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I remember vividly, as an aspiring birder growing up on the fringe of New York City, reading a passage in Joseph Hickey’s *A Guide to Bird-watching* (1943). Citing the example of Brown Creeper in that region, he mentioned how little was known about the location of “edges” of the geographic ranges of some fairly common birds. I took this as a personal challenge. Once I had seen most of the region’s species, going birding mainly to search for rare vagrants seldom interested me and seemed of limited value to science and conservation. Besides, the basic outlines of ranges of all the North American species were known at a general scale. But this idea of discovering local range boundaries—here was something tractable and worthwhile. I was hooked. In the years since, I’ve immensely enjoyed contributing to distributional knowledge of birds both individually and through involvements with breeding bird atlas projects in Maine and Oregon.

OFO’s Oregon Breeding Bird Atlas Project concluded in 1999, and the data analysis, map-generating, and writing—all conducted by unpaid volunteers—are progressing steadily toward release on a CD-ROM. The project, the largest of its kind ever undertaken in Oregon, has done much to clarify the distribution within Oregon of our state’s 275 nesting species. Nonetheless, inevitably new distributional questions are raised, and will continue to be raised, as new areas are explored and breeding ranges shift in response to global warming, widespread habitat alteration, and other factors.

In this article I summarize—by species—what geographic information we still lack at the species level. Consider these “unsolved mysteries” or “challenges” that anyone with curiosity, interest, and time can sleuth. Some birders may find this listing useful as a guide on “what’s worthy to report,” i.e., records of which species at which locations seen during the summer are most worthy of sending to the *Oregon Birds* Field Notes editor or posting on Oregon Birders On Line (OBOL). These challenges were identified by comparing the preliminary range maps from our project with recent historical accounts and with maps of habitat suspected of being possibly suitable for each species. A challenge is given for almost every breeding species, and no attempt has been made to prioritize them. Listings of challenges organized instead by geographic area will be included on the project CD.

Of course, these are but a handful of the mysteries of Oregon birds that are waiting to be solved. Much remains to be learned about how much ranges fluctuate between years, wintering ranges and migration paths, ranges of subspecies and races, early and late breeding dates, which habitats are most productive, breeding behavior, population densities, and other topics. All such new information helps further our scientific understanding of birds and ultimately provides a basis for conserving species and habitats.

**Common Loon:** Check for nesting in larger remote lakes in High Cascades, Blue, and Wallowa Mountains.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** Refine knowledge of distribution within the higher mountains of the state.

**Horned Grebe:** Check for breeding at marshy ponds in Wallowas and northern Cascades.

**Red-necked Grebe, Eared Grebe:** Determine if breeding currently in lakes in Cascades.

**Western Grebe:** Confirm nesting in northern Cascades, and in Jackson, Umatilla, Wallowa, and Baker Counties.

**Clark’s Grebe:** Confirm nesting in northeastern Oregon.

**Fork-tailed & Leach’s Storm-Petrel:** Support more frequent efforts of wildlife agencies to survey coastal nesting burrows at night.

**American White Pelican:** Support continued monitoring by wildlife agencies of colonies at known locations.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** Confirm breeding in central Oregon and at any new locations along the Columbia River.

**Pelagic & Brandt’s Cormorant:** Support more frequent monitoring of coastal colonies by wildlife agencies.

**American Bittern:** See if species still nests in marshes near Columbia River, and in the Rogue Valley, southern Jackson, southern Klamath, northern Lake, and Malheur Counties.

**Least Bittern:** Has this secretive species totally disappeared from the state? Only one was reported to the atlas project, and was not confirmed breeding.

**Great Blue Heron:** Locate rookeries and single nests in eastern Oregon.

**Great Egret:** Locate rookeries in western Oregon.

**Snowy & Cattle Egret:** Locate rookeries anywhere.

**Green Heron:** Clarify breeding status and regularity of nesting in Coast Range, foothills of southern...
Cascades, and eastward along Columbia River.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** Determine if species still nests anywhere in the Willamette Valley and in Deschutes, Crook, Grant, and Baker Counties.

**White-faced Ibis:** Confirm breeding by individuals sighted in western Lake, Crook, and Malheur Counties. These may only be wandering from known colonies.

**Trumpeter Swan:** Confirm breeding by individuals observed away from traditional sites in Harney and Crook Counties.

**Canada Goose:** Determine if species is breeding in central Gilliam and Morrow Counties, and southern Malheur County.

**Wood Duck:** Determine if it is breeding in Columbia Basin (outside of the Gorge), southern Coast Range, and foothills of southern Cascades.

**Green-winged Teal:** Confirm regularity of breeding in Columbia Basin and Willamette Valley.

**Mallard:** Confirm breeding in southern Coast Range and Siskiyou.

**Northern Pintail, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck:** Confirm breeding by pairs observed in late spring at Willamette Valley and coastal locations.

**Cinnamon Teal:** Refine knowledge of distribution within montane areas of the state.

**American Wigeon:** Confirm breeding by pairs observed in late spring at Willamette Valley locations.

**Canvasback:** Determine if species no longer breeds in north central and northeastern Oregon.

**Lesser Scaup:** Confirm breeding by pairs observed in late spring in western Oregon.

**Harlequin Duck:** Determine if species has disappeared from southern Cascades.

**Common Goldeneye:** Confirm breeding by monitoring pairs observed in late spring anywhere in Oregon, and especially in the Blue Mountains and in the central Cascades (Davis, Wickiup, Diamond, Toketee Lakes).

**Barrow’s Goldeneye:** Monitor nesting in northern and southern ends of the Oregon Cascades, and at scattered locations in eastern Oregon.

**Bufflehead:** Confirm breeding by pairs observed at any location away from the Cascades.

**Hooded Merganser:** Clarify if species breeds in southern Coast Range, southern foothills of the Cascades, western Grant and any part of Wallowa County.

**Common Merganser:** Improve knowledge of distribution along eastern Columbia River and its tributaries.

**Ruddy Duck:** Confirm breeding by pairs observed in late spring at any locations in western Oregon.

**Turkey Vulture:** Determine if apparent absence as a breeder in part of Columbia Basin is real.

**Osprey:** Locate nests of individuals observed in desert locations.

**White-tailed Kite:** Confirm breeding by pairs observed at locations north and east of Benton County.

**Bald Eagle:** Support continuation of annual surveys of nesting distribution. Improve the knowledge of distribution in northeastern, north central, and coastal Oregon.

**Northern Harrier:** Improve knowledge of extent of breeding in shrubland of central Oregon.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** Improve knowledge of extent of breeding in juniper stands in central Oregon.

**Cooper’s Hawk:** Improve knowledge of extent of breeding in Columbia Basin and southeastern Oregon.

**Northern Goshawk:** Confirm breeding in northern Cascades. Search for nests in the Coast Range.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** Monitor the possible spread of this species into more northerly parts of Oregon, especially north of Polk County and anywhere east of the Willamette River.

**Swainson’s Hawk:** Confirm breeding in northern and western Lake County, and southern Malheur County.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** Monitor its continued breeding around urban areas.

**Ferruginous Hawk:** Confirm breeding in Klamath County, and search for nests in southern Harney and central Malheur Counties.

**Golden Eagle:** Determine if currently nesting in Curry and Josephine Counties.

**American Kestrel:** Confirm nesting in more areas of southern Cascades.

**Merlin:** Confirm nesting for the first time in modern history of Oregon. In particular, watch closely any pairs seen in coastal forests or near desert wetlands.

**Peregrine Falcon:** Monitor possible future spread of this species into desert canyons near permanent water.

**Prairie Falcon:** Clarify current breeding status in Rogue Valley and western Jackson County.

**Gray Partridge:** Improve knowledge of distribution in farmlands of Deschutes, Crook, Wheeler, Harney, and Malheur Counties.

**Chukar:** Determine how widely it breeds in northern Lake County.

**Ring-necked Pheasant** Improve knowledge of distribution within farmlands of Deschutes, Crook, and Wheeler Counties.

**Spruce Grouse:** Continue to monitor status of this uncommon, highly localized, vulnerable species in northeastern Oregon.

**Blue Grouse:** Determine better the current extent of breeding in Ochoco Mountains and in parts of the Coast Range.

**Ruffed Grouse:** Determine better the limits of its range in southwestern Lake County, and in aspen stands in desert mountains.
Sage Grouse: Determine if no longer present in northern and southern Lake County.

Sharp-tailed Grouse: Watch to see if re-introduced populations in Wallowa County are self-sustaining.

Wild Turkey: Watch to see which of the many introduced populations spread.

Northern Bobwhite: Watch to see if individuals that are periodically released develop sustaining populations. Confirm breeding.

California Quail: Refine extent of distribution in foothills of the southern Cascades.

Mountain Quail: Determine if species has disappeared totally from north coast and most of Deschutes and Crook Counties, as well as southern foothills of Wallowa Mountains.

Yellow Rail: Continue surveys of suitable wetlands in Lake and Klamath Counties.

Virginia Rail: Determine extent of breeding in wetlands of the Wallowas and southern Malheur County.

Sora: Determine extent of breeding in wetlands of the Columbia Basin, northern Lake County, and southern Malheur County.

American Coot: Determine extent of breeding in suitable habitat in the western Cascades and Coast Range.

Sandhill Crane: Determine current extent of breeding in southern Morrow and Gilliam Counties, eastern Baker County, and Malheur County.

Snowy Plover: Watch alkali flat habitats in remote parts of southeastern Oregon for additional breeding locations.

Semipalmated Plover: Determine if this species breeds annually in Oregon, and search for locations coastally and at inland alkali flats.

Kildeer: Clarify breeding extent in suitable habitat within the west Cascades.

Black Oystercatcher: Refine knowledge of nesting sites within coastal rocky areas.

Black-necked Stilt: Monitor possible expansion of its range into western Oregon, especially during wet years.

American Avocet: Determine extent of breeding in Deschutes, western Crook, and central Lake Counties.

Greater Yellowlegs: Watch Cascade Lakes and eastern Oregon wetlands for possible breeding. Determine annual regularity of breeding, if any, in seasonal wetlands of Wallowa County.

Willet: Determine western limit of range in Klamath County.

Spotted Sandpiper: Determine if this species is much more restricted along the coast than depicted by current field guides and atlases.

Solitary Sandpiper: Survey isolated marshy lakes and ponds in the Cascades and Blue Mountains for this species.

Upland Sandpiper: Determine if species has disappeared entirely from southern Morrow and Umatilla Counties (Ukiah area).


Common Snipe: Confirm breeding in major valleys, especially the Willamette, and in the Coast Range.

Wilson's Phalarope: Clarify extent of breeding in Wasco, Sherman, and Gilliam Counties.

Franklin's Gull: Attempt to confirm breeding of birds away from the Malheur Refuge.

Ring-billed Gull: Attempt to confirm breeding of birds away from major rivers.

California Gull: Confirm breeding of birds seen away from Columbia River, Malheur Refuge, Klamath Basin, or Warner Basin.

Western Gull: Determine upriver limits of its breeding range on the Columbia River.

Glaucous-winged Gull: Confirm possible breeding of scattered individuals in seabird colonies along the southern coast, and on Columbia River far inland.

Caspian Tern: Attempt to confirm breeding at locations other than the Columbia Estuary, and especially in central Oregon, and in western Baker and central Malheur Counties.

Forster's Tern, Black Tern: Attempt to confirm breeding by individuals observed away from traditional locations (which are being shown on the atlas CD).

Common Murre: Support periodic monitoring of colonies by wildlife agencies.

Pigeon Guillemot: Confirm nesting at coastal locations.

Marbled Murrelet: Improve knowledge of current extent of breeding, if any, in northern part of Coast Range.

Cassin's & Rhinoceros Auklets, Tufted Puffin: Support periodic seabird surveys of offshore islands by resource agencies.

Rock Dove: Note locations where the species nests on natural substrates (cliffs, etc.).

Band-tailed Pigeon: Clarify extent of breeding in southern and High Cascades.

Mourning Dove: Determine extent of breeding in southern and High Cascades.

Monk Parakeet: Determine if Portland population remains self-sustaining.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: Watch for pairs, and attempt to confirm breeding of any of the few individuals seen almost every year.

Flammulated Owl: Determine if species has disappeared from Josephine and Jackson Counties. Improve knowledge of its distribution in western Baker and southern Umatilla Counties.

Barn Owl, Western Screech-Owl: Determine extent of local distributions within most of their ranges in eastern Oregon.

Great Horned Owl: Clarify extent of distribution within most of its range in southern Harney and Malheur Counties.
Northern Pygmy-Owl: Attempt to confirm breeding in Crook, Malheur, and northern Harney Counties.

Burrowing Owl: Determine if species has disappeared from southern Wasco, Jefferson, and western Crook and Deschutes Counties.

Spotted Owl: Continue to monitor distribution particularly along eastern fringe of range in Cascades.

Barred Owl: Improve knowledge of extent of its distribution within the Blue Mountains. Determine if it breeds in the Ochocos and Siskiyou.

Great Gray Owl: Refine knowledge of distribution of this species in the Siskiyou, the north Cascade, and foothills of the western Cascades.

Long-eared Owl: Determine extent of breeding in the Cascades and in western Oregon.

Short-eared Owl: Determine if this species has disappeared entirely as a breeder in western Oregon, and in Klamath, Crook, and Deschutes Counties.

Boreal Owl: Determine if autumn birds in the High Cascades (e.g., Waldo Lake, Mount Hood) remain year-round to breed. Search higher parts of the southern Blue and Ochoco Mountains. This is among the least-understood species that nest in Oregon.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: Attempt to confirm breeding more widely in Cascades. Determine extent of occurrence in juniper woods of eastern Oregon.

Common Nighthawk: Confirm breeding at sites within Willamette Valley, northern Lake, and southern Deschutes Counties.

Common Poorwill: Determine if species still breeds at scattered locations in southwestern Oregon, western Cascades slope, and foothills of Blue and Wallowa Mtns.

Black Swift: Search all waterfalls for nests, especially at canyon and coastal locations, during early evenings. Confirm nesting at the traditional Salt Creek Falls site.

Vaux's Swift: Verify apparent absence in much of Klamath, Deschutes, and northern Lake Counties.

White-throated Swift: Survey cliffs and rimrock for locations in eastern Oregon. Also watch Table Rock and similar cliffs in Jackson County.

Black-chinned Hummingbird: Confirm breeding and improve knowledge of distribution in Deschutes, Crook, Lake, and Klamath Counties.

Anna's Hummingbird: Monitor possible future continuation of range expansion. Determine eastward extent of breeding in Columbia Gorge.

Calliope Hummingbird: Improve knowledge of distribution in southwestern Oregon. Confirm breeding in southeastern counties.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird: Confirm nesting anywhere in Oregon -- most likely along Hell's Canyon and in mountains of Malheur and Harney Counties.

Rufous Hummingbird: Confirm nesting in Crook and southern Harney County.

Allen's Hummingbird: Determine northward (coastal) and eastward (Siskiyou) limits of Oregon breeding range.

Belted Kingfisher: Determine if it nests anywhere in northern Lake and eastern Deschutes Counties.

Lewis's Woodpecker: Confirm breeding of pairs of birds in late spring in anywhere west of the Cascade crest.

Acorn Woodpecker: Monitor long-term viability of known colonies in urban areas.

Red-breasted Sapsucker: Search for nests along the Oregon coast. Determine if scattered individuals breed in Blue Mountains.

Williamson's Sapsucker: Determine if present in southern Baker County.

Red-naped Sapsucker: Determine if it nests anywhere in Gilliam, northern Lake, or eastern Deschutes Counties.

Downy Woodpecker: Clarify how widely this species nests in Klamath and Deschutes Counties, and in the Blue Mountains.

Hairy Woodpecker: Refine knowledge of distribution in eastern Crook and western Deschutes Counties.

White-headed Woodpecker: Determine if it currently nests in mountains of Curry, Josephine, western Jackson, or southeastern Lake Counties. Clarify how widely this species nests in northern Wheeler County and Blue Mountains of southern Umatilla, southern Union, and southern Baker Counties.

Three-toed Woodpecker: Search for nests in northern Wallowa and western Union Counties, and in northern and west slope of the Cascades.

Black-backed Woodpecker: Determine if it nests anywhere in Siskiyou Mountains of southwestern Oregon, where it once occurred locally.

Northern Flicker: Refine knowledge of distribution within the most arid areas.

Pileated Woodpecker: Refine knowledge of nesting distribution in southern and western Deschutes County and southern Baker County.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Determine if it still nests in northern Wheeler and southwestern Grant Counties.

Western Wood-Pewee: Search for nests in eastern Wasco, eastern Deschutes, northeastern Lake, and southern and central Malheur Counties.

Willow Flycatcher: Refine knowledge of nesting distribution in Wasco, Sherman, eastern Umatilla, Deschutes, southern Jackson, Klamath, northern Lake, eastern Harney, and western Malheur Counties.

Least Flycatcher: Determine if birds return annually to nest in areas mentioned above.

Hammond's Flycatcher: Confirm breeding of individuals noted at
scattered desert locations during June. Search for nests in southern Jackson, southern Klamath, central Deschutes, southern Baker, central Union, and eastern Wallowa Counties.

**Dusky Flycatcher:** Clarify how widely this species nests in Jackson County and eastern Deschutes County.

**Gray Flycatcher:** Determine if it currently nests anywhere in northeastern Malheur, northern Baker, southern Union, or southern Umatilla Counties. Search for nests in central Klamath and eastern Deschutes County.

**Western Flycatcher (Pacific-slope & Cordilleran):** Search for nests in central and southern Klamath, and southwestern Wallowa County.

**Black Phoebe:** Determine if it nests in eastern Curry and western Jackson County, and watch for possible shift in range northward to at least Linn-Benton Counties.

**Say's Phoebe:** Clarify how widely this species nests in southern Klamath, southern and northern Lake, northern Harney, southern Grant, and central Union Counties. Confirm nesting of any individuals discovered west of Cascades.

**Ash-throated Flycatcher:** Clarify how widely this species nests in Malheur, Grant, Baker, southern Morrow, southern Wheeler, northern Crook, southern Harney, and southern Lake Counties.

**Western Kingbird:** Confirm nesting of pairs observed in the northern Willamette Valley, where historically it bred. Search for breeding locations along the southern coast, and in southern Malheur and northeastern Lake Counties.

**Eastern Kingbird:** Determine if this species nests anywhere in northern Lake, eastern Harney, central Jefferson, or southern Gilliam Counties.

**Horned Lark:** Determine if this species still breeds in alpine and subalpine meadows of the Cascades, in Rogue-Umpqua Valleys, and in northern Harney County.

**Purple Martin:** Monitor the increased re-establishment of this species if nest box program continues to expand geographically. In particular, note any changes in distribution in Marion, Jackson, Klamath, and southern Lake Counties.

**Tree Swallow:** Clarify how widely this species nests in the Columbia Basin (Sherman, northern Gilliam, northern Morrow, western Umatilla Counties), northeastern Lake County, and northern Malheur County.

**Violet-green Swallow:** Clarify how widely this species nests in Harney, Malheur, and northern Baker Counties.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** Search for pairs nesting along larger streams in northeastern Lake, eastern Harney, and southern Malheur Counties.

**Bank Swallow:** Search for colonies while floating along rivers and large streams in Harney, Malheur, Lake, Wheeler, Grant, and Wallowa Counties.

**Cliff Swallow:** Search for colonies near water in northern Lake and southern Deschutes Counties.

**Barn Swallow:** Check buildings for nests in eastern Deschutes and northwestern Klamath Counties.

**Gray Jay:** Clarify how widely this species nests in northern Coast Range (Columbia, Clatsop Counties), and Siskiyou Mountains (Josephine, Jackson, Curry Counties).

**Steller's Jay:** Refine knowledge of distribution in western Crook and eastern Deschutes Counties.

**Western Scrub-Jay:** Search for nesting locations in central and southeastern Klamath County. Monitor ongoing expansion of range into eastern and coastal Oregon.

**Pinyon Jay:** Determine if this species currently is present in southeastern Klamath and southwestern Lake Counties. Periodically check the Malheur County location to determine regularity of breeding.

**Clark's Nutcracker:** Confirm breeding in northeastern Malheur County and in northern Cascades.

**Black-billed Magpie:** Increase the confirmations of nesting in Lake and Deschutes Counties.

**American Crow:** Clarify how widely this species occurs in Klamath and Deschutes Counties.

**Common Raven:** Attempt to confirm nesting at lower elevations within the Willamette Valley.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** Refine knowledge of distribution in high Cascades, and eastern Deschutes, western Crook, southern Klamath, Lake, and eastern Malheur Counties.

**Mountain Chickadee:** Attempt to better define the northern limits of range within Coos and western Douglas Counties.

**Chestnut-backed Chickadee:** Determine if this species has disappeared from parts of the Blue Mountains in northeastern Grant, southern Union, northern Baker, and southern Wallowa Counties.

**Oak/Juniper Titmouse:** Confirm nesting at locations in southwestern Lake and southern Jackson Counties.

**Bushtit:** Clarify how widely this species nests within eastern Clackamas, Morrow, southern Umatilla, Grant, southern Deschutes, Klamath, Lake, Harney, and northeastern Malheur Counties.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** Attempt to confirm breeding of individuals seen at scattered locations in desert (especially around juniper stands) during breeding season.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** Continue to search for this species in western Coast Range, high Cascades, western Crook, and eastern Wallowa County.

**Pygmy Nuthatch:** Search ponderosa pine stands in central and northeastern Oregon for this species.

**Brown Creeper:** Determine eastern limit of range in Lake County, and extent of nesting in northeastern
in late spring in areas where it does apparently occur frequently in the High Cascades, and in central Klamath County.

Canyon Wren: Search rocky outcrops and cliffs for this species, especially in High Cascades, Ochoco Mountains, and Blue Mountains.

Bewick's Wren: Clarify how widely this species nests in Siskiyou Mountains and central Klamath County.

House Wren: Clarify how widely this species nests within southern Deschutes, northern Lake, central Harney, and central Malheur Counties, as well as along the Columbia River in Gilliam and Morrow Counties.

Winter Wren: Search suitable habitats in eastern Klamath, western Lake, southern Deschutes, Crook, Wheeler, and Morrow Counties to refine knowledge of distribution.

Marsh Wren: Determine presence in wetlands near Columbia River east of the Cascades, and in the Umpqua Valley.

American Dipper: Clarify how widely this species nests in Clatsop, Columbia, western Douglas, and eastern Klamath Counties.

Golden-crowned Kinglet: Confirm nesting in lowest parts of Willamette Valley, as well as in eastern Deschutes and northern Lake Counties.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet: This species apparently occurs frequently in late spring in areas where it does not breed, so it ranks among the species we understand the least. Confirmation of breeding is especially needed west of the Cascades and in the Ochoco Mountains, as well from locations in southeastern Lake, Klamath, and Deschutes Counties.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Check apparently suitable thickets to determine if this species nests more widely in southeastern Klamath and southwestern Lake Counties. Determine northern limits of its Oregon range.

Western Bluebird: Clarify how widely this species nests in Morrow, southeastern Klamath, and southwestern Lake Counties.

Mountain Bluebird: Clarify how widely this species nests in the southern Siskiyou Mountains, as well as southern Harney and central-northern Malheur Counties.

Townsend's Solitaire: Search clearcuts to confirm nesting at locations in Coast Range and west slope of the Cascades.

Veery: Clarify how widely this species nests in the Blue Mountains of eastern Grant, Union, and western Wallowa Counties.

Swainson's Thrush: Determine if the species still nests in suitable habitat within most of Klamath and Malheur Counties, as well as in western Lake and eastern Harney Counties, as portrayed by Csuti et al. (1997).

Hermit Thrush: Find nests to confirm breeding within the geographic areas mentioned above.

Varied Thrush: Determine if the species nests anywhere in Wheeler, Morrow, southern Umatilla, or eastern Lake County, and more widely in Curry, Josephine, Jackson, eastern Klamath, southern Deschutes, western Grant, and western Baker Counties.

Wrentit: Clarify how widely this species nests within Jackson and western Klamath Counties.

Gray Catbird: Confirm nesting by individuals scattered outside of northeastern Oregon. Locate nest locations in Baker, Wallowa, and Union Counties.

Northern Mockingbird: Attempt to find nests of the scattered individuals that are discovered annually throughout Oregon.

Sage Thrasher: Clarify where the species nests at locations in Wheeler, Grant, and northern Harney Counties.

American Pipit: Survey mountain peaks and alpine meadows statewide (and especially in the southern Cascades and Steens Mountains) for this species.

Cedar Waxwing: Clarify how widely this species nests within the northern Siskiyou Mountains, the southern Cascades, and the Columbia Basin (Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam Counties). Also refine knowledge of its breeding distribution within eastern Klamath, western Deschutes, and northern Harney Counties.

Loggerhead Shrike: Clarify how widely this species nests within northern Umatilla, northwestern Grant, southern Klamath, and southwestern Lake Counties.

European Starling: Monitor locations in western Cascades and southern Malheur County to determine the extent to which Starlings seen there remain to breed.

Cassin's Vireo: Clarify how widely this species nests within the Columbia Basin (Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam Counties) and in northern Lake and southern Crook Counties.

Plumbeous Vireo: Examine Cassin's Vireos carefully for this species, especially in eastern Oregon, to better determine its breeding status and distribution.

Hutton's Vireo: Determine southern limit of its possible breeding range in Jackson and eastern Klamath Counties.

Warbling Vireo: Clarify how widely this species nests within the Columbia Basin (Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, northern Morrow Counties) and in northern Klamath, northern Lake, eastern Deschutes, southern Crook, and central Malheur Counties.

Red-eyed Vireo: Confirm nesting at the many scattered locations where presently their status is only Possible. Determine if it nests in the Blue Mountains, where historically it once did.

Orange-crowned Warbler: Clarify how widely this species nests within...
the Columbia Basin (Sherman, Gilliam, northern Morrow, eastern Umatilla Counties). Confirm breeding of birds reported from eastern Crook and western Grant Counties.

**Nashville Warbler:** Clarify how widely this species nests within the northern Coast Range, the Ochoco Mountains, and the Blue Mountains (especially, southern Grant County). Also refine knowledge of its breeding distribution on the east slope of the southern Cascades.

**Virginia's Warbler:** Finally confirm nesting of this species that has appeared at so many localities where previously unknown.

**Yellow Warbler:** Clarify how widely this species nests within the central Coast Range, western Siskiyou Mountains, and northern Klamath, eastern Deschutes, and southern Malheur Counties.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** Confirm nesting of this species at the many low-elevation locations where it frequently is seen into June.

**Black-throated Gray Warbler:** Clarify how widely this species nests in scattered conifer stands within southern Klamath, southwestern Lake, western Grant, and southern Morrow Counties.

**Townsend's Warbler:** Confirm nesting of the coastal and Coast Range birds, as well as of individuals in northern Harney and northern Malheur Counties.

**Hermit Warbler:** Refine knowledge of the eastern boundary of its Oregon range. Determine if individuals rarely nest in the Blue Mountains, as suggested by Gilligan et al. (1994).

**American Redstart:** Determine if this species still breeds in Wallowa, Grant, and northern Klamath Counties, and if it breeds more widely in Union, Umatilla, and Baker Counties. Check large deciduous riparian woods in coastal locations for possible future nesting.

**Northern Waterthrush:** Obtain confirmation of current nesting somewhere. Survey large streams in the Wallowa and Blue Mountains for this species.

**MacGillivray's Warbler:** Clarify how widely this species nests in northern Klamath and southwestern Deschutes Counties, and in lowland riparian habitat of the Willamette Valley.

**Common Yellowthroat:** Determine if this species still breeds in the Columbia Basin (Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla Counties), and at very high elevations in the Cascades and Wallowas. Search for nesting locations in Wallowa, Grant, Malheur, southern Klamath, and Jackson Counties.

**Wilson's Warbler:** Confirm breeding in southern Blue Mountains (Grant, western Baker Counties), and determine if this species breeds more widely in western Deschutes and southern Klamath Counties.

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** Clarify how widely this species nests in streamside areas within Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Crook, and Grant Counties, as well as along the Columbia River.

**Western Tanager:** Confirm nesting at locations in southeastern and central Oregon where currently it has been reported only as Possible.

**Black-headed Grosbeak:** Clarify how widely this species nests in riparian areas of southern Crook, Malheur, Sherman, and Gilliam Counties.

**Blue Grosbeak:** Survey riparian areas along larger streams and rivers in southeastern Oregon for this species.

**Lazuli Bunting:** Clarify how widely this species nests in clearcuts in western Lincoln, western Lane, northern Lake, eastern Crook, and eastern Deschutes Counties.

**Green-tailed Towhee:** Clarify how widely this species nests in southern Douglas, northern Jackson, northeastern Lake, eastern Crook, eastern Jefferson, southern Wasco, and northern Wheeler Counties, as well as more widely in the Blue and Wallowa Mountains (northern Grant, northern Baker, Union, and Wallowa Counties).

**California Towhee:** Determine for certain if this species has disappeared from the Umpqua Valley.

**Spotted Towhee:** Clarify how widely this species nests in riparian areas of Crook, eastern Grant, southern Deschutes, northern Klamath, northern Lake, Harney, and Malheur Counties.

**Chipping Sparrow:** Clarify how widely this species nests in northeastern Malheur County, as well as more widely in the Columbia Basin (northern Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, eastern Umatilla Counties).

**Brewer's Sparrow:** Clarify how widely this species nests in parts of southwestern Oregon, the Columbia Basin (southern Morrow and Umatilla Counties), eastern Wallowa Mountains, and Blue Mountains (northeastern Grant, Union Counties).

**Black-chinned Sparrow:** Periodically check Stukel Mountain and other shrubby slopes in southwestern Oregon for this species.

**Vesper Sparrow:** Determine if this species still breeds anywhere in western Jackson, eastern Josephine, or inland Coos County.

**Lark Sparrow:** Determine if this species still breeds anywhere in the Umpqua or southern Willamette Valleys. Also determine if this species breeds more widely in Deschutes, Crook, southern Grant, and western Harney Counties.

**Black-throated Sparrow:** Clarify how widely this species nests in northern Malheur, central Harney, northern Lake, and eastern Deschutes Counties.

**Sage Sparrow:** Clarify how widely this species nests in northern Harney, northern Malheur, and central Baker County.

**Savannah Sparrow:** Clarify how widely this species nests in Douglas
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The Hoodoo area is on the Santiam Pass at the Cascade summit of Linn County. The pass elevation is about 4600 feet, and the summit of Hoodoo Butte is just over 5400 feet. Hoodoo Ski Bowl receives 260 inches of snowfall annually. Geologically, the area includes the basaltic Hayrick Butte, the cinder cones of Hoodoo Butte and Sand Mountain, the cinder field between them, and Big Lake. The climax forest here is Pacific silver fir (*Abies amabilis*), but fires and the nutritionally poor cinder soils have created large openings with scattered lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*) and dense thickets of ceanothus (*Ceanothus* sp.) and manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* sp.) at the base of the rocky buttes. Big Lake is mostly surrounded by conifers, including Engelmann spruce (*Picea engelmannii*) and subalpine fir (*Abies lasiocarpa*), but does have willows (*Salix* sp.) at the shallow north end of the lake.

The area is easily reached on Highway 20 from Salem, Albany, Eugene, and Bend. The road to the ski area is plowed, but in most years, snow blocks the road to Big Lake from late October until well into May. On the other hand, July and August are often very pleasant, and the area fills with recreational visitors. Because of the severity of the winter weather, most birders visit May through August, and the records of birds found here reflect this bias. Access from November to April requires winter parking permits.

Travelers could reach the Hoodoo area as early as 1868 via the Old Santiam Wagon Road, which ran between Camp Polk (near present-day Sisters, Deschutes County) and Sweet Home. The road followed Cache Creek up to Big Lake and over the summit to Fish Lake, where hundreds of wagons, hauling wool from eastern Oregon in the 1890s, would camp for the night. The route then followed the South Santiam River down to Mountain House, Lower Soda, and Sweet Home. In 1905, the first automobile to cross the continent of North America used this route (Percy Bush, *Old Santiam Wagon Road*, http://www.proaxis.com/~percyb/history.htm). Despite the early accessibility, there are few bird records from this area until the 1970s.

The Pacific silver fir climax forest, composed of Pacific silver fir, Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir, and lodgepole pine, forms a dense forest. This forest type has thick mossy branches reaching all the way to the ground. Common birds in this forest include Olive-sided Flycatcher, Gray Jay, Steller's Jay, Common Raven, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Varied Thrush, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Hermit Warbler, Western Tanager, Dark-eyed Junco, Pine Siskin, and Evening Grosbeak. Less common birds in this forest are Three-toed Woodpecker, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, and Brown Creeper. This habitat predominates on the Santiam Pass and the entrance road to Hoodoo Ski Bowl; on the north side of the paved road to Big Lake, north of Hayrick Butte; and on the south side of Big Lake.

In 1968, a large fire swept though the area between Big Lake and Hoodoo Butte. This created a meadow-like area with many standing dead snags. Lodgepole pine are regrowing throughout this area but are widely spaced in the cinder soil, making a very open forest compared to the firs. Many of the birds found in the fir forest are also common in the pine forest. Species that take advantage of the open park-like forest and the few remaining standing dead snags include Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Mountain Chickadee, American Robin, Chipping Sparrow, Red Crossbill, and Cassin's Finch. Less common birds include Calliope Hummingbird, Black-backed Woodpecker, Warbling Vireo, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Mountain Bluebird, and Townsend's Solitaire. A dirt road intersection north of Big Lake leads west to Sand Mountain, and east along the north shore of the lake, through the major portion of this forest type.

Dense thickets of ceanothus and manzanita cover the lower slopes of both Hoodoo and Hayrick Buttes. Because of the large basalt boulders on its lower slopes, Hayrick Butte can be difficult to approach. One good place to access the thick manzanita habitat is a pullout at the southeast corner of Hayrick Butte. Accessible only in summer, a road between Hayrick Butte and Hoodoo Butte leads through more of this habitat. Respect Hoodoo Ski Bowl property by staying away from equipment and buildings. Common birds in the chaparral around these buttes include Rufous Hummingbird, Dusky Flycatcher, MacGillivray's Warbler, and Fox Sparrow. The buttes are natural migration corridors for such birds as Northern Goshawk, Golden Eagle, and Clark's Nutcracker. Rock Wrens sometimes sing from Hayrick Butte. Other less common birds of the scrub are House Wren, Western Bluebird, Nashville Warbler, and rarely Green-tailed Towhee.

The campgrounds that line the western shore of Big Lake attract a variety of different species. The north end of the lake is shallow and edged with willows and adjoins the open lodgepole pine forest. The south end of the lake is deeper and adjoins the dense fir forest. A private
church camp is on the eastern shore. Common species that are found most often around the lake include Spotted Sandpiper, Common Nighthawk, Tree Swallow, Hermit Thrush, Varied Thrush, White-crowned Sparrow, Brewer’s Blackbird, and Brown-headed Cowbird. Less common birds that might be seen on or over the lake include Barrow’s Goldeneye, Osprey, Killdeer, California Gull, Belted Kingfisher, and Violet-green Swallow. Several uncommon birds are attracted to the shoreline or campgrounds, including Orange-crowned Warbler, Wilson’s Warbler, Lincoln’s Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, and Purple Finch. Several species of forest birds typically associated with the ponderosa pine (Pinus ponderosa) east of the Cascades have been detected in the relatively open stands of the campground; these include White-headed Woodpecker, Williamson’s Sapsucker, Pygmy Nuthatch, and Cassin’s Finch.

Birds in the Hoodoo area, Linn County

Pacific Loon (Gavia pacifica) 1 from 27 Oct. to 14 Nov. 1999 (DI, JH).

Common Loon (Gavia immer) 1 in May 1980 (BT); 3 on 31 Oct. 1998 (CM); 1 to 6 birds from 11 Oct. to 13 Nov. 1999 (IF, JH).


Horned Grebe (Podiceps auritus) 1 on 16 Sept. 1999 (JF); 1 to 4 birds on 11 to 13 Oct. 1999 (JF, JH); 2 to 6 birds on 12 to 13 Oct. 2000 (JF, MN).

Eared Grebe (Podiceps nigricollis) 1 to 4 birds from 11 Oct. to 9 Nov. 1999 (JF, RG).

Western Grebe (Aechmophorus occidentalis) 1 to 3 birds from 11 Oct. to 13 Nov. 1999 (JF, JH); 1 on 14 Oct. 2000 (MN).

Great Blue Heron (Ardea herodias) 2 on 24 July 2000 (GG); 1 on 18 Aug. 1990 (GG); 1 on 16 Sept. 1999 (JF).

Turkey Vulture (Cathartes aura) 12 June 1998 (SD); 27 June 1979 (GG).


Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos) Early date: 27 May 1991; late date: 12 on 31 Oct. 1998 (CM); hen and 9 chicks on 23 July 2000 (GG).


American Wigeon (Anas americana) 2 to 11 birds from 11 to 28 Oct. 1999 (JF); 1 on 31 Oct. 1998 (CM).


Harlequin Duck (Histrionicus histrionicus) A pair and 4 young chicks, 7 Aug. 1942 (JF); 1 on 13 Nov. 1998 on Big Lake (CM).

Harlequin Duck (Histrionicus histrionicus) A pair and 4 young chicks, 7 Aug. 1942 (JF); 1 on 13 Nov. 1998 on Big Lake (CM).

Common Goldeneye (Bucephala clangula) 3 on 13 Nov. 1998 on Big Lake (CM).

Barrow’s Goldeneye (Bucephala islandica) Early date: 20 May. Late date: 28 Aug.

Bufflehead (Bucephala albeola) 2 on 28 Oct. 1999 (JF); 1 on 13 Nov. 1998 (CM).

Common Merganser (Mergus merganser) 4 birds on 16 Sept. 1999 (JF); 5 to 14 birds from 11 to 28 Oct. 1999 (JF); 2 to 12 birds from 11 to 15 Oct. 2000 (JF, JH).
Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)
1 on 13 Nov. 1999 (JH).

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)
Early date: 2 June 1994 (JS). Late date: 16 Sept. 1999 (JF).

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)
1 adult on 24 May 1992 (GG).

Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*)
1 on 7 May 1994 (TJ); 1 on 1 June 1999 near Hoodoo entrance (GG).

Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)
A male on 28 Aug. 1989 (GG); 1 on 16 Sept. 1999 (JF).

Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)
1 on 24 May 1992 (GG); 29 May 1977 (WH, Chat 6(1)).

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)
Early date: 1 on 24 May 1992 (GG). Late date: 1 on 16 Sept. 1999 (JF).

Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)
1 imm. on 21 July 1999 (RG); 1 imm. on 10 Aug. 1987 (RG); 1 imm. on 15 Oct. 1998 (JG); 1 on 13 Nov. 1999 (JH).

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)
1 on 27 May 1995 (PS); 1 on Aug. 16 to 17 Aug. 1990 and 3 on 28 to 29 Aug. 1989 (GG).

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)
1 on 13 Jan. 1996 (RK).

Blue Grouse (*Dendragapus obscurus*)
One booming on 12 June 1998 (BO).

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*)
Early date: 3 on 24 May 1986 (GG). Late date: 1 on 18 Aug. 1996 (RR).

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)
1 on 11 Oct. 1999 (JF).

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)
5 birds on 1 Aug. 1968 (BT).

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*)
Early date: 22 May 1979 (GG). Late date: 1 on 10 Aug. 1986 (GG).

California Gull (*Larus californicus*)
2 on 24 July 2000 (GG); 1 imm. 9 to 10 Aug. 1986 (GG); 65 on 18 Oct. 2000 (RG).

Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)
1 on 8 Apr. 2000 (GG); 1 on 16 Aug. 1990 (GG); 2 on 16 Sept. 1999 (JF).

Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*)
1 calling male, 28 Aug. 1989 (GG).

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)
1 on 27 May 1995 (PS); 1 on Aug. 16 to 17 Aug. 1990 and 3 on 28 to 29 Aug. 1989 (GG).

Williamson's Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*)
1 male on 2 July 1996 (fide AC); pair on 9 May 1987 (MN); 1 female on 22 May 1979 (GG); 1 on 5 and 14 June 1999 (LK, RG); 1 male on 23 June 1990 (GG); pair on 28 June 1992 (MN); 28 June 1998 (KA); nest with young on 3 July, 1999 (GG); 3 on 23 to 24 July 2000 (GG); male on 28 Aug. 1999 (RG); male and female on 17 July 2000 (CR). Listed at Hoodoo (Ramsey 1978). Listed as breeding (Evanich 1990).

Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*)

Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*)
1 on 23 to 24 June 1990 (GG).

Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*)
1 on 23 to 24 June 1990 (GG).

Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondii*)

Dusky Flycatcher (*Empidonax oberholseri*)
High number: 40 on 24 May 1992 (early date) (GG). 1 carrying food to nest on 5 July 1999 (GG); 1 adult and 3 fledged young on 16 Aug.
1990 (late date) (GG).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (Empidonax difficilis)

Western Kingbird (Tyrannus verticalis)
27 May 1995 (RK).

Cassin's Vireo (Vireo cassinii)
Listed as present (Evanich 1990).

Warbling Vireo (Vireo gilvus)
24 May 1992 (GG); 1 on 5 June 1998 (GG); 1 banded on 12 June 1998 (SD); 24 July 2000 (GG).

Gray Jay (Perisoreus canadensis)
Resident. 2 fledged young on 28 to 29 Aug. 1999 (RG).

Steller's Jay (Cyanocitta stelleri)
Resident.

Clark's Nutcracker (Nucifraga columbiana)
Resident.

Common Raven (Corvus corax)
Resident.

Tree Swallow (Tachycineta bicolor)
Early date: 5 on 24 May 1986 (GG). Late date: numerous adults and fledged young on 23 July 2000 (GG).

Violet-green Swallow (Tachycineta thalassina)

Black-capped Chickadee (Poecile atricapillus)
“Winter” (RKR).

Mountain Chickadee (Poecile gambeli)
Resident.

Chestnut-backed Chickadee (Poecile rufescens)

Red-breasted Nuthatch (Sitta canadensis)
High number: 30 on 9 Aug. 1986 (GG). Nest building on 3 July 1999 (GG); carrying food on 23 July 2000 (GG).

Pygmy Nuthatch (Sitta pygmea)
1 on 12 July 2000 (MH); 5 on 9 and 10 Aug. 1986 (GG).

Brown Creeper (Certhia americana)
2 on 1 July 1989 (GG); 17 Dec. 2000 (CR).

Rock Wren (Salpinctes obsoletus)
3 on 24 May 1992 (GG); 1 on 27 May 1995 (PS); 1 on 10 July 1990 (PP).

House Wren (Troglodytes aedon)
12 June 1998 (SD).

Golden-crowned Kinglet (Regulus satrapa)
Resident. 5 fledged young on 28 to 29 Aug. 1999 (RG).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Regulus calendula)
1 singing male on 5 June 1998 (GG).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (Polioptila caerulea)
1 on 29 May 1977 at Big Lake (WH, Chat 6(10) and American Birds 31(5)).

Western Bluebird (Sialia mexicana)

Mountain Bluebird (Sialia currucoides)
Early date: 7 May 1994 (TJ, Warbler 58(8)). Late date: 2 on 16 Aug. 1990 (GG). Nest in dead snag on 5 June 1998 (GG); carrying fecal sac from nest hole 3 July 1999 (GG); fledged young on 24 July 2000 (GG).

Townsend's Solitaire (Myadestes townsendi)

Hermits Thrush (Catharus guttatus)

American Robin (Turdus migratorius)

Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius)

European Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)
23 June 1990 (GG).

American Pipit (Anthus rubescens)
1 on 31 Oct. 1998 (CM).

Cedar Waxwing (Bombycilla cedrorum)

Orange-crowned Warbler (Vermivora celata)
1 July 1989 (GG); 24 July 2000 (GG); 4 on 16 to 17 Aug. 1990 (GG).

Nashville Warbler (Vermivora ruficapilla)
1 on 16 Aug. 1990 (GG).

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Dendroica coronata)

Black-throated Gray Warbler (Dendroica nigrescens)
1 on 27 June 1979 (GG).

Townsend's Warbler (Dendroica townsendi)
1 on 27 May 1995 (PS); 1 male on 14 June 1997 (DE); 1 male on 3 July 1999 (GG); pair on 10 Aug. 1996 (MN). Listed as present (Evanich 1990).

Hermit Warbler (Dendroica occidentalis)
MacGillivray's Warbler (*Oporornis tolmiei*)

Wilson's Warbler (*Wilsonia pusilla*)
24 May 1992 (GG); 1 on 27 May 1995 (PS).

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)
Early date: 24 May 1992 (GG). Late date: 28 to 29 Aug. 1999 (RG).

Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*)

Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*)

Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*)
1 photographed on 7 May 1994 (TJ, DL, *Warbler* 58(8)).

Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca*)

Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*)
23 July 2000 (GG).

Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolnii*)
2 on 24 May 1986 (GG); 1 singing male on 1 June 1999 (GG); 20 on 18 Aug. 1996 (RR).

White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*)
Early date: (possibly *Z. l. oriantba* or *Z. l. gambelii* by song) 23 June 1990 (GG). Late date: 16 Sept. 1999 (JF). Subspecies: *Z. l. pugetensis* 1 July 1989 (GG).

Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*)

Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*)
2 on 16 Sept. 1999 (JF).

Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*)
1 female on 28 to 29 Aug. 1999 (RG).

Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)
6 on 24 May 1986 (GG).

Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*)

Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*)

Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*)
Early date: 4 on 24 May 1986 (GG). Late date (and high number): 50 on 16 Aug. 1990 (GG).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (*Leucosticte tephrocotis*)
2 May 1973 (P, WH, Chat 2(10)).

Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*)
1 male on 21 Mar. 1992 (KB); 5 or 6 on 9 May 1977 (DD, *American Birds* 31(5)); 1 female on 18 July 1986 (JW, *Oregon Birds* 13(1)); "several" (BB); 2 on 10 Aug. 1987, north of Big Lake (RG, FS, BB).

Purple Finch (*Carpodacus purpureus*)
5 on 28 to 29 Aug. 1989 (GG).

Cassin's Finch (*Carpodacus cassinii*)
Early date: 22 May 1979 (GG). Late date: 2 on 16 Aug. 1990 (GG).

Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*)

White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*)
20 Feb. 1972 (LN, Chat 1(8)); up to 120 from 6 Jan. 1996 through the end of the month (SD, *Oregon Birds* 22(3)).

Pine Siskin (*Carduelis pinus*)

Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*)
20 Feb. 1972 (LN, Chat 1(8)); up to 120 from 6 Jan. 1996 through the end of the month (SD, *Oregon Birds* 22(3)).

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There are many more species of birds with good potential to be seen in the Hoodoo area that have not been reported. The author requests reports of any of these birds. The information in this article was gathered for a manuscript in preparation, *The Birds of Linn County, Oregon*. All sightings you can add to this report on the Hoodoo area will help make this work on Linn County birds more accurate.

**Peregrine Falcon** (*Falco peregrinus*)

**Prairie Falcon** (*Falco mexicanus*)

**Ruffed Grouse** (*Bonasa umbellus*)

**Solitary Sandpiper** (*Tringa solitaria*)

**Western Sandpiper** (*Calidris mauri*)

**Least Sandpiper** (*Calidris minutilla*)

**Baird’s Sandpiper** (*Calidris bairdii*)

**Pectoral Sandpiper** (*Calidris melanotos*)

**Dunlin** (*Calidris alpina*)

**Common Snipe** (*Gallinago gallinago*)

**Ring-billed Gull** (*Larus delawarensis*)

**Glaucous-winged Gull** (*Larus glaucescens*)

**Western Screech-Owl** (*Otus kennicottii*)

**Northern Pygmy-Owl** (*Glaucidium gnoma*)

**Barred Owl** (*Strix varia*)

**Great Gray Owl** (*Strix nebulosa*)

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** (*Aegolius acadicus*)

**Vaux’s Swift** (*Chaetura pelagica*)

**Lewis’s Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes lewis*)

**Red-naped Sapsucker** (*Sphyrapicus varius*)

**Red-breasted Sapsucker** (*Sphyrapicus ruber*)

**Downy Woodpecker** (*Picoides pubescens*)

**Willow Flycatcher** (*Empidonax traillii*)

**American Crow** (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)

**Horned Lark** (*Eremophila alpestris*)

**Cliff Swallow** (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*)

**Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*)

**Bushtit** (*Psaltriparus minimus*)

**Winter Wren** (*Troglydytes troglodytes*)

**American Dipper** (*Cinclus mexicanus*)

**Swainson’s Thrush** (*Catharus ustulatus*)

**Yellow Warbler** (*Dendroica petechia*)

**Spotless Towhee** (*Pipilo maculatus*)

**Brewer’s Sparrow** (*Spizella breweri*)

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*)

**House Finch** (*Carpodacus mexicanus*)

**American Goldfinch** (*Carduelis tristis*)
On 24 September 2000, our birding trip near Florence, Lane County, had already produced two Pacific Golden-Plovers near the end of the South Jetty Road. After enjoying and photographing these, we decided that, despite the unusual mid-day heat on the outer coast, we would walk out the principal transverse dike leading from the jetty road to the deflation plain that lies east of the road.

We walked all the way out the dike, finding little but a remarkably unwary White-fronted Goose and a flock of goldfinches. We pursued an unknown pipit to a small pond to the south of the dike, where it became an American Pipit, then decided to conduct the usual “death march” northward on the dry sand flats, looking mainly for pipits or longspurs. We spread out into a skirmish line to make sure nothing went unflushed and began to walk northward.

About 200 yards north of the dike, we noticed movement that proved to be an American Golden-Plover. We saw another bird at the same time and noted its huge pale supercilium as it ducked through a small patch of grass. When it emerged and offered a side view, we determined that it was a Eurasian Dotterel (*Charadrius morinellus*).

The habitat where the Dotterel was found consists of dry packed sand flats about 75 yards wide and three miles long, running north and south, with occasional pieces of wood, small clumps of spike-rush (*Eleocharis* sp), small potholes and sand hummocks. The western side is bordered by dense stands of small pines (*Pinus contorta*) and scrub willow (*Salix* spp.), intermixed with tall grass and wet potholes; the east side abuts sand dunes about 60 feet high. The entire area is under water from rainfall from late fall through early summer and is occasionally penetrated by extremely high tides; thus, there are insects and sometimes small fish, alive or dead, present in and near any remaining water. On the day we found the dotterel, the flats were dry.

**Description**

Overall, the bird was of typical plover-shape, with a relatively large, rounded head, a big dark eye, and a relatively short, sturdy dark bill. It was slightly smaller and shorter-legged than the nearby American Golden-Plover, but larger than a Semipalmated Plover. It showed a rather striking, bold black and golden pattern on its back and wings, while the underside was mostly buffy, fading to white toward the belly, with a dusky, more grayish upper chest traversed by a pale breast band. The most conspicuous field mark was a broad, pale golden supercilium. This mark, combined with the bird's upright alert posture with a strongly downward-sloping back, evoked an image aptly characterized by DeWitt as reminiscent of a meadowlark.

For the duration of our observation, the dotterel stayed close to the American Golden-Plover, with both birds actively walking, running and foraging. A few times, the two birds flew a short distance when we approached them too closely, affording views of the extended wings and tail of the dotterel. No call notes were heard during the entire time. The crown was mostly dark blackish-brown with pale golden streaks and spots. The wide, buffy-golden superciliar stripes on both sides of the head ran down behind the eye and met at the back of the neck at a sharp angle. The cheeks were pale buffy-gray, with the auricuals outlined by darker dusky-brown. A dark area extended from the lores around and slightly behind the eyes.

The back and sides of the neck were dusky gray, the front of neck
paler, with buffy tones, and the throat was whitish. The upper chest was heavily mottled blackish-gray, with an obvious pale breast band running across the lower portion of the dark area. The lower chest, belly, and flanks showed golden-buff tones, fading to white towards the vent and the undertail coverts. There were several dark reddish-brown splotches on the lower belly and smaller spots along the sides of the undertail coverts.

The back was blackish brown, streaked with rows of small golden and buff spots. The wing coverts and tertials had blackish centers and bold golden-buff edging. The dark primaries extended about to the tip of the tail. In flight, no wingbars were present. The tail appeared mostly dark; in flight, it was grayish-brown with a darker tip (due to the brevity of flight observations, the small white outer corners of the tail were not noted).

The eyes were large and black; the bill short but relatively fine for a plover, with a barely noticeable bulbous tip, shorter and finer than in the nearby American Golden-Plover. The pale yellowish-green legs were shorter in relation to the body than in the American Golden-Plover. The boldly patterned back and wing coverts and the buffy-golden rather than whitish supercilium are typical for a Eurasian Dotterel in juvenal plumage.

**Similar Species**

The bird was obviously a plover, based on its shape, size, bill shape, and behavior. While the eyeline and posture superficially evoked the image of a meadowlark (which does occur in the same habitat), a closer examination of the bird's structure immediately revealed its shorebird nature.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper, immatures of which have occurred several times in the same place, shows a similar buffy underside and bold back and wing pattern, but was ruled out by the shorter legs; dark chest with a breast band; the shorter, stouter bill; and the much more pronounced head pattern of our bird (Buff-breasted only shows a faint supercilium that does not contrast sharply with the rest of the face).

The bold eye line and black and golden back pattern rule out all of the smaller *Charadrius* species as well as Mountain Plover, Killdeer, and the rare vagrant Mongolian Plover. The only superficially similar species are the *Pluvialis* plovers. Black-bellied Plover is easily ruled out as it never shows the amount of bright buff and gold on back, wings, and especially supercilium. The three species of golden-plovers differ in size and shape of their supercilium, lack of a pronounced breast band, and back and wing pattern (more spangled, consisting of smaller golden spots and irregular edgings to the coverts and tertials rather than the bold golden edging around dark feather centers displayed by the dotterel). The dark tail band in flight also rules out golden-plovers.

In addition, we had the good fortune to be able to compare the dotterel side by side with an American Golden-Plover, and we had seen two well-marked juvenile Pacific Golden-Plovers earlier that day near the end of the South Jetty Road.

**Status of Eurasian Dotterel in western North America**

The Florence bird is the first record for Oregon. Eurasian Dotterel is a rare breeder in western Alaska but is essentially a subarctic Asian breeder with outposts in Scandinavia and central Asia. Its migration route takes it from all breeding areas southward to North Africa and the Persian Gulf.

There are 16 previous fall records for North America, including four in Alaska with dates ranging from 27 August to 18 September (Dan Gibson p.c.). There are 12 records for North America south of Alaska. Three have been recorded in Washington: an adult female collected at Westport on 3 September 1934 (Tweit and Skriletz 1996), an immature at Ocean Shores on 8 September 1979 (Paulson 1993), and an immature at Ocean Shores on 20 October-5 November 1999 (Mlodinow and Tweit 2000).

California has seven accepted records as follows: 12-20 September 1974 at Southeast Farallon I.; 6-9 September 1986 at Pt. Reyes; 10-13 September 1988 at Pt. Reyes; 15 September 1989 at Southeast Farallon I.; 9-12 September 1992, 2 birds at Lake Talawa (as many as 3 birds [apparently 2 juveniles and an adult] were reported at Lake Talawa, but the CBRC accepted only the 2 [one juvenile and the adult] for which conclusive documentation existed); and 17 October-21 November 1992 at Pt. Reyes (M. Patten p.c.).

There is a single record for Baja California, at km 70 on Old Highway 1, south of La Misión, BCN, 30 January-mid March 1998 (K. Radamaker, in press). It was a first record for Mexico, and the only known occurrence of a wintering bird in the Americas.

The Florence Dotterel remained for three days and was seen by many
other observers, including Barbara Griffin, Tim Rodenkirk, Al Prigge, Bill Hunter, Reid Freeman, Pat Muller, Linda Weiland, Roy Gerig, Diane Petey, Jeff Gilligan, Gerard Lillie, Jim Carlson, Steve Summers, Mark Nikas, Lyn Topits, Bill and Zanah Stotz, Craig and Marilyn Miller, Anne Esche, Dan Heyerly, and others.

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Photo at right by Eric Horvath

Birding Hot Spots: Ochoco Reservoir, Crook County
Chuck Gates, 14265 S. Antelope Dr., Powell Butte, OR 97753

In 1918, workers finished construction of the Ochoco Dam that corralled the slow moving waters of Ochoco Creek and created Ochoco Reservoir. For centuries, this location marked the gateway to the region the aborigines knew as Ochoco. You can still see a lone rock sentinel along the skyline above the dam that native people called the Guardian Spirit. Today, this natural stone figure looks down on a man-made lake that provides visitors with spectacular boating, fishing, and, of course, birding.

Located six miles east of Prineville on Hwy. 126, Ochoco Reservoir rests on the boundary between forest and high desert. Primarily used as an irrigation reservoir, its water level fluctuates drastically from season to season, offering microhabitats such as deep water, shallow shore regions, mud flats, and river bottoms. This diversity, coupled with the fact that its waters stay unfrozen in most winters, makes Ochoco Reservoir an active and productive birding site throughout the year. While most species can be observed with binoculars, I recommend you bring a scope if you have one. There are places that are hard to see with standard binos.

Traveling from Prineville to the reservoir can produce some nice starter species well before the waters of the lake come into view. The farm
fields to the north of Hwy. 126 are productive for grassland species. Raptors like Red-tailed Hawk and American Kestrel are constant occupants of this area. Mountain Bluebirds can be found perched on fences, and Western Meadowlarks sing away every spring and summer morning. The winter can be very productive in this region with flocks of winter sparrows foraging while Rough-legged Hawks and the occasional Merlin peer diligently at the ground for food. The winter of 1999-2000 even produced a flock of Common Redpolls along one of these side roads.

South of Hwy. 126 is a mostly residential area, but many feeders are present, and birding can be done from the road without violating property boundaries. Prineville Golf and Country Club is located about halfway between Prineville and Ochoco Reservoir and provides nesting trees for many species. Although not accessible during peak golfing times, the management has been pretty willing to allow birding early in the morning as long as there is no interference with golfers. Check in the clubhouse before venturing out onto the course. House Wrens nest in nest boxes, and swallows are constantly gleaning bugs from seasonal skies. Western Wood-Pewees are common here, and rarities such as the Black-throated Gray Warbler have been seen in the area. It’s not uncommon to see 20 to 25 species at this location alone.

The housing developments that dot both sides of the highway can be productive and searched fairly quickly. Expect to see the usual human lovers like Starling and Brewer’s Blackbird but also look for the odd Western Scrub-Jay, a rare county bird that is becoming more common here, and both American and Lesser Goldfinch. Many people have hummingbird feeders up, and this is the best location in the county to find Black-chinned Hummingbird in the spring and early summer. Migrating Rufous and Calliope Hummers can also be found here. This area has very large populations of California Quail, and Mountain Quail have been found north and east of the golf course coming to residential feeders in the fall.

As you travel east past the residential areas, the dam itself comes into view. This is the first place to stop and begin birding the lake proper. Park along the lake, and walk out near the top of the dam. Spring and summer will provide nice views of all six Central Oregon swallows as well as Vaux’s Swift. Rock Wrens can be found on the talus of the dam, and the holding ponds below have produced such unlikely visitors as Trumpeter Swan and American White Pelican. The water is very deep at this end, and divers such as Common Loon and Common Merganser can be seen here. This area should always in winter be scanned for the odd sea duck. There have been three records of Red-breasted Merganser from this location, and Pacific Loon has been seen here more than once. When returning to the car, don’t forget to listen for Townsend’s Solitaire (winter), Bushlilt, and Ash-throated Flycatcher (summer) in the junipers along the road.

The lake can be scanned from your car as you drive eastward along the north shore. There are multiple turnout areas, but most are very narrow. Caution should be used as this is a particularly active stretch of highway. Often, flocks of ducks—up to twenty species can be found on the lake—can be seen from the road. Barrow’s and Common Goldeneye cavort in the open water along with Bufflehead and the less common Lesser Scaup. Look for Western Grebes in small flocks, and scan for the occasional Clark’s Grebe. California and Ring-billed Gulls will be present during most of the year, and Canada Geese are always there.

Midway along the lake is the county-run Ochoco Campground. This can be a good place to stop in most seasons and a nice place to camp. Mid-summer is not too productive because of so many noisy humans, but the other seasons will often produce Cedar Waxwing, Mountain Chickadee, and Bullock’s Oriole. This is always a good place to check during migration as large groups of Black-headed Grosbeaks and Western Tanagers sometimes are found here.

The “east end of Ochoco Lake” is a bit of an ambiguous term. Because of fluctuating water levels, this region can be in quite different locations. Peak water levels place the eastern shore near Mill Creek, which flows under a Hwy. 126 bridge. There are places to park on either side of this bridge, and the side you choose will be determined by shore location. Seventy-five yards west of this bridge is the best place to park and view the east shore during most of the year. There is an open gate here, and access to the lake can be obtained at this location. Any other access is discouraged, and no trespassing signs are up elsewhere. Late winter through spring will yield good viewing from the road, but late summer and fall will require some hiking to get a close look at the shore. Gulls and terns rest on this end of the lake, and a close view may yield Herring or even Mew Gull (one county record) mixed in with the always-present California and Ring-billeds. Black Tern is a rare visitor, and Bonaparte’s Gull is commonly found in the fall. Osprey and Bald Eagles both nest nearby and use the lake for foraging.

The method of viewing and the species seen will depend on the seasons but count on this area for the best shorebirding in the county. Spring will bring migrating peeps in large numbers for a brief time. American Avocets and Black-necked Stilts are seen yearly, and the occasional Long-billed Curlew may be encountered. Long-billed
Dowitcher and Common Snipe probe the mud during most of the warm months, and Spotted Sandpipers nest here. Fall is the peak shorebird time here. Large numbers of migrating Least and Western Sandpipers swarm over the east shore looking for fuel. Baird’s, Pectoral, and Solitary Sandpipers are often mixed in with the more common species, and the potential for a Semipalmated Sandpiper is always there. Nesting Wilson’s Phalarope are joined by migrating Semipalmated Plovers and Red-necked Phalaropes. Both Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs are sometimes found along the shore. Black-bellied Plover and Stilt Sandpiper have been seen here, and Sanderling is a late fall possibility. Once a Ruddy Turnstone made a brief appearance, and Short-billed Dowitchers have been seen in the past. There is even one report of a Black Turnstone that was not confirmed.

The east shore region drains in the fall, and a large tall grass area develops. This is a particularly good area for sparrows and blackbirds. Song, Savannah, and White-crowned Sparrows dominate, but Lincoln’s is common, and Golden-crowned can be expected. Bobolink has been seen here as well as a suspected LeConte’s Sparrow. Lark Sparrows are present in the spring, and many migrant warblers spend time in the small willows next to the road. Mountain Bluebirds congregate here in large numbers late in the summer, and American Pipits are common as well. Western Grebes have attempted to nest in this area, and Blue-winged Teal have been seen. Several years ago, during heavy flooding, several Franklin’s Gulls spent a few days in the area.

Once you’ve birded the lake well, there are several areas close by that can be accessed for a larger variety of birds. Ochoco Ranger Station is a semi-famous birding spot, and it’s only 20 minutes to the east. A good forested area that is closer can be reached by going up Mill Creek Rd. and entering the western Ochocos. Forest species are abundant along Mill Creek Rd. and its offshoots, and this is the best place in the county to find summer Pygmy Owls. There are several trails and many good logging roads that will provide great surprises (Flammulated Owls nest here!). You can even camp at Wildcat Campground if you like roughing it.

Ochoco Reservoir provides birders of all levels with excellent access to a variety of species. Its location near civilization (at least I call Prineville civilization) makes it a convenient destination. The birding will be fun. The weather is almost always great, and if you see a short, portly fellow with a spotting scope, come over and say hello. I’ll be glad to show you around.

### Birds of Ochoco Reservoir, Crook County

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At about 10:00 a.m. on 24 September 2000, we were looking for shorebirds at the mouth of the Siltcoos River, 12 miles south of Florence, Lane Co., when Herlyn noticed a longspur on the sand about 80-90 yards north of us. We observed it with scopes: a Nikon Fieldscope III 60mm at 20-45x, Fujinon 80mm at various powers, and Bushnell Sentry 50mm at 40x. It was sunny and clear, with good light on the bird, which was on open sand near some tufts of beach grass.

The bird had a pale throat and almost unstreaked buffy underside all the way down (I saw no white area below a buffy breast as is common in Lapland). The streaking that was present was subtle, such as that on a well-marked Orange-crowned Warbler or a poorly marked American Pipit. Its back was a pale brown with blackish stripes. The wings were similar in color, lacking any obvious bright rufous tones. It had a clear but rather plain face pattern with dark outlined auricular, wide pale supercilium, small siskin-shaped bill, essentially no rufous on the wings or coverts, and (when it was kind enough to preen) the outer tail feather appeared all or mostly white, and there was significant white on the next one in, which was harder to see.

The bird remained about two minutes where it originally landed, then flew closer but landed behind a piece of driftwood and a sand ridge on the other side of the river from us. After about half a minute there, mostly out of sight, it flew off to the east over the trees, but may have come down in the tall grass up the river. At this point, we lost it.

The preceding paragraph is mainly extracted from the senior author's notes made later that day, with additional material from the other authors. It was clearly a longspur because of its size and shape (rather chunky and sparrow-like), behavior (walking on the sand with short legs, picking at the surface), and general plumage characteristics (see above). The combination of completely buffy underside with indistinct streaking, absence of rufous coverts, extensive white only in the outer two tail feathers, smallish bill, and moderate face pattern rules out all but an immature Smith's Longspur. None of us recall a striking white shoulder patch. The bird had wingbars, but nothing especially flashy. It made no sounds that were clearly attributable to it (there were occasional pipits, waxwings, and other birds calling in the general area).

This record has been submitted to the OBRC as Oregon's first Smith's Longspur (unconfirmed).
Significant Recaptures of Western Bluebirds in Western Oregon
Marilynne T. Keyser, Bander, Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project

During the 2000 breeding season, banders for the Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project banded 1734 Western Bluebirds (1629 nestlings and 105 adult birds), a 24% increase over 1999. We recaptured and released 361 previously banded adult birds. All birds were banded and recovered at artificial nest boxes located on Prescott bluebird trails in five counties: Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill. The majority of the banding sites are in Washington County.

One of the recovered birds is a new longevity record according to the Bird Banding Laboratory. A male Western Bluebird (1511-37296) that had been banded as a nestling by Brenda McGowan in Sherwood, Oregon, on 11 July 1994 was recaptured by Marilynne Keyser as a breeding male at a nest box near his natal site on 14 June 2000, making him 5 years, 11 months old.

A second series of recoveries involves 5 second-year siblings from two separate clutches of 5 nestlings each. A male Western Bluebird (1711-68801) that had been banded as a nestling by Pat Johnston southwest of Hillsboro, Oregon, on 16 August 1999 was recovered by her as a helper at the nests of two male siblings nearly 14 miles from their natal site. On 19 June 2000, the subject male was trapped in northwest Portland, Oregon, while feeding the nestlings of one male sibling (1711-68802) whose mate was injured, trapped, and removed for rehabilitation. On 8 July 2000, the subject male was trapped at the nearby nest of a second male sibling (1711-28850) again while feeding nestlings. Two female siblings (1711-28852 and 1711-68803) were also recovered as breeders, one near the natal site and one in northwest Portland, Oregon, near her three male siblings.

This story is remarkable for a number of reasons. It is the first time we have documented such a high first-year survival rate (50%) for offspring from the same pair of bluebirds. It is the first time we have documented a family group made up of siblings moving such a long distance as a group. Finally, it contradicts our expectation that male offspring will remain in close proximity to their natal nest box while female offspring disperse 6 to 9 miles from their natal nest box to breed and raise young.

The Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project has recently received a grant from the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation to analyze nesting and banding and recovery data to better understand female reproductive success, female dispersal, and population growth in Western Bluebirds in the Lower Willamette Valley.

Bluebirds Banded and Recaptured from 1995 to 2000
Nest boxes located in Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill Counties

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OFO Birding Weekends: Summaries
Paul T. Sullivan, 4470 SW Murray Blvd. #26, Beaverton, OR 97005

The First Four Years
We have now completed four years of OFO Birding Weekends. We have run 42 trips, which drew 429 participants. A total of 211 birders have joined 21 leaders to see uncounted life, state, and county birds. The weekends have also introduced participants to OFO; we have gained new members from these trips.

These trips would not have been as successful without the help of the many local leaders who volunteered to spend a day or two with the groups. Special mention goes first to Don Munson, who led a trip each year. Last year he ran the whole trip in Curry County. Tim Janzen has led a trip to Malheur NWR the last three Septembers. Other regulars include Kevin Spencer and Frank Mayer in Klamath County. I thank them, and all the other local experts who have helped make OFO Birding Weekends a success.

The income from the registration fee pays for the general liability insurance coverage that OFO carries. We have also been able to purchase FRS (Family Radio Service) radios that greatly facilitate the operation of these weekends. We can now keep the car caravan together through many complicated turns. The leader can let the group know about the American Bittern in the ditch beside the road; the second car can tell the leader about the Peregrine Falcon he missed.

As intended, these trips have introduced participants to:
- new birds (life, state, county…),
- new corners of Oregon, and
- each other.

All of these are important. I hope that OFO Birding Weekends can continue to serve these functions for many more participants for years to come. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners to advanced birders. Please feel free to join in the fun. Come join us soon.

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Year 2000 Summary
Twelve OFO Birding Weekends were enjoyed in 2000 by 131 participants and 10 leaders. A total of 292 species were seen. For the first time in the four-year history of these weekends, we scheduled out-of-state trips to Washington’s Skagit Valley and to Churchill, Manitoba. Both these events were successful and will be repeated in the future.

Brian Wegener led the January trip to sites in the Lower Willamette and Tualatin River Valleys. Highlights included Snow Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, several Bald Eagles, and White-throated Sparrow. I was assisted on the Skagit Valley trip in February by my friend Bob Kuntz, who showed us the target Gyr falcon as well as a large variety of waterfowl. For the March trip to Klamath County, we were joined by Kevin Spencer and Frank Mayer. Highlights included thousands of Ross’s Geese, Ferruginous Hawk, Mountain Quail, Oak Titmouse, and Tricolored Blackbirds.

Don Munson led the April trip in Curry County and found 105 species, including Mountain Quail, Red-shouldered Hawk, Allen’s Hummingbird, and Black Phoebe. In May, we went to Malheur NWR, where the highlight was a singing Black-throated Green Warbler, along with 117 more usual species.

Six congenial birders joined me in late June for an 11-day trip to Winnipeg and Churchill, Manitoba. We found the hoped-for Ross’s Gull and many other life birds (see OB 26(4): 208).

Chuck Gates led the July trip to his home turf in Crook County. Highlights included Clark’s Grebe, Trumpeter Swan, Ruffed Grouse, Pinyon Jay, White-throated Swift, Eastern Kingbird, and Winter Wren. Mike Patterson and Todd Thornton assisted us on the Clatsop County trip in late August to help us find Harlequin Ducks, Rhinoceros Auklet, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Vaux’s Swifts, and Western Scrub-Jay.

Tim Janzen again led the September trip to Malheur NWR. The main highlight was relocating the bright male Summer Tanager found earlier by Diana Bradshaw near the P Ranch. We also found the Black Rosy Finches atop Steens Mountain, and a cooperative Goshawk on the way down. In October, we returned to the Bend
area where we called up Boreal Owls both Friday and Saturday nights. Additional highlights included Pacific Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Snow and White-fronted Geese, Black-bellied Plover, and Pectoral Sandpipers at Wickiup Reservoir, and both Black-backed and Three-toed Woodpeckers at the Elk Lake burn.

The November trip to the central Columbia River hit the hoped-for jackpot when we found Red-throated, Pacific, and Common Loons; Long-tailed Duck; and many Barrow’s Goldeneyes below John Day Dam. In December, we returned to Wallowa County where we found Ferruginous Hawk, Gray Partridge, Wild Turkeys, Herring Gull, Bohemian Waxwings, and American Tree Sparrows.

Come join us on an OFO Birding Weekend in 2001.

Short Notes

A New Black Swift Nest Site near Blue Lake, Lane County, Oregon
Gary McAtee, Springfield, OR

On 16 June 1998, while checking for blocked roads in the Blue Lake area of Lane County, Oregon, I stopped for lunch (1200 hours) at a waterfall in an old brushy clearcut near a Forest Service road (Township 23 South, Range 05 East, Section 33, NE 1/4, NE 1/16). The stream appeared to be an outlet for Blue Lake, and the waterfall was approximately 40 feet in height and 45 feet back from the edge of the road, with a westerly aspect.

I immediately detected a bird that flew behind and toward the upper part of the falls. I grabbed my binoculars and could determine that it appeared to be carrying nest materials. Within the next thirty minutes I observed three trips by a Black Swift pair that was carrying nest material. I returned on 25 June 2000 at 1300 hours, and observed one Black Swift fly out from the nest site and one fly in with food items.

Diving Behavior in a Shorebird to Evade Conflict
Paul T. Sullivan, 4470 SW Murray Blvd. #26, Beaverton, OR 97005

On the afternoon of 17 September 2000, I visited the east end of Willow Creek Reservoir above Heppner, Oregon. I was on the shore near the southeast parking lot when my attention was grabbed by two birds squabbling about 75 yards down the shore to the west. They were a female Brewer's Blackbird and a small shorebird. The blackbird was about twice the size of the other bird. They flew out over the water. The female blackbird was on top and forced the shorebird down to the water's surface. The shorebird hit the water and ducked. The blackbird persisted and forced the shorebird underwater. The smaller bird resurfaced, only to be forced under again. The blackbird hovered over the spot, looking down menacingly. The water became calm. After a few moments, the blackbird flew back to shore. After another few moments the water surface broke and the shorebird emerged and took to the air. It flew off across the lake, leaving the south shore to the attacker. The wingbeats were steady, unlike a Spotted Sandpiper, and the tail pattern was like that of a Least Sandpiper.
THE SEASON
The month of August was warmer than average, with precipitation levels ranging from 38% down to 2% of normal. September brought variable temperatures and thunderstorms. All of eastern Oregon had 100-190% of normal precipitation, except the area around Wickiup Reservoir and Crater Lake, which was below normal. October brought the start of winter, with average temperature as much as 3 degrees below normal. The month was also wetter, ranging from 144-200% of normal, and even as high as 340% of normal in Malheur County. November was a cold month across the region, with average temperatures 4-6 degrees below normal. Precipitation was also down, ranging from 32-62% of normal.

Notable sightings included a family of Whooper Swans at Summer Lake; Long-tailed Ducks at Prineville and Rufus; Broad-winged Hawks at Upper Klamath Lake and Bonney Butte; Stilt Sandpiper and Ruff at Summer Lake; Parasitic Jaegers; several Boreal Owls; a Vermilion Flycatcher at Irrigon; a Blue-winged Warbler north of Sisters; Hooded Warblers at Hart Mountain and Malheur NWR headquarters; Blackpoll Warblers at Malheur NWR headquarters and Fields; and a Summer Tanager near the P Ranch at Malheur NWR.

REPORTS AND REPORTERS
Observations were received directly from 17 observers. Reports from a total of 76 observers were gleaned from The Raven, newsletter of the Grande Ronde Bird Club; The Upland Sandpiper, newsletter of the Grant County Bird Club; sightings reported to Birdnotes.net on the web; and sightings reported to Portland Audubon's Rare Bird Alert (aka Harry Nehls).

Red-throated Loon
1, John Day Dam, Sherman, 12 Nov (PTS, OFO).

Pacific Loon
2, Wickiup Res., Deschutes, 13 Oct (PTS, OFO); 1, Hood River, Hood River, 14 Oct (JH); 3-6, McNary Dam, Umatilla, 11-19 Nov (PTS, OFO, MD, MLD, photos); 10, John Day Dam, Sherman, 5-12 Nov (SJ, PTS, OFO).

Common Loon
1, Phillips Res., Baker, 17 Sept-14 Oct (CMO); 1, MNWR, 10 Oct (MB); 11, Wickiup Res., Deschutes, 13 Oct (PTS, OFO); 1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 4 Nov (BBC); 2, Morgan Lk., LaGrande, Union, 4 Nov (PLC); 2, Crescent Lk., Klamath, 10 Nov (KS, FM); 8, John Day Dam, Sherman, 12 Nov (PTS, OFO).

Pied-billed Grebe

Horned Grebe

Red-necked Grebe
1, Putnam's Pt., Klamath Falls, Klamath, 13 Aug (KS); 1, Wickiup Res., Deschutes, 13 Oct (PTS, OFO); 1, Hood River, Hood River, 14 Oct (JH); 2, above John Day Dam, Sherman, 5 Nov (Sj); 1, above The Dalles Dam, Wasco, 5 Nov (Sj); 1, McNary Dam, Umatilla, 19 Nov (MD, MLD, photos).

Eared Grebe
49 on nests, Spring Lake, Klamath, 16 Aug (KS); 63 on nests, Tingley Lake,
Western Grebe
32 adult, 23 juvenile, Putnam's Pt., Klamath Falls, Klamath, 13 Aug (KS); 4 on nests, Spring Lake, Klamath, 16 Aug (KS); 1, Tumalo Res., Deschutes, 14 Sept (DH); 6, Wickiup Res., Deschutes, 13 Oct (PTS, OFO); 25, Hood River, Hood River, 14 Oct (JH); 25, Hood River, Hood River, 14 Oct (JH); 80, John Day Dam, Sherman, 12 Nov (PTS, OFO); 123, Hood River, Hood River, 21 Nov (SJ).

Clark's Grebe
21 adult, 8 juvenile, Putnam's Pt., Klamath Falls, Klamath, 13 Aug (KS); 2, The Narrows, MNWR, 17 Sept (AR); 1, Hood River, Hood River, 14 Oct (JH).

Western/Clark's Grebe
16 pairs with young, Spring Lake, Klamath, 16 Aug (KS).

American White Pelican
1, Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 6 Aug (JS); 150, Ladd Marsh, Union, mid Aug (mob, fide Ravon); 1, Willow Cr. WMA, Gilliam, 26 Aug (SJ); 75, Spring Lake, Klamath, 16 Aug (KS); 4, Tumalo Res., Deschutes, 27 Aug (DH, PM); several, SLWMA, 18 Sept (AR); 1, Cold Springs NWR, Umatilla, 29 Oct (CC); 1, Bend mill pond, Deschutes, 20 Nov (HJH).

Double-crested Cormorant
2, Bear Valley, Grant, 14 Aug-Sept (TH).

American Bittern
1, SLWMA, 2 Sept (PTS); 1, Houston Lk., Powell Butte, Crook, 16 Sept (CG); 5, SLWMA, 18 Sept (AR); 4, Mt. Vernon, Grant, 7-23 Oct (TH, CMO).

Great Egret
1, Tumalo Res., Deschutes, 8 Aug (DH); 1, Crane Prairie, Deschutes, 27 Aug (DH, PM); several, SLWMA, 18 Sept (AR); 1, Cold Springs NWR, Umatilla, 29 Oct (CC); 1, Bend mill pond, Deschutes, 20 Nov (HJH).

Snowy Egret
3, SLWMA, 18-19 Sept (AR); 1, The Narrows, MNWR, 24 Sept (AM).

Cattle Egret
1, SLWMA, 30 Aug (fide MSL).

Green Heron
1 adult, 1 immature, Lk. Euwana, Klamath Falls, Klamath, 15 Aug (KS); 1, Lone Pine pond, The Dalles, Wasco, 24 Aug (SJ); 1, Petric Park, Upper Klamath Lk., Klamath, 17 Sept (FM); 1, Odessa e.g., Upper Klamath Lk., Klamath, 17 Sept (FM).

Black-crowned Night-Heron
2, SLWMA, 2 Sept (PTS); 1, Prineville s.p., Crook, 16 Sept (CG).

White-faced Ibis
35, MIWMA, 13 Aug (KS); 1, Gutierrez Ranch, Crook, 14 Aug (CG); 13, SLWMA, 2-18 Sept (PTS, AR); 1, Fox Valley, Grant, 6 Sept (TH).

Turkey Vulture
4, Emigrant Hill, Umatilla, 29 Aug (MD, MLD); 1, Looking Glass Cr., Union, 6 Sept (MD, MLD).

Greater White-fronted Goose
2, The Dalles, Wasco, 21 Aug (SJ); 12, Hatfield Lk., Bend, Deschutes, 4-9 Sept (DT, TC); 22, The Narrows, MNWR, 8 Sept (AC, HH, BW); 287, SLWMA, 16-18 Sept (CM, MM, AR); up to 20, mouth of Hood River, Hood River, 1 Oct-24 Nov (SJ, WH); 1, Mt. Vernon, John Day, Grant, 7-20 Nov (TH, CMO); 1, Prineville s.p., Crook, 23 Oct (CG); 7, Rufus, Sherman, 5 Nov (DRG, SJ).

Snow Goose
150, LaGrande, Union, 26 Oct (KC).

Tundra Swan
1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, Oct (TH); 12, Antone Rd. Res., Wheeler, 3-15 Nov (JG); 1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 4 Nov (BBC); 400, Summer Lk., Lake, 6 Nov (MM); 7, McNary Dam, Umatilla, 19 Nov (MD, MLD).

WHOOPER SWAN
1 adult with 3 possibly hybrid young (and Tundra Swan mate), SLWMA, 1-6 Nov (MTL, CM, MM).

Trumpeter Swan
1, Gutierrez Ranch, Crook, 14 Aug (CG); 5, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 4 Nov (BBC).

Blue-winged Teal
1, Baker City, Baker, 14 Oct (CMO).

Eurasian Wigeon
1, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 4 Nov (BBC); 1, Prineville s.p., Crook, 24 Nov (CG).

Canvasback
2, Hood River, Hood River, 9 Oct-21 Nov (SJ, JH).

Redhead
1, Hood River, Hood River, 14-28 Oct (JH, TR, SJ).

Lesser Scaup
1, Prineville s.p., Crook, 9 Nov (CG); 1, Hood R., Hood River, 24 Nov (WH).

Surf Scoter
1, Prineville s.p., Crook, 9 Nov (CG); 1, Prineville s.p., Crook, 24 Nov (CG).

Common Goldeneye
6, Umatilla NWR, Morrow, 12 Nov (PTS, OFO); 40, John Day Dam, Sherman, 12 Nov (PTS, OFO); 1, John Day, Grant, 18 Nov (CMO).

Barrow's Goldeneye
1+, Green Lake, Deschutes, 1 Aug (SS); 2, Hood River, Hood River, 28 Oct (SJ); 20, Odell Lk., Klamath, 10 Nov (KS, FM); 38 on 5 Nov and 18 on 12 Nov, John Day Dam, Sherman (SJ, DRG, PTS, OFO).

Hooded Merganser
1 female, MNWR HQ, 29 Sept (AM).

Common Merganser
200, Odell Lk., Klamath, 10 Nov (KS, FM).

Red-breasted Merganser
2 females, McNary Dam, Umatilla, 19 Nov (MD, MLD, photos).

Osprey
Nesting, Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 6-10 Aug (JS); 1, Wickiup Res., Deschutes, 13 Oct (PTS, OFO).

Kite species
A pair of kites, possibly Mississippi Kites, were perched & flying, Camp Cr., near Seneca, Grant, Sept (fide Upland Sandpiper). Details for this highly
unusual sighting are needed by the OBRC.

Bald Eagle
1, Phillips Res., Baker, 17 Sept (CMO); 1 adult, 1 immature, Wickiup Res., Deschutes, 13 Oct (PTS, OFO); 1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, 21 Oct (fide Upland Sandpiper); 1 immature, Biggs-Rufus, Sherman, 5 Nov (DRG); 2, Crescent Lk., Klamath, 10 Nov (KS, FM); 15, Odell Lk., Klamath, 10 Nov (KS, FM).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK
1, E side Upper Klamath Lk., Klamath, 23 Sept (NB); 1, Bonney Butte, Hood River, 14 Sept (Hawkwatch).

Swainson’s Hawk
1, Cow Valley, W of Brogan, Malheur, 5 Aug (JG).

Harlan’s Red-tailed Hawk
1, S of Klamath Falls, Klamath, 26 Nov (KS).

Ferruginous Hawk
1, Ft. Rock, Lake, 28 Oct (DT); 2, Burns, Harney, 27 Oct (HN).

Rough-legged Hawk
1, Riley, Harney, 9 Oct (AC, FM); 1, Upper Klamath Lk., Klamath, 14 Oct (KS et al.); 2, Sunriver, Deschutes, 20 Oct (SD); 8, N. Lake County, 28 Oct (DT); 1, Quail Run Golf Course, LaPine, Deschutes, 19 Nov (BBC); 2, Hwy. 26, Jefferson, 26 Nov (SS).

Golden Eagle
1, Cow Valley, W of Brogan, Malheur, 5 Aug (JG); 3, N. Lake County, 28 Oct (DT).

Merlin
1, Strawberry Lk., Grant, 27 Aug (CMO); 1, Prineville, Crook, 16 Sept (CG); 1, Bull Prairie, Grant, 17 Sept (PTS); 1, MIWMA, 26 Sept (FM); 1, LaGrande yard, Union, 15 Oct (BCD); 1, Klamath Falls, Klamath, 9 Nov (KS); 1, Bend yard, Deschutes, 20 Nov (DH, PM).

Peregrine Falcon
1, Willow Cr. WMA, Gilliam, 26 Aug (SJ); 1, Hood R. mouth, Hood River, 1-22 Sept (BMK, SJ); 1, MNWR HQ, 24 Sept (TJ, PTS, OFO); 1, Rufus, Sherman, 5 Nov (DRG, SJ).

Prairie Falcon
1, above Hagelstein Pk., Klamath, 17 Sept (FM); 1, Wickiup Res., Deschutes, 13 Oct (PTS, OFO); 2, Ft. Rock, Lake, 28 Oct (DT); 5, Echo, Umatilla, 11 Nov (MD, MLD); 1, McNary Dam, Umatilla, 19 Nov (MD, MLD).

Gray Partridge
20, Pine Cr., Grant, 1 Aug (CK); 20, Pruitt Rd., Crook, 10 Aug was a first county record (CG).

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26

Unidentified Accipiter
98

Fall Highlight: Bonney Butte Hawkwatch Site
Fall 2000 marked the seventh year of counting and sixth year of banding at the Hawkwatch International site at Bonney Butte, Hood River Co. The following lists the results of this year’s efforts: the format used is species, number of individuals sighted, and, in parentheses, number of individuals banded, if any. Again, Broad-winged Hawks were observed at Bonney Butte, and this year marked the first time that a Broad-winged Hawk was banded at the site. Also banded at the site for the first time were Peregrine Falcons.

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Band-tailed Pigeon
1, Prineville, Crook, 27 Nov (PVV, CG).

Barn Owl
1, Powell Butte, Crook, 16 Sept (CG); 1, W of John Day, Grant, 8 Nov (CMO).

Western Screech-Owl
4, Wheeler County NAMC, 16 Sept (PTS).

Great Horned Owl
1, Squawback Rd., N of Sisters, Deschutes, 12 Aug (PTS).

Northern Pygmy-Owl
2, Wheeler County NAMC, 16 Sept (PTS); 1, Thousand Trails, Deschutes, 19 Oct (DH).

Barred Owl
1, MNWR HQ, 6-9 Oct (AC, FM, NS).

Great Gray Owl
1, Bear Valley, Grant, 30 Sept (TH); 1, Granite, Grant, 3 Oct (J); 1, Quail Run Golf Course, LaPine, Deschutes, 19-26 Nov (JUM, BBC, SS).

Short-eared Owl
1, Bear Valley, Grant, 15 Aug (mob, fide Upland Sandpiper); 1, Sunriver, Deschutes, 7 Oct (STS).

BOREAL OWL
1, south slope of South Sister, Deschutes, 17 Sept (TR); 2, above Todd Lk., W of Bend, Deschutes, 13-14 Oct (PTS, OFO); 1, near Squaw Springs, USFS Rd. 64, Wallowa, 15 Oct (MD, MLD); 1, near jct. USFS Rds. 64 & 65, Wallowa, 30 Oct (MD, MLD).

Northern Saw-whet Owl
1, MNWR HQ, 9 Oct (AC, FM).

Common Nighthawk
1, Bend, Deschutes, 15 Sept (DT).

Common Poorwill
3, Hart Mt., Lake, 3-4 Sept (PTS).

Vaux's Swift
1, MNWR HQ, 22 Sept (AM).

White-throated Swift
1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, 30 Sept (JS); 1, Hat Point, Wallowa, 8 Aug (JS); 1, John Day, Grant, 20 Sept (CMO); 1, Bend, Deschutes, 22 Sept (DT).

Calliope Hummingbird
1, Wallowa Lk. St.Pk., Wallowa, 6-10 Aug (JS); 1, Hat Point, Wallowa, 8 Aug (JS); 1, John Day, Grant, 20 Sept (CMO); 1, Bend, Deschutes, 22 Sept (DT).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird
1 female was photographed in Bend, Deschutes, 28 Aug (DT).

Anna's Hummingbird
1, Bend, Deschutes, 14-28 Oct (PJ, DT); 1, Bend yard, Deschutes, 19 Oct (DH, PM).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD
1 female was photographed in Bend, Deschutes, 28 Aug (DT).

Lewis's Woodpecker
7, near Shevlin Pk., Bend, Deschutes, 12 Aug (PTS, SS); 1, Rocky Point, Upper Klamath Lk., Klamath, 14 Sept (PJ); 1, Sand Spring, SE of Bend, Deschutes, 16 Sept (AR); 1, MNWR HQ, 17 Sept (AR); 25 in one tree, above Hagelstein Pk., Klamath, 17 Sept (FM); 1 adult, 1 immature, P Ranch, MNWR, 23 Sept (AM).

White-breasted Sapsucker
1 pair, Summit Rd., Union, 21 Sept (MD, MLD); 1 female, MNWR HQ, 22 Sept-8 Oct (AC).

Williamson's Sapsucker
1 pair, Summit Rd., Union, 21 Sept (MD, MLD); 1 female, MNWR HQ, 22 Sept-8 Oct (AC).

White-headed Woodpecker
1, Bear Valley, Grant, Aug-Nov (JLB, TW, CMO); 1 male, Squawback Rd., Deschutes, 28 Aug (MD, MLD); several adults & immatures, Cabin Lake c.g., Lake, 19 Sept (AR); 1, Bend yard, Deschutes, 30 Oct (DH, PM).

Three-toed Woodpecker
3, Elk Lk. burn, Deschutes, 27 Aug -13 Oct (DH, PM, PTS, OFO); 2 males, Rd.
3728, Umatilla NF, Union, 22 Sept-5 Oct (MD, MLD).

Black-backed Woodpecker
1, Wheeler County NAMC, 16 Sept (PTS); 1 male, Summit Rd., Union, 22 Sept (MD, MLD); 6, Elk Lk. burn, Deschutes, 27 Aug-13 Oct (DH, PM, PTS, OFO).

Yellow-shafted Northern Flicker
1, Sunriver, Deschutes, 7 Oct (STS); 1, LaGrande, Union, 6 Nov (SC).

Pileated Woodpecker
1, Wheeler County NAMC, 16 Sept (PTS); 2, Bull Prairie, Grant, 17 Sept (PTS); 1, Elk Lk. burn, Deschutes, 13 Oct (PTS, OFO).

Olive-sided Flycatcher
3, Wallowa Lk. St.Pk., Wallowa, 6 Aug (JS); 1, Squawback Rd., Deschutes, 28 Aug (MLD, MD).

Willow Flycatcher
1, Bend, Deschutes, 14 Sept (DT).

LEAST FLYCATCHER
1, Squawback Rd., Sisters, Deschutes, 5 Aug (JEG).

Hammond's Flycatcher
1, Bend, Deschutes, 1 Sept (DT); 1, Frenchglen, Harney, 13 Oct (M); 1, Upper Klamath L., Klamath, 14 Oct (KS et al.).

Dusky Flycatcher
1, Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 6 Aug (JS).

Cordilleran Flycatcher
1, Squawback Rd., Sisters, Deschutes, 5-6 Aug (SS).

Say's Phoebe
1, Monument, Grant, Oct (TH).

Vermilion Flycatcher
1 male, Irrigon, Morrow, 7 Nov (MR, photos).

Eastern Kingbird
2, Threemile Canyon, Morrow, 26 Aug (S).

Northern Shrike
1, Silver Lk. Hwy., Klamath, 10 Nov (KS, FM).

Loggerhead Shrike
1, Dayville, Grant, Sept-Nov (TH).

Cassin's Vireo
2, Mt. Vernon, Grant, 15 Oct (AF).

Warbling Vireo
1, MNWR HQ, 22-26 Sept (AM); 1, Skull Hollow, SE of Madras, Jefferson, 24 Sept (DT).

Gray Jay
2, Sand Spring, SE of Bend, Deschutes, 16 Sept (AR); 5, Jarbow Meadow, Umatilla NF, Union, 5 Oct (MD, MLD); 6, Crescent Lk., Klamath, 10 Nov (KS, FM).

Blue Jay
1, LaGrande, Union, 14 Oct (AW); 1, E of Sisters, Deschutes, 20 Oct (STS); 1, N of Sisters, Deschutes, 29 Oct (STS); 1, Cove feeder, Union, 5 Nov (JDS).
Klamath Falls, Klamath, 8-22 Nov (GC, KS, FM, DAH).

Pinyon Jay
2 heard, Bull Prairie, 17 Sept, were a first for Grant County (PTS); many, Cabin Lake c.g., Lake, 19 Sept (AR); 30, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 14 Oct (PTS, OFO).

Clark's Nutcracker
1+, Wallowa Lk. St.Pk., Wallowa, 6-10 Aug (JS); 3, Steens Mt., Harney, 13 Aug (JUM et al.); several, Pine Mountain, SE of Bend, Deschutes, 15 Sept (AR); 4, Sand Spring, SE of Bend, Deschutes, 16 Sept (AR); 4, Cabin Lake c.g., Lake, 19 Sept (AR).

American Crow
1, Hwy. 97, N of Chemult, Klamath, 9 Oct (FM); 1, Putnam's Pt., Klamath Falls, Klamath, 12 Oct (DAH).

Horned Lark
Several, Chickahominy Res., Harney, 16 Sept (AR); 1, Hood R. marina, Hood River, 22 Sept (SJ).

Tree Swallow
1, MNWR HQ, 24 Sept (TJ, PTS, OFO).

Violet-green Swallow
5, MNWR HQ, 24 Sept (TJ, PTS, OFO).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow
3, MNWR HQ, 24 Sept (TJ, PTS, OFO).

Bank Swallow
1, MNWR HQ, 24 Sept (TJ, PTS, OFO).

Barn Swallow
75, MNWR HQ, 24 Sept (TJ, PTS, OFO).

Black-capped Chickadee
10, Wood River Wetland, Klamath, 30 Sept (KS); 2, Modoc Pt. Rd., Klamath, 10 Nov (FM); 2, Antone Rd., Wheeler, 22 Nov (JG).

Mountain Chickadee
7, MNWR HQ, 24 Sept-7 Oct (AC, FM).

Chesnut-backed Chickadee
6, W. Fork, Wallowa R., Wallowa, 6 Aug (JS); 1, Cove feeder, Union, 19 Nov (NF).

Bushtit
20, John Day, Grant, 21 Aug-19 Sept (CMO).

Red-breasted Nuthatch
50, MNWR HQ, 8-9 Sept (AC, HH, BW); 1, Threemile Canyon, Morrow, 26 Aug (SJ).

Pygmy Nuthatch
50, Cabin Lake c.g., Lake, 19-30 Sept (AR, AM).

Brown Creeper
1, Fields, Harney, 10 Nov (M).

Rock Wren
1 adult with 3 juveniles, atop Mt. Howard, Wallowa Lk., Wallowa, 7 Aug (JS); 5, Reith Rd., Umatilla, 11 Nov (MD, MLD).

Canyon Wren
1, Chickahominy Res., Harney, 21 Sept (AM); 1, Crack-in-the-ground, Lake, 28 Oct (STS).

Winter Wren
1, Wallowa Lk. St. Pk., Wallowa, 6 Aug (JS); 2, Wheeler County NAMC, 16 Sept (PTS); 3, MNWR HQ, 28 Sept (AC); many, Sisters area, Deschutes, 20-22 Oct.

American Dipper
3, Odell Lk., Klamath, 10 Nov (KS, FM).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
75, MNWR HQ, 7-8 Oct (AC, FM); 100 Audubon, Fields, Harney, 7 Oct (AC, FM); 150, MNWR HQ, 7-8 Oct (AC, FM).

Black-throated Gray Warbler
1, John Day, Grant, 30 Aug (CMO).
Townsend’s Warbler
1, Wallowa Lk. St.Pk., Wallowa, 6-10 Aug (JS); 1, Threemile Canyon, Morrow, 26 Aug (Sj).

Hermit Warbler
3, Fremont Ridge, Lake, 18 Aug (RG); several, Squawback Rd., Sisters, Deschutes, 21 Aug-Sept (DB et al).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER
1, MNWR HQ, 6 Oct (AC, FM); 1, Fields, Harney, 14 Oct (M).

American Redstart
1 male, 1 female, 2 juveniles, Squawback Rd., N of Sisters, Deschutes, 5 Aug-Sept (SS, mob); 1 male, Hat Rock St.Pk., Umatilla, 4 Sept (JC, CC).

MacGillivray’s Warbler
1, Wallowa Lk. St.Pk., Wallowa, 6-10 Aug (JS); 1, Rocky Point, Upper Klamath Lk., Klamath, 15 Sept (Pj).

Common Yellowthroat
1, Hood R. mouth, Hood River, 22 Sept (Sj).

HOODED WARBLER
1 male, 1 female, Bond Cr. e.g., Hart Mt., Lake, 18 Aug-7 Sept. Both birds were photographed: the male by DT and the female by CM (DT, CM, mob); 1 female, 1 male, MNWR HQ, 6-11 Oct (AC, DE).

Wilson’s Warbler
2, Rocky Point, Upper Klamath Lk., Klamath, 15 Sept (Pj); 1, Haystack Res., Jefferson, 16 Sept (DT); 1, MNWR HQ, 29 Sept (AM).

Yellow-breasted Chat
1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, Aug (AF).

SUMMER TANAGER
1 male, P Ranch, MNWR, 20-24 Sept (DB, PD, TJ, PTS, OFO, AM).

Western Tanager
2, Camp Sherman, Jefferson, 16 Sept (JH); 1, Roaring Springs Ranch, Harney, 27 Sept (AM); 1, USFS Rd. 62, Umatilla NF, Union, 6 Oct (MD, MLD); 1, Bend, Deschutes, 11 Oct (DT).

Green-tailed Towhee
1, MNWR HQ, 28 Sept (AM).

Spotted Towhee

Vesper Sparrow
1, Sisters, Deschutes, 26 Sept (STS).

Lark Sparrow
1, Long Creek, Grant, Oct (TH).

Sage Sparrow
Several, north of Lk. Abert, Lake, 18 Sept (AR).

LARK BUNTING
1, Seneca, Grant, 4 Sept (CMO).

Savannah Sparrow
1, Bend, Deschutes, 18 Oct (DT).

Fox Sparrow
1, MNWR HQ, 23 Sept (AM); 1, John Day, Grant, 11-29 Oct (CMO).

Lincoln’s Sparrow
1, Willow Cr. WA, Gilliam, 12 Nov (JM, OFO).

White-throated Sparrow
1, Frenchglen, Harney, 7 Oct (AC, FM); 1, John Day, Grant, 8 Sept (CMO); 1, Deschutes R., Bend, Deschutes, 12 Nov (BBC); 1, Mt. Vernon, Grant, Nov (AF).

Golden-crowned Sparrow
5, Chickahominy Res., Harney, 21 Sept (AM); 1, Ft. Rock, Lake, 12 Nov (MAR).

Harris’s Sparrow
1, Fields, Harney, 10 Nov (M); 1, McNary Dam, Umatilla, 11 Nov (MD, MLD et al); 1, LaPine, Deschutes, 27 Nov (CM, MM).

Dark-eyed Junco
5 slate-colored, 1 pink-sided, Fields, Harney, 10 Nov (M).

Lapland Longspur
1, Hood River mouth, Hood River, 22 Sept, was sketched (SJ); 6, Straits Drain, Klamath, 15 Nov (FM).

Snow Bunting
1, Wood River Wetlands, Klamath, 16 Nov (RR fide KS).

Yellow-headed Blackbird
3, Hatfield Lk., Deschutes, 16 Sept (JUM).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
2, Glass Butte, Lake, 29 Oct (HJH).

Black Rosy-Finch
100, Steens Mt., Harney, 23-25 Sept (TJ, PTS, OFO, AM).

Purple Finch
1, Bear Valley, Grant, Aug (TH); 10, Sand Spring, SE of Bend, Deschutes, 16 Sept (AR); 1, Bend yard, Deschutes, 22 Oct (DH, PM).

Cassin’s Finch
2, Sand Spring, SE of Bend, Deschutes, 16 Sept (AR); 3, Cabin Lake e.g., Lake, 19 Sept (AR); 4, Fields, Harney, 10 Nov (M); 1, Foothill Rd. feeder, LaGrande, Union, 19 Nov (MAM).

Two views of a late Brewer’s Sparrow (though there was a little debate at Portland Birder’s Night) taken at Crooked River Ranch, 18 Nov 2000/Photos by Kevin Smith. (Maybe this is actually our first quiz bird?)
House Finch
20, Moffit Rd. to Sand Spring, SE of Bend, Deschutes, 16 Sept (AR).

Red Crossbill
3, Spout Springs ski hill, Union, 6 Sept (MD, MLD); 10, Sand Spring, SE of Bend, Deschutes, 16 Sept (AR).

White-winged Crossbill
8, John Day, Grant, Sept (AF).

Common Redpoll
1, Island City, Union, 30 Nov (JGH).

Pine Siskin
Many, Bend, Deschutes, 7 Nov (MM).

Lesser Goldfinch
3, Wheeler County NAMC, 16 Sept (PTS).

Observers: DB David Bailey; JLB Jennifer & Lance Barker; NB Norm Barrett; MB Mike Bogar; DIB Diana Bradshaw; KC Kent Coe; AC Alan Contreras; CC Craig Corder; JC Judy Corder; GC Gene Cornet; BBC Bend Bird Club; TC Tom Crabtree; PLC Phil & Leigh Creighton; SC Stuart Crogham; PD Priscilla Dauble; MD Mike Denny; MLD MerryLynn Denny; BCD Bill & Chris Dowdy; SD Steve Dowlan; DE Duncan Evered; NF Nancy Findholt; AF Ann Frost; DRG Diane & Roger Gadway; CEG Cecil Gagnon; CG Chuck Gates; JG Joel Geier; RG Roy Gerig; JEG Jeff Gilligan; GG Greg Gillson; DH Dean Hale; RH Ron Halverson; JH Jeff Harding; ELH Eva & Lee Harris; JGH Joe & Gina Hart; DAH Dave Haupt; HH Hendrik Herlyn; WH Wayne Hoffman; HJH Howard J. Horvath; TH Tom Hunt; TJ Tim Janzen; PJ Pam Johnston; SJ Stuart Johnston; JJ Jon Jonosek; SK Steve Kornfeld; CK Cindy Kranich; M Maitreya; BMK Bob MacKenzie; MIM Mike Marsh; FM Frank Mayer; JH Jim McBlaire; AM Al McGie; JUM Judy Meredith; CM Craig Miller; MM Marilyn Miller; MAM Margaret Meade; PM Patty Meehan; HN Harry Nehls; CMO Clarence & Marilyn O'Leary; OFO OFO Birding Weekend; AR Alan Reid; TR Tim Rodenkirk; RR R. Roninger; MR Marty Ross; MAR Mark Rudolph; STS Steve Shunk; JS Jamie Simmons; JSP Jon & Donna Skovlin; JSS Jim Soupir; KS Kevin Spencer; MSL Marty St. Louis; SS Shawn Steinberg; NS Noah Strycker; PTS Paul T. Sullivan; PSS Pat & Sharon Sweeney; DT David Tracy; PVV Patti Van Vlack; BW Barbara West; TW Tom Winters; AW Armen Woolsey.

Announcements

A Special Invitation to OFO Members from the Washington Ornithological Society
The 13th Annual Meeting of the Washington Ornithological Society is scheduled for the Columbia Gorge from 15-17 June 2001. The Columbia River Gorge is an area of extraordinary scenic beauty and rich biological diversity. Designated as a National Scenic Area by Congress in 1986, the Gorge and surrounding areas provide a wide variety of habitats and host a number of bird species whose only Washington occurrences are in this portion of the state. OFO members have been invited to join in at the WOS convention at the WOS members’ registration rate, so feel free to take this advantage of this opportunity.
For information, go to the WOS web site: http://www.wos.org/WOSConf.htm.

Oregon Bird Records Committee Update
At their 21 April 2000 meeting, the Oregon Bird Records Committee decided that it was no longer going to review reports on the following six species: Yellow-billed Loon, Tufted Duck, Costa’s Hummingbird, Northern Parula, Chestnut-sided Warbler, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Observers are encouraged to report these species to OBOL or to field notes editors as they are still uncommon, but OBRC reports will no longer be necessary. The OBRC has added two subspecies to its review list. These are Eurasian Green-winged Teal and Timberline Brewer’s Sparrow. If you see either of these subspecies, please submit a report for review to the OBRC. An updated Oregon Bird Checklist will be coming in a future Oregon Birds.

New Benefit for OFO Members
Oregon Field Ornithologists recently joined the Malheur Field Station as an Institutional Member. OFO members voted at the annual meeting in September to join the Malheur Field Station. Benefits to our members include discounts on lodging and purchases in the book store. We are pleased to announce this new partnership that supports a facility that many of our members use each year. Be sure to mention your OFO membership when making reservations at the Field Station to receive your discount.

Do you BioBlitz?
BioBlitz is a 24-hour qualitative census of biodiversity conducted by volunteer scientists and others who will identify and count as many species from as many taxa as possible.

When: 3:00 PM, Friday, 22 June 2001, to 3:00 PM, Saturday, 23 June 2001
Where: Champoeg State Heritage Area, St. Paul, Oregon
Who: Botanists, Entomologists, Mycologists, Herpetologists, Ichthyologists, Mammalogists, Aquatic Invertebrate Zoologists
Camping is available, food will be provided by Natures at a very modest cost.

To participate, contact: Dale Shank at Pacific Habitat Services (503) 570-0800, or ds@pacifichabitat.com
BIRDERS: Contact Mary Anne Sohlstrom, (503) 463-9540, or hrndlark@juno.com
Field Notes: Western Oregon, Fall 2000
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My thanks to the many folks who submitted their reports and then resubmitted after a computer disaster. My special thanks to those who added commentary to their reports, especially Harry Nehls, Alan Contreras, Tom Mickel, and Greg Gillson. I've tried to include such insights where appropriate as these expert viewpoints add to the data provided. I have included records from the refuges and areas just across the border in Clark County, Washington, as so many of the birds in this area move back and forth across the Columbia.

Format and abbreviations follow Eastern Oregon field notes except for place-specific abbreviations as listed at right.

Geographic Abbreviations
ANWR Ankeny NWR, Marion Co.
BB Boiler Bay State Wayside, Lincoln Co.
BSNWR Baskett Slough NWR, Polk
E.EWWA E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, Benton Co.
FNWR Finley NWR, Benton Co.
FRR Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co.
FW Fernhill Wetlands, Washington Co.
JB Jackson Bottom, Washington Co.
NJ North Jetty
RW Ridgefield NWR, Clark Co., Washington
SI Sauvie Island (county noted when known).
SJ South Jetty
SJCR SJ, Columbia River, Clatsop Co.
TNWR Tualatin NWR, Washington Co.

Red-throated Loon
1, SJCR, 11 Aug (MP); 3, BB, 16 Aug (fide JGE); peak migratory period at BB, 6-13 Nov (PP).

Pacific Loon
1, BB, 16 Aug (fide JGE); 3, SJCR, 19 Aug (MP); up to 3000 a day migrating past BB through Oct. and Nov., with a peak count reported of 12,000, 4 Nov (PP; WH); 1, Timothy Lake, Clackamas 15 Oct (HJ); 1, FW, 22 Oct (HN et al.); 3000, Ecola StPk, Clatsop, 29 Oct (MP); 1 Sutherlin, Douglas, 10 Nov (RM).

Common Loon
3, Timothy Lake, Clackamas, 16 Sept (TJ).

YELLOW-BILLED LOON
1 flying past BB, 22 Sept and 12 & 14 Oct (PP, WH).

Pied-billed Grebe
40, Dorena Lake, Lane, 8 Nov (DV).

Horned Grebe
1, BSNWR, 8 Sept (JGE); 1, Philomath s.p., Benton, 16 Sept (HH, JS); 4 Oct, Philomath s.p., Benton (JGE); 7, Detroit Dam, Marion, and 3, Clear Lake, Linn, 1 Oct (RG); 31, Foster Reservoir, Linn, 7 Oct (JWF); 1, FW, 22 Oct (HN et al.).

Red-necked Grebe
1, Philomath s.p., Benton, 15 Sept (MC); 1 Timothy Lake, Clackamas, 16 Sept (TJ); 1, in the reservoir at Mt. Tabor, Multnomah, 1 Oct (PJ, AA).

Eared Grebe
1, Gold Lake, Lane, 8 Oct (RR); 1, N. Spit, Coos Bay, Coos, 11 & 14 Oct (TR); 1, Mears Lake, Tillamook, 18 Oct (MT); 1, Big Lake, Santiam Pass, Linn, 18 Oct (RG); 1, FW, 21 Oct (RKo); 1, Philomath s.p., Benton, 5 Oct, (JS); 1, NJ of Siuslaw on ocean, somewhat unusual (AC, HH, LB).

Western Grebe
2, BSNWR, 8 Sept (JS); 1, Philomath, Benton, 16 Sept (AM); 3, Stahlbusch Island gravel pit lake, Benton, 13 Oct (JS); 120, BB, 30 Oct (HH); 220 there 15 Nov (PP); 300, Astoria, Clatsop, 26 Nov (MP).

Clark’s Grebe
1, Columbia R. Gorge, 4 Aug (MB); 1, BB, 25 Aug (PP); 1, Empire, 9 Sept, was earliest fall record for Coos County (TR); 1, BB, 14 & 30 Oct (WH); 1, Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 21 Oct (TB); 1, Tangent s.p., Linn, 3 Nov (MC); 1, Vancouver Lake, Clark, WA, 12 Nov (RKo); 1, Stahlbusch Island, s. of Corvallis, 12-15 Oct, was first Benton Co. record (TB, JS, AMJ); 1, Astoria, Clatsop, 26 Nov (MP).

Laysan Albatross
1 out of Newport, 9 Oct (GG); 2 there 21 Oct (GG). Greg Gillson notes: “Laysan Albatrosses have increased dramatically since the warm water years of the 1990s ended, being seen on most trips October to May. We had 2 individual sightings in 40 trips from 1994-1999. Then, in 2000, we've had 20 birds on 6 of 11 trips.”

Black-footed Albatross
45 out of Bandon, Coos, 2 Sept (MHu); 180 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 15 there 23 Sept (GG); 15 out of Coos Bay, Coos, 10 Sept (WH); an Oregon charter record high of 456 were found in and around Heceta Bank on 7 Oct (GG).

SHORT-TAILED ALBATROSS
“The event of the fall,” 1 subadult 32 miles w. of Yachats at Perpetua Bank, 21 Oct (GG, TS, BH, et al.);

Northern Fulmar
80 out of Depoe Bay, 5 Aug (GG); 35 out of Bandon, Coos, 2 Sept (MHu); 350 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 244 there 23 Sept (GG); 150 out of Coos Bay, 10 Sept (WH); regularly observed off coastal headlands through Oct and Nov (PP, MP, et al.); 3610 (record high in Oregon for a charter trip) out of Newport, 7 Oct (GG); 1100 there 21
Fall Highlight: Another Cruise Ship Pelagic

In OB 25(4), Dan Johnson presented information on the availability of cruises off the course of Oregon in fall when the larger cruise lines were moving their ships from Alaska to Mexico for the winter season. Once again this year, Oregon birders took advantage of this opportunity.

Gerard Lillie sent the following field notes regarding sightings made about 50 miles off of the Oregon coast on 17 September: “These birds were seen when Owen Schmidt, Jeff Gilligan and I, along with Sharon Blair, took a cruise ship down the coast from Vancouver, BC to Los Angeles, CA. We spent one entire day in Oregon waters and essentially went the length of the coast in daylight hours.”

**Northern Fulmar**—2300. The majority were dark birds, but there were a few light ones. All were off Lincoln County.

**Streaked Shearwater**—1, seen well only by Owen. Jeff and I got our bins on it but lost it trying to get it in our scopes. Owen described it well as he was watching it in his 20X stabilized Zeiss bins and Jeff and I could clearly see that it flew differently from all the other shearwaters we were seeing. It had a long tail and winged appearance. It was off Cape Lookout, Tillamook County.

**Pink-footed Shearwater**—40

**Sooty Shearwater**—160

**Buller’s Shearwater**—160

**Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel**—45

**Black-footed Albatross**—185

**South Polar Skua**—1

**Long-tailed Jaeger**—925. This is an astonishing number. Greg Gillson estimates that this is 15 times more than ever seen before in Oregon waters in one day. Also, it [the 17 Sept date] is 2-3 weeks later than the migration peak during late August and the first week of September.

**Pomarine Jaeger**—750

**Parasitic Jaeger**—3

**Cassin’s Auklet**—185. Most were off of Clatsop County.

**Parakeet Auklet**—1 off of Seaside, Clatsop County, was seen well by all 3 of us, and 1 off of Langlois, Curry County, seen well only by Owen.

**Xantus’s/Craaveri’s Murrelet**—1 off of Pistol River, Curry County

Not seen well enough to nail identification.

**Rhinoceros Auklet**—25

**Sabine’s Gull**—450. All but several were adults.

**Arctic Tern**—175

**Manx Shearwater**—1, BB, 1 Sept and 12 Sept (PP).

**Black-vented Shearwater**—1, BB, 28 Aug and 30 Aug (PP).

**Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel**—1 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 1 out of Bandon, 2 Sept (MHu); 350 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 35 out of Depoe Bay, 5 Aug (GG); 130 out of Bandon, Coos, 2 Sept (MHu); 3450 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 1, Cape Arago, Coos, 9 Sept (RKO); 160 out of Newport, 7 Oct (GG); 80 out of Newport, 21 Oct (GG); 1 off Coquille, Coos, 21 Nov (MMLD).

**Pink-footed Shearwater**
15 out of Depoe Bay, 5 Aug (GG); 130 out of Bandon, Coos, 2 Sept (MHu); 3450 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 1, Cape Arago, Coos, 9 Sept (RKO); 160 out of Newport, 7 Oct (GG); 80 there 21 Oct (GG); 1 off Coquille, Coos, 21 Nov (MMLD).

**Flesh-footed Shearwater**
3 out of Newport, 21 Oct, after not being found on last fall’s pelagic trips (GG).

**Buller’s Shearwater**
5 out of Bandon, Coos, 2 Sept (MHu); 5 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 153 there 23 Sept (GG); 12 out of Coos Bay, 9 Sept (PS); 83 out of Newport, 7 Oct (GG); 45 there 21 Oct (GG).

**Sooty Shearwater**
Regularly seen off coastal headlands through period: 4000 near Waldport, Lincoln, 5 Aug (MN); 35 out of Depoe Bay, 5 Aug (GG); 200 birds per minute, Lincoln City, Lincoln, 29 Aug (PP); 1120 out of Bandon, Coos, 2 Sept (MHu); 5600 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 9000, BB, 12 Sept (PP); 165 there 23 Sept (GG); 68 out of Newport, 7 Oct (GG).

**Short-tailed Shearwater**
6 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 1 out of Coos Bay, 10 Sept (WH); regularly seen off coastal headlands through Oct and Nov: 1, BB, 1 Oct (PP); 40 there 8 Nov (PP); 500 there 15 Nov (PP); 7 out of Newport, 7 Oct (GG); 1, mouth of Siuslaw R., Lane, 5 Nov (DPe); 80 off Coquille R mouth, Coos, 21 Nov (MMLD).

**Leach’s Storm-Petrel**
1 out of Newport, 21 Oct (GG); 1, BB, 8 Nov (PP).

**American White Pelican**
6, Agate Lake, Jackson, 18 Sept (DV, CD); 6 there 26 Oct through period (MB); 2, FRR, 11 Nov to end of period (PV et al).

**Brown Pelican**
1, Grand Ronde, Polk, 7 Aug ‘to rehab’ (DA); 131, New River, Coos, 10 Aug (DLa, KC); 306, Ecola StPk, Clatsop, 12 Aug (MP); 300, Coos Bay, Coos, 29 Aug (TR); 680 there 8 Sept (TR); 497, Cascade Head, Tillamook, 11 Sept (DMA); 450, Siletz Bay, Lincoln, 16 Sept (PP); 800 flying north past BB, 16 Sept (PP); 50 around Siuslaw jetties, Lane, 17 Sept (AC, HH, LB); 1, 20 miles offshore out of Newport, 7 Oct (GG); 425, Siletz Bay, Lincoln, 9 Oct (PP); 865, Coos Bay, Coos, 15 Oct (TR); 5 there 19 Nov (AC); 45, BB, 4 Nov (WH); 2, Siuslaw jetties, Lane, 11 Nov, getting late (AC,
VA, SS); 2, SJCR, 19 Nov (MP); 1, Yaquina Head, Lincoln, 25 Nov (MMLD).

Brandt’s Cormorant
108, SJCR, 19 Aug (MP); 280 there 30 Aug (HN); 1600 flying north past BB, 16 Sept (PP); 400 flying north past BB, 3 Oct (PP); 600 flying north there, 10 Oct (PP); 142, SJCR, 14 Oct (MP).

Double-crested Cormorant
174, Stahlbusch Island, s. of Corvallis, Benton, 12 Oct (TB); 800 flying south past BB, 21 Oct (WH); 100, Island Park, Springfield, Lane, 1 Nov; 275 there 14 Nov; under 100 by end of period (all VA).

Great Egret
Well scattered through W. Oregon this fall: 132, Coos Bay, Coos, 2 Aug (DLa, KC); 75, Siuslaw Estuary, Lane, 4 Aug (DPe); 39, SI, 19 Aug (KB); 16, RNWR, 18 Aug (WC); 39 there 18 Sept (GH); 63 there 24 Sept (WC); 2 on upper Alsea Bay, Lincoln, 19 Aug (AM); 28 in Siuslaw estuary, Lane, 17 Sept (AC, HH, LB); up to 70, FRR, during period (LMc et al.); up to 71, RNWR, Oct and Nov (WC et al.).

Snowy Egret
1, Coos Bay, Coos, 19 Nov to end period (AC, TR, et al.).

Cattle Egret
1, Coos Bay, Coos, 3-10 Nov (TR); a different bird was near the Weyerhauser Mill, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, for three days in early Nov (fide TR).

Green Heron
1 immature, Eckman Lake, Lincoln, 19 Aug (JS); 3, Canal Pond, EEWWA, 14 Sept (AM).

Black-crowned Night-Heron
1, RNWR, 18 Aug (WC); 1, Albany, Linn, 17 Sept (JGE); up to 3, FW, from mid-Aug to end of period (TS et al.); 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 24 Sept (TR); 5 at N. Portland roost, Multnomah, 16 Nov (BST). The past few years, the North Portland birds have been first found between 24 Sept and 19 Oct; the later date this year may actually have been due to increased vegetation, particularly thickening willows, in the slough.

White Ibis
First Oregon record: 1 subadult, Newport, Lincoln, 15-16 Nov (WH et al.).

Turkey Vulture
Movement, Jackson Co., 1 Sept (DPe); movement, Mt. Pisgah, Eugene, Lane, 14 Sept (DH); movement, Salem, Marion, 23 Sept (NW).

Greater White-fronted Goose
Flock, Springfield, Lane, 9 Sept (Steve McDonald); 7, RNWR, 9 Sept (MNo); 1, Siuslaw deflation plain, Lane, 24 Sept (AC, HH, DD, LB); 10, Coquille, Coos, 28 Sept (TR); 55, SJCR, 30 Sept (MP); small groups well scattered through the state during Oct; noticeable movement, Oct 1-2 (Sh, RKo et al.); 3, Henderson Marsh, Coos, 9 Oct (DLa, KC); 6 near Baker Beach Rd., Lane, 15 Oct (AC, HH, DD, LB); 6, Catching Slough Area, Coos, 3-10 Nov (TR); 3 near Baker Beach Rd., Lane, 12 Nov (AC, LB, NS, DF); 3, Westmoreland Park, Multnomah, 15 Nov (PJ).

Snow Goose
Movement noted 1-2 Oct (TR et al.); 1, Lost Lake, Linn, 13 Oct (NN); 2 found among Canada flock, west of Junction City, Lane, 11 Nov (PSh).

Brant
1, FW, 14 Oct and 30 Oct (MBu, HN); 1, RNWR, 19 Nov and 28 Nov (WC, HG).

Mute Swan
3 free-flying birds noted at Lake Selmach County Park, Josephine, 18 Nov (DV).

Trumpeter Swan
2, Airline, Polk, 30 Oct (TO, JGE); 1, FRR, 12-15 Nov (BT et al.).

Tundra Swan
10, JB, 25 Oct (SP); 12, SI, 29 Oct (SS); 120 there 19 Nov (BQ); 5, Lincoln City, Lincoln, 1 Nov (PP); 1, ANWR, 7 Nov (JL); 55 there 11 Nov (FL); 3, BSNWR, 23 Nov (PJ).

Gadwall
200, Pony Slough, Coos, 20 Nov (TR).

Eurasian Wigeon
1, FW, 14 Oct, “in mostly eclipse pl.” (HN et al.); 2, ANWR, 15 Oct (EK); 1, Dayton s.p., Yamhill, 20 Oct (DA); 3 there 27 Oct (DA); 2, Eastmoreland Park, Multnomah, 21 Oct (MBu); 2 at Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, with 800+ AMWI, 22 Oct (AC, NS); 4 there 29 Oct (AC, LB); 3 male, 1 female, Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 29 Oct (AC); 2, FW, 19 Nov (PJ); 1 male, Eckman Lake, Lincoln, 26 Nov (JS).

American Wigeon
9, SJCR, 9 Sept (HN); 8, SI, 15 Sept (HN); 2500, Tillamook Bay, Tillamook, 3 Nov (HN); 6000, Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 20 Nov (MMLD).

Mallard
Flocks late in arriving at SI--came in mid to late Nov (HN et al.); 1992, FNWR, 28 Oct (SSp).

Blue-winged Teal
3, BSNWR, 1 Sept (PJ); 6, FW, thru 22 Oct (HN et al.).

Cinnamon Teal
10, FW and JB, into Dec. (HN et al.).

Northern Pintail
1, BB, 9 Aug (PP); 15, Bandon Marsh, Coos, 9 Aug (DLa, KC); 7, Necnacum R. mouth, Clatsop, 21 Aug (HN, TT; 20 SJCR 9 Sept (HN); 750, JB, 29 Oct with up to 3000 there during Nov (HN et al.).

Garganey
Eclipse male, FW, 22 Oct (FSh, HN).

Green-winged Teal
15, Bandon Marsh, Coos, 9 Aug (DLa, KC); 1000 flying south past BB, 10 Oct (PP).

Canvasback
2, FW, 14 Oct (HN); 39 there 19 Nov (HN); 1, Dayton s.p., Yamhill, 28 Oct (DA); 5, RNWR, 1 Nov (WC); 7, ANWR, 12 Nov (JH); 1, FRR, 15 Nov (PSh); 3, Eckman Lake, Lincoln, 26 Nov (JS).

Redhead
2, Waldport, Lincoln, 22 Nov (MR); 2, Eckman Lake, Lincoln, 26 Nov (JS).
Ring-necked Duck
Female with 3 young, ANWR, 8 Sept (JL); 370, JB, 28 Nov (PK).

TUFTED DUCK
1 male, Bingen, WA, 9 Nov to end period (DS et al).

Lesser Scaup
2, Siletz Bay, Lincoln, 16 Sept (PP).

Harlequin Duck
6 males, 4 females, Cape Arago, Coos, 13 Oct (TR).

Surf Scoter
221, SJCR, 11 Aug (MP); 1, Philomath s.p., Benton, 4-5 Oct (JGE; JS); 6, Big Lake, Santiam Pass, Linn, 11 and 15 Oct (JH); 2, Detroit Dam, Marion, 7 Nov (SD).

White-winged Scoter
3 off Newport, 5 Aug, “seemed a bit early.” (GG); 100, BB, 10 Oct (PP).

Black Scoter
4, BB, 5 Aug; 150 there 1 Oct; 100 there 10 Oct (all PP).

Red-breasted Merganser
52, Dorena Lake, Lane, 8 Nov (DV).

Common Goldeneye
1, Coos Bay, Coos, 5 Nov (TR); 2, Detroit Dam, Marion, 7 Nov (SD); 3, FW, 20 Nov (Ron Spencer); at least 10, Alsea Bay, Lincoln, 26 Nov (JS).

Red-shouldered Hawk
1 Grants Pass, Josephine, fall 2000 (DV); 1, Bandon, Coos, 3 Aug (DLa, KC); 1 Eagle Point, 5 Aug (RK); 1 Detroit, Marion, 5 Aug (JL); 1 FNWR, 11 Aug (TB); 4 there 9 Sept (DB); 1, Astoria, Clatsop, 15 Aug (MP); 1 adult and 1 imm., RNWR, Labor Day (RKo); 1, TNWR, 10 Sept (TL); 1 imm., Siuslaw Valley, Lane, 30 Sept-1 Oct (AC, VA, LB); 1, Mapleton, Lane, 1 Oct (AC); 1, Creswell, Lane, 1 Oct (SN); 1, BW, 7 Oct (Mark Miller); 1, RNWR, 1 Nov thru end of period (WC); 1, n. of Alsea Bay and 1 Ona Beach StPk, Lincoln, 12 Nov (SD); 1, JB, 19 Nov (PS); 1, Perrydale, Polk, 28 Nov (JL et al); 1, EEWWA, 30 Nov.

Merlin
1, Creswell, Lane, 9 Sept (SN); 1, Bandon, Coos, 9 Sept (JH); 2 there 15 Sept (DLa, KC); 1, Necnacium R. mouth, Clatsop, 10 Sept (MM); 1, Salem, Marion, 12 Sept (NW); 1, Astoria, Clatsop, 16 Sept (MP); 1, St. Helens, Columbia, 6 Sept (SNe); 2, St. Columbia, 23 Sept (PJ); 1, Luckamute Landing, Polk, 28 Sept (JGE); 1, SJ of Siuslaw, Lane, 1 Oct (AC, LB).

Peregrine Falcon
1 imm., deflation plain of Siuslaw, Lane, 30 Sep; 1 adult, SJ of Siuslaw, Lane, 1 Oct (AC, LB); 1-2 at Bandon, Coos, on the following dates: 9, 11, 12 Aug; 8, 23, 24 Sept; 3 and 22 Oct; and 6 Nov (RKo, RKo, DLa, KC). One of the falcons on 8 Sept was eating a shorebird.

Northern Goshawk
1, Canal Pond, EEWWA, 14 Sept and 8Nov; 2, Nature Trail, EEWWA, 17 Nov (AM).

Ruffed Grouse
1 in yard in Bandon, Coos, 22 and 28 Nov (DLa, KC).

American Coot
1600, Lake Selmac County Park, Josephine, 18 Nov (DV).

Virginia Rail
20+ at Baker Beach Swamp, Lane, 12 Nov (AC, LB, NS, DF).
Fall Highlight: Shorebird Migration at Bandon Marsh NWR

Dave Lauten and Kathy Castelein provided their records of shorebird viewing from Fall 2000 at Bandon Marsh NWR. The following is a selected snapshot of various species and their migration patterns for the fall. The analysis also includes some sightings from Tim Rodenkirk and Roger Robb, especially those where only one species is recorded on a single day (highlight records rather than comprehensive counts). Pectoral Sandpiper is included here as Lauten noted that it was “an excellent year for this species.”

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Notes: The Short-billed Dowitchers on 24 Aug were not identified to species but were presumed to be Short-bills. On 2 Oct, and additional 11 Dowitchers were seen that were not identified to species.

Black-bellied Plover
2, New River, Coos, 1 Aug (DLa, KC); 54, Florence, Lane, 27 Sept (RR); 13, FW, 29 Sept (DA); 6, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 6 Nov (DLa, KC). See chart for Bandon Marsh counts.

American Golden-Plover
1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 8-29 Aug (DLa, KC); 1, Sand Lake, Tillamook, 26 Aug (MRa); 1, Bandon, Coos, 3-6 Sept (DLa, KC); 1, Florence, Lane, 10 Sept (DPe); 1-2, some not id’ed to species, Bandon, Coos, 23-26 Sept (DLa, KC); 1 accompanied the Dotterel in Siuslaw deflation plain, Lane, 24 Sept (AC, HH, LB, DD); 1, Florence, Lane, 27 Sept (RR); 1, Bandon, Coos, 2 and 8 Oct (DLa, KC); 2, Bandon, Coos, 3 and 15 Oct (DLa, KC).

Pacific Golden-Plover
1, Bandon, Coos, 3 Oct (DLa, KC); 2, SJ Siuslaw River, Lane, 1 Oct; 1, Florence, Lane, 10 Sept (DPe, MP); 1, Bandon, Coos, 24 Sept (DLa, KC); 2, SJ of Siuslaw, Lane, 24 Sept-1 Oct (AC, LB et al); 3, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 25 Sept (TR); 1, New River, Coos, 29 Sept (TR); 1, SJCR, 9 Sept (HN); 1, Bandon, Coos, 3 Oct (DLa, KC); 1, Tangent, Linn, 27 Nov to end of period (MN et al.—[note: one reporter noted this bird as a “Lesser” in his report]).

Semipalmated Plover
200, N. Spit, Coos Bay, Coos, 1 Aug (TR); 30, New River, Coos, 1 Aug (DLa, KC); 7 there 7 Aug (DLa, KC); 447, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 3 Aug (DLa, KC); 137 there 8 Aug, there 14 Aug, and 215 there 16 Aug (DLa, KC); 215 there 4 Sept (TR); 75, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 5 Sept (DLa, KC); 20 there 9 Oct (DLa, KC); 40, SJCR, 28 Oct (SNe). See chart for Bandon Marsh counts.

EURASIAN DOTTEREL
First Oregon record! 1 imm. in Siuslaw deflation plain, 24-26 Sept (AC, HH, LB, DD, et al.—see the article earlier in this issue).
American Avocet  
1, Gold Beach, Curry, 1 Sept (DMu); 1, Smith Lake, North Portland, Multnomah, 14 Oct (LW, PM).

Greater Yellowlegs  
Small groups well scattered through period: 7, Bandon, Coos, 9 Aug, was the high count for this locale from DLa and KC; 14, FW, 26 Sept (HN); 64, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 9 Oct (DLa, KC); 38, FW, to 22 Oct (HN et al.; 6 there at end of period (HN).

Lesser Yellowlegs  
Low nos. through fall: 8, Coos Bay, Coos, 8 Aug (DLa, KC); 3, Bandon, Coos, 9 Aug (DLa, KC); 8 there 12 Aug (DLa, KC); 17, Bandon, Coos, 12 Aug (RR); 1, Eckman Lake, Lincoln, 19 Aug (JS); 1, Millicoma Marsh, Coos, 20 Aug and 1 Sept (TR); 6, FW, 26 Sept (HN); 12, FW, to 19 Oct (HN).

Solitary Sandpiper  
1, Tangent s.p., Linn, 5 Aug (PV); 1, SI, 13 Aug (WS).

Willet  
8, Coos Bay, Coos, 7 Nov to end of period (TR, DLa, KC).

Wandering Tattler  
3, Tillamook Bay, Tillamook, 16 Aug (SSp); 3, Bandon, Coos, 22 Aug (DLa, KC); 3 there 8 Sept (RKO); 4, NJ Coos Bay, Coos, 8 Sept (TR).

Spotted Sandpiper  
3, near PDX, Multnomah, 3 Sept (PJ).

UPLAND SANDPIPER  
1, Wahl Ranch, Curry, 16 Sept (TW).

Whimbrel  
Low nos. this fall: 11, N Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 3 Aug (DLa, KC); 13 there on 15 Sept (DLa, KC); 125 near Waldport, Lincoln, 5 Aug (MN); 1, Bandon, Coos, 8 Aug (DLa, KC); 4 there 5 Nov was high count for period by DLa, KC.

BRISTLE-THIGHED CURLEW  
1 flying south, BB, 29 Sept (PP).

Long-billed Curlew  
2, Coos Bay, Coos, 25 Aug (TR); 1 there 14 Oct (TR); 2, Pony Slough, Coos, 9 Sept (DLa, KC); 1, Heceta Beach, Lane, 5 Nov (JJC, AMI); 2, S. of Tangent, Linn 27 Nov (DFx).

BAR-TAILED GODWIT  
1, Necanicum R. mouth, Clatsop, Aug 20-22 (TT et al.); 1, Empire, Coos, 4-7 Sept (TR); 1, JB, Hillsboro 28 Oct to 16 Nov (DMz, SP et al.); 1, Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 9 Nov (PP).

Marbled Godwit  
1, Bayocean Spit, Tillamook, 5 Aug (RKO); 1, SJ Siuslaw R., Lane, 6 Aug (DD); 1, NJ Coos Bay, Coos, 8 Aug (DLa, KC); 3, Bandon, Coos, 9 Aug (DLa, KC); 7 there 22 Aug (TR); 10, Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 18 Aug (TB); 2 there 3 Sept (DH); 2, Tillamook, Tillamook, 20 Aug (TE); 3, Necanicum R. mouth, Clatsop, 29 Aug (PJ); 14, Coos Bay, Coos, 29 Aug (TR); 14 there 5 Sept (DB); 1, SJ of Siuslaw, Lane, 30 Sep-1 Oct (uncommon there, slightly late—AC, VA, LB); 2, SJCR, 2 Oct (MP); 3, Bandon, Coos, 8 Oct (DLa, KC); 11 there 15 Oct (DLa, KC); 34, Coos Bay, Coos, 27 Oct (TR); 32 there 21 Nov (TR); 16, Pony Slough, Coos, 23 Nov (MMLD).

Ruddy Turnstone  
3 near Waldport, Lincoln, 5 Aug (MN); 1, Clatsop Beach, Clatsop, 10 Aug (MP); 15 there 15 Aug (TT). See chart for Bandon Marsh counts.

Black Turnstone  
131, Bandon, Coos, 3 Sept (DLa, KC).

Surfbird  
150, Seal Rock SpPk, Lincoln, 18 Aug (TB).

Red Knot  
1, Bandon, Coos, 3 Aug (DLa, KC); 2 there 22 Aug (TR); 3 there 27 Aug (DLa, KC); 2 there 3 Sept (DLa, KC); 1, Clatsop Beach, Clatsop, 3 and 10 Aug (MP); 8, SJCR, 8 Sept (TT); 1 there 16 Sept (HN); 2 there 2 Sept (MP); 1, Bandon, Coos, 2 Oct-6 Nov (DLa, KC).

Sanderling  
1530, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 16 Aug (DLa, KC); 1, BSNWR, 14 Sept (RG).

Western Sandpiper  
162, New River, Coos, 1 Aug (DLa, KC); 1500, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 1 Aug (TR); 14,000 there 16 Aug (DLa, KC); 1100 there 5 Sept (DLa, KC); 2, SJ Siuslaw, Lane, 12 Nov (late, does not always winter there—AC, NS). See chart for Bandon Marsh counts.

Least Sandpiper  
10, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos 1 Aug (TR); 304 there 11 Aug; 1100 there on 5 Sept (DLa, KC); 4 on Aug 7 and 6 on 10 Aug, New River, Coos (DLa, KC). See chart for Bandon Marsh counts.

Baird's Sandpiper  
1, Floras Lake, Curry, 4 Aug (DLa, KC); 1 near Waldport, Lincoln, 5 Aug (MN); 2, Siltcoos R., Lane, 7 Aug (DD); 2, New River, Coos, 7 Aug (DLa, KC); 1, Lincoln City, Lincoln, 10 Aug (PP); 1-2, Bandon, Coos, 12 Aug (RR, DLa, KC); 3 there 14 Aug (DLa, KC); 1, Sandpiper Village, Lincoln, 19 Aug (JS); 1, Bandon, Coos, 24 Aug (DLa, KC); 2 there 9 Sept (HI); 4, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 7 Sept (TR); 1, Florence, Lane, 27 Sept (RR); 2, Canal Pond, EEWWA, 4 Nov (AM).

Pectoral Sandpiper  
1, Necanicum R. mouth, Clatsop, 15 Aug (TT); 1, Eckman Lake, Lincoln, 19 Aug (JS); 4, FRR, 26 Aug (SM); 2, BSNWR, 8 Sept (JS); 1, TNWR, 11 Sept (PJ); 4, New River, Coos, 26 Sept (DLa, KC). See chart for Bandon Marsh counts.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
1, SJCR, 1 Sept (TT); 1, Bandon, Coos, 3-5 Sept (GG, DLa, KC); 1, Tillamook, Tillamook, 10 Sept (WG); 1, Bandon, Coos, 3-22 Oct (DLa, KC et al.).

Rock Sandpiper  
5, SJ Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 28 Oct (TB); 6 there 25 Nov (ElHo); 1, NJ Siuslaw, Lane, 29 Oct (AC, LB), 3 there 5 Nov (JJ, AMI, TM); 1 there 11 Nov (AC, VA, SS); 1, Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 25 Nov (MMLD).

Dunlin  
2 very early birds, Bayocean Spit, Tillamook, 5 Aug (RKO); 3, SJCR, 16 Sept (HN). See chart for Bandon Marsh counts.

CURLEW SANDPIPER  
1, Long Beach Peninsula, WA, 5 Aug (DT); 1 there 8-10 (TT); 1, NJ Siuslaw, R., Lane, Sept 17-18 (BS); 1, Bandon, Coos, 25 Sept-2 Oct (DLa, KC).
**Stilt Sandpiper**
1, BSNWR, 6 and 14 Sept (RG); 1, SJCR, Sept 7-10 (TT et al); 1, Bandon, Coos, 9 Sept (JG, RKo, AE, TR); 1, Vancouver Lake, Clark, WA, 14 Sept (WC); 1, Tillamook, Tillamook, 14 Sept (CR).

**BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER**
1, Necanicum R. mouth, Clatsop, 22 Aug (TT); 3, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 24 Aug and 30 Aug (TR); 1, SJ Siuslaw R., Lane, 1 Sept (BSz).

**RUFF**
1, SJ Siuslaw R., Lane, 28 Aug and 2 Sept (PSh et al); 1, Bandon, Coos, 30 Aug (DLa, KC, TR); 1, SJCR, 1 Sept (TG); male and female there 7 Sept (TG); male there 9 Sept (HN et al); female there 10 Sept (MM, HG); 1, FW, 24 Sept to 23 Oct (MS, CK, KK, et al); Reeve, Necanicum R. mouth, Clatsop, 29 Sept (TG); 1, Bandon, Coos, 1 Oct (SK et al).

**Short-billed Dowitcher**
100, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 16 Aug (DLa, KC); 2, identified by call, FW, 21 Oct (KK). See chart for Bandon Marsh counts.

**Long-billed Dowitcher**
77, FW, 4 Oct (PK); 15, Coquille, Coos, 28 Nov (DLa, KC); 200, Millicoma Marsh, Coos, 29 Nov (TR). See chart for Bandon Marsh counts.

**Common Snipe**
1, in backyard, Walterville, Lane, during freezing weather, 22 Nov (AR); 1, s. o. of Waldport, Lincoln, sitting on a dry lawn for about 15 minutes, 26 Nov (JS).

**Wilson's Phalarope**
3, FRR, 19 Oct (DAr).

**Red-necked Phalarope**
2, SJ, Tillamook Bay, 5 Aug (RKo); 200, BB, 9 Aug (PP); 300 there 25 Aug (PP); 3000 there 1 Sept (PP); 4000 there 3 Sept (PP); 2, Philomath s.p., Benton, 12 Aug (TB); 4, Bandon, Coos, 22 Aug (TR); 25 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 2 there 23 Sept (GG); 1000, Coos Bay, Coos, 8 Sept (TR); 1, TNWR, 11 Sept (RR); 4, BB, 2 Oct (PP); 1 there 21 Oct (WH); 2 out of Newport, 21 Oct (GG).

**South Polar Skua**
1 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 1 out of Bandon, Coos, 1 Aug (MC); 2, BB, 10 Oct (PP); 1, FW, 22 Oct (RKo); 1 imm., Siuslaw, Lane, 22 Oct (AC, NS); 2, ANWR, 29 Oct (MC).

**Mew Gull**
2 imm., New River, Coos, 10 Aug (DLa, KC); sev. thousand flying s. off BB, 21 Oct (PP); 1, Florence, Lane, 27 Sept (RR).

**California Gull**
3000 flying north, BB, 30 Aug (PP); 800 flying S. off BB, 10 Oct (PP).
**Thayer's Gull**
1, Lincoln City, Lincoln, 9 Oct (PP); 5 there 24 Oct (PP); 1 out of Newport, 7 Oct (GG); 7 there 21 Oct (GG).

**Western Gull**
1 pure adult, FW, 22 Oct (HN); different pure adult there 24 Oct (PP); 1 out of Newport, 7 Oct (GG); 7 there 21 Oct (GG).

**Sabine's Gull**
3 out of Bandon, Coos, 2 Sept (MHu); 22 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 1 there 23 Sept (GG); 22 out of Newport, 7 Oct (GG); 3 there 21 Oct (GG); 1 imm. off NJ Siuslaw, Lane, 15 Oct (AC, HH, DD, LB); 2, BB, 21 Oct (TB).

**Black-legged Kittiwake**
3, SJ Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 18 Aug (TB); 1, Siuslaw R. mouth, Lane, 22 Sept (BSz, ZS); 4, BB, 27 Sept (PP); 2, BB, 1 Oct (PP); 17 there 10 Oct (PP); 4 there 21 Oct (TB); 17 there 4 Nov (WH); 25, SJCR, 10 Oct (MP); 20 there 19 Nov (MP); 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 12 Oct (TR); 1 adult, Siuslaw jetties, Lane, 15 Oct (AC, HH, DD, LB); 2, Yaquina Bay jetties, Lincoln, 22 Oct (AC, NS).

**Caspian Tern**
1, Empire, Coos, 23 Sept (TR).

**Elegant Tern**
1, BB, 28 Aug and 25 Sept (PP); 2 there 3 Sept (DH); 2, SJ Siuslaw R., Lane, 2 Sept and 19 Sept (DD); 2, Empire, Coos, 8 Sept (TR).

**Common Tern**
1 out of Depoe Bay, 5 Aug (GG); 7, Necanicum R. mouth, Clatsop, 29 Aug (TT); 1 out of Bandon, Coos, 2 Sept (MHu); 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 8 Sept (TR); 1, Roseburg, Douglas, 9 Sept (MHu); 40, BSNWR, 14 Sept (RG); 21, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 15 Sept (DLa, KC); 1, Timothy Lake, Clackamas, 16 Sept (TJ et al.); 25 off SJ of Siuslaw and also within estuary, Lane, 17 Sept (AC, HH, LB); 1, Bandon, Coos, 26 Sept (TR); 1, TNWR, 27 Sept (EH).

**Arctic Tern**
1, Lincoln City, Lincoln, 29 Aug (PP); 1, Necanicum R. mouth, Clatsop, 29 Aug (TT); 75 out of Newport, 2 Sept (GG); 1, BB, 12 Sept (PP); 1, Siuslaw R. mouth, Lane, 22 Sept (BSz, ZS).

**Forster's Tern**
1, FW, 20 Aug (PJ, HN); 1, FRR, 2 Sept (DD); 1, BSNWR, 9 Sept (PV); 6, Lake Selmac near Cave Junction, Josephine, 16 Sept (RC); 1, Timothy Lake, Clackamas, 16 Sept (TJ); 10, JB, 11 Sept (SP).

**Black Tern**
3, FRR, 21 Aug (PSh).

**Common Murre**
“Most of the 300 seen offshore on 5 August were father/chick pairs. This is the best nesting success in several years” (GG).

**Pigeon Guillemot**
2, BB, 22 Oct (normal at this site but getting late for state—AC); 1, winter plumaged, NJ Siuslaw R., Lane, 5 Nov (JC, TML).

**Rhinoceros Auklet**
107, BB, 25 Aug (PP); 150 there 13 Sept (PP); 2 off NJ Siuslaw, 24 Sept (AC, HH, LB); 70 off Newport on both 7 and 21 Oct (GG).

**Tufted Puffin**
2, NJ at Bandon, Coos, 1 Sept (TR).

**White-winged Dove**
1, SJ at Gold Beach, Curry, 6 Sept (GG; video capture at his website).

**Mourning Dove**
1, SJ Siuslaw, Lane, 30 Sept (AC, VA).

**Snowy Owl**
1, five miles east of Creswell, Lane, 12 Nov (AC, NS, LB).

**Burrowing Owl**
1, e. of Salem, Marion, 9 Oct to end period (SD et al.); 1, BSNWR, 19 Nov to end period (HHa et al.).

**Short-eared Owl**
Many reports: 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 1 Oct (TR); 2, SJCR, 11 Oct to end of period (TT); 1, Tangent, Linn, 29 Oct (JWF); 1, SJ Siuslaw River, Lane, 5 Nov (DPe); 3, Independence Airport, Polk, 2 Nov (PJ); 1, migrating s. over downtown Portland, Multnomah, 1 Nov (DHz); 1, EEWWA, 8 Nov (JGE); 2, Vancouver Lake, Clark, WA, 11 Nov (SHA); 1, Floras Lake, Curry, 20 Nov (TW); 4, Steigerwald NWR, Clark, WA, 17 Nov (VC).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl**
2, south hills of Eugene, Lane, 4 Nov (DD, RF); 1, backyard in Bandon, Coos, 6 Nov (DLa, KC).

**Common Nighthawk**
Single birds reported 7 Aug and 10 Sept, Rainwater Tract, Polk (JGE).

**Common Poorwill**
1 killed by cat, Eugene, Lane, 6 Nov (AC).

**Black Swift**
Birds reported from Salt Creek Falls, Lane, into August (mob); 1, Albany, Linn, 9 Sept (JWF).
Vaux's Swift
30,000, Chapman School, Portland, Multnomah, 23 Sept (JL); 2800, Silverton, Marion, 23 Sept (AT).

The famous Chapman School Chimney with Vaux's Swifts on the way in, 17 Sept 2001/ Photo by Whitney Baskins.

Anna's Hummingbird
1 male at feeder south of Waldport, Lincoln, 26 Nov (JS).

Rufous Hummingbird
2, North Albany, Benton, 13 Sept; 1, Tombstone Prairie c.g., eastern Linn, 21 Sept (both AM); 1, Astoria, Clatsop, 6 Oct (MP); last in Portland, Multnomah, 13 Oct (PJ).

Lewis's Woodpecker
1, Olallie Mt., Lane, 13 Aug (BN); 1, Mt. Pisgah, Eugene, Lane, 6 Sept (DD); 1, FNWR, 16 Sept (MC); 8, Upper Table Rock, Jackson, 13 Sept (PJ).

Red-naped Sapsucker
1, Timothy L., Clackamas, 16 Sept (TJ).

Three-toed Woodpecker
1, Waldo Lake, Lane, 8 Aug (PK).

Western Wood-Pewee
Movement, Camp Adair, Benton, 12 Aug (JGE); movement, SI, 15 Aug (JC, JO); movement there 20 Aug (WS); 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 8 Sept (TR).

Willow Flycatcher
1, Millicoma Marsh, Coos, 4 Sept (TR); 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 23 Sept (DLa, KC).

Hammond's Flycatcher
1, Sandy River Delta, Multnomah, 27 Sept (PJ); 1, Powell Butte, Multnomah, 11 Oct (WS).

Dusky Flycatcher
1, Seaside, Clatsop, 15 Aug (MP); 1, Lincoln City, Lincoln, 15 Aug (PP); 1, Mt. Tabor, Portland, Multnomah, 2 and 4 Sept (GL, PJ).

Black Phoebe
1, Philomath, Benton, 21 Aug (TB); 1, Bald Hill, Corvallis, Benton, 6 Sept (RN); 1, Milwaukie, Clackamas (same area as found on Portland, Multnomah, CBC previous winter), 12 Nov to end period (JF et al.); 1, Sutherlin, Douglas, 15 Nov (GC); 1, Coos Bay, Coos, 19 Nov (AC); common in Coquille Valley, Coos, by end period (AC, TR et al.);

Say's Phoebe
1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 14 Sept (TR); the first of the season at the Wahl Ranch was on 9 Oct; 2 were found on 24 Oct, and one was seen into mid Dec (TW); 1, FNWR, 15 Nov (TaB); 1, BSNWR, 24 Nov (HH).

Western Kingbird
1, BB, 5 Sept (PP); 2, Brookings, Curry, 7 Sept (GG); 1, Eugene, Lane, 28 Oct, is a notable, well-described late record (DF).

TROPICAL KINGBIRD
1, SJ of Siuslaw, Lane, 30 Sept (CG, AC, VA et al.); 1, Newport, Lincoln, 27 Oct (JS); 3, Seaside, Clatsop, 19 Oct and 2 still there 21 Oct (SW, PJ et al.); 2, Newport, Lincoln, 25 Oct (WH et al.); 1, Pony Slough, Coos Bay, Coos, 26 Oct (TR); 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 31 Oct (TR); 1, Bandon, Coos, 31 Oct (SB); 1, Wahl Ranch, Curry, 17 Nov-6 Dec (TW); 1, Catching Slough, Coos Bay, Coos, 18-23 Nov (TR, DLa, KC, MMLD).

The bird found on the South Jetty of the Siuslaw was particularly photogenic, all three pictures here are of that bird. At left, photo by Chuck Gates; lower left corner, photo by Dileep Nageswaran; below, photo by Alan Contreras. At Greg Gillson’s The Bird Guide web site, photos of the Newport and Seaside birds are shown as well as other photos of Oregon rarities.
**SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER**
1 imm., Dallas, Polk, 26 Aug (WT).

**Loggerhead Shrike**
1, near the north of the Sixes R., Curry, 19 Nov (TW, DMu, JRo).

**Northern Shrike**
1, SJCR, 6 Oct (DBc); 1, Creswell, Lane, 7 Oct (SN); 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 9 Oct, was an early Coos record (DLa, KC); 1, FRR, 30 Oct (MR); 1, BSNWR, 30 Oct to end period (JL et al); 1, Central Point, 7 Nov (DV); 5, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 12 Nov (TR).

**Cassin’s Vireo**
1, Chehalem Mtns., Yamhill, 11 Sept (DA); 1, Valley of the Rogue State Park, Jackson, 12 Sept (PJ).

**Hutton’s Vireo**
2 adults feeding 2 young, Bayocean Spit, Tillamook, 5 Aug (RKo).

**Warbling Vireo**
1, N. Spit Coquille R., Coos, 23 Sept (DLa, KC); 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 24 Sept (TR); 2, Sandy River Delta, Multnomah, 27 Sept (PJ).

**Red-eyed Vireo**
1 bird was still singing at Virginia Lake, Sauvie Island, Multnomah, 15 Aug (RKo); 1, Lower Table Rock, Jackson, 12 Sept (PJ).

**Gray Jay**
2, valley floor, Pedee, Polk, 15 Aug (TB); 2, Philomath, Benton, 26 Nov (SF).

**Western Scrub-Jay**
All records listed continue to show range expansion on coast: 8, Seaside, Clatsop, 16 Sept (MP); 1, Waldport, Lincoln, 25 Sept (JI); 2, in pines at SJ of the Siuslaw, Lane, 30 Sep-1 Oct.. Alan Contreras comments: “Very rare on Lane coast; odd habitat and location suggests that these were not local valley birds that drifted over the coast range (or Curry birds coming north) but perhaps from a Great Basin population caught up in the general movement of corvids.” (VA, AC, LB); 1, Newport, Lincoln, 2 Oct (CP); 1, Waldport, Lincoln, 12-14 Oct (DBM).

**Clark’s Nutcracker**
1, Bear Camp, E. Curry Co., line, 8 Aug and 25 Aug (DV, CD); 6 in mtns., 20 miles east of Brookings, Curry, 26 Sept (DMu, TW et al); 1, Mary’s Peak, Benton, 25 Aug (DPe); 7 there 26 Aug (KF); 1 there 16 Sept (KF); 2, Spencer Butte, Eugene, Lane, 31 Aug (LB); 2, Mt. Ashland, Jackson, 1 Sept (DPe); 1, Neahkahnie Mt. near Manzanita, Tillamook, 13 Nov (TH).

**Black-billed Magpie**
1, Monmouth, Polk, 4 Nov to end period (JL et al).

**Horned Lark**
7, SJCR, 3 Oct (MP); 3, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 31 Oct (TR); 2, Wahl Ranch, Curry, 3 Nov (TW); 3, Mt Pisgah, Lane, 16 Nov (DD).

**Purple Martin**
2, Eckman Lake, Lincoln, 19 Aug (JS).

**Tree Swallow**
10, N. Spit Coquille R., Coos, 23 Sept (DLa, KC); 1, Siltcoos R. mouth, Lane, 24 Sept (AC); 50, Beacon Rock, Columbia R. Gorge, 27 Sept (SS); 15, FW, 1 Oct (SS).

**Violet-green Swallow**
1450, Williams, 24 Aug (DV); 23, Stabibusch Island, south of Corvallis, Benton, 13 Oct (JS); 2, FW, 1 Oct (Shawn Steinberg); 2, ANWR, 3 Nov (SD).

**Bank Swallow**
1, SI, 15 Aug (WS).

**Barn Swallow**
250,000 near Dayton, Yamhill, 17 Sept (FS); 100, N. Spit Coquille R., Coos, 23 Sept (DLa, KC); “many,” FW, 1 Oct (SS); up to 6 there to 22 Oct (RKo, HN); 2, Creswell, Lane, 1 Oct (SN); at least 4, Stabibusch Island gravel pit lake, Benton, 13 Oct (JS); 1, ANWR, 3 Nov (SD); 2, RNWR, 19 Nov (WC).

**Mountain Chickadee**
An invasion into W. Oregon: 1 near Applegate, and 1, Grants Pass, Josephine, 16 Sept (DV); 10, Timothy Lake, Clackamas, 16 Sept (TI et al); 1, Creswell, Lane, 18 Sept (SN); 3, W. of Grants Pass, Josephine, 22 Sept (DV); 1, Sutherlin, Douglas, 22 Sept (KV); 1, near Lebanon, Linn, 4 Oct (BTH); 1, Leaburg, Lane, 6 Oct (AR); 1 near Waldport, Lincoln, 6 Oct (EHO); 12, Mt. Bolivar, Coos, 6 Oct (TR); 1, s. of Newport, Lincoln, 9 and 27 Oct (RCh, JS); 1, Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 11 Oct (PP); 3, Mt. Pisgah, Eugene, Lane, 17 Oct (DD); 1, Mehama, Marion, 17 Oct (SD); 1, Seaside, Clatsop, 20 Oct (MP); 1, Medford, Jackson, 21 Oct (MBr). 1, Portland, Multnomah, mid-Oct (TM); several in Eugene during Oct. and Nov (BC et al); 1, Manzanita, Tillamook, 26 Oct (EHl); 1, Days Creek, 27 Oct (KS); 1, Newport, Lincoln, 28 Oct (SM); 5, Mary’s Peak, Benton, 19 Nov (KR); 7 there 29 Nov (TB); 1, Roseburg, Douglas, 26 Nov (ED).

**Pygmy Nuthatch**
2 near Williams, 25 Sept (DV).

**House Wren**
1, Wilderville, 12 Nov (JIT).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet**
1, Cape Meares, Tillamook, 4 Sept (DH, AE); 2, Astoria, Clatsop, 16 Sept (MP); 1, Grants Pass, Josephine, 22 Sept (DV); 4, N. Spit Coquille R., Coos, 23 Sept (DLa, KC); many, Clatsop Co. Coast Range, 26 Sept (MP); movement, Astoria, Clatsop, 11 Oct (MP).

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**
1, west of Langlois, Curry, 14 Oct (TW); 1, southern Coos Co., 14 Nov (TW); 1, Cutler City, Siletz Bay, Lincoln, 26 Nov (JJ, DB, GL); 1, Newport, Lincoln, 29 Oct (FS et al).

**Mountain Bluebird**
5, SJCR, 27 Oct (SR).

**Townsend’s Solitaire**
1, Mt. Tabor, Multnomah, 27 Oct (PJ).

**Swainson’s Thrush**
Night movements in McMinnville, Yamhill, 22 Aug (FS), and Corvallis, Benton, 24 Aug (DB); heavy night movement, NW Portland, Multnomah, 29 Aug (WG); several, Grand Ronde, Yamhill, 5 Oct (LF); 1, Creswell, Lane, 4 Oct (SN); 3, Portland, Multnomah, 14 Oct (GL); 1, Portland, Multnomah, 24 Oct (JB).

**Hermit Thrush**
1, Astoria, Clatsop, 22 Sept (MP); 12, Mt. Tabor, Portland, Multnomah, 14 Oct (GL); 1, EEWWA, 16 Nov (AM).

**American Robin**
Large flocks, Lane Co. coast, 15 Oct (AC); large flocks, EEWWA, 12 Nov (JGS).

**Varied Thrush**
1, Astoria, Clatsop, 21 Sept (MP); 1, Portland, Multnomah, 21 Sept (TL).

**Wrentit**
A late arriving summer record: 1, east of Lebanon, Linn, 22 June (KB); 1, Eugene, Lane, 18 Aug (along Willamette
R. in town first time found in town—RR).

**Northern Mockingbird**
1, Newport, Lincoln, 7 Aug (EHo).

**European Starling**
20,000, Mingus Marsh, Jackson, 12 Nov (MBr).

**American Pipit**
Many flocks of dozens moving south, mouth of Siuslaw R, Lane, 30 Sept (AC, VA); typical numbers in the Portland metro area during Sept and Oct (RKo); 150, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 24 Oct (TR).

**Nashville Warbler**
1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 24 and 27 Sept (TR).

**Yellow Warbler**
1, N. Spit Coquille R., Coos, 23 Sept (DLa, KC); 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 1 Oct (TR); 1, Wahl Ranch, Curry, 14 Oct (TW).

**DENDROICA** Sp.
Greg Gillson reports, “A drab warbler with a white under tail and broad black tail tip tried to land on our boat in the fog about 20 miles off Newport on 7 October. The bird most-closely matched a first-fall female *Cape May Warbler* (a conclusion also reached by Matt Hunter), though we’ll never know for sure.”

**Black-throated Gray Warbler**
10, BSNWR, 1 Sept (Pj); 35, Mt. Tabor, Multnomah, 4 Sept (Pj); 1 female, EEWWA, 13 Nov (AM).

**Townsend’s Warbler**
1, Lincoln City, Lincoln, 17 Aug (PP).

**Hermit Warbler**
1, Creswell, Lane, 4 Oct (SN).

**Palm Warbler**
The first of the season at the Wahl Ranch, Curry, was on 5 Oct. Birds were “regularly seen through early Dec.” Terry’s high single-day count was 9 on 6 Nov; 1, 11 Oct-12 Nov, Yaquina Bay, Lincoln (PP); 2 there 10 Nov (SD); 1, Coos Bay, Coos, 10 Nov (TR); 1 N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 12 Nov (TR).

**American Redstart**
1, Wahl Ranch, Curry, 31 Aug. Terry Wahl notes: “This bird was one of two that stayed from early June, and I saw it carrying nesting material. They were a pair . . . and failed to produce any young.”

**Common Yellowthroat**
1 female, Empire, Coos, 12 Oct (TR); 1, Baker Beach Rd. near Florence, Lane, 11 Nov (WH).

**Wilson’s Warbler**
1, Camp Adair, Benton, 12 Aug (JGE); 1, Luckiamute Landing, Polk, 19 Oct (JGE).

**Western Tanager**
1, Tualatin Hills Nature Park, Washington, 4 Oct (Pj); 1, Portland, Multnomah, 12 Oct (GL).

**American Tree Sparrow**
1, Central Point, 7 Nov (DV); 1-2, FRR, 6 Nov to end period (NBj et al); 1, JB, 22 Nov (HN).

**Clay-colored Sparrow**
The first of the season at the Wahl Ranch, Curry, was on 6 Oct. Birds were “regularly seen through mid Nov.” Terry’s high single-day count was 3 on 25 Oct: these were photographed. 1, Coos Bay, Coos, 10-17 Nov (TR).

**Vesper Sparrow**
1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 1 Sept (TR); 1, Luckiamute Landing, Polk, 12 Oct (JGE); 2, Tangent, Linn, 30 Nov (PV).

**Lark Sparrow**
1, Wahl Ranch, Curry, 30 Aug (TW); 1, Minto-Brown Park, Salem, Marion, 3 Nov (SD).

**Grasshopper Sparrow**
1, FRR, 28 Oct (LM et al).

**RED FOX SPARROW**
1, Coburg, Lane, 19-26 Nov (RR).

**Lincoln’s Sparrow**
Many, FRR, 19 Oct (DLa); movement including at least 10, FW, 22 Oct (RKo); many, Salem, Marion, 3 Nov (SD).

**Swamp Sparrow**
1, Millicoma Marsh, Coos Bay, Coos, 25 Oct (TR); 5 there by end of period (TR et al); 1, Warrenton s.p., Clatsop, 5 Nov (TT); 1-2, Astoria, Clatsop, 26 Oct to end period (MP); 1, Meares Lake, Tillamook, 10 Nov (ML); 1, Fisher Butte, Lane, 15-22 Nov (PSh, DD, RF, JHu).

**White-throated Sparrow**
1, West Linn, Clackamas, 13 Oct (SS); 5, Millicoma Marsh 3 Nov (TR); 1 "tan-striped appearing" morph, nw Corvallis, Benton, 12, 14, 18, and 19 Nov (JS); 1, Myrtle Point Marsh, Coos, 28 Nov (DLa, KC); widespread at feeders by end of period.

**Harris’s Sparrow**
1, Millicoma Marsh, Coos, 5 Nov to end of period (TR et al).

**Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco**
1, nw Corvallis, Benton, 18-19 Nov (JS).

**SMITH’S LONGSPUR**
1, mouth of Siuslaw River, Lane, 24 Sept (AC, HH, LB—see full article earlier in this issue).

**Lapland Longspur**
1, Bandon, Coos, 25 Sept (DLa, KC); first seen at the Wahl Ranch, Curry, 28 Sept, with a high of 8 on 3 Nov and at least 2 staying through the period; 1, SJ, Yaquina Bay, Lincoln, 28 Oct (SD et al); 8, SJC, 3 Oct (MP); 2 there 24 Nov (TT).

**Snow Bunting**
1, Cape Lookout StPk, Tillamook, 30 Oct (IP); 1, n. of BSNWR, 30 Oct (JL); 13, SJC, 13 Nov (SH).

**Black-headed Grosbeak**
1, near Grants Pass, Josephine, 5 Oct (DV).

**Bobolink**
1, Wahl Ranch, Curry, 7 Nov (TW).

**TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD**
3 males were found in a flock of several hundred blackbirds about 1 mile west of Vancouver Lake, WA, 25 Nov (SMl); at least one was still present on the CBC.

**Western Meadowlark**
14, PDX, Multnomah, 30 Oct (Pj).

**Yellow-headed Blackbird**
1, Wahl Ranch, Curry, 25 Aug and 19 Oct (TW); 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, 22 Sept (TR).

**Brewer’s Blackbird**
This report of a partial albino from WS on 30 Nov: “At Ankeny on Wintel, a partial albino blackbird. I’m assuming Brewer’s because it was in a flock of the same. The front half of the bird was entirely white, the back half black, but it had a small black shoulder patch and ‘wing bar.’ I couldn’t tell for sure, but the eye may have been dark. An odd sight in the middle of a bunch of all-black birds.”
Bullock's Oriole
1 female, Cape Blanco, Curry, 20 Nov (TW, DMu, JRo).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
3, Mary’s Peak, Benton, 19 Nov to end period (KF et al.).

Pine Siskin
210, Astoria, Clatsop 1 Nov (MP); many, McMinnville, Yamhill, 7 Nov (FS); many, Portland, Multnomah, 7 Nov (JF); 100+ at Baker Beach Rd, Lane, 12 Nov (AC, LB, NS, DF).

Lesser Goldfinch
2, JB, 9 Nov (ML).

American Goldfinch
600, Luckiamute Landing, Polk, 12 Oct (JGE).

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Pacific Golden-Plover, South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, Lane Co., 30 Sept. 2001/Photo by Chuck Gates

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Why are OFO Birding Weekends a great way to learn a new area or meet new birders? Here’s what one participant thought about a trip in 2000!

Birding Curry County: Notes from a Novice Birder
by Betty Bezzerides

April 29 and 30 were filled with memorable firsts for this birding novice: my first look into the yellow eyes of a Northern Pygmy-Owl; my first time to use a spotting scope; my first glimpse of a dipper's mossy green nest. I could chirp on and on.

Brookings birding expert Don Munson led an enthusiastic group of birders to rivers, shorelines and secret places during OFO's Birding Curry County weekend on the southern Oregon coast. Several soggy days preceded the outing but Munson, unquestionably a weather wizard, ordered up sunny skies for visiting birders. The group found 105 different birds, including the Acorn Woodpecker, Whimbrel and Pigeon Guillemot, the elusive Virginia Rail, Black Phoebe and Yellow-breasted Chat (elusive to this new birdwatcher, anyway), the flashy Western Tanager and the Tufted Puffin.

I'm still in awe over the fact that so many birds have been visiting my neighborhood (I live in Brookings, too) unbeknownst to me. Who would've guessed that a Snowy Egret in yellow socks enjoys wading the Winchuck or that a Purple Martin family lives under the Chetco River bridge? Or that if you only know to point the binoculars at Hunter's Island, you can see what looks like someone shook the pepper can but is really a colony of cormorants?

Thank you, Don, and other OFO members, for your patience with beginner questions, for sharing your stories and for helping me begin to see.

26-27 May Malheur County
Come explore the birding haunts of this spectacular county in another time zone to find spring migrants and early summer nesters. We will look for shorebirds, raptors, waterfowl, and songbirds too. Base: Ontario

9-10 June Klamath County
We will visit this county to look for Yellow Rails, White Pelicans, Red-necked and Clark's Grebes, Forster's and Black Terns, plus shorebirds, raptors, and waterfowl on Upper Klamath and Agency Lakes, as well as forest species. Base: Fort Klamath

23-24 June Union County
This trip will visit northeast Oregon looking for Veery, Catbird, Gray Partridge, and other specialties of that corner of the state. Leader for the trip will be Ray Korpi. Base: LaGrande

7-8 July Lincoln County
On Saturday we will join a 4-hour Summer Seabirds pelagic trip run by The Bird Guide out of Newport from 8AM-noon: "Here is the perfect trip for beginners and the whole family! A short trip to see shearwaters, phalaropes, jaegers, murrelets, and even Gray Whales!" The rest of the weekend we will spend around Lincoln County. Base: Newport.

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18-19 August  Lane County
The south jetty of the Siuslaw River, Florence, and Fern Ridge Reservoir all offer possible interesting shorebirds, seabirds, and migrant passerines. Base: Eugene.

7-9 September  Enjoy the Oregon Shorebird Festival *
Come to Charleston for this annual Oregon birding gathering.

15 September  Fall North American Migration Count *

28-30 September  Malheur NWR - OFO Annual Meeting *
Come enjoy the crisp air at Malheur NWR and look for fall migrants. This is a prime time of year for unusual vagrants. Leaders for this trip will include Tim Janzen and Ray Korpi. Base: Malheur Field Station.

13-14 October  NE Umatilla County
We will search for that "most wanted" owl, the Boreal Owl, visit the delta of the Walla Walla River to look for shorebirds, and enjoy the fall colors of the Blue Mountains. Base: Walla Walla, WA.

10-11 November  Tillamook County
We will check out the fall migrants on the Nehalem estuary, Tillamook Bay, Cape Meares, and on down to Nestucca Bay. Base: Tillamook.

1-2 December  Malheur NWR
This is the time of year to appreciate those arctic-nesting birds that find Eastern Oregon a relief from the northern days of constant darkness. We will look for winter specialties such as Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Shrike, Bohemian Waxwing, and American Tree Sparrow while we study up to 10 additional species of sparrows and other hardy passerines. Leader for this trip will be Steve Shunk. Base: Burns.

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