Deschutes, 20 May (DT); 2, Wood River/Agency Lk., Klamath, 5 April, (EMV); 1, Keating, Baker, 27 May (CMO).

Forster's Tern

1, Hatfield Lk., Bend, Deschutes, 20 May (DT,DH,JM,HH); 2, Joseph s.p., Wallowa, last week of May (FC,SC).

Black Tern

3, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 20 May (DT,DH,JM,HH).

Band-tailed Pigeon

1, Malheur Field Station, Harney, 27 May (SG,AC); 1, Joseph feeder, Wallowa, 28 May (FC,SC)

Ringed Turtle Dove

"A [reported] Eurasian Collared Dove... turned out to be a Ringed Turtle Dove and stayed at feeders in downtown Joseph March and early April." (*vide* FC).

Barn Owl

1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, Mar (AF); 1, Klamath Marsh NWR, Klamath, 18 Mar (JH).

Flammulated Owl

2, Cottonwood Cr., Fossil, Wheeler, 13 May (PTS); 1, S of Silver Lk., Lake, 16 May (CR,JYP,TJ).

Western Screech-Owl

1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, Mar (AF); 2, Butte Cr., Fossil, Wheeler, 13 May (PTS).

Northern Pygmy-Owl

1, Santiam Pass, Jefferson, 12 Mar (PTS); 1, Moore Pk., Klamath Falls, Klamath, 25 Mar (PTS,KS,FM,OFO).

Burrowing Owl

1, Clove Cr. exit, I-84, Union, 16 Apr (RL).

Great Gray Owl

4, Spring Cr., W of LaGrande, Union, 13 May (MD,MLD); 1 pair, Sunriver, Deschutes, through the season, (*vide* CM).

Long-eared Owl

1, Powder River & Hwy 203, Baker, 9 Apr (RL).

Short-eared Owl

1, NW of Condon, Gilliam, 13 May (PTS); 1, N of Pendleton, Umatilla, 29 May (MD,MLD).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

1, Island City, Union, 17 Apr (RL); 1, S of Silver Lk., Lake, 6-9 May (RJ,TL,GG,CR,JYP); 1, Cottonwood Cr., Fossil, Wheeler, 13 May (PTS); 1, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM).

Common Nighthawk

1, Riley, Harney, 26 May (SS); 3, Plush, Lake, 28 May (DT).

Common Poorwill

1, W of Silver Lk., Lake, 9 May (TL,GG,DM,TJ); 1, Hart Mt. NWR, Lake, 26 May (KF); 1, Sun Mt. Rd., Klamath, 28 May (DAH,AE).

Vaux's Swift

Several, John Day, Grant, 25 Apr (TH); many, Bend, Deschutes, Apr - May (CM,MM,JM,DT); 75, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM).

White-throated Swift

Several, John Day Fossil Beds & Mt. Vernon, Grant, 29 Apr, (PSS,AF); 4, Harney Co., 26 May (VA).

Black-chinned Hummingbird

1, Moon Cr., Grant, 29 Apr (PSS); 3, Page Springs CG, Harney, 26 May (VA).

Anna's Hummingbird

2, Moore Pk., Klamath Falls, Klamath, 25 Mar, 19 Apr (mob).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD

1, Bend feeder, Deschutes, 28-30 Apr (DT,JW).

Calliope Hummingbird

1, John Day, Grant, 9-12 Apr (CMO,LEH); 1+, Chandler State Wayside, S of Valley Falls, Lake, 13 May (LRF); several, Shevelin Pk., Deschutes, 21 May (DH,HH); 1, Squawback, N of Sisters, Deschutes, 21 May (PTS,OFO); 1, Hart Mt. NWR, Lake, 26 May (KF); several, Hagelstein Park, Klamath, 29-30 May (DAH,AE)

Lewis's Woodpecker

1, Moore Park, Klamath Falls, Klamath, 19 April, (AMG); 12, Entrata Lodge, Bend, Deschutes, 2 May (DH); 1, Camp Polk Rd., Deschutes, 6 May (BT,GP); 1, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM); 2, Zumwalt prairie, Wallowa, 14 May (FC,SC).

Williamson's Sapsucker

1, Squawback Rd., Sisters, Deschutes, 6 May (BT,GP); 2, Westside Rd., Klamath, 26 Mar (PTS,OFO); 1, Entrata Lodge, Bend, Deschutes, 11 Apr (DH).

Red-naped Sapsucker

1, Tumalo St.Pk., Deschutes, 9 Apr (DH); 1, Indian Ford CG, Deschutes, 6-21 May (BT,GP,PTS,OFO).

Red-breasted Sapsucker

1, Cold Springs CG, Deschutes, 6 May (BT,GP).

Downy Woodpecker

1, Cold Springs CG, Deschutes, 6 May (BT,GP).

Hairy Woodpecker

1, Cold Springs CG, Deschutes, 6 May (BT,GP).

White-headed Woodpecker

1, Bear Valley, Grant, Mar (JLB,TW); 2, Westside Rd., Klamath, 26 Mar (PTS,OFO); 1+, Chandler State Wayside, S of Valley Falls, Lake, 13 May (LRF); 1 pair, Indian Ford CG, Deschutes, 6-26 May (mob).

Three-toed Woodpecker

1, Elk Lk.. burn, Deschutes, 6 May (BT,GP); 1 pair, Mill Cr., Umatilla, 30 May (MD).

Black-backed Woodpecker

1, Bear Valley, Grant, Mar (JLB,TW); 1, Canyon Cr., Canyon City, Grant, 6 Apr (LEH); several, Pringle Falls & Elk Lk.. burns, Deschutes, 6 May (BT,GP).

Northern Flicker

1, Pringle Falls burn, Deschutes, 6 May (BT,GP).

Pileated Woodpecker

1, Westside Rd., Klamath, 26 Mar (PTS,OFO).

Western Wood-Pewee

1, John Day Fossil Beds, Grant, 29 Apr (PSS).

Willow Flycatcher

1, MNWR HQ, 6-7 May (SS); 4, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM).

LEAST FLYCATCHER

1, MNWR HQ, 30 May (JEG,GL,SG).

Hammond's Flycatcher

1, Tumalo St.Pk., Bend, Deschutes, 25 Apr (DT); 1, MNWR HQ, 22 Apr - 7 May (MLD,MD,SS).

Gray Flycatcher

1, MNWR HQ, 6-7 May (SS); 1, House Ridge, Deschutes, 26 May (VA, FM, SS, JG, AC); 1, Moon Cr., Grant, 21 May (PSS).

Dusky Flycatcher

1, MNWR HQ, 6-7 May (SS); 1, Bear Valley, Grant, 21 May (TW); 1, above Hagelstein Park, Klamath, 29-30 May (DAH,AE).

"Western" Flycatcher

1, above Hagelstein Park, Klamath, 29-30 May (DAH,AE).

Cordilleran Flycatcher

1, Hart Mt. NWR, Lake, 26 May (KF).

EASTERN PHOEBE

1, Clarno bridge, Hwy 218, Fossil, Wheeler, 14 May (PTS).

Say's Phoebe

1, Deschutes R., Bend, Deschutes, 8 Mar (DT); 1, John Day, Prairie City, Grant, 11-12 Mar (CMO,CEG); 1, Crow Cr. Rd., Wallowa, 31 Mar (MLD,MD).

Ash-throated Flycatcher

1, John Day, Grant, 24 May (CMO); 1 pair, Page Springs CG, Harney, 27 May (VA,FM,SS,JG,AC).

Western Kingbird

1, John Day valley, Grant, 28-30 Mar (CMO,PSS,TW).

Eastern Kingbird

1, Crook Co. NAMC, 13 May (CG); 1, McKay NWR, Umatilla, 28 May (JP).

Northern Shrike

1, Lower Klamath Lk..Rd., Klamath, 25 Mar (PTS,KS,FM,OFO).

Cassin's Vireo

1, Spring Mt., Union, 1 May (MD).

PLUMBEOUS VIREO

1, MNWR HQ, 27-29 May (AC,FM,SS,JB); 2, Fields, Harney, 27-28 May (AC,FM,SS,JB,DT).

Red-eyed Vireo

1, MNWR HQ, 9 May (OS).

Blue Jay

1, Bend, Deschutes, last reported 19 March, (EM, GB); 1 wintered, Indian Ford Meadow, Sisters, Deschutes, until 6 May (MS,mob).

Clark's Nutcracker

2, near Broken Top, Deschutes, 11-12 Mar (PTS,MB).

Tree Swallow

1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, 7 Mar (AF); 1, Hatfield Lk., Bend, Deschutes, 12 Mar (DT).

Violet-green Swallow

1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, Mar (TH).

Barn Swallow

1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, 5 Mar (AF); 1, Summer Lk.. WMA, Lake, 24 Mar (DT).

Black-capped Chickadee

1, Wood River Wetlands, Klamath, 25 Mar to 18 Apr (PTS, FM, OFO, EMV, AMG); 1, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM).

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

5, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM).

Oak Titmouse

2, Moore Pk., Klamath Falls, Klamath, 25 Mar (PTS,KS,FM,OFO).

Juniper Titmouse

1 singing actively, Deep Cr., Lake, 23 Mar & 13 May (DT,LRF).

Pygmy Nuthatch

3, Klamath Fish Hatchery Road, Klamath, 18 Apr (AMG).

Rock Wren

several, Hagelstein Park, Klamath, 29-30 May (DAH,AE).

Canyon Wren

1, Lower Bridge, Deschutes, 8 Apr (DH,HH,PM); several, Hagelstein Park, Klamath, 29-30 May (DAH,AE).

Bewick's Wren

Several, Hagelstein Park, Klamath, 29-30 May (DAH,AE).

American Dipper

1 feeding nestlings, Deep Cr., W of Adel, Lake, 13 May (LRF).

Mountain Bluebird

1, Moon CR., Grant, 4 Mar (PSS).

Veery

1, Starr CG, Grant, 30 May (TT).

Hermit Thrush

1, Lower Bridge, Deschutes, 8 Apr (DH,HH,PM).

Gray Catbird

1, MNWR HQ, 30 May (GL).

Northern Mockingbird

1, MNWR HQ, 20 May (OS).

BROWN THRASHER

1 wintered at feeder, Prairie Cr., E of Joseph, Wallowa, to early May (FC,SC).

Bohemian Waxwing

200, Joseph, Wallowa, 9 Mar (WW); 120, Enterprise fish hatchery, Wallowa, 31 Mar (MLD,MD).

Tennessee Warbler

1, MNWR HQ, 30 May (GL,JEG).

Orange-crowned Warbler

1, MNWR HQ, 28 May (AC): A dull and late bird that some observers (including AC for a while) confused with reported Virginia's Warbler; thought possibly to be of an eastern form or a dull second-year male.

Nashville Warbler

4, MNWR HQ, 20 Apr (JG,M).

VIRGINIA'S WARBLER

2, MNWR HQ, 19-29 May (OS, SP, JL, HN, MD, MLD); 2, Page Springs, Harney, 26 May (NB,MR).

Black-throated Gray Warbler

1, Wood River Wetlands, Klamath, 18 April, (AMG).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER

1 heard, then seen, MNWR HQ, 20 May (PTS,OFO, photo by OS, mob).

Townsend's Warbler

1, Long Cr. RD, Grant, 15 May (CK).

Hermit Warbler

5, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM).

Black-and-white Warbler

1, MNWR HQ, 26 May (AC,SAG,SS).

American Redstart

2, MNWR HQ & 2, Fields, Harney, 26-27 May (VA,AC,DT,SS); 1 near Roaring Springs Ranch, Harney, May 27 (mob).

Northern Waterthrush

1, Fields, Harney, 10-12 May (M,TB);1, near Lower Bridge, Deschutes NAMC, 13 May, was the third county record (STS,KRF,SSV).

KENTUCKY WARBLER

1, Fields, Harney, 8 May (M).

MacGillivray's Warbler

1, Page Springs CG, Harney, 9 May (SS); 1+, Chandler State Wayside, S of Valley Falls, Lake, 13 May (LRF).

Yellow-breasted Chat

2, Hwy 218 near Clarno, Wheeler, 14 May (PTS); 1, Fields, Harney, 18 May (M); 1 singing, 0.5 mi N of Roaring Springs ranch, Harney, 27 May (AC).

SUMMER TANAGER

1 male, Fields, Harney, 9 May (M).

Western Tanager

37, MNWR HQ, 27 May (MD,MLD).

Green-tailed Towhee

1, Entrata Lodge, Bend, Deschutes, 2 May (DH); 2, Pine Cr., S of Fossil, Wheeler, 14 May (PTS); 3, Indian Ford CG, Deschutes, 21 May (PTS,OFO); 1, Hart Mt. NWR, Lake, 26 May (KF); 1, above Hagelstein Park, Klamath, 29-30 May (DAH,AE).

Chipping Sparrow

1, Bear Valley, Grant, 7 May (TW).

Brewer's Sparrow

1, MNWR HQ, 6-7 May (SS).

Vesper Sparrow

1, MNWR HQ, 6-7 May (SS).

Lark Sparrow

1, Evans Well, Millican valley, Deschutes, 29 Apr (DT); 1, Fox valley, Grant, 5 May (TH); 1, MNWR HQ, 6-7 May (SS); 1, Hart Mt. NWR, Lake, 26 May (KF).

Black-throated Sparrow

1, Summer Lk., Lake, 6-7 May (RJ); 1, Hart Mt. NWR, Lake, 26 May (KF); 2, Cottonwood Cr., S of Fields, Harney, 28 May (DT).

Sage Sparrow

1, Fields, Harney, 1 Mar (M); 1, S of Millican, Deschutes, 26 Mar (DT); 1, Thief Valley, Union, 9 Apr (RL); 2, Buena Vista, MNWR, 28 May (VA).

Savannah Sparrow

1, Crow Cr. Rd., Wallowa, 31 Mar (MLD,MD).

Fox Sparrow

2, Westside Rd., Klamath, 26 Mar (PTS,OFO); 1 gray-headed form, above Hagelstein Park, Klamath, 29-30 May (DAH,AE).

Lincoln's Sparrow

1, Tumalo St.Pk., Bend, Deschutes, 13 Apr (DT); 10, Wood River Wetlands, Klamath, 5-18 Apr, (EMV,AMG); 1, Buena Vista, MNWR, 7 May (SS).

White-throated Sparrow

1, Mt.Vernon, Grant, 12 Mar-Apr (AF,CMO); 1 tan-stripe, Bend, Deschutes, 18 Mar (TC,DT); 1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 10 Apr (DH); 1 white-stripe, Sawyer Pk., Bend, Deschutes, 17 Apr (HH,DT).

Harris's Sparrow

1, Sawyer Pk., Bend, Deschutes, 17 Apr (HH).

White-crowned Sparrow

100, Boardman, Morrow, 2 Apr (PTS); 1, Sawyer Pk., Bend, Deschutes, 17 Apr (HH).

Golden-crowned Sparrow

1, Sawyer Pk., Bend, Deschutes, 17 Apr (HH).

Black-headed Grosbeak

1, John Day, Grant, 4 May (CMO).

Lazuli Bunting

2, John Day, Grant, 4-7 May (TH,CMO).

Bobolink

6 males, Ukiah, Umatilla, 26 May (MD,MLD).

Tricolored Blackbird

100, Lower Klamath Lk..Rd., Klamath, 25 Mar (PTS,KS,FM,OFO); 8, Barnes Butte marsh, Prineville, Crook, 16 Apr - 5 May (PTS,MB,CG).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

1, Hatfield Lk., Bend, Deschutes, 11 Apr (DT).

COMMON GRACKLE

1, Malheur Field Station, Harney, 31 May (SJ).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

1, McAlister Ln., LaGrande, Union, 9 Apr (STC).

Bullock's Oriole

1, Deschutes R., Jefferson, 24 Apr was early (ML); 1, Moon Cr., Grant, 1 May (PSS).

Purple Finch

2, Mt.Vernon, John Day, Grant, Mar-Apr (AF,TH); 1+ singing, Squawback Rd., Indian Ford Creek, Deschutes, 24 Apr - 5 May (STS).

Common Redpoll

Several, Wallowa Co., wintering through Mar (FC,SC,WW); 1, LaGrande feeder, Union, 6 Mar (KC).

Lesser Goldfinch

2, Prineville, Crook NAMC, 13 May (CG); 4, Goose Lk.. St.Pk., Lake, 13 May (LRF); 4, Klamath Co., 13 May (FM); 4, Page Springs CG, Harney, 26 May (VA).

Evening Grosbeak

28, Joseph, Wallowa, 31 Mar (MLD,MD); 100, Collier SP, Klamath, 18 April, (AMG).

OBSERVERS

VA Vjera Arnold, JLB Jennifer & Lance Baker, GRB Greg Bennet, JB Joel Bergman, GB Gert Bernstein, NB Neil Bjorkland, MB Mike Bogar, TB Trent Bray, JOB Joanne Britton, JIB Jim Burns, JC Joyce Coate, KC Kent Coe, FC Frank Conley, SC Sue Conley, AC Alan Contreras, CJC Craig & Judy Corder, TC Tom Crabtree, STC Stuart Croghan, MLD MerryLynn Denny, MD Mike Denny, AE Anne Esche, DJE Doug & Janet Eustace, DE Duncan Evered, SF Scott Findholt, LRF LeRoy Fish, TE Tom Ewert, KF Karan Fairchild, KRF Kris Falco, AF Ann Frost, JF Julie Fukuda, CEG Cecil Gagnon, CG Chuck Gates, JG Joel Geier, JEG Jeff Gilligan, GG Greg Gillson, SG Steve Gordon, RG Randy Ghormley, SAG Sayre Greenfield, DH Dean

Hale, JH Jeff Harding, LEH Lee & Eva Harris, DAH Dan Heyerly, HH Howard Horvath, TH Tom Hunt, JI Jim Irving, SJ Steve Jagers, TJ Tim Janzen, RJ Rod Johnson, DK Douglas Kirkpatrick, CK Cindy Kranich, ML Madeline Landis, JEL Jerry Larkin, JL Jerry Lear, RL Ralph Lewis, GL Gerard Lillie, BL Bob Lockett, TL Tom Love, M Maitreya, DM Dave Mandell, RM Robert Marheine, FM Frank Mayer, AMG Alan

McGie, EMV Ed McVicker, PM Patty Meehan, JM Judy Meredith, CM Craig Miller, MM Marilyn Miller, CMO Clarence & Marilyn O'Leary, OFO OFO Birding Weekend, KO Kimbel Owen, JP John Pendleton, DP Darlene Philpott, SP Sarah Pinnock, JYP Johnny Powell, GP Glen Pritchard, DR Donna Rainboth, CR Craig Roberts, MR Mark Rudolph, SR Skip Russell, OS Owen Schmidt, STS Steve Shunk, MS Mary

Smith, JS Jim Soupir, KS Kevin Spencer, SS Shawn Steinberg, PTS Paul T. Sullivan, PSS Pat & Sharon Sweeney, ET Emily Thomas, TT Todd Thornton, BT Bill Tice, DT David Tracy, AU Amy Unthank, SSV Sarah Smith de Vasco, AW Arthur Weber, WW Wayne Weber, JW Julia Williamson, TW Tom Winters, RJ Road Jaegers Birdathon team of Audubon Society of Portland (TJ,DP,SR,JYP,JF,BL,ET).

FIELD NOTES: Western Oregon, Spring 2000

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The weather this spring was not much of a factor, as it had been in the previous two springs. In general, a mild winter was followed by a mild spring. No first state records were found, but it was an interesting spring nonetheless. One of the most interesting events was the irruption of White-faced Ibis on the west side.

ABBREVIATIONS

FRR Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co.
m. ob. Many observers
NWR National Wildlife Refuge
S.P. Sewage Ponds
WMA Wildlife Management Area

Format

The format used for each sighting is number of individuals, location, county, date and observer initials.

Species in *Italics*

Unusual or noteworthy sightings for the region. Some might involve birds out of range or season (italics within account and endangered, threatened, or sensitive species).

Species in All CAPS

Birds for which reports should be sent to the OBRC, or those that are highly unusual.

Red-throated Loon

800 at Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 5 Apr, were an unusually large concentration (PP).

Pacific Loon

The northward movement began in earnest 13 Apr and continued through the end of the period (m. ob.).

YELLOW-BILLED LOON

1 was at Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 9 Mar (Chuck Philo), and 1 was at Netarts Bay, Tillamook, 13 Mar through 9 Apr (CR, et al.).

Horned Grebe

Uncommon inland, 1 was at the Philomath S.P., Benton, 13 May (Marcia Cutler).

Eared Grebe

Rare inland, 1 was at the Philomath S.P., Benton, 13-15 May (TB).

Clark's Grebe

1 was near Florence, Lane, 20 Apr (B&ZSt), and 1 was at Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 12 May (PS).

Laysan Albatross

Cooler waters this winter may explain the numerous sightings of this normally rare winter bird. Single birds were noted at 30 and 45 miles off Newport, Lincoln, 29 Apr (GG). 1 was 16 miles off Newport 7 May, and at least 7 were 25-32 miles off Newport near Perpetua Bank 21 May (GG). There are only 5 previous reports of this species in May.

Black-footed Albatross

The offshore distribution of this species is clearly seen by the numbers detected this spring. 1 was seen 16 miles off Newport, Lincoln, 7 May, and 2 were 14 miles offshore 14 May. However, 116 were seen 29 Apr primarily 45 miles off Newport, and 240 were 25-32 miles off Newport 21 May, just 10 birds shy of the all-time Oregon count (GG). Rarely seen from shore, 1 was off Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 20 Apr (PP).

Northern Fulmar

Very few were seen for the second year in a row. Single birds were seen 29 Apr and 14 May out of Newport, Lincoln, (GG).

Pink-footed Shearwater

Very low numbers may indicate a return to normal ocean temperatures. 1 was a little early 29 Apr, 4 were observed 7 May, and 1 was seen 21 May, all out of Newport, Lincoln (GG). 2 were observed from shore off Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 3 May (PP).

Sooty Shearwater

Numbers seen on pelagic trips remained low again this spring. The largest number reported was 1300 out of Newport, Lincoln, 29 Apr (GG). However, 4000+ were seen from shore at Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 5 May (PP).

MANX SHEARWATER

1 was reported from Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 3 May (PP).

Leach's Storm-Petrel

As expected, low numbers were seen offshore. 11 were found between 60-70 miles off of Newport, Lincoln, 29 Apr (GG).

Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel

This species is most common between 20-45 miles offshore. 3 or less were

recorded on 7 May and 14 May within 16 miles of shore; however, 67 were found 40-70 miles offshore 29 Apr and 110 were observed 21 May, primarily 25-32 miles offshore. All of the above were out of Newport, Lincoln, (GG). 1 was seen at Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 24 Apr (PP).

American White Pelican

For the third consecutive spring, good numbers were reported west of the Cascades. 2 were observed throughout the period at FRR (RR, et al.), and an exceptional 27 were there 27 May (John Cooney, DD). 2 were seen on Sauvie Island, Multnomah, 30 Apr (Linda Jones).

Brown Pelican

This species returned early this spring, but not as early as in recent years. First noted 13 Apr when 4 were at Port Orford, Curry (NW).

Great Egret

Recent west side breeders, the colony at North Bend, Coos, produced young by 18 May (AR, et al.).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

2 were at Lincoln City, Lincoln, 1 Mar (PP); 1 was near Brookings, Curry, 4 Mar (NW); and 9 were in north Portland, Multnomah, 13 Mar (DB).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

Rare in western Oregon, this species staged an epic irruption to the west side. A total of 438 were reported from various locations beginning 19 May and continuing through the end of the period (m. ob.). Maximum numbers included approx. 100 near Bandon, Coos, 21 May (DL, KC) and 65 at Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 21 May (GG). An ever-increasing breeding population in their center of abundance at Malheur NWR in eastern OR may help explain the large numbers which occurred this spring, but the reason(s) for the irruption is unclear.

Trumpeter Swan

A flock wintered near E.E. Wilson WMA, Benton, and remained until 16 Mar (Joel Geier).

Ross's Goose

Not as numerous as in recent springs, 4 were at Baskett Slough NWR, Polk, 16 Apr (JL), and 1 was at Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 20 Apr (PP).

Emperor Goose

2 were in meadows near Tillamook, Tillamook, from the beginning of the period to 2 Apr (CR, et al.).

Brant

800 at Coos Bay, Coos, 9 Mar (TR) was a large concentration, *while 1 at Whitehorse Park near Grants Pass, Josephine, 28 May was a rare and very late inland visitor* (PS).

Aleutian Canada Goose

This subspecies continues to show improvement as evidenced by the 18,000 at McKenzie Ranch, Curry. Most of these birds roost on Haystack Rock in Bandon, Coos (RL).

Green-winged Teal

A rare breeder west of the Cascades, 2 pairs at FRR, 28 May were very late and potential breeders (DI).

Eurasian Green-winged Teal

Annual in small numbers, 1 was at Camas Swale near Creswell, Lane, 1 Mar (AL Prigge); 2 were in the Eugene area, Lane, from the winter period until 1 Mar (BN, et al.); and 1 was near Tillamook, Tillamook, from 13 Mar to 8 Apr (CR, et al.).

Blue-winged Teal

Many more were reported from throughout the region than is typical (m. ob.). Breeding is quite possible at several locations as pairs were observed through the end of the period. 20 individuals were near Corvallis, Benton, 24 May (JH), and 40 were at FRR, 28 May (DI). A pair was at E.E. Wilson WMA, Benton, 16 May (AM), and 6 pairs were at the effluent ponds at the north spit of Coos Bay, Coos, 31 May (TR).

Cinnamon Teal

Rarely over wintering in western Oregon, a pair over-wintered at

Millicoma Marsh, Coos, and was present throughout the period, potentially staying to breed (TR).

Gadwall

A pair at the spit of the Coquille River, Coos, 27 May was very late and could possibly have nested, which is highly unusual in western Oregon (DL).

Eurasian Wigeon

13 males in the Tillamook area, Tillamook, 11 Mar was a fairly high number (TB). Otherwise, they were reported in typical numbers from coastal and Willamette Valley locations (m. ob.).

KING EIDER

A well-described bird was at Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 20 Apr (PP).

Long-tailed Duck

15 were noted from throughout the period, a slightly higher number than normal (m. ob.). The last one noted was 8 May at Boiler Bay, Lincoln (PP).

Barrow's Goldeneye

Rare west of the Cascades, 1 was at Coos Bay, Coos, 13 Mar (TR) and 18 Mar (TB).

White-tailed Kite

There were 11 reports of this species away from the Rogue Valley, somewhat less than recent years (m. ob.). Their numbers are apparently still expanding in the Rogue Valley, with birds reported from areas where they are not typically found in spring (SJ, Eric Setterberg).

Red-shouldered Hawk

1 was at Ponsler Wayside near Yachats, Lincoln, 10 Mar (Sherry Hagen). This species is very rare along the coast north of Coos Bay.

Swainson's Hawk

Very rare west of the Cascades, 3 and possibly 4 were observed this spring. 1 was near Eugene, Lane, 5 May (MN); 1 was at Cape Blanco, Curry, 30 May (TW); 1 or 2 different individuals were at Portland Int'l Airport, Multnomah, 16 & 23 May (Carole Hallett).

GYRFALCON

1 was reported from the Tangent S.P., Linn, 11 Apr about a month late (JH).

Prairie Falcon

Scarce on the west side, 1 was at Mt. Pisgah, Lane 26 Mar (DD), and 1 was quite late at FRR, 29 Apr (Hydie Lown).

American Golden-Plover

Rare in spring, 1 was at Millicoma Marsh, Coos, 17 Mar, a good month early (TB).

Pacific Golden-Plover

Also rare in spring, 1 was observed at the Pistol River mouth, Curry, 29 Apr (NW).

Golden-Plover sp.

4 were observed near Cape Blanco, Curry, 2 May but were not seen well enough to identify to species (TW).

Black-necked Stilt

Rare in western Oregon, this species staged a mini-invasion this spring. A total of 27 were reported, with all but 5 being found in the Willamette Valley (m. ob.). 4 were near the north jetty of the Coquille River, Coos, 21 Apr (MN, et al.); up to 6 were at Tualatin NWR, Washington, 22 Apr to 13 May (PS, EM); and the high count was 12 near Corvallis, Benton, 12 Apr (BT, DM).

American Avocet

Also rare in western Oregon, 4 were at Floras Lake, Curry, 21 Apr (Jim Heany, Larry Managan), and 1 was at the north spit of Coos Bay, Coos, 21 May (TR).

Lesser Yellowlegs

This spring few birds were reported, which is typical and a departure from last spring. A total of 11 birds were noted (m. ob.) from favored locations in the Willamette Valley.

Solitary Sandpiper

An above average total of 17 birds were reported from the Willamette Valley and the coast (m. ob.). Most were noted during the expected window of mid-Apr to mid-May. 2 at

Seaside, Clatsop, 20 May (MP) were a little late.

Willet

A rare transient in western Oregon, and especially so inland, 1 was at the Tangent S.P., Linn, 10 Apr (TB); 1 was at FRR, 22 May (DD); and 1 was at Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 28 May (DF).

Whimbrel

Very rare inland, 1 was circling over Smith Lake in Portland, Multnomah, 23 May (Julie Fukuda).

Long-billed Curlew

A rare transient along the coast and very rare inland, 1 was near Tangent, Linn, 2 Apr (JH); the same bird or another was in a slightly different location near Tangent 12 Apr, (BT, DM); 1 was at Idaho Flats, Lincoln, 15 Apr (E and PH, John Mackowan); 1 was along a Lincoln City beach, Lincoln, 2 May (PP); an amazing 30 and 36 were at the effluent ponds on the north spit of Coos Bay, Coos, 9 and 10 May (TR); 1 was at Fernhill Wetlands, Washington, 11 May (EM); 2 were at Bandon Marsh, Coos, 13 May (TR); and 1 was at Idaho Flats, Lincoln, 28 May (DF) and 30 May (EH).

Marbled Godwit

Unusual in spring, 2 were at Bandon Marsh NWR, Coos, 29 Apr (TR) and 1 was at Gold Beach, Curry, 10 May (NW).

Baird's Sandpiper

Unusual in the spring, 1 was at the Kirkland Road S.P., Jackson, 1 Apr (Jim Harleman). This is an extremely early date for our region.

SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER

A well-described bird at New River, Coos, 24 May (DL, KC) is an unprecedented spring record. It is the first spring record in Oregon and only the 5th spring record for the west coast south of Alaska.

Stilt Sandpiper

1 at Astoria, Clatsop, 20 Apr (MP) is Oregon's second spring record.

Wilson's Phalarope

Unusual in western Oregon, over 40 birds were reported from eight locations, all but one report being from the Willamette Valley (m. ob.). The largest concentration was 12 birds near Brownsville, Linn, 16 May, (Jeff Fleisher).

Red-necked Phalarope

Although a common to abundant transient along the coast, 4000+ seen from Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 3 May is an impressive number (PP).

Red Phalarope

Irregularly encountered on spring pelagic trips, *over 3500 were tallied* 21 May from 15-32 miles off Newport, Lincoln, for an Oregon record high count (GG).

Pomarine Jaeger

Uncommon in spring, 1 was seen at Boiler Bay, Lincoln, 28 Mar (PP), and 2 were seen 70 miles off Newport, Lincoln, 29 Apr (GG).

Parasitic Jaeger

Uncommon in spring, 1 was 70 miles off Newport, Lincoln, 29 Apr, and 5 were between 25-32 miles off Newport, Lincoln, 21 May (GG).

Long-tailed Jaeger

Rare in spring, 3 were 25-32 miles off Newport, Lincoln, 21 May (GG).

Franklin's Gull

Very rare in all seasons in western Oregon, 1 breeding plumaged bird was 16 miles off Yaquina Head, Lincoln, 7 May (GG). This is possibly the first at-sea record of this species in Oregon waters.

Bonaparte's Gull

Uncommon inland away from larger bodies of water, 1 was at the Brownsville S. P., Linn, on the fairly late date of 13 May (JH).

Heermann's Gull

This species went unreported for the second consecutive spring.

Glaucous Gull

There were 8 reports of 8 individuals, all from the coast or Sauvie Island, Multnomah (m.ob.). 1 at Lincoln City, Lincoln, 12 May was quite late (PP, PS).

Black-legged Kittiwake

For the first time in three springs, numbers of this species were very low. A total of 32 were reported from coastal locations.

Sabine's Gull

Usually detected on April pelagic trips, the only report was of 13 birds from 25-32 miles off Newport, Lincoln, 21 May (GG).

Forster's Tern

Extremely rare in spring, 1 was at FRR, 13 Apr (Diane Pettey). 3 were at Ankeny NWR, Marion, 13 May (JL et al.), and 6 were there 29 May (JH).

Black Tern

Up to 16 were at FRR, from 13 May onward, where they have bred since 1992 (VA, et al.). 12 others were reported from various locations, which is above average (m. ob.).

Rhinoceros Auklet

29 found off Newport, 21 May is a very good number for one locality as well as a fairly late date.

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE

1 was reported from Astoria, Clatsop, 3 Apr (TT).

Mourning Dove

Rare along the north coast, 1 was in Astoria, Clatsop, 5 May (MP).

Burrowing Owl

1 was in NE Portland, Multnomah, 10-20 Mar (Bob Salinger).

Barred Owl

1 was at the Yamhill S.P., Yamhill, 11 May (EM), and 2 were at Wilhoit Springs near Mollala, Clackamas, 28 May (ES, TS).

Common Poorwill

1 was at Detroit Flats, Marion, 5 May (WT).

Black Swift

Several were over Corvallis, Benton, 5 May (JH); 1 was at Astoria, Clatsop, 10 May (TT); and 3 were at Flores Lake, Curry, 30 May (DL, KC).

Vaux's Swift

The roost in Eugene, Lane, peaked at 10,000+ birds 6 May (John Cooney).

White-throated Swift

Rare west of the Cascades, 1 was in Eugene, Lane, 4 May (BN).

Black-chinned Hummingbird

A male was in Grant's Pass, Josephine, 15 May (AV). The Rogue River Valley is the only west side locality where this species is somewhat regular.

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD

1 was in Sutherlin, Douglas, 1 May (KW).

Calliope Hummingbird

13 reports between 2 Apr-13 May, all from the Willamette Valley, were well above average (m. ob.). 1 found on Mt. Bolivar, Coos, 6 May represents a first county record (TR).

Allen's Hummingbird

A nest found at New River, Coos, in early Mar is possibly the first confirmed breeding in Coos (fide TR).

Lewis's Woodpecker

Now becoming rare in NW Oregon, 1 was near Baskett Slough NWR, Polk, 26 Apr (Ron Day).

Red-naped Sapsucker

Rare in western Oregon, 1 was near Lebanon, 31 Mar (JH); 1 was in NE Portland, Multnomah, 7 Apr (Ron Cronin); 1 was at the Dunning Ranch, Douglas, 4 May (Kevin Sands); and 1 was near Elkton, Douglas, 5 May (SD).

Olive-sided Flycatcher

First reported from Waldport, Lincoln, 27 Apr (JCi).

Western Wood-Pewee

First reported 3 May from Eugene, Lane, (SG).

Dusky Flycatcher

Uncommon west of the Cascades, 1 was on Mt. Tabor in Portland,

Multnomah, 21 Apr (GL); 3 were at Detroit Flats, Marion, 22 Apr (SD); and 1 was in Creswell, Lane, 29 Apr (Sally Nelson).

Gray Flycatcher

5 were at Detroit Flats, Marion, 22 Apr (SD). This is the only location in western Oregon where this species is found in small numbers during spring migration.

Black Phoebe

1 was near Milwaukie, Clackamas, 20 Mar (ES, et al.), well north of its usual range. A pair was near Sutherlin, Douglas, 6 May (Randy Fowler).

Say's Phoebe

Ten individuals were well above average (m. ob.) and included 1 on the outer coast near Florence, Lane, 16 Mar (BSt), where they are rare.

Ash-throated Flycatcher

3 were north of their usual range: 1 was at FRR, 15 May (Linda Gilbert); 1 was at Detroit Flats, Marion, 16 May (Michel Kleinbaum); and 1 was at Tualatin NWR, Washington, 27 May (EM).

Western Kingbird

4 were reported from the Willamette Valley, and a remarkable 19 were reported from along the coast (m. ob.).

Bank Swallow

1 at Newport, Lincoln, 11 Apr was about two weeks early (Wayne Hoffman). The colony at Nesika Beach, Curry, was active again this year (NW). 3 other reports may provide evidence of this species continuing increase west of the Cascades.

Blue Jay

1 was near Philomath, Benton, 15 May (Karen Fairchild).

Clark's Nutcracker

Very rare west of the Cascades, 1 was near Mehama, Marion, 8 Mar (SD); 1 was near Pedee, Polk, 31 Mar (TB); and 1 was at Coburg, Lane, 13 May (Lisa Kaye).

Common Raven

This species is apparently expanding in the Eugene/Springfield, Lane, area.

Evidence of this is 1 seen flying over downtown Springfield 9 Mar (VA) and 5 seen in the Santa Clara area 28 Mar (Mark Rudolph).

Rock Wren

Rare on the west side, 2 were at Mt. Pisgah, Lane, 23 May (DD).

Northern Mockingbird

1 was in Eugene, Lane, 12 Apr to the end of the period (LeRoy Fish, et al.), and 1 was at the north spit of Coos Bay, Coos, for much of the period (TR).

Northern Shrike

1 at Finley NWR, Benton, 22 Apr was about three weeks late (Jim Fairchild).

Loggerhead Shrike

Rare in western Oregon and especially so along the outer coast, 1 was at Cape Blanco, Coos, 26 May (TW).

Nashville Warbler

Rare along the northern coast, 2 were at Ft. Stevens State Park, Clatsop, 8 Apr (SS).

Black-throated Gray Warbler

1 near Corvallis, Benton, 20 Mar (Reed Noss) was about two weeks early.

Hermit Warbler

1 along the Winchuck River, Curry, 26 Mar (DM) was about a month early.

Palm Warbler

1 wintered in north Portland, Multnomah, and was present to 13 Mar (Bob Stites, et al.). Another was near Mollala, Clackamas, 28 May (ES, TS), a rare sighting of a northbound migrant and exceptionally late.

Yellow-breasted Chat

1 was at E.E. Wilson WMA, Benton, 3 Apr and 4 were signing on territory there 13 Apr (Alan McGie). This is slightly north of its usual range.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

A male at Astoria, Clatsop, 5 Apr (MP) was about six weeks early. 2 were reported from a feeder in Portland, Multnomah, 14 May (fide HN), and a male was near Waldport, Lincoln, 31 May (J&KCi).

Lazuli Bunting

1 at Canby, Clackamas, 5 Apr, is possibly the earliest ever for the region (ES, TS).

INDIGO BUNTING

A male was near Hillsboro, Washington, 16 May (fide HN).

Clay-colored Sparrow

The wintering bird on Sauvie Island, Columbia, was present to 12 Mar (m. ob.).

Brewer's Sparrow

Rare along the coast, 1 was near Brookings, Curry, 30 Apr (DMu).

Vesper Sparrow

20+ individuals reported from several locations is the largest number reported in recent years (m. ob.). 5+ singing at New River, Coos, (TR) from 29 Apr through the end of the period indicates breeding may have occurred there, which would probably be a first for Coos.

Lark Sparrow

Very rare in nw Oregon, 1 was near Brownsville, Linn, 5 May (MN).

Black-throated Sparrow

Rare in western Oregon, 1 was in Coburg, Lane, 27 Apr (R. Holland), and 1 was in Sutherlin, Douglas, 16 May (KW).

Grasshopper Sparrow

Very difficult to detect in migration, singles were at Detroit Flats, Marion, 8 Apr and 5 May (SD). 8 Apr is possibly the earliest report ever for the region.

Swamp Sparrow

The last over-wintering bird was reported from Millicoma Marsh, Coos, 15 Apr (TR).

Golden-crowned Sparrow

1 at Cape Blanco, Curry, 26 May was about ten days late (TW).

Harris's Sparrow

1 was at Finley NWR, Benton, from the winter period to 9 Apr (DB, TB). Singles were in Grants Pass, Josephine, 24 and 27 Apr (DV, AV), and 1 was in ne Portland, Multnomah, 8 May (Loree Sheckles).

Lapland Longspur

Rare in spring, 2 were at the South Jetty of the Columbia River, Clatsop, from 6 Mar to 9 Apr (TT), and a male was found on Mary's Peak, Lane, 22 Apr (Justin Rodecap).

Tricolored Blackbird

3 were in north Portland, Multnomah, at a former nesting location 13 Mar (DB).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

2 were reported from the outer coast, where rare: 1 was near Florence, Lane, 28 May (RLa) and 1 was near Florence, Lane, 30 May (RL).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

Casual on the west side, a female was 6 miles south of Yachats, Lincoln, 7 May (RLa) and a female was at Beaver Creek south of Newport, Lincoln, 8 May (Rebecca Cheek).

Cassin's Finch

Rare in western Oregon, 1 was in Leaburg, Lane, 11 Apr (AR).

Common Redpoll

Rare in Oregon, 1 was near Lebanon, Linn, 9 Mar (BT).

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