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Message from the President

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The lawn could wait, and the weeds would be allowed to thrive a little longer. It was a beautiful Saturday in mid-May, too nice not to spend a couple of hours watching spring migrants. The parking lot at Mount Tabor in southeast Portland held a half-dozen cars when I pulled in. Enjoying the warmth of the sun on my back, I joined two young men with binoculars at the amphitheater. Numerous Western Tanagers, Warbling Vireos, Pacific-slope Flycatchers and Wilson’s Warblers fed in the maples and other trees. Orange-crowned, Townsend’s, Nashville, Yellow-rumped and Black-throated Gray warblers flew in and out of the mix. After an hour or so, the action began to taper off and I walked up higher toward the road at the top of the old volcano. Hammond’s Flycatchers, Anna’s Hummingbirds, Vaux’s Swift, as well as more warblers held my attention for another good hour. Talking to other birders and running into a Portland Audubon Birdathon groups pleasantly occupied more time, until finally the neglected yard work necessitated a return home.

That day I spent three enjoyable hours birding in the middle of Oregon’s largest city. As Oregonians, we are fortunate to have so many quality birding sites located in every area of the state. While new sites are still being explored, some of our traditional sites are threatened, under pressure from developers, from changing land-use regulations, from degradation of surrounding habitat and from other causes. Nevertheless, we can be cautiously optimistic, at least occasionally. Due to the efforts of a number of Oregon Field Ornithologists (OFO) members, most notably Trent Bray of La Grande, the Union County commissioners voted unanimously on June 21st to deny a petition by local landowners to vacate Philberg Road, keeping this well-known birding site open for birding. Many Oregon birders have seen their first Gray Catbird and this site. The next time you are in La Grande, stop in The Bobolink, Trent’s birding store and congratulate him. In fact, you might want to thank him by buying something.

Many OFO members, as well as numerous readers of OBOL (Oregon Birders on Line), are aware of the important issues your board and officers have been attempting to resolve over the past two years. Finding a successor to past Oregon Birds editor Steve Dowlan probably occupied our attentions more than any other single issue. Nevertheless, there are annual meetings to plan, new candidates to encourage or enlist; projects to initiate or support, outreach to plan and carry out – the list goes on and on. All volunteer organizations are only as good as the efforts of their members; yet trying to balance work, family and personal relationships, other obligations with their volunteer obligations is never easy. Your officers and volunteers do what they can to make OFO a vital, relevant organization, and should be acknowledged for the hours they spend. I would like to thank the many talented people who have given of their time for the good of our organization: Steve Dowlan, past editor of Oregon Birds; Diana Bradshaw, webmaster; Anne Heyerly, who handles mail and membership; Karen Bachman, who handles the OFO bookcase; Judy Meredith, secretary; Mary Anne Sohlstrom, treasurer; and board members Dave Irons, Dennis Vroman, Joel Geier, Jeff Harding, Dan van den Broek, Dave Tracy, Sheran Wright. I also would like to thank everyone who has led field trips at our annual meetings or volunteered for other projects. Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the encouragement and support I have received the past two years.

Peace and good birding,

Tim
History

In early 2004, the East Cascades Bird Conservancy began exploring the viability of locating a new hawk migration site in Central Oregon. The rationale for such an idea was based on two perceptions of the group: eastern and southern Oregon birders seemed to have difficulty making it to Bonney Butte to hawkwatch, and none of us had much of an idea of what happens to those raptors after they leave Bonney Butte. With a little research, we found that a previous effort had been made at a place called Green Ridge in Jefferson County. With funding from the Calypso Fund, the group set out to see if this was, indeed, a viable fall raptor migration monitoring location.

The group decided early to solicit advice from people familiar with the area. Kim Boddie and Steve Shunk soon became the nucleus of the core group setting this project in motion. We learned that Green Ridge had been nominated as an Oregon Important Bird Area (IBA), a project coordinated through the Audubon Society of Portland. Oregon IBA project coordinator Matt Hunter agreed to help with developing trial observation sites. Through email discussions and an onsite visit, the group came up with eight potential sites that looked geographically promising. All that was left to do was to test each site to determine the location that would produce the most migrants.

We decided that volunteers would visit these sites during the last two weekends of September and the first two weekends of October 2004. Volunteers were recruited and more than a dozen people came forward to offer assistance to the trial. Each location was tested at least twice. Volunteers occupied the locations from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and recorded any sightings of raptors moving through the area. These data were collected and the results compared at the conclusion of the testing period.

Most of the sites produced disappointing results. Many eager volunteers were subjected to sitting at very uncomfortable locations for long periods of time without the reward of good raptor numbers. Before the trials began, the group had assumed that Site 7 would be the most productive position. It was located on the very northern end of the ridge and sat atop an imposing rocky drop-off that seemed to scream updraft. Results were not up to expectations.

Another location produced very good numbers of migrating birds. Site 4 produced the lion’s share of all the raptors seen during the trials. While other locations were producing a couple of dozen birds each weekend, site 4 volunteers were tallying over 200 birds in a weekend. Once the trials were over, it became clear that Site 4 would be our primary hawkwatch location. All told, raptor counters tallied 737 migrating raptors in the fall of 2004.

Site 4 is located midway along Green Ridge, very close to the Forest Service fire lookout tower. It sits atop a small clear cut that falls away to the north, exposing a 180 degree view centered at due north. There are a few trees that obstruct the view, but with a little maneuvering, a full view of approaching hawks can be achieved. A deep valley cut by the Metolius River is directly below to the

Kim Owen and Steve Dougill scan for hawks on Green Ridge.
west, and an expansive view of the high desert fills the eastern vista. Mt. Jefferson seems nearly on top of the viewer and Hood and Adams loom in the distance. One can even see Bonney Butte on a clear day with a little help from binoculars.

Once the location was selected, the next task was to devise protocols for the project and arrange for volunteers to run the surveys. Most of the volunteers from the trials re-upped and a few more were recruited to form a basic working force of 25 volunteer counters. A little research into how other hawkwatch locations did their counts produced a working set of protocols.

The final task necessary to make this project fly was to get a coordinator who could manage the scheduling, direct the counts themselves, and organize the data that were collected. A message was sent out to OBOL seeking a project coordinator. After about three weeks, the group selected Khanh Tran as the project coordinator. Khanh’s experience and enthusiasm made him the obvious choice. By mid-September of 2005, the attitude at the East Cascades Bird Conservancy was, “Let the games begin.”

**Materials:**

Green Ridge observers made use of: spotting scopes, binoculars, the ECBC raptor reference notebook (containing directions to site, procedures, weather data, and color plates for raptor identification), field guides for raptor identification (showing flight patterns, different ages and color phases of raptors), a first aid kit, a battery operated atmospheric device (measuring wind speed, wind direction, temperature, barometric pressure, and humidity), folding lawn chairs, data/survey sheets, a timer, writing utensils, colored ribbons for marking site location, warm clothes, and rain gear.

**Methods:**

Volunteers were contacted via email and notified of the dates and location to meet. Participating surveyors would carpool to Site 4 and prepare for the six-hour survey which started at 10 a.m. and ended promptly at 4 p.m. Shortly before the official count commenced, the volunteer coordinator would briefly explain to the volunteers the procedures and strategies for maximizing the efficiency of the count. The coordinator was responsible for tallying the number of raptors, assisting volunteers with identification, and recording weather conditions for each hour. All others were expected to scan the horizon for raptors.

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This table represents the raptors observed during the first season of the Green Ridge Raptor Migration Count, showing the raptors observed by the hour of observation.
Only migratory raptors flying from a north-south direction were counted. At times, some local resident raptors traveled in other directions or soared for a bit then perched. As the season progressed, migrants were more determined about flying south and this determination showed up as a change in flight behavior.

In order to locate a flying raptor on the horizon, several reference points were established and named. As a group, we selected and labeled distinctive snags or large trees that were evenly scattered or spaced out from a west to east direction. For example, we named a distinctive snag “Bonnie” and a tall pine tree, “Aaron”. These served as landmarks for spotting a raptor in the distance. This was critical for fast, accurate identification, as some raptors were very quick to disappear, allowing unsatisfactory glimpses. We were also fortunate this year to have at least two experienced surveyors per group of six volunteers. Their experience and identification skills were invaluable for the entire project.

Each day, the available volunteers spaced themselves as evenly as possible to allow maximum coverage of the survey site. For example, each pair would only cover and scope a ‘small area’ at the West, Central, or East end of the site. Up to three pairs of volunteers were strategically spaced within 20 feet of each other.

Once a raptor was spotted, the volunteer would yell out, “I have a raptor” and describe where the bird was using the named landmarks. Once spotted, all would collectively assist in identifying the bird. It was learned early on that, once the initial spotter located a raptor, it was crucial for that spotter to remain focused on the bird until another volunteer was able to get the raptor in view with a scope or binoculars. This reduced the chance of losing the bird.

During times of high activity, we slightly adjusted our strategy to avoid any gaps or overlaps in counting the raptors. Each group would mentally record any raptors within their coverage area and tell the coordinator shortly after the flurry of activity ceased.

When the survey was completed for the day, the volunteer coordinator was responsible for collecting and recording the data on an Excel spreadsheet. The spreadsheet presentation of collected information and data consisted of raptor species and individuals recorded, wind speed, wind direction, temperatures, humidity, barometric pressure, cloud cover, visibility, precipitation, flight direction, number of observers and duration of observation times per hour. The format and weather codes used were simplified versions of those used by the Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA). The valuable information was then emailed to all the participating volunteers, posted on Oregon Birders Online (OBOL) and Central Oregon Birders Online (COBOL), and stored in the ECBC raptor reference notebook for future reference and use.

**KEY FOR RAPTOR CODES**

- **TV** Turkey Vulture
- **OS** Osprey
- **BE** Bald Eagle
- **NH** Northern Harrier
- **SS** Sharp-shinned Hawk
- **CH** Cooper’s Hawk
- **NG** Northern Goshawk
- **RT** Red-tailed Hawk
- **RL** Rough-legged Hawk
- **GE** Golden Eagle
- **AK** American Kestrel
- **ML** Merlin
- **PG** Peregrine Falcon
- **PR** Prairie Falcon

Here is the distribution of raptor species observed over the five weeks of the Green Ridge Raptor Migration Count in 2005.
From May 2005 to May 2006 the Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC) completed the following records. The first group of records are those for which the written report and/or photographs or specimens supported the stated identification and are accepted records. If photo(s) or specimen is indicated for a record it was accepted as verified. Other records were accepted as sight records.

Of the 34 records reviewed by the Committee 29 were accepted and 5 were not accepted. During this period one new species was accepted for addition to the Official Checklist of Oregon Birds: Sprague’s Pipit. Combining Black-backed and White Wagtails by the American Ornithologist’s Union dropped Black-backed Wagtail from the list. The Official Checklist now stands at 498 species.

Information presented below for each species includes location of sighting, number of birds, sex and age if known, special information (such as collection and museum number) and date(s), initial of the observer(s) submitting written or other evidence for accepted records, and the OBRC record file number. The OBRC record file number reads as follows: the first 3 digits are the AOU number for the species, the second 2 are the year in which the record was observed, and the last numbers are the consecutive numbers for the records as they are filed.

The members of the OBRC for 2006 are David Bailey, Hendrik Herlyn, Jeff Gilligan, David Irons, Tim Janzen, Gerard Lillie, Larry McQueen, Craig Miller, and Owen Schmidt. The alternates are: Trent Bray, Steven Dowlan, and John Rakestraw. Hendrik Herlyn resigned from the Committee during the year and Steve Dowlan moved into his position on the Committee.

The OBRC thanks the following organizations for having made financial contributions in the past year to help with expenses: Cape Arago Audubon Society, Central Oregon Audubon Society, Audubon Society of Corvallis, Grant County Bird Club, Grande Ronde Bird Club, Kalmiopsis Audubon Society, Lane County Audubon Society, Audubon Society of Portland, Salem Audubon Society, Umpqua Valley Audubon, and Yaquina Birders and Naturalists.

The OBRC solicits nominations for membership. Each year the OBRC elects 3 of its 9 members for 3-year terms. Birders themselves interested in serving on the OBRC should nominate themselves. All nominees must be members of OFO in good standing and all nominations must be received by the Secretary before 15 November 2005. New terms begin at the new calendar year.

**Accepted Records**

Falcated Duck
137.1-06-03 Eugene, Lane Co., 1 adult male on 14 March 2006. (video by JW).

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Short-tailed Albatross
082-05-10 Seven Devils Wayside, Coos Co., 1 juvenile dead on the beach on 3 September 2005 (details by DGr, photo by KeI).


*Bar-tailed Godwit with Marbled Godwits, Harris Beach State Park, Curry County, October 2005 /D. Munson*
Mottled Petrel
099-05-16 58-169nm offshore Oregon, 21 sightings from 31 October to 1 November 2005 (details by TSt, photos by LaM, RiP).

Crested Caracara
362-06-03 Corvallis Airport, Benton Co., 1 bird 12-14 April 2006 (Details by BWi, photos by MoM, PaT, JW).

Lesser Sand-Plover
279-05-04 Seaside, Clatsop Co., 1 adult 16-18 July 2005 (photos by DHe, ShH, BCr, KBr, IBo, PSu, RSu, videos by TJ, OS).

Bar-tailed Godwit

Curlew Sandpiper
244-05-21 Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 bird on 18 December 2005 (photos by AC, DHe).
244-05-19 Nehalem Sewage Ponds, Tillamook Co., 1 bird 18-19 October 2005 (photos by ShH, video by WG).

White-winged Dove
319-05-10 Newport, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 7 June 2005 (photos by RaF).
319-05-12 S. of Burns, Harney Co., 2-6 December 2005 (details by NSt, photo by RMu).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
402-06-21 Sublimity, Marion Co., 1 male on 17-18 January 2006 (details by JGe, photos by JiL).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
443-00-13 S. of Dallas, Polk Co., 1 immature bird on 24 August 2000 (details by WT).
443-5-19 Coos Head, Coos Co., 1 adult on 14 May 2005 (details by TR, photo by JCh).

Plumbeous Vireo
629.1-05-08 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird on 7 June 2005 (photos by RHo).

Sprague’s Pipit
700-05-05 Langlois, Curry Co., 1 bird on 1 October 2005 (video by TWa).

Blue-winged Warbler

Black-throated Green Warbler

Lark Bunting
605-00-17 Seneca, Grant Co., 1 male on 4 September 2000 (details by COL, MOL).
605-05-21 Baskett Slough NWR, Polk Co., 1 female on 13 August 2005 (details by BY, photo by CY).

McCown’s Longspur
539-04-07 Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath Co., 1 bird on 31 December 2004 (photos by KaF).

Great-tailed Grackle
512-05-19 Summer Lake, Lake Co., 1 male on 15 May 2005 (photos by NSt, video by TJ).
512-05-20 Lakeside, Coos Co., 3 birds 22 May to 17 June 2005 (photos by JR).
Baltimore Oriole  
507-05-10  Tierra Del Mar, Tillamook Co., 1 male on 24 April 2005 (video by WG).

Brambling  
514.1-06-10  Monmouth, Polk Co., 1 bird early March to 16 April 2006 (photos by KeO, RiB).


**Not Accepted**

Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
428-04-02  Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 23 May 2004. Photo did not clearly show diagnostic field marks of the species. Very difficult to separate female Ruby-throated from the more regular Black-chinned Hummingbird.

Eastern Phoebe  
456-02-10  Malone Springs, Klamath Co., 1 bird on 6 June 2002. Details did not completely rule out other similar species. Observer did not see distinctive tail-pumping.

Pine Warbler  
671-05-04  Cape Meares Village, Tillamook Co., 1 bird on 23 October 2005. Details and photo did not show distinctive characteristics of this difficult to identify species.

Mourning Warbler  
679-02-06  Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 28 May 2002. Details not totally convincing of this very difficult to identify species. The possibility of Common Yellowthroat was not ruled out.

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White-winged Dove near Cove, Union Co. 27 October, 2005. photo/T. Bray

Orchard Oriole  
506-01-09  Newport, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 14 October 2001. Descriptions very brief and did not give adequate describe distinctive characteristics of the species or rule out other similar species.

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Notable Oregon listing milestones of 2005:

• Marshall Beretta passed 400 for his Oregon life list.
• In county life lists, Hendrik Herlyn (Benton) and Iain Tomlinson (Multnomah) emerged as new leaders, Greg Gillson is a new coleader (Washington), and Bill Tice (Polk) went from coleader to leader.
• Marjorie Moore became the first to reach 300 in Jackson County.
• Paul Sullivan reachd or exceeds 175 in all counties in Oregon.
• No new county or state year records were set in 2005.

A hearty thanks to all who submitted their listing numbers!

Totals marked with an asterisk (*) are previously submitted totals; no updated total was received this year. Only totals of 400 or more for the Oregon life list are carried through without an updated list. County totals are carried through from year to year only if they are still leading in a county. Names marked with (‡) symbol honor deceased birders.

Oregon State List (300)

| 470* | Jeff Gilligan | 401* | Jack Corbett | 371 | Clarice Watson (q) |
| 449 | Owen Schmidt | 398 | Greg Gillson | 367 | Jeff Harding |
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Michelle Patterson focuses in on one of the many conspicuous White-headed Woodpeckers in camp during the June 2006 OFO Family Weekend. Photo/M. Patterson
OFO Family Weekends - 2006

These camping weekends are geared for families with diverse outdoor interests, and not all about birding - though there will be plenty of birds! With pleasant, “birdy” campgrounds as our base, we will have many options for nature-oriented activities. These could include short day trips, stargazing and birdwatching around camp, or just relaxing with a book in the shade, depending on personal interests.

Schedules: Each weekend begins on Friday evening and officially closes in late morning on Sunday. Families are free to arrive earlier, and come and go as they wish, but we will have some fun group activities for all. All activities are casual, and schedules are kept flexible to keep things enjoyable for families.

Costs: OFO will request $5 per person or $10 per family or carload for each weekend. Payment will be handled during the weekend. The first weekend has additional costs depending on camping arrangements as described below; the second weekend is at a no-fee campground.

Reservations: No reservations can be taken for these campgrounds. The organizers will plan to be there a day early and save several campsites for the group. It will be important to know how many are attending so we can save adequate space for the group.

Meals & evenings: We will do a potluck supper on Saturday evening of each weekend. Otherwise, plan to bring the meals for your own family. If you play a musical instrument, please bring it along for music around the campfire in the evenings.

Cold Springs Campground, June 23-25, 2006

People came and left on different schedules during the first 2006 family weekend, and all had a great time. We had a high count of about 20 attendees with kids ranging in age from 3 to 14. Very large caterpillars led as the show stoppers, identified as Pandora Moth larvae. We also explored Glaze Meadow in the Black Butte Ranch area, Cold springs area ridge, creeks and spings, and Lost Lake. The best was just hanging out in the campground where we had very close views of active nests -Pygmy Nuthatches, Hammond’s Flycatchers and White-headed Woodpeckers, all from sitting at our picnic table. Sapsuckers were busy on trees close to us and butterflies fluttered around all day.

Coming up:

11-13 August
Silver Creek Marsh Campground / Alder Springs/Thompson Reservoir

This camping weekend will be based at the Silver Lake Marsh Campground by Thompson Reservoir, near Silver Lake, Oregon. For location and directions see: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/fremont/rogs/silver.htm.

There are many options for family activities including:
- Hiking, biking, fishing and swimming at Thompson Reservoir.
- Hiking and exploring in and around Fort Rock and a visit to the Fort Rock historical museum which includes many original pioneer buildings that have been moved to the museum. Visit a turn-of-the-century school, a church and several cabins.
- Close-up looks at birds and other wildlife from the photography blind at Cabin Lake.
- Rock hounding, insects, butterflies, birding and nighttime walks to listen for owls.
- The peak of the annual Perseid meteor shower happens during this weekend. Check this website to read about the meteor shower, best in the early morning hours. http://www.space.com/spacewatch/050805_perseid_guide.html

Of course for those families who like more birding, Summer Lake WMA is only about 45 minutes away from our camping site, and the areas around Alder Springs and Silver Lake can be outstanding for birds.

Details: This campground is free. It has restrooms, fire grates and picnic tables, but participants need to bring their own water and food and pack out all of the trash. Weather is likely to be very cool in the evenings and hot in the daytime, so bring clothing for varied conditions.

Contact: Notify Judy Meredith jmeredit@bendnet.com or 541-389-4039 if you plan to attend or if you have questions about this trip.
From the Editor’s Desk

Jeff Harding   39127 Griggs Drive, Lebanon, Oregon 97355 bird2345@centurytel.net

Transitions

Change comes along whether we will have it or not. We would have preferred Steve Dowlan to continue putting this journal together, but he has other things to do. As a fall-back, the OFO board said I could try it for awhile. You should know that I am a biologist wannabe; really an accountant, and unschooled in literary matters. I do have a good model for the journal, in Steve’s work for the last few years, and I hope I don’t disappoint you all.

My first issue, 31:4 contained a bit of a blunder. In the caption to a photograph of a Trumpeter Swan at Clear Lake, Linn County, in the Willamette Valley Field Notes, I wrote that the swan was “wild but not wary”.

Al Prigge, in a note to me on 19 April 2006, questioned whether the bird as ‘wild’:
“I noticed the caption re the Trumpeter Swan in OREGON BIRDS and am wondering if there is a chance to learn something here about how to tell wild from pen-raised swans. I have seen this swan on three different occasions. The last time was on 10/24/05 at Carmen Reservoir. It was near the dam and swam right over to us at the boat launch as if looking for a handout. This gave me the impression it was a released or escaped bird. Do you know it is a wild bird because of something such as lack of a neck collar? Looking at the lower right leg there is a light area that could possibly be a band.”

Jeff Fleisher and I visited Clear Lake on 1 July 2006 and found the bird still there, and still not wary. There is an aluminum band on one leg, but it was turned in, and we could not see markings. So I may have been a bit quick to call it wild when I actually did not know for a fact it was not a former captive. I wanted it to be of natural provenance, so it would be countable (as though I keep lists), and I liked the turn of phrase, but I should have held back. I’ll try to be more careful in future.

If someone knows more about the Clear Lake swan, please let us know.

In other feedback, Lee Harding, of Coquitlam, BC suggested another design for a nearly starling-proof suet feeder. His is another wire cage, but open at the bottom. Apparently a woodpecker as large as a Pileated can use it, and it may be a little easier to reload.

Another suet-feeder protection scheme. Photo/L. Harding
The OBRC needs your report of any review species observed in Oregon. Review species are indicated in the official state checklist by an asterisk (*) or double asterisk (**). View or download the complete checklist at: http://www.oregonbirds.org/checklist.html

To report a review species, please e-mail the information listed below to: hnehls@teleport.com
Note: OBRC encourages submission of supporting evidence in the form of photos or recordings (see item 6 below). If you wish to submit these or other evidence not suited to e-mail (e.g. field notes, sketches), please mail to:

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This form is intended as a convenience and a guideline. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all.

1. YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.
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2. BIRD IDENTIFICATION. Write in the name of the species you have identified and information on numbers, sex, plumage, and age.

3. DATE(S). Month, day, and year. If there are multiple observations, each date.

4. LOCATION. Be specific; describe habitat.

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**Mallard** – Plain (bold) type denotes species usually seen in region in this season; field notes may indicate notable dates, concentrations, behavior, nesting records, etc. **Snowy Plover** – Italics highlight reports of species that are unusual to the region or for the season, and/or selected species of conservation concern. **HORNED PUFFIN** – Upper-case roman type highlights species that are rare to the state and/or very rare to region. **FALCATED DUCK** – Upper-case italic type indicates an OBRC review species, very rare to the state. **Exuberance From a Birder**

*Towhees in the puddle*

*Towhees, Sparrows, Kinglets In autumn-colored trees*  

*Juncos by the jillions*

*Poetry/Zenobia Lapeyre*
North Coast Field Notes: Fall 2005
Compiled by Wink Gross

Abbreviations:
HMSC Hatfield Marine Science Center, LINC
SJCR South Jetty, Columbia River, CLAT
SJJYB South Jetty, Yaquina Bay, LINC

Counties: CLAT = Clatsop; LINC = Lincoln; TILL = Tillamook.

Frequently cited locations: Astoria, CLAT; Boiler Bay, LINC; Fenk Rd., TILL; Gearhart, CLAT; Neawanna, CLAT; Necanicum, CLAT; Nehalem, TILL; Newport, LINC; Seaside (& Cove), CLAT; Spanish Head, LINC; Svensen Island, CLAT; Tierra del Mar, TILL; Wireless Rd., CLAT; Yaquina Bay, LINC.

Greater White-fronted Goose – 30 in CLAT 5 Nov (MP) was high count for region.
Snow Goose – One at Astoria 28 Nov (MP) was only report.
Brant – 120 at Yaquina Bay 15 Nov (RR) was high count for the region and season.
Eurasian Wigeon – Single birds started showing up in all 3 counties in November. High count for period was 3 at Garibaldi, TILL on 27 Nov (KhT).
Cinnamon Teal – 42 at Svensen Island 3 Oct (MP).
Eider sp. – A f. presumably either King or Common was observed flying s. with White-winged Scoters at Boiler Bay 14 Nov (PP).
Harlequin Duck – High counts were 9 at Ecola SP 8 Aug (MiM) and 15 and SJYB 16 Oct (RMo).
Long-tailed Duck – All reports for the period were from LINC from mid-Oct on.
Black Scoter – High counts from Boiler Bay were 15 on 22 Oct (WH) and 25 on 4 Nov (PP).
Surf Scoter – Peak count was 13,000 from Spanish Head 18 Oct (PP).
White-winged Scoter – High counts were 700 from Spanish Head 18 Oct and 1500 from Boiler Bay 19 Nov (PP).
Barrow’s Goldeneye – The Astoria bird returned to the same place for the 5th year in a row 5 Nov (MP).
Hooded Merganser – 23 at Eckman L., LINC 15 Nov (RR).
Ruffed Grouse – Only report was one on Mt. Hebo, TILL 17 Sep (QN).
Mountain Quail – Several, including one “whacked by truck,” at Brownsmead, CLAT 7 Nov (MP).
California Quail – One at HMSC 28 Aug (DF), one at Tierra del Mar 8 Sep (WG) and two at HMSC 20 Sep (DGr) were a lot for the coast.
Red-throated Loon – The southbound migration at Boiler Bay peaked at 6,000+ on 14 Nov (PP).
Pacific Loon – The migration at Boiler Bay peaked at 18,000+ 27 Oct (PP).

Common Loon – “Surprising numbers” in basic plumage were at SJCR 13 Aug (MP). Peak count at Boiler Bay was 2500+ on 4 Nov (PP).

YELLOW-BILLED LOON – An imm. at Yaquina Bay in Aug was present almost entire month, with last report 29 Aug. One “possibly” this species was at SJCR on 12 Aug (MP).
Red-necked Grebe – Started showing up at Tierra del Mar in early Sep (WG). High counts for region were 14 at Spanish Head on 18 Oct (PP) and 11 at Boiler Bay on 22 Oct (WH).
Eared Grebe – The only report was one bird flying s. past Boiler Bay 4 Nov (PP).
Western Grebe – High count was 400 at Seaside Cove 6 Sep (MP).
Clark’s Grebe – 4 were at Seaside Cove 6 Sep (SW), one was at Boiler Bay 22 Oct (WH), and 3 were at Tillamook Bay 24 Oct (fide HBN).
Laysan Albatross – 77 were reported from a NOAA research ship between 145 and 170 miles offshore 2 Nov (TSt). For landlubbers, one “probable” was seen from Boiler Bay 4 Nov (PP).

Black-footed Albatross – 38 were reported from a NOAA ship 145-170 mi. offshore 2 Nov (TSt).
Northern Fulmar – 60 from Boiler Bay on 26 Nov (PP) was the high count for live birds. An unusually high 206 were reported from the beached bird survey along Ona Beach, LINC in November and early December.
**MOTTLED PETREL** – NOAA research ship found 6 at 150 miles offshore on 31 Oct and 9 between 145 and 170 miles out on 2 Nov (TSt).

**MURPHY’S PETREL** – NOAA ship found two 150 miles out on 31 Oct and 8 between 145 and 170 miles offshore on 2 Nov (TSt).

**COOK’S PETREL** – NOAA ship found one 150 miles out on 31 Oct (TSt). [The Bird Guide needs to get a faster boat!]

**Pink-footed Shearwater** – 3 were off Tierra del Mar on 7 Sep (WG). Two were at Boiler Bay on 21 Sep (PP) and 8 were there 15 Oct (WH).

**Flesh-footed Shearwater** – One well-seen off Boiler Bay 21 Sep was only about 1/4 mile out (PP). Two were reported 1 Oct from a pelagic trip out of Newport (BGP).

**Buller’s Shearwater** – Land-based sightings at Boiler Bay were 9 on 15 Oct (WH) and one on 28 Oct (PP).

**Sooty Shearwater** – An estimated 45,000 flying n. past Tierra del Mar on 7 Sep (WG) presumably contributed to a concentration of over 200,000 between Seaside and Camp Rilea, CLAT by 17 Sep (MP). Numbers had tailed off almost completely by the end of October.

**Short-tailed Shearwater** – A beached bird was found alive at Newport 14 Sep (LO). High count was 400+ at Boiler Bay 4 Nov (PP).

**Manx Shearwater** – At least one and perhaps as many as 4 at Tierra del Mar on 6 Sep (WG).

**ASHY STORM-PETREL** – One found 115 nm. w. of Cape Lookout on 16 Aug (PPy fide HBN).

**Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel** – 40 reported on pelagic trip out of Newport 1 Oct (BGP).

**Brown Pelican** – 581 in 30 minutes flying n. past SJCR on 21 Sep were deemed “incredible” by the normally restrained observer (MP). Major southbound movement detected at Boiler Bay by mid-Oct (PP, WH). By the end of October they were becoming scarce in CLAT, while the last major flight s. at Boiler Bay was 100 birds on 4 Nov (PP).

**Green Heron** – 2 at Neawanna 25 Aug (MP) and one on Clatsop NAMC 15 Sep were only reports for the region.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** – An imm. at Newport 4 Aug (HSh fide RB).

**Osprey** – Latest report was one at HMSC 6 Nov (NKS).

**White-tailed Kite** – Two at Nehalem STP 18 Oct (WG) and two at Astoria 26 Nov (SH & DoH).

**Northern Goshawk** – An imm. was reported from vicinity of Elk and Bear Creeks in Nestucca R. drainage, TILL 16 Sep (QN).

**Red-shouldered Hawk** – One at Toledo, LINC 27 Aug (DGr), one at Circle Creek, CLAT 28 Aug (DB), and two at Neawanna Mill Pond Ecological Observatory, 30 Aug (DB).

**Rough-legged Hawk** – Only reports for the period were from CLAT beginning with one at Wireless Rd. 4 Nov (LC) and probably two in the Astoria region by the end of the month.

**Golden Eagle** – A juv. at Newport airport 13 Sep (DgC fide RB).

(fide RB).
Merlin – Individuals were reported from HMSC 31 Aug (RLo), Svensen Island 3 Oct (MP), Gearhart 5 Oct (JWi), and Astoria Airport 5 Nov (MP).

Peregrine Falcon – 3 reported from Columbia R. RSR, CLAT 8 Nov (MP).

Sandhill Crane – At least one, possibly 2, at Tillamook 10 Oct (JWo & BWo) was very unusual.

Virginia Rail – One heard on lower Beaver Creek, LINC 3 Aug (LO).

Sora – One at Cannon Beach 15 Aug (DNe), one at Astoria 1 Oct and one at Astoria 17 Nov (MP).

Pacific Golden-Plover – One at Necanicum 8 Aug (MP), one at SJCR 21 Sep (MP), and two at Tierra del Mar 9 Oct (WG).

Black-bellied Plover – High count was 40 at Siletz Bay 9 Oct (NKS).

Marbled Godwit – High count was 7 at Spanish Head 31 Oct (PP).

Long-billed Curlew – One at SJYB 4 Aug (CK) was only report.

Lesser Yellowlegs – 4 at Stanley L., CLAT 9 Aug (MP), one at Fenk Rd. 20 Aug (WG) and 4 at Astoria 22 Sep (MP).

Wandering Tattler – Two at SJCR 27 Aug (MP) and one at Barview Jetty, TILL 11 Sep (LR).

Ruddy Turnstone – 3 at SJYB 4 Aug (CK) and one at Seaside Cove, CLAT 9 Oct (MP).

Red Knot – An imm. at Siletz Bay, LINC 9 Oct (NKS) was the only report.

Semipalmated Sandpiper – A juv. at Necanicum, CLAT 21 Aug (DB).

Western Sandpiper – “Several thousand peeps, mostly this species” at Bayocean, TILL 26 Aug (BWo & JWo) was an unusual concentration for recent years at that location.

Least Sandpiper – 800 at Sandlake, TILL 21 Aug (WG) was unusually high for this location.

Baird’s Sandpiper – 4 at Necanicum 8 Aug (MP), 3 at Fenk Rd. 12 Aug (MiM), and 5 at Necanicum 20 Aug (DB) were good numbers. Two were still around for the Clatsop NAMC 16 Sep.

Pectoral Sandpiper – 5 were at Nehalem STP 8 Sep (WG), 4 at Fenk Rd. 25 Oct (MAS), and 8 at Wireless Rd. 3 Oct (MP).

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – One found at Fenk Rd. 24 Sep (PTS) was still present next day (MAS). One “probable” was at Wireless Rd. 2 Oct (MP).

CURLEW SANDPIPER – A photogenic juv. found 18 Oct at Nehalem STP, TILL was last reported 24 Oct (WG & AnF, m. ob.).


Wilson’s Phalarope – One at Stanley L., Gearhart 9-11 Aug (SW).

Red Phalarope – A report of 80 at Boiler Bay 25 Oct (PP) was a precursor of things to come.

South Polar Skua – 4 on pelagic trip out of Newport 1 Oct (BGP).

Pomarine Jaeger – High count from shore was 4 at Boiler Bay 15 Oct (WH).

Parasitic Jaeger – High count from shore was 3 at Boiler Bay 15 Oct (WH).

Long-tailed Jaeger – 4 reported from cruise ship 50 miles offshore 20 Sep (TJ).

Glaucous Gull – Noted at Seaside 27 Nov (DB).

Bonaparte’s Gull – High count was 800 at Boiler Bay 4 Nov (PP).

Sabine’s Gull – One at SJCR 7 Sep (MP). 350 found 50 miles offshore 20 Sep (TJ).

Black-legged Kittiwake – High count was 50 at Boiler Bay 1 Nov (PP).

Common Tern – One at Perpetua Bank 13 Aug (BGP), one at Necanicum 27 Aug (MP), one at SJCR 7 Sep (MP).

Arctic Tern – 7 Perpetua Bank 13 Aug (BGP).

Marbled Murrelet – Up to 40 off Tierra del Mar in early Sep (WG).

High count at Boiler Bay was 115 most flying s. in pairs 4 Nov (PP).

XANTUS’S/CRAVERI’S MURRELET – Several of undetermined species were 115 nm. w. of Cape Lookout 15 Aug (PPy fide HBN).

Ancient Murrelet – Two out of Yaquina Bay 27 Aug (WH).

High count was 55, mostly flying s., at Boiler Bay 14 Nov (PP).

Tufted Puffin – 11 at Haystack Rock, Cannon Beach 8 Aug (MiM).

Mourning Dove – 8 found on Lincoln Co. NAMC 16 Sep.

Snowy Owl – First one showed
up at SJCR 19 Nov (MiM); by 27 Nov there were 3 at that location. Meanwhile one was found at SJYB 25 Nov (KhT) and remained thru e.o.p.

**Barred Owl** – Two were duetting at Fox Creek, CLAT 4 Aug (MP). One was at Crosel Creek, CLAT 27 Aug and 3 Sep (LC), and one was at the Astoria HS fish hatchery 29 Nov (LC).

**Northern Pygmy-Owl** – One at Mt. Hebo, TILL 17 Sep (QN), one at Coxcomb Hill, Astoria 21 Sep (MP) and one in Cannon Beach Watershed 30 Oct (MP).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** – Two were at Thornton Creek, LINC 12 Oct (DF).

**Common Nighthawk** – One at South Beach, LINC 28 Aug (EH) was only report for the region.

**BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** – A f. at feeder in Waldport, LINC 9 Aug remained thru 18 Aug (JKC).

**Red-breasted Sapsucker** – 4 in shore pines at Little Whale Cove, LINC 20 Nov (DoS) was an unusual concentration.

**Black Phoebe** – One at Fenk Rd. 24 Sep (PTS) remained thru 17 Oct (DS). Another found near Mohler, TILL 30 Oct (JG & OS).

**Tropical Kingbird** – One was at HMSC 24 Oct (RLo) and one at Young’s Bay, CLAT 27 Nov (MP).

**Western Kingbird** – One was at Nehalem STP 8 Sep (WG), one at Barview 11 Sep (LR), and one at Ona Beach SP 17 Sep (BaC & RGa).

**Horned Lark** – One of “western arctic” race was at Nehalem STP 19 Sep (DS), one was at Fort Stevens 4 Oct (MP), and one on Mt. Hebo 20 Nov (RGe) – where it was the only bird present that day – were the only reports.

**Purple Martin** – 70 flying se. over Astoria 3 Sep (LC) was notable.

**Cliff Swallow** – One was with the Purple Martins over Astoria 3 Sep (LC).

**American Pipit** – 44 at Circle Creek, CLAT 6 Oct (MP) was high count.


**House Wren** – One on Coxcomb Hill, Astoria 26-27 Aug (MP) and one at D River 25 Sep (PP).

**Western Bluebird** – Several migrant flocks noted at Thornton Creek, LINC 21 Sep (DF). 10 found at Cannon Beach Reservoir 17 Oct (MP).

**Townsend’s Solitaire** – Two on Mt. Hebo, TILL 17 Sep (QN).

**Northern Shrike** – One at Fort Stevens 21 Nov (MP).

**Western Scrub-Jay** – 3 found on Clatsop NAMC 16 Sep and 16 on Lincoln NAMC 17 Sep.

**Cassin’s Vireo** – One was on Coxcomb Hill 14 Sep (MP).

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – An imm. f.(?) was at Wireless Rd. 17 Sep (MP).

**Palm Warbler** – One was found at Fenk Rd. 24 Sep (PTS).

**American Redstart** – An imm. m. at Circle Creek found 15 Aug (MP) remained at least until 28 Aug (DB).

**American Tree Sparrow** – One was found at Gearhart 9 Oct (DB).

**Clay-colored Sparrow** – One was found at Gearhart 4 Oct (SW).

**Brewer’s Sparrow** – One was at D River, LINC 25 Sep (PP).

**Swamp Sparrow** – One was at Fenk Rd. 17 Oct (DS).

**White-throated Sparrow** – Two seen on Sollie Smith Rd., Tillamook, 8 Nov (WG, AnF).

**Lapland Longspur** – At least 8 showed up at SJCR 4 Oct, numbers increased to 35 by the 6th (MP). Two were at Bayocean, TILL 8 Oct (WG).

**Chestnut-collared Longspur** – At least 1, probably two at SJCR 6 Oct (MP).

**Snow Bunting** – First one showed up 29 Oct at HMSC (GG). 25 were at Necanicum 26 Nov (DaM), while one was at Seal Rock SP, LINC the same day (PhB).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – A f. at Neawanna 25 Aug (MP) and an imm. m. at a feeder in Newport 3 Nov (RFi fide RB).

**Black-headed Grosbeak** – An imm. at Fenk Rd. 18 Oct (WG) was rather late.

**Bullock’s Oriole** – A m. returned to same location in Astoria for 3rd straight year 27 Nov (MP).

**Migrating geese in the evening sky waning moon**

Haiku/C. Rosenow

South Coast Field Notes: Fall 2005
Compiled by Tim Rodenkirk

This was an outstanding fall for unusual species all along the south coast with several first and second county records as well as Oregon’s first records of Sprague’s Pipit and Parkinson’s Petrel. One or more NOAA research vessel deep water trips were instrumental in finding the Parkinson’s Petrel as well as several other pelagic rarities. Offshore sightings from 20 Sep (by JG, OS & TJ) were made from on board a cruise ship.

Abbreviations:
CP 5 hr. pelagic trip out of Charleston for the Shorebird Festival, COOS
LP Bird Guide deep water pelagic to s. end of Heceta Bank 50 miles out, LANE
NJF N. jetty of Siuslaw R. at Florence, LANE
NSCB N. Spit of Coos Bay, COOS
SJF S. jetty and deflation plain of Siuslaw R. at Florence, LANE
WEP Old Weyerhaeuser effluent pond area, North Spit of Coos Bay, COOS
WR Wahl Ranch near Cape Blanco, CURR
e.p.t.c. Exposed primary tips counted (for golden-plovers)

Counties: COOS = Coos; CURR = Curry; DOUG = Douglas; LANE = Lane.

Frequently cited locations: Bandon & Bandon Marsh (NWR), COOS; Brookings (& vicinity), CURR; Cape Arago, COOS; Cape Blanco, CURR; Chetco R., CURR; Coos Bay, COOS; Eden V. (Siskiyou NF), COOS; Empire area (of Coos Bay), COOS; Florence (& vicinity), LANE; Floras L., n. CURR; Lower Winchuck R., CURR; Millicoma (Marsh, e. side of Coos Bay), COOS; New R. (& vicinity, s. of Bandon along the coast), COOS; North Bend, COOS; North Spit (of Coos Bay), COOS; Port Orford (& vicinity), CURR; Siltcoos R. (outlet), LANE.

Greater White-fronted Goose – 1, WEP, oversummering bird thru at least early Sep (TR); 1, NJF, 29 Aug (JSu, LJ); 50, NJF, 2 Oct (DiP); 4, WEP, 9-16 Oct (TR); 1, WR, 21 Oct (TJW); 3, Brookings, 1-4 Nov, in the Harbor parking area (ShC); 2, Florence, 25 Nov, in mudhole along Heceta Rd (ALC, VA); 4, Reedsport, DOUG, 27 Nov, Dean’s Creek Elk viewing area (JRa).

Snow Goose – 1, WEP, 15 Oct (TR); 1, WEP, 25-26 Oct (TR); 1, off Cape Arago Hwy, COOS, 28 Oct, seen in field across from Bastendorff beach (RNA); 6, Reedsport, DOUG, 26 Nov thru e.o.p., Dean’s Creek elk viewing area (NKS, BDe).

ROSS’S GOOSE – 1 white morph juv., WEP, 29 Nov thru e.o.p. (TR), only the 2nd COOS record.

Cackling Goose – 1, WEP, 6 Sep, Aleutian ssp. (TR); 500+, WEP, 1 Oct, several Aleutian flocks seen flying s. (TR); 1, WEP, 13 Oct, Dusky (TR); ~600, WEP, 15 Oct, Aleutians (TR); 6, Reedsport, DOUG, 27 Nov, Dean’s Creek elk viewing area (JRa).

Brant – 1, WEP, oversummering bird thru at least early Sep (TR); 3, Empire area, 29 Oct (RNA, TR); 1, SJF, 20 Nov (ALC).

Tundra Swan – 2, WEP, 29 Oct-16 Nov, also seen in the Charleston area (RNA, TR, JHd).

Eurasian Wigeon – 1 f., Empire area, 29-30 Oct (TR, Di); 2 m., Millicoma, 18 Nov (TR).

American Wigeon – 1, WEP, 11 Sep, first fall COOS migrant (TR, MD); 3000, Millicoma, 18 Nov (TR).

Gadwall – 1, WEP, 9 Aug, first fall COOS migrant (TR, MD).

Blue-winged Teal – 1 f., WEP, 8 Aug thru at least late Oct (RNA, TR et al.).

Cinnamon Teal – 1, SJF, 13 and/or 14 Sep (fide DiP).

Northern Pintail – 2, NJF, 10 Sep, first LANE migrants (ALC).

Ring-necked Duck – 5 f. with broods, WEP, 2 Aug (TR).

Green-winged Teal – 3, WEP, 2 Aug, first fall COOS migrant (TR); 1, NJF, 10 Sep, first LANE migrants (ALC); 500, Cape Blanco area, 19 Nov, Beaver Marsh area (DM).
Canvasback – 2, WEP, 9 Oct, first COOS fall migrants (RNA, TR); 1, Floras L., 19 Nov (DM).

Redhead – 1, WEP, 15 Aug (RR); 1 f., WEP, 29 Oct (TR, RNA); 1 m., WEP, 30 Nov (TR).

Eider sp. – 1, WEP, 16 Aug, seen by ocean scoping from end of gravel road (RNA), very early for an eider?

Harlequin Duck – 2, Brookings, 15 Sep, off Lone Ranch wayside with 4 at this location thru e.o.p. (DM); 20 flybys, Cape Arago, 16 Oct (RNA); 1, SJF, 16 Oct (ALC, DI).

Long-tailed Duck – 1, NJF, 2 Oct, one seen in this location thru e.o.p. (DiP); 1, Bob Creek, LANE, 12 Oct (BST, ZS); 1, Sixes R. estuary, CURR, 19 Nov (DM).

Surf Scoter – 4000+, Heceta Head, LANE, 16 Oct, 90% adult males (BST, ZS).

Black Scoter – 1 f., SJF, 16 Oct (JSu, LJ); 3, Cape Arago, 16 Oct, flybys (RNA); 70 on ocean in one flock between Blacklock Pt. and Floras Lake, CURR, 30 Oct (TR); 8, Empire area, 26 Nov (TR, KhT).


Common Goldeneye – 1, WR, 15 Nov, unusual location (TJW).

Ruddy Duck – 1, WEP, 20 Aug, first fall COOS migrant (TR).

Ring-necked Pheasant – 1, Sixes R. estuary, CURR, 19 Nov, unusual location (DM).

Mountain Quail – 3, North Bend, 19 Nov, coming to a feeder in Carlson Heights (JimH); unusual location close to coast.

Red-throated Loon – Major movement noted offshore of n. LANE 20 Nov (ALC).

Pacific Loon – Major movement noted offshore of n. LANE 20 Nov (ALC).

Eared Grebe – 1, WEP, 24 Sep, on old aeration pond, first fall COOS migrant (TR); 6, WEP, 28 Oct (TR).

Horned Grebe – 1, WEP, 21 Aug, on old aeration pond (TR), earliest fall COOS migrant on record.

Clark’s Grebe – 1 in breeding plumage calling off Fossil Point, Empire area, 2 Aug, rare oversummering bird or very early fall arrival (RNA); 1 in breeding plumage in the Coquille R. nw. of harbor area, Bandon, 10 Aug (RNA); 1, Brookings, 15 Oct, mouth of Chetco R. (DM); 1, Sutton Lake, LANE, 15 Nov (RR); 1, Paradise Pt., CURR, 19 Nov (DM).

Cook’s Petrel* – 2, 166 and 169 nm off Cape Blanco, 16 Sep, seen from a NOAA research vessel (TSt fide GL); 1, 40 miles w. of Coos Bay, 20 Sep (JG, OS); 2, 80 nm w. of Cape Sebastian, CURR, 20 Oct (PPy fide GG). There are no accepted records of this species yet in Oregon.

Parkinson’s Petrel* – 1, 30 nm w. of Tahkenitch, DOUG & LANE, 22 Oct, seen flying from DOUG into LANE (PPy fide GG); 1st state record.

Laysan Albatross – 1, CP, 10 Sep (SSH et al.), only 2 other Shorebird Festival records.

Black-footed Albatross – 20, LP, 5 Sep (GG et al.); 5, CP, 10 Sep, (TR, SSH, RNA et al.); 20 off LANE, 3 off DOUG, 5 off COOS, and 2 off CURR, all 40-60 nm offshore 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ).

Short-tailed Albatross* – A moribund, banded imm. bird at Seven Devils Wayside 3 Sep (Kld, SLu, RSu, JHd) had been banded 24 Apr 2005 by Hiroshi Hasegawa at Tsubame-zaki, Torishima, Japan; 1st COOS record.

Northern Fulmar – 12, LP, 5 Sep (GG et al.); 26, CP, 10 Sep, (TR, SSH, RNA et al.); 60 off LANE, 10 off DOUG, 12 off COOS, and 200 off CURR, all 40-60 nm offshore, 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ); DM noted that he had no luck finding this species from Cape Ferrelo, CURR throughout the period; he usually has no trouble finding them.

Cook’s Petrel, 20 October 2005. Photo/P. Pyle, Protected Resources Division, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, California. swfsc.nmfs.noaa.gov/PRD/

Sep, (TR, SSh, RNa et al.); 3 off COOS and 2 off CURR, all 40-60 nm offshore 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ); 1, NJF, 24 Oct, seen off end of jetty (DiP); 3+, Cape Arago, 29 Oct (RNa, TR). **Sooty Shearwater** – 30, LP, 5 Sep (GG et al.); 105, CP, 10 Sep, (TR, SSh, RNa et al.); 5 off LANE, 2 off DOUG, 3 off COOS, and 2 off CURR, all 40-60 nm offshore 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ); 2, Siltcoos R., 9 Oct (RR). **Short-tailed Shearwater** – 2, CP, 10 Sep, (TR, SSh, RNa et al.). **Sooty/Short-tailed Shearwater** – 3+, Cape Arago, 29 Oct (RNa). **Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel** – 3, 40-60 miles off CURR, 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ). **TROPICBIRD sp.** – 1, 185.8 nm off Cape Blanco, 16 Sep (DBe, GFr), seen by experienced observers, too far off the coast to be reviewed by OBRC. **Brown Pelican** – Numbers were very low this year probably due to poor upwelling all along the Oregon coast; 29, WEP, 10 Oct, major movement of southbound birds along coast (TR). **Double-crested Cormorant** – 1200, Millicoma, 10 Sep, (TR, MD, MLD et al.). **Snowy Egret** – 1, Empire area, 29 Oct, first fall COOS arrival (TR). **Cattle Egret** – 1, 109 nm WNW of Cape Arago, photographed perched on a research vessel (PPy fide GG). **Black-crowned Night-Heron** – 1, Coos Bay, 31 Aug, at Marshfield High School winter roost (RNa); 16, Brookings, 15 Sep (DM); 1, Rogue River near Gold Beach, CURR, 15 Sep (fide JiR). **Turkey Vulture** – Many in w. LANE, 10 Sep, major movement both on coast and inland (ALC); 1, Brookings, 16 Nov, late bird (DM). **White-tailed Kite** – 8, Coos Bay, 29 Oct, e. side of bay in Catching Slough pasture area (RNa). **Osprey** – 1, Coos Bay area, at least one thru e.o.p. (TR), likely overwintering again this year; 1, Floras L., 19 Nov (DM), probable overwintering bird; 1, Florence, 22 Nov (RR). **Red-shouldered Hawk** – 1, WEP, 1 Aug, heard da-REET call (TR); 2, WEP, 8 Aug, molting ads., heard da-REET call (TR); 2, NSCB, 10 Aug, at the Snowy Plover management area (DL, KC); 4, WR, 4 Sep (TJW); 2, WEP, 1 Oct, 1 juv. & 1 ad. (RNa, TR); 2, WEP, 2 Oct, 2 juvs. (RNa, TR); 18+ (flock of 17+ plus another single), WR, 2 Oct, (TJW, TR, DM et al.); 1 flyover, WEP, 10 Oct, only heard da-REET call (TR); 1 flyover, WEP, 16 Oct, calling (TR). **Golden-Plover sp.** – 1, WEP, 1 Aug, heard da-REET call (TR); 2, WEP, 8 Aug, molting ads., heard da-REET call (TR); 2, NSCB, 10 Aug, at the Snowy Plover management area (DL, KC); 4, WR, 4 Sep (TJW); 2, WEP, 1 Oct, 1 juv. & 1 ad. (RNa, TR); 2, WEP, 2 Oct, 2 juvs. (RNa, TR); 18+ (flock of 17+ plus another single), WR, 2 Oct, (TJW, TR, DM et al.); 1 flyover, WEP, 10 Oct, only heard da-REET call (TR); 1 flyover, WEP, 16 Oct, calling (TR). **Snowy Plover** – 58, Siltcoos R., 23 Nov, very high count for this species (CiB fide DL, KC). **Semipalmated Plover** – 200, WEP, 25 Aug (TR). **American Avocet** – 1-2, WEP, 20-30 Aug (RNa, TR et al.); 1, Bandon Marsh, Aug 21-11 Sep (DL, KC et al.). **Willet** – 2, NJF, 5 Aug (TM); 1, Bandon Marsh, 21 Aug (DL, KC); 4, Coos Bay, 16 Oct thru e.o.p.,
at their usual overwintering spot (TR).

**Wandering Tattler** – 1, NJF, 12 Aug (BST, ZS); 6, SJF, 21 Aug (NKS); 11, Bandon s. jetty area, 4 Sep (TR, KhT); 1, Bandon Marsh, 6 Oct (APa et al.); 1, SJF, 16 Oct (JSu, LJ).

**Whimbrel** – 300, SJF, 21 Sep, mud flats near crab dock (DiP).

**BAR-TAILED GODWIT** – 1, Harris Beach SP, CURR, 16-18 Oct (photos by JiA, DM), 1st CURR record.

**Marbled Godwit** – 3, Port Orford, 13 Sep (LMi); 500, SJF, 21 Sep, mud flats near crab dock (DiP); 12, WEP, 23 Sep (TR); 1, Bandon Marsh, 6 Oct (APa et al.); 17, Millicoma, 16 Oct (RNa); 40-50, Harris Beach SP, CURR, 16 Oct (JaA); a few at Millicoma thru e.o.p. (TR).

**Ruddy Turnstone** – 1, Siltcoos R., 15 Aug (RR).

**Red Knot** – 2, Bandon Marsh, 21 Aug (DL, KC); 12, Port Orford, 15 Sep (LMi).

**Long-billed Curlew** – 1, Harris Beach SP, CURR, 15 Oct (JaA).

**Lesser Yellowlegs** – 4, Bandon Marsh, 3 Aug, (RNa); 18, Bandon Marsh, 21 Aug, very large flock for COOS (DL, KC); 1, WEP, 2 Sep (TR); 1, SJF, 13 and/or 14 Sep (fide DiP).

**Solitary Sandpiper** – 2, Bandon Marsh, 22 Aug (KC); 1, Alder Dune Lake, LANE, 17-18 Sep (BST, ZS et al.).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** – 1-2, Bandon Marsh, 3-5 Aug, (TR, RNa); 1-2, WEP, 4-7 Aug (TR); 1, WEP, 16 Aug, (RNa); 1, WEP, 22 Aug (TR); 1, SJF, 4 Sep, crab dock area (ALC); 1, WEP, 11 Sep (TR); 1, Bandon Marsh, 11 Sep (RNa).

**Western Sandpiper** – 4000, Bandon Marsh, 6 Aug, (TR); 4000, NJF, 21 Aug, total number seen while walking 2 miles n. along beach (NKS); 4-5000, WEP, 25 Aug (TR).

**Least Sandpiper** – 600, Bandon Marsh, 6 Aug, (TR); 1500, WEP, 1 Oct (RNa, TR); 3000, WEP, 16 Oct (TR).

**Baird’s Sandpiper** – 1, SJF deflation plain, 9 Aug (BST, ZS); 1, WEP, 15 Aug (TR); 17, WEP, 16 Aug, very high number for COOS (RNa); 6, WEP, 19 Sep (RNa).

**Pectoral Sandpiper** – 1, WEP, 15 Aug (TR); 22, WEP, 2 Oct (TR).

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** – 2 juvs., WEP, 1 Oct (MiM, TR, photos by RNa).

**Dunlin** – 2, WEP, 18 Sep, first fall COOS record (RNa); 1, Florence, 20 Sep (BST); 1 “probable” Dunlin 40-60 miles off LANE, 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ); 1600, WEP, 16 Oct (TR).

**Curlew Sandpiper** – 1, NJF, 24 Nov, seen on beach with a large flock of Sanderling (M), very late fall record for this species.

**Stilt Sandpiper** – 1, SJF deflation plain, 17 Aug (BST, ZS); 6th Lane record; 1 juv, Bandon Marsh, 21 Aug (DL, KC).

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** – 1, WEP, 25 Aug-2 Sep, (RNa, TR et al.); 1, WR, 3 Sep (TJW), rare in CURR; 1, SJF, 9-13 Sep (DiP, BST, ZS); 1, WEP, Sep 13-19, (RNa, TR); 1, WEP, Sep 24-25, (TR) latest COOS date on record.

**Ruff** – 1 juv. f., WEP, 1-2 Oct (MiM, TR, photo by RNa); 1 f. (another reeve), WEP, 16 Oct (TR).

**Short-billed Dowitcher** – 200, Bandon Marsh, 21 Aug (DL, KC); 50, Bandon Marsh, 4 Sep, (TR);
2, WEP, 1 Oct (TR).

**Wilson’s Phalarope** – 1, WEP, 3 Aug (TR), latest juv. seen this breeding season.

**Red-necked Phalarope** – 390, WEP, 1 Sep, on old aeration pond (TR); 1, WEP, 7 Oct (RNA, TR); 1, Brookings, 10 Nov, mouth of Chetco R. (DM), latest CURR fall record to date.

**Red Phalarope** – 1, LP, 5 Sep (GG et al.); 4, CP, 10 Sep, (TR, SSH et al.); 3, WEP, 30 Nov (TR).

**Wilson’s Snipe** – 4, WEP, 25 Aug (TR), first fall COOS record; 1, WEP, 15 Aug, bird caught and killed by KC); 20, LP, 5 Sep (GG et al.).

**Heermann’s Gull** – 500, Cape Arago, 30 Oct, flying s. (DL); 1, Bob Creek, LANE, 15 Nov, last date noted (RR).

**Glaucous-winged Gull** – 1, SJF, 4 Sep, adult (ALC).

**California Gull** – 300+, WEP, 10 Oct, major movement of this species noted on this day (TR); 500, SJF, 25 Nov, large numbers still around (ALC).

**Bonaparte’s Gull** – 1, Bandon, 10 Aug, bird caught and killed by a peregrine (RNA); 1, WEP, 15 Aug (RR).

**Mew Gull** – 1, Empire area, 2 Aug, off Pigeon Point, very early (RNA).

**Herring Gull** – 5, 15 Sep, seen in several locations in CURR (NAMC fide JiR); 1, NJF, 23 Sep (BST, ZS); hundreds of Herring and California Gulls seen at various coastal locations in LANE 20 Nov (ALC).

**Thayer’s Gull** – 1, SJF, 22 Oct, adult at crab dock cove (ALC).

**Sabine’s Gull** – 1, NJ, 14 Aug, seen mid-day in dense fog (DL, KC); 20, LP, 5 Sep (GG et al.); 1, 40-60 miles off DOUG, 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ); 1, 40-60 miles off COOS, 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ).

**Black-legged Kittiwake** – 1, NJF, 16 Oct, first fall report (BST, ZS).

**Common Tern** – 1, Bandon Marsh, 4 Sep (TR).

**Marbled Murrelet** – 20, Paradise Pt., CURR, 20 Nov (DM).

**XANTUS’S MURRELET** – 1, 40 miles w. of Port Orford, 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ).

**KITTLITZ’S MURRELET** – 2, 93 miles w. of Florence, LANE, 7 Jul (PPy fide GG), late report included here to document; no accepted records yet in Oregon.

**South Polar Skua** – 1, LP, 5 Sep (GG et al.); 3, CP, 10 Sep, (RNA, SSH, TR et al.).

**Pomarine Jaeger** – 8, LP, 5 Sep (GG et al.); 5, CP, 10 Sep, (RNA, SSH, TR et al.); 2, 40-60 miles off CURR, 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ).

**Long-tailed Jaeger** – 10, LP, 5 Sep (GG et al.); 1, CP, 10 Sep, (TR); 1 off LANE, 3 off DOUG, 8 off COOS, and 12 off CURR, all 40-60 nm offshore 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ).

**Parasitic Jaeger** – 15, LP, 5 Sep (GG et al.); 2 off LANE, 2 off COOS, and 4 off CURR, all 40-60 nm offshore 20 Sep (JG, OS, TJ).

**Pigeon Guillemot** – 1, SJF, 12 Nov (ALC, VA); 3, Empire area, 26 Nov (TR, KhT).

**Cassin’s Auklet** – 4, Siltcoos R., 15 Aug (RR); 2, NSCB, 15 Aug (RR); 7, SJF, 14 Sep (LaM et al.); 8, CP, 10 Sep, (RNA, TR, SSH et al.).

**Rhinoceros Auklet** – 29, CP, 10 Sep, (RNA, TR, SSH et al.).

**EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE** – 1, WR, oversummering bird thru at least early Sep (TJW).

**Ringed Turtle-Dove** – 1, WR, early Oct (TJW). A Eurasian-collared Dove had been around earlier in the summer; any prospective collared-dove should be closely checked to rule out this species.

**SNOWY OWL** – 1, Bullard’s Beach SP, Bandon, first week of Nov thru 20 Nov (STB, GMo et al., photos by RNA), 9th COOS record; 1, WEP, 29 Nov thru e.o.p. (TR).

**Burrowing Owl** – 1, WR, 25 Sep thru 4 Oct (TJW, DM, TR et al.).

**Black Swift** – 1, Heceta Head, LANE, 14 Aug (PTS et al.), same area reported last summer, breeding nearby?

**COSTA’S HUMMINGBIRD** – 1 juv., Bandon, 7 Aug, coming to a feeder (DL, KC), 5th COOS record; 1 ad. m., North Bend, 26 Oct thru e.o.p., coming to same feeder for 3rd consecutive winter (BGe et al.).

**Rufous Hummingbird** – 1 m., Florence, 29 Oct (DiP, Anne Caples).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** – 2, NAMC, 15 Sep, one at residence and one at Harris Beach (DM).

**Willow Flycatcher** – 1, SJF, 16 Sep, at the dog pond (DFa).

**Dusky Flycatcher** – 1, SJF, 24 Aug, unusual location for this species (BST, ZS).

**CORDILLERAN FLYCATCHER** – 1 probable, WR, 10 Nov (video by TJW).

Identity of this late flycatcher was determined only after study of video and recorded

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calls. The audio spectrograph indicates it was definitely a “Western” and most likely a Cordilleran Flycatcher, according to researcher Arch McCallum. This would be a first record of Cordilleran Flycatcher anywhere on the s. coast.

Black Phoebe – 1, lower Siltcoos R., 24 Sep, (DFa), rare but increasing in w. LANE.

Say’s Phoebe – 1, WR, 7 Sep (TJW); 1, WR, 20-21 Oct (TJW); 1, WR, 20 Nov (TJW).

Tropical Kingbird – 1, Port Orford, 20 Oct (LMi); 1-2, WR, 21-22 Oct (TJW); 1, Lakeside COOS, 13 Nov (JRa).

Western Kingbird – 1, SfJ, 4 Sep (BST, ZS); 1, WEP, 9-11 Sep (PTS, RNa, TR et al.).

Northern Shrike – None noted anywhere on the s. coast thru e.o.p. (ALC, DM, TR), very unusual!

Loggerhead Shrike – 1, WR, 5 & 17 Sep (TJW).

Western Scrub-Jay – 4, Port Orford, 15-29 Sep (LMi); 3, WR, 17 Sep (TJW); 1, Lakeside, COOS, 18 Sep (JRa); 1 coming to a feeder in Blossom Gulch area, Coos Bay, 23 Sep (fide RNa); 1, WEP, 26 Sep (TR); 1, coming to a feeder in Bandon, 5 Nov (DL, KC); all reports unusual for coastal location.

Horned Lark – 2, Siltcoos R., 24 Sep, flyovers (ALC, VA, DFa); 1, WR, 2 & 12 Oct, probably different birds (TJW); 1, WR, 21 Oct (TJW).

Purple Martin – 200+, Florence, in Aug, large flocks in area (BST, ZS); 2, WEP, 11 Sep (TR, MD, MLD et al.), latest COOS record this fall.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1, WEP, 4 Sep (TR), first fall COOS record.

Western Bluebird – 12, WEP, 28 Oct, unusual coastal location (TR); 4, WEP, 18 Nov (TR).

Mountain Bluebird – 1, Elk R. Rd., CURR 19 Oct (fide LMi), 5th CURR record.

Swainson’s Thrush – 30, Coos Bay, 30 Aug (TR), first big pre-dawn movement noted.

Gray Catbird – 1, SfJ near the dog pond, 4 Sep (ALC), 2nd LANE record; 1, NSCB, 15 Sep, heard calling in dense brush across from BLM boat ramp (TR), 2nd COOS record. All 3 coastal OR records of this species are from 2005 (TR).

Northern Mockingbird – 1, Cape
Blanco, 15 Sep, in beaver marsh before Hughes House (LMi).

**American Pipit** – 1, Bandon Marsh, 24 Aug (RNa), earliest fall COOS record; a few, Florence, 4 Sep (ALC); 500, WEP, 16 Oct (TR).

**Sprague’s Pipit** – 1, WR, 1 Oct, with photos (TJW), 1st Oregon record.

**Nashville Warbler** – 1, WEP, 16-18 Nov (TR).

**American Pipit** – 1, Bandon Marsh, 24 Aug (RNa), earliest fall COOS record; a few, Florence, 4 Sep (ALC); 500, WEP, 16 Oct (TR).

**Yellow Warbler** – 21, NAMC, 17 Sep, unusual high number found in Brookings/Gold Beach area (DM).

**Florida Warbler** – 2, “Myrtle” form, WEP, 23 Sep, first Myrtles of the fall (TR).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** – 1, Millicoma, 22 Nov (TR), very late bird.

**Palm Warbler** – 2, SJF near “dotterel dike,” 6 Oct (ALC); 1, WR, 10 Oct, first of the season at this location where multiple birds are the norm (TJW); 3, WEP, 11 Oct (SWi); 2, SJF, 22 Oct (ALC); 1, Brookings, 28 Oct (ShC); 3, Floras L., 30 Oct (TR).

**Black-and-white Warbler** – 1, Coos Bay, 18 Sep, at a private residence in Green Acres, well-described (LGr); last COOS record was in 1981.

**MacGillivray’s Warbler** – 1, Brookings, 7 Nov (ShC), very late date.

**Common Yellowthroat** – 1, SJF deflation plain, 16 Oct (ALC).

**Western Tanager** – 1, Brookings, 15 Oct (DM), latest date this fall.

**Swamp Sparrow** – 1, Floras L., 30 Oct (TR); 1, Millicoma, 3 Nov (TR).

**White-throated Sparrow** – 1 coming to feeder, Brookings, 14 Oct (DM); 1, Millicoma, 22 Oct (RNa); 1 coming to feeder, Florence, 23 Oct (DiP); 5, Millicoma, 26 Nov (TR).

**Sprague’s Pipit** – 1, WR, 1 Oct, with photos (TJW), 1st Oregon record.

**Clay-colored Sparrow** – 1, SJF, 7 Oct, near end of road (DiP); 2, Millicoma, 12 Nov thru e.o.p. (MLF, EHe et al., photo by RNa).

**Harris’ Sparrow** – 1st winter bird, Millicoma, 22 Nov thru e.o.p. (TR et al.).

**Clay-colored Sparrow** – 1, SJF, 7 Oct, near end of road (DiP); 2, Millicoma, 12 Nov thru e.o.p. (MLF, EHe et al., photo by RNa).

**Lark Sparrow** – 1, WR, 12 Sep, almost annual at this site (TJW); 1, WR, 29-30 Oct (TJW); 1, Millicoma, 3-6 Nov (TR, photo by RNa), 5th COOS record; 1, WR, 16 Nov (TJW); 1 imm., WR, 19 Nov, different than the bird on the 16th (TJW).

**American Tree Sparrow** – 1, SJF along “dotterel dike,” 6 Oct (ALC), apparently the earliest fall record for Oregon.

**Lapland Longspur** – 2, WEP, 11-12 Sep (MD, MLD, TR et al.), earliest fall COOS record I am aware of; 1, WEP, 18 Sep (RNa); 3, SJF, 14 Sep (LaM et al.); 2-3, WR, mid-Sep, seen off and on but only in small numbers (TJW); 5, New Lake area, COOS, mid-Sep (fide TJW); 1, WEP, 23 Sep (TR); 1, SJF deflation plain, 24 Sep (ALC, DFa, VA); 2, WR, 2 Oct (TJW et al.); 3-10, WEP, 5-10 Oct (RNa, TR); 1, SJF deflation plain, 16 Oct (JSu, LJ); 15, WEP, 16 Oct (TR), highest total in COOS this fall; 10-15, WR, 20-21 Oct (TJW); 5-9, WEP, 1-2 Nov (TR); 1, Bullard’s Beach SP, Bandon, 20 Nov (RNa).

**Snow Bunting** – 1, NSCB, 30 Nov, at s. end of spit in recently plowed Snowy Plover area (MVH).

**Blue Grosbeak** – 1, Brookings, 20-26 Sep, imm. m. or ad. f. coming to a feeder (BuS, photos by DM), 1st CURR record.

**Bobolink** – 1, WEP, 23-25 Sep (RNa, TR), 7th COOS record.

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** – 1-2, WR, 30 Sep thru 13 Oct (TJW); 1, WR, 20-21 Oct (TJW); 1 flyover, WEP, 22 Oct (TR).

**Lesser Goldfinch** – 1, Siltcoos Lake, LANE, 14 Sep (LaM et al.); 1, North Bend BLM office, 20 Nov (TR), unusual location; 1, Millicoma, 26 Nov (TR), unusual location.

**American Goldfinch** – 400, SJF along “dotterel dike”, 4 Sep (ALC).
**Portland Metro Field Notes: Fall 2005**

*Compiled by Erik Knight*

**Abbreviations:**
- PDX = Portland International Airport, MULT
- PM = Pittock Mansion & vicinity, Portland, MULT
- SI = Sauvie Island, MULT/COLU
- TRNWR = Tualatin R. NWR, WASH

**Counties:** CLAC = Clackamas; COLU = Columbia; MULT = Multnomah; WASH = Washington.

**Frequently cited locations:** Fernhill (Wetl.), WASH; Hagg L, WASH; Jackson Bot., WASH; Molalla STP, CLAC; Mt Tabor, MULT; Portland, MULT; Powell Bt., MULT; Sandy R. Delta, MULT; Smith/Bybee L., MULT; Vanport (Wetl.), MULT.

**Greater White-fronted Goose**
- 3 Fernhill 17 Sep (GG), 12 there 5 Oct (BiC). 150 SI 18 Sep (JG).
- 50 TRNWR 5 Oct (PJ).

**Greater White-fronted x Canada Goose**
- 1 Fernhill 5 Oct (JR); 1 Vanport 10 Sep (SJa).

**Snow Goose**
- 1 Vanport 10 Sep (SJa). 40 SI COLU 26 Nov (SJa).
- Juv. Fernhill 27 Nov (EK p. ob.).

**Cackling Goose**
- 1 Fernhill 4 Sep (JWi), 2000 there 5 Oct (BiC).
- Several sw. Portland 22 Sep (JWi), 149 there 5 Nov (JWi).

**Brant**
- 9 Hagg L. 6 Nov (JeH).

**Eurasian Wigeon**
- 1 m. Smith/Bybee L. 21 Oct (JoF).
- 1 m. Fernhill 9 Nov (SeC).

**Cinnamon Teal**
- 1 Smith/Bybee L. 3 Nov (ToM).

**Blue-winged Teal**
- 1 m. Tigard WASH 15 Oct (DR).

**Redhead**
- 1 Force L. MULT 3 Nov (ToM).

**Greater Scaup**

**Barrow’s Goldeneye** – 30 adults Eagle Creek MULT 19-26 Nov (JFi p.c.).

**White-winged Scoter**
- 1 m. Eagle Creek MULT 7 Nov (THe).

**Common Loon**
- Pair Timothy Lake CLAC 21 Sep (ES p.c.). 1 flyover sw. Portland 5 Nov (JWi).
- 1 Jackson Bot. 6 Nov (AA). 1 Hagg L. 27 Nov (GG).

**Pacific Loon**
- 1 PDX 20 Nov (LR).

**Red-throated Loon**
- 1 flyover sw. Portland 5 Nov (JWi).

**Eared Grebe**
- Pair Fernhill 30 Oct (ToM). 1 Eagle Creek MULT 24 Oct (JFi p.c.).

**Horned Grebe**

**Red-necked Grebe**
- Juv. Eagle Creek MULT 7 Nov (THe).

**Western Grebe**
- 4 Timothy Lake CLAC 14 Sep (NaW, ES).

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American White Pelican – 10 SI MULT/COLU 29 Aug-20 Sep (DR, m. ob.), 20 there 22 Sep (BiC). 12 Smith/Bybee L. 18 Sep (AnF).


Green Heron – 7 Fernhill 16 Sep (GG).

Black-crowned Night-Heron – 1 Fernhill 4 Sep (JWi), 6 there 5 Oct (BiC). 3 flyover PM 3 Aug (WG).


“Harlan’s” Red-tailed Hawk – Light-morph ad. PDX 27 Nov (DHz).

Red-shouldered Hawk – Adult Smith/Bybee L. 3 Nov (ToM).


Swainson’s Hawk – 1 SI COLU 23-26 Sep (HBN, AA).

Northern Goshawk – Juv. pair PM 11 Aug (WG).


Prairie Falcon – Pair Mt Hood CLAC 28 Aug (DHz), 1 there 15 Sep (NaW, ES).


Black-bellied Plover – 1 SI MULT 15 Sep (IT), 12 there 22 Sep (JWi).


Least Sandpiper – 300 SI COLU 10 Aug (MkM).


Western Sandpiper – 400 SI COLU 10 Aug (MkM).


Solitary Sandpiper – 1 SI COLU 14 Aug (JG, OS).


Western Gull – 1 Fernhill 3 Nov (HBN). Imm. Westmoreland Park MULT 10 Nov (LR).


Sabine’s Gull – 4 SI MULT/ COLU 15-25 Sep (IT, m. ob.), 1 there 25-29 Sep (IT, m. ob.).

Forster’s Tern – 1 Fernhill 29 Aug (DR).

Short-eared Owl – 1 SI MULT 23 Sep (WG).

Snowy Owl – Injured HY bird at Tualatin CLAC 18 Nov (JiHa, MAS, m. ob.) was found dead 19 Nov (TL). 1 PDX 27-30 Nov (DHz, KTr, m. ob.).

Common Nighthawk – 1 flyover se. Portland 12 Sep (PO).

Black Swift – 1 Smith L. 11 Sep (JGa).

Acorn Woodpecker – 1 SI MULT 8 Sep (HFz). 1 Fernhill 17 Sep (GG).

Western Wood-Pewee – 1 PM 22 Sep (WG).

Willow Flycatcher – 1 Oak Bot. 20 Sep (EK p. ob.).

Olive-sided Flycatcher – 1 PM 23 Sep (WG).

Hammond’s Flycatcher – 1 Mt. Tabor 14 Sep (GL). 1 PM 11 Sep & 4-5 Oct (WG).

Say’s Phoebe – 1 Little Crater Lake CLAC 21 Sep (ES p.c.). 1 Tanner Bt. MULT 22-23 Sep (IT).

Eastern Kingbird – 1 Sherwood WASH 12 Sep (DR).

Northern Shrike – 1 Powell Bt. 10-21 Nov (ScC, BrQ). 1 Troutdale MULT 29 Nov (KTr).

Clark’s Nutcracker – 4 Larch Mtn. MULT 14 Sep (WG, AnF). 1
Tanner Bt. MULT 22-23 Sep (IT).

**Black-billed Magpie** – 1 ne.
Portland 20 Aug (GL, JG), seen again on 15 Dec (M Gn).

**Common Raven** – Pair Bybee L. 4 Nov (ESt).

**Horned Lark** – 70 Rivergate/Marine Dr MULT 20 Oct (R Mo).

**Violet-green Swallow** – 20 PM 7 Oct (WG).


**Bank Swallow** – 1 SI MULT 15 Sep (IT).

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 1 PM 3 Sep (WG).


**Nashville Warbler** – 1 Vanport 9 Sep (AnF).

**MacGillivray’s Warbler** – 1 Smith/Bybee L. 11 Sep (JGa).

**Wilson’s Warbler** – 1 Eastmoreland Park MULT 24 Nov (H BN).


**Hermit Warbler** – Pair PM 4 Aug thru 1 Sep (WG), 10 there 14 Sep (WG).

**Western Tanager** – Pair PM 3 Oct (WG).

**American Tree Sparrow** – 1 Jackson Bot. 23-30 Oct (EK p. ob., JWi, m. ob.).

**Chipping Sparrow** – 1 HY sw. Portland 21 Sep (M Ma).

**Lark Sparrow** – 1 Marine Dr MULT 31 Aug (JFi, IT).

**Lincoln’s Sparrow** – 1 Jackson Bot. 28 Aug (EK p. ob.). 1 PM 4 Oct (WG).


**Dark-eyed “Slate-colored” Junco** – HY m. Portland 30 Sep (JR). 1 PM 26 Oct (WG).

**Lapland Longspur** – 2 Rivergate/Marine Dr MULT 13 Oct (IT).

**Pine Siskin** – 25 PM 17 Oct (WG).

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Abbreviations:
ANWR Ankeny NWR, MARI
BSNWR Baskett Slough NWR, POLK
EEW E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, BENT
FNWR Finley NWR, BENT
FRR Fern Ridge Res. & vicinity, LANE

Counties: BENT = Benton; LANE = Lane; LINN = Linn; MARI = Marion; POLK = Polk; YAMH = Yamhill.

Frequently cited locations: Coffin Butte, BENT; Corvallis, BENT; Eugene, LANE; Foster Res., LINN; Hills Cr. Dam, LANE; Mary’s Peak, BENT; Monmouth (& STP), POLK; Peoria, LINN; Philomath (& STP), BENT; Salem, MARI; Springfield, LANE; Stewart L. (in Corvallis), BENT.

Greater White-fronted Goose – One was in Eugene 21 Sep (SMc). A flock flew s. over Tangent, LINN 1 Oct (FSh).

Snow Goose – Singles were at ANWR 23 Oct (NKS, KIF, MiD, JSL), at BSNWR 18 Nov (TL), and near Eugene 26-30 Nov (VA; KLa; RR).

Cackling Goose – First of season were at BSNWR 23 Sep (BeY); 5700 were along Cantrell Rd. near Eugene 13 Nov (EY). Trumpeter Swan – Seven were near Airlie POLK 27 Nov (DBa, BSc, KCw), where a flock winters annually.

Tundra Swan – A flightless ad. seen at McFadden Marsh, FNWR 10 Sep (MiD) thru 3 Oct when found dead (NKS) was presumably the same injured bird that was there thru late spring. Three at ANWR 23 Oct (NKS et al.) were the first fall arrivals.

Gadwall – Five at BSNWR 2 Sep (EK) were the first of season. European Wigeon – One was at BSNWR 13 Nov (EK).

American Wigeon – First of season were at BSNWR 25 Aug (BeY).

Blue-winged Teal – Noted at ANWR 17 Aug (BeY), one at FRR 21 Aug (VA), and m. with two f./imm. at Philomath STP 13 Sep (RAr).

Cinnamon Teal – 30 at FRR 24 Aug (RR) was a high count. Noted thru 23 Sep at BSNWR (BeY).

Northern Shoveler – First of season were at ANWR 17 Aug (BeY). 210 were at Philomath STP by 17 Oct (NKS).

Northern Pintail – First of season were at ANWR 17 Aug (BeY). 153 were there by 30 Oct (EK).

Falcated Duck – A drake showed up near Coburg LANE by 18 Nov (PPe), at the same recreational vehicle park pond where one has wintered in recent years, and remained thru e.o.p. (RR; KLa).

Green-winged Teal – First migrants noted at ANWR by 17 Aug (BeY).

Canvasback – The first of season was at Philomath STP 14 Oct, increasing to three by 17 Oct (NKS). Several were also at Stewart L. 22-24 Oct (MiD; RAr) and Stahlbusch Island LINN 25 Oct (PV). 15 in the latter
area 12 Nov (PV) was a large
centration for the mid-valley. **Redhead** – One was at FRR
21 Aug (VA). A pair were at
Philomath STP 4-17 Oct (NKS et
al.). Two m. were at Stewart L. 31
Oct (GWe, JaS).

**Ring-necked Duck** – Two m.
 at Stewart L. 19 Sep (JaS) were
the first of season. 200 were on
Dexter Res. 30 Oct. (RR).

**Greater Scaup** – First fall
migrant was at BSNWR 17 Sep
(RGe, BeY). 20 at Philomath STP
23 Oct (JFo) were a large flock for
the mid-valley.

**Lesser Scaup** – First of season
was at Philomath STP 19 Sep
(NKS).

**Harlequin Duck** – A pair on
Quartzville Cr. 3 Aug (HH) was
very unusual as drakes normally
leave for the ocean well before
Aug (fide SD).

**Surf Scoter** – Rare but regular
as an overland migrant, a f./imm.
was at Philomath STP 7 Oct
(NKS) with four there by 11 Oct
(NKS). Six were on Big L. in the
Cascades LINN 12 Oct (RCa). A
straggler was at Philomath STP 5
Nov (NKS).

**White-winged Scoter** – Three
were on Foster Res. 22 Oct (JHa).

**Bufflehead** – First of season
noted 23 Sep at BSNWR (BeY).

**Barrow’s Goldeneye** – Noted at
Foster Res., a regular wintering
spot, by 22 Oct (JHa).

**Red-breasted Merganser** – Rare
inland, a well-described f. was at
Pioneer Villa ponds LINN 12 Oct
(RCa, MNi).

**Ruddy Duck** – Five juvs.
were with an ad. f. at a wetland
restoration n. of BSNWR 10 Aug
(RGe).

**Blue Grouse** – An ad. hen with
about twelve fledged, half-grown
juveniles were atop Mary’s Peak
11 Aug (RAr).

**Wild Turkey** – A poult estimated
to be 3-4 weeks old was with
a flock sw. of FNWR 13 Sep,
suggesting a very late date for
fertile egg-laying (MiD).

**Common Loon** – Two were on
Foster Res. 21 Sep (JGa).

**Red-necked Grebe** – Rare inland,
one was at FRR 12 Oct (RR).

**Horned Grebe** – First inland
migrant was at BSNWR 17 Sep
(RGe, RSw, BeY). Small numbers
were seen there and other favored
water bodies – Philomath STP,
Foster Res., & ANWR – in the
mid-valley thru 13 Nov (EK et
al.). One on Big L. LINN 12 Oct
(RCa) was the only report from
the Cascades.

**Eared Grebe** – An early migrant
was at BSNWR 11 Sep (JeH).
Two to four were at Philomath
STP 11 Oct thru 7 Nov (NKS;
RR). One was on Big L. LINN
12 Oct (RCa). One at BSNWR 13
Nov (EK) was the last report.

**Western Grebe** – Migrants were
noted 17 Sep thru 12 Nov, with
peak counts of 7 on Foster Res.
21 Sep (JGa), 7 on Big L. 12 Oct
(RCa), and 5 at Stahlbusch Island
LINN 12 Nov (PV).

**American White Pelican** – 20
which gathered at BSNWR in
Jun-Jul continued thru 11 Aug (m.
ob.). 35 continued at FRR thru 6
Sep (VA), with some continuing
thru 16 Oct (MtP).

**American Bittern** – Last report
of season was of two at BSNWR
17 Sep (RGe, RSw, BeY).

**Snowy Egret** – One was at
Coburg LANE 25 Nov (MM).

**Green Heron** – A late bird was
at Alton Baker Park in Eugene 12
Nov (RR).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** – A
juvenile was at FNWR 12 Aug
(NaR), and two were there 17 Sep
(MC, PV). One was at FRR 17 &
24 Aug (RR), with two there 21
Aug (VA).

**Turkey Vulture** – Passage of
southbound migrant “kettles”
peaked in mid-Sep, with 45
at FRR 9 Sep (KLa), 45 near
Brownsville 16 Sep (M Ni) and
55+ w. of Lebanon 18 Sep (RGe).
A straggler was at FRR 25 Nov
(RR).

**Osprey** – A late bird flew
past Peoria 20 Oct (RCa).

**Red-shouldered Hawk** – Four
calling and begging juvs., two of
which were being fed by an ad.,
were w. of Junction City LANE
21 Aug (TS e). One was near
Buena Vista 17 Sep (RGe) as this
species continues to expand in
POLK.

**BROAD-WINGED HAWK** – A
hawk showing all field marks of
this species was foraging along
the slopes of Baskett Butte POLK
10 Sep (HBN).

**Swainson’s Hawk** – Four juvs.
were reportedly foraging on the
ground in a disked field near
BSNWR and one was e. of
Brooks MARI 6 Sep (fide ALC).

**“Harlan’s” Red-tailed Hawk**
One was n. of BSNWR POLK 23 Oct (NKS, KIF, MiD, JSL).

Red-tailed Hawk – High numbers were reported on raptor surveys in BENT and LINN in early Nov (MC; RCa), taking advantage of a vole population which peaked this year.

Ferruginous Hawk – One was in w. Eugene 27 Nov (RR).

Rough-legged Hawk – First of season were at FNWR 18 Oct (SGo) and near Junction City LANE 21 Oct (TSe).

Golden Eagle – One was at BSNWR 17 Sep (RGe, RSw, BeY). One was also seen there 26 Nov (BeY).

Merlin – First of season was in LANE 17 Sep (NAMC fide BaC). One of the columbarius ssp. which is rare in our area, probably a f., perched at Stewart L. 1 Nov (JaS).

Peregrine Falcon – An ad. was w. of Junction City LANE 5 Aug (TSe); single birds were seen at widespread locations thru the remainder of the period.

Prairie Falcon – Singles were seen occasionally around FRR 2 Aug thru 26 Nov, around FNWR 17 Sep thru 18 Oct (MC; MiD; SGo), along Davis Rd. LINN 6-12 Nov (JHa; BA; JaS), and near Peoria 13-24 Nov (RGe; RCa).

Sora – One at ANWR 20 Oct (BeY) was last report of season.

Sandhill Crane – 150 southbound birds passed e. of Scio (PWa) and a flock of 75 passed over McDowell Cr. SP farther s. in LINN 11 Oct (PWa; JoG). 70 flew over e. Springfield 7 Nov (GGr). A straggler flew low over Dundee YAMH 22 Nov (DoA).

Black-bellied Plover – Two were at FRR 14 Aug (VA). 130+ were there 1 Oct (DI, JBr).

American Golden-Plover – One was at FRR 3-5 Oct (JSu; VA; RR).

Pacific Golden-Plover – One was at FRR 22 & 24 Oct (RR). An imm. was at BSNWR 11 Sep (BTi). Two were at FRR 3-5 & 12 Oct (JSu; VA).

Semipalmed Plover – Southbound migration which began in July continued with a peak count of 150 at FRR 22 Aug (RR). Two at BSNWR 17 Sep (RGe, RSw, BeY) were the last reported.

Greater Yellowlegs – 47 along Greenhill Rd. LANE 25 Nov (RR) was a high count.

Lesser Yellowlegs – High counts were six at FRR 2 Aug (ECa) and five at BSNWR 5 Sep (RGe). Lone stragglers were at Toketie Marsh BENT 3 Oct (p. ob.) and FRR 5 Oct (RR).

Solitary Sandpiper – Single birds were at FNWR 12 Aug (NaR), FRR 13 Aug (PSh), s. of Monmouth 21 Aug (MLi), at Camp Adair BENT 23-26 Aug (p. ob.; AMc), at FRR 30 Aug (DFa), and at BSNWR 2 Sep (EK).

Willet – One was at FRR 14 Aug (DI, JBr) and 21 Aug (RR; VA).

Spotted Sandpiper – A migrant/dispersant visited Stewart L. 12 Aug (JaS).

Whimbrel – A migrant flock of 15 near Griggs LINN 1 Sep (BT) was a rare occurrence for the valley.

Marbled Godwit – One was at BSNWR 13 Aug (BeY).

Long-billed Curlew – One was at FRR 14 Aug (DI).

Sanderling – Rare inland, three were at FRR 24 Aug (JDa).

Semipalmated Sandpiper – Single juvs. were at BSNWR 12 Aug (RMo, SzA) and s. of Monmouth 23 Aug (MLi). One was at FRR 31 Aug (LaM).

Western Sandpiper – Three high-elevation migrants were in the crater area on South Sister LANE 13 Aug (SDo). At lower elevations, late sightings included a small flock along McLagan Rd. LINN 12 Nov (BA) and one in w. Eugene 25 Nov (RR).

Baird’s Sandpiper – First arrivals were one juv. at FNWR 12 Aug and two juvs. at FNWR 13 Aug (RMo, SzA) and five s. of Monmouth 13 Aug (MLi). Last report was one at FRR 5 Oct (LaM, RR).

Pectoral Sandpiper – An early arrival was at FRR 3 Aug (LaM). The main passage began with one at FRR 21-22 Aug (RR; DI) with high counts of 12 at Pioneer Villa LINN 16-18 Sep (MNi; RGe), 10 at BSNWR 24 Sep (RMo) and 32 at FRR 3 Oct (JSu). 12 to 15 were still at FRR 5 Oct (RR).

Dunlin – First reported were 15+ at FRR 12 Oct (LaM). Flocks of 1000+ were at ANWR by 11 Nov and near Fayetteville, LINN by 12 Nov (PV).

Stilt Sandpiper – One was at FRR 22 Aug (NSe, DI, DA).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper – One briefly visited a wetland s. of Monmouth 30 Aug (MLi).

Ruff – One in basic plumage was at BSNWR 5 Sep (RGe).

Short-billed Dowitcher – One was at FRR 14 Aug (VA). 11+
juvs. were at FRR by 22 Aug (DI). Last report was three juvs. s. of Monmouth 5 Sep (MLi).

**Wilson’s Snipe** – Migrant flocks began to arrive at EEW by 15 Sep (RaF).

**Wilson’s Phalarope** – Single juvs. were at FRR 2 Aug (ECa) and at BSNWR 13 Aug (BeY). One s. of Monmouth 22 Aug (MLi) was the last report of the season.

**Red-necked Phalarope** – First of season was at BSNWR 14 Aug (RGe). One flock of 14 s. of Monmouth 25 Aug (MLi) accounted for all but six of the migrants reported in the region this fall. The last straggler was at Philomath STP 6 Nov (KIF, JSL).

**Bonaparte’s Gull** – A total of five were seen: one at FRR 13 Aug (PSh), one at FRR 12 Oct (RR), one at Philomath STP 6 Nov (KIF, JSL), and two on Stahlbusch Island LINN 12 Nov (PV).

**Western Gull** – Rare in the valley, two “clean” ads. were at Philomath STP 1 Nov (NKS).

**Glaucous Gull** – One in SY plumage was near Eugene airport 25 Nov (RR).

**Mew Gull** – 50+ were along the Willamette R. at the Valley River Center LANE 9 Nov (DDe).

**Caspian Tern** – One was at BSNWR 10 & 25 Aug (RGe; BeY). A late bird was at FRR 12 Oct (LaM et al.).

**Black Tern** – Last report of season was 30+ at FRR 3 Aug (LaM).

**Band-tailed Pigeon** – Last reports of season were 40 in Springfield 26 Oct and 30 at Dexter Res. 30 Oct (RR).

**Barn Owl** – A pair s. of Monmouth continued a second nesting attempt, with three chicks and incubation of five more eggs ongoing as of 22 Aug (MLi).

**Burrowing Owl** – One was at a traditional wintering spot near Peoria 20 Oct; owls seen at two other nearby spots 10-23 Nov may have been the same bird (RCA).

**Barred Owl** – Detections of this expanding species included one along the Marys R. w. of Philomath 14 Oct (LCa) and one in Eugene 7 Nov (MaP).

**Short-eared Owl** – One was near the Halsey paper mill LINN 18 Sep (RGe). Nine were along the n. end of Livermore Rd. POLK 19 Nov (BeY). Three were near Peoria 24 Nov: two along Davis Rd. and one along Linn County Rd. where up to three were present thru the summer (RCA).

**Common Nighthawk** – One was over downtown Eugene 22 Oct (MM).

**Common Poorwill** – One was found sleeping on a 3rd floor concrete walkway between buildings at Willamette University in Salem 13 Oct (DPC).

**Black Swift** – A climber reported an apparent Black Swift which flew past him on the w. face of Three Fingereed Jack LINN 29 Oct (AIT). The record late dates for Oregon and Washington were 11 Oct and 13 Oct, respectively. The observer indicated familiarity with Merlins which were migrating thru the Cascades at the time.

**Vaux’s Swift** – An estimated 10,000 to 12,000 funneled into the chimney of Agate Hall on the U of O campus Eugene 1 Sep (DDe). The latest report was from Neck Rd., YAMH 30 Sep (DoA).

**Anna’s Hummingbird** – A true albino with pink bill and feet visited a feeder near Lewisburg BENT for several days around 2

*Great Gray Owl, 6 November 2005, Silver Falls State Park, Marion Co. Photo/S. Dowlan*
Aug (MC).

**Rufous Hummingbird** – A late bird was in Eugene 10 Oct (RR).

**Lewis’s Woodpecker** – One fed on hawthorn berries near Griggs LINN 3 Sep (BT). One flew across Hwy 20 just w. of Philomath 17 Sep (BaC, RGa).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** – One was reported in LANE 17 Sep (NAMC *fide* BaC).

**Western Wood-Pewee** – The last report of the season was one along Oak Creek BENT 2 Oct (BPr, LPr).

**Willow Flycatcher** – The last report was one at BSNWR 11 Sep (JbH).

**Hammond’s Flycatcher** – One was on the YAMH side of Mt. Hebo 17 Sep (QN). A late *Empidonax* sp. judged to be of this species was near Leaburg 24 Nov (AR).

**Pacific-slope Flycatcher** – Two non-vocal “Westerns” presumed to be of this species were foraging in a locust tree at EEW 14 Sep (p. ob.). Six were in LANE 17 Sep (NAMC *fide* BaC).

**Western Kingbird** – One was at FRR 17 Aug (DI, JBr).

**Black Phoebe** – Singles were seen at locations where this species is becoming regular: in YAMH along the Willamette R. e. of Dayton 14 Aug (DoA), in LINN at Snag Boat Bend 18 Aug (NaR) and in Albany (juv.) 19 Aug (PhB), in BENT at Monroe STP 22 Oct (NKS, KIF, MiD, JSL), in POLK just n. of BSNWR 23 Oct & 18 Nov (NKS *et al.*; TL), and in LANE on Cantrell Rd. 13 Nov (RR), at Delta Ponds 26 Nov (BFi) and at FRR 27 Nov (JoH, DTu).

**Say’s Phoebe** – Single migrants were w. of Perrydale POLK 30 Oct (BTi) and near Fayetteville LINN 12 Nov (PV; JaS).

**Loggerhead Shrike** – One was on Farmer Rd. POLK 10-11 Sep (HBN; BTi). One was on the e. flank of Ward Butte LINN 20 Oct & 10 Nov (RCa).

**Northern Shrike** – First arrival was 9 Oct at FRR (TMa, SuB). The only other reports for the period were of singles at FNWR 24 Oct & 2 Nov (RyK; p. ob.), around FRR 13 & 30 Nov (RR; KL), and in s. Corvallis 20-30 Nov (KNe, WWr).

**Cassin’s Vireo** – Last report was one at FNWR 20 Sep (MiD).

**BLUE-HEADED VIREO** – A carefully described individual was on Coffin Butte 11 Aug (TSn). A similar bird seen briefly there 24 Aug (p. ob.) may have been the same bird.

**Warbling Vireo** – Last reports were in LANE and on Coffin Butte 17 Sep (NAMC *fide* BaC; p. ob.).

**Blue Jay** – One was reported from Waldo L. LANE 30 Oct (*fide* VA). One was along Peoria Rd. 7-13 Nov (JbF; m. ob.).

**Western Scrub-Jay** – An unusually large flock of 40 flew s. along the base of the Coburg Hills n. of Brownsville 3 Sep (TSn).

**Horned Lark** – A flock of 70-80 of the endemic ssp. *strigata* was n. of BSNWR 12 Aug (RMo, SzA). One was at FRR 25 Aug (DFA). Two large, pale larks, apparently migrants of ssp. *albicola* were atop Mary’s Peak 22 Oct (NKS *et al.*). 41 larks were near Eugene airport 13 Nov (RR).

**Purple Martin** – One was at Adair Village BENT 5 Aug (STD *fide* DBo). Fifty were still at the FRR colony 31 Aug (LaM). One was near Fort Hill POLK 2 Sep (FSc), 3 miles n. of where 6 to 8 were using natural cavities.
earlier in the year (fide RGe).

**Tree Swallow** – A straggler was at ANWR 5 Nov (RGe).

**Violet-green Swallow** – An albino was at FRR 24 Aug (RR). Thousands were staging at BSNWR 24 Sep (RMo). A few stragglers were at ANWR 14 Oct (MK).

**Bank Swallow** – One was perched at FNWR 4 Sep (MC, PV).

**Cliff Swallow** – A straggler was at FRR 1 Oct (DI, JBr).

**Barn Swallow** – Many tens of thousands staged along the Willamette R. YAMH by 13 Sep (FSc). A late flock of 30 were at ANWR 23 Oct (NKS et al.).

**House Wren** – Two late migrants were in Corvallis 6 Oct (NAr, RAr).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – One on Coffin Butte 12 Aug (PGA) was an unusually early fall report. Another at BSNWR 11 Sep (JeH) was slightly ahead of the usual fall arrival date.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – One seen on Coffin Butte 9 Aug (LFr, MiD) and heard 11 Aug (p. ob.) was the first BENT record.

**Swainson’s Thrush** – Nocturnal migrants were first noted 29 Aug over Corvallis (HH). A late migrant fed on dogwood berries in Eugene 20 Oct (LaM).

**American Pipit** – An early migrant was atop Mary’s Peak BENT 27 Aug (CBo). Large flocks included 130 along Greenberry Rd. BENT 4 Nov (p. ob.) and hundreds s. of Seward Rd. LINN 12 Nov (BA).

**Orange-crowned Warbler** – A drab, gray-headed bird, apparently ssp. oreestera, was at EEW 15 Sep (p. ob.). A lingering bird was along the McKenzie R. in Springfield 7 Nov (RR).

**Nashville Warbler** – A bright male was at Coffin Butte 10 Aug (p. ob.). One was on Skinner Butte LANE 17 Sep (TM). One was at Valley River Center, Eugene 13 Nov (DCI).

**Yellow Warbler** – Two late migrants were at Alton Baker Park Eugene 28 Sep (LaM).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** – Last report was one at FNWR 7 Oct (MiD).

**Palm Warbler** – Single migrants were at FRR 5 Oct (LaM) and EEW 12 Oct (p. ob.).

**MacGillivray’s Warbler** – Last report was in Eugene 14 Aug (VA).

**Common Yellowthroat** – Last reports were 7 Oct at Philomath STP and Jackson-Frazier Wetlands BENT (NKS; RAr).

**Wilson’s Warbler** – Last report was one at Alton Baker Park, Eugene 28 Sep (LaM).

**Yellow-breasted Chat** – Last report was on Mt. Baldy in s. Eugene 12 Sep (RSi).

**Western Tanager** – A straggler was in sw. Eugene 31 Oct (SGo).

**Swainson’s Thrush** – A straggler was at Alton Baker Park in Eugene 2 Sep (VA).

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** – A late bird was with a mixed starling/blackbird flock along Green Valley Rd. LINN 12 Nov (BA).

**Lazuli Bunting** – Last of season were two fem./imm. at Hills Creek Dam 1 Sep (DFa).

**Western Meadowlark** – A migrant was at Alton Baker Park in Eugene 2 Sep (VA).

**Lark Bunting** – An ad. f. was photographed at BSNWR 13 Aug (BeY).

**Savannah Sparrow** – A migrant of the locally nesting ssp. was atop Mary’s Peak 11 Oct (p. ob.).

**Fox Sparrow** – First fall migrant was in Eugene 11 Sep (ALC).

**Lincoln’s Sparrow** – First fall migrant was at FRR 31 Aug (LaM).

**Swamp Sparrow** – One was in Peoria 20 Nov (RCa).

**White-throated Sparrow** – First arrivals 8 Oct w. of Corvallis (BPr, LPr).

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** – First arrivals 7 Sep in nw. Corvallis (JaS).

**Slate-colored (Dark-eyed) Junco** – First arrival was 12 Oct at EEW (p. ob.).

**Lapland Longspur** – One was at FRR 22 Oct (DFa). One was with a large flock of Horned Larks and American Pipits se. of Peoria 10 Nov (MiNi).

**Snow Bunting** – One was atop Mary’s Peak BENT 2 & 18 Nov (p. ob.; NKS). One was in a field e. of Turner MARI 5 Nov (RGe).

**Black-headed Grosbeak** – Last report of season was a HY m. at EEW 7 Sep (p. ob.).

**Lazuli Bunting** – Last of season were two fem./imm. at Hills Creek Dam 1 Sep (DFa).

**Western Meadowlark** – A migrant was at Alton Baker Park in Eugene 2 Sep (VA).

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** – A late bird was with a mixed starling/blackbird flock along Green Valley Rd. LINN 12 Nov (BA).

**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** – One was atop Mary’s Peak 9 Nov (CK).
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Abbreviations:
APR Applegate River, just w. of Provolt, JOSE
WS TNC Whetstone Savannah Preserve, JACK

Counties: DOUG = Douglas; JACK = Jackson; JOSE = Josephine

Frequently cited locations: Agate L., JACK; Emigrant L., JACK; Kirtland Rd. STP, JACK; Lost Cr. Res., JACK; Medford, JACK; Roseburg, DOUG.

Snow Goose – 1 at end of Medco A Rd. near Lost Cr. Res. 20 Oct (GS).
Surf Scoter – fem. below Lost Cr. Res. dam 19 Oct (RKe); 2 below Lost Cr. Res. dam 23 Oct (JiHo, HS, JLi) and 1 bird until 3 Nov (JLi); bird at Emigrant L. 20 Nov (MMo, GS).
Black Scoter – 1 below Lost Cr. Res. dam 23 Oct (JiHo, HS, JLi); m. near Gold Ray Dam 25 Nov (JiH) and 27 Nov (RKe).
Pied-billed Grebe – Singing bird at APR 11 Aug (DV).
Horned Grebe – Bird at Kirtland Rd. STP 14 Nov (JiH).
American White Pelican – 2 at Stewart Pk. pond, Roseburg 7-9 Oct (APa, MJo), 2 at same location 29 Oct (LBA) and 9 Nov (APa).
Turkey Vulture – Kettle of ~350 along Dark Hollow Rd. (s. of Medford) 4 Oct (AN, MNe, SJ).
Virginia Rail – Juv. seen at APR 10 Aug (DV).

Sandhill Crane – Bird heard along APR 27 Sep and 8 Oct (DV).
American Avocet – 2 seen at Agate L. 27 Aug (DAs, JLi, GR).
Marbled Godwit – Seen at Agate L. 3 Sep (JiH).
Sanderling – Seen at Agate L. 23 Sep (JLi).
Semipalmated Sandpiper – Seen at Emigrant L. 25 Aug (DAs).
Baird’s Sandpiper – Bird at Agate L. 27 Aug (DAs, GR).
RUFF – 3 birds at Agate L. 28 Aug (DN, CPa, GPA) and 1 seen 29 Aug (DAs).
Wilson’s Phalarope – Seen at Agate L. 27 Aug (GR, DAs).
Bonaparte’s Gull – Bird at Kirtland Rd. STP 7 Nov (THa).
Herring Gull – Seen below Lost Cr. Res. dam 4-5 Nov (GS, NB); seen at Kirtland Rd. STP 12 Nov (THa).
Thayer’s Gull – Bird probably this species was at Kirtland Rd. STP 12 Nov (fide SJ, m. ob.).
Caspian Tern – 51 seen at Emigrant L. 6 Sep (DAs).

Common Tern – 2 at Agate L. 6 Sep (GS).
Burrowing Owl – Bird e. side of Medford Airport 9 Nov (JiH).
Black-chinned Hummingbird – A m. bird probably this species at feeder near Winston DOUG 14 Sep (KKn).
Costa’s Hummingbird – Imm. m. at residence just e. of Merlin I-5 exit JOSE 18 Nov and into Dec (DV).
Rufous Hummingbird – Bird in Ashland 18 Nov (GR).
Cassin’s Vireo – Dispersing bird captured at WS 11 Aug, second in 9 yrs (DV).
BLUE JAY – Bird seen in Gold Hill 30 Oct (JeC); bird near I-5 exit 33 in Central Point, JACK 4 to 10 Nov (GBr, m. ob.).
Western Scrub-Jay – 6+ birds in single-line flight at APR 13 Sep appeared to be migrants (DV).
Horned Lark – Birds along Airway Dr. JACK 14 Nov (JiH); 2 at Lost Cr. Res. 10 Nov (NB).
Purple Martin – 8-10 nesting birds ~15 mi. w. of Roseburg in Tenmile drainage, DOUG, at ~3050 ft. elev. 8 Aug (TR).
Tree Swallow – Large migratory flock near Jacksonville 1 Oct (RKe); small group 3 Oct near Medford (AN, MNe).
Barn Swallow – 3 dispersing birds at WS 11 Aug (DV); late bird over field approx. 14 mi. out Hwy 140 JACK 28 Oct (DAs, DV).
Mountain Chickadee – Bird at residence just e. of Merlin I-5 exit JOSE 23 Nov (DV).
Bushtit – Flock of 45+ birds at WS 15 Oct (DV).
Canyon Wren – Bird seen at Emigrant L. dam 19 Nov (GR, BaM).
Winter Wren – Fall migrant at APR 20 Sep (DV).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – Fall migrant at APR 20 Sep (DV).
Hermit Thrush – Fall bird at residence e. of Merlin I-5 exit JOSE 9 Oct (DV).
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle race) – Early fall arrival captured at APR 27 Sep (DV).
Lark Sparrow – 20+ birds at WS 15 Oct (DV).
Fox Sparrow – Early fall bird captured at APR 13 Sep (DV).
Lincoln’s Sparrow – Early fall bird captured at APR 25 Aug (DV).
Swamp Sparrow – Bird along N. Mtn. Ave. in Ashland 17 Nov (DAs).

North Central Field Notes: Fall 2005
Compiled by Charles R. Gates

Abbreviations:
CPM     Camp Polk Meadow, DESC
CRR     Crooked River Ranch, JEFF
ECBC East Cascades Bird Conservancy

Counties: CROO = Crook; DESC = Deschutes; GILL = Gilliam; HOOD = Hood River; JEFF = Jefferson;
SHER = Sherman; WASC = Wasco; WHEE = Wheeler.

Frequently cited locations: Bend, DESC; L. Billy Chinook, JEFF; Calliope Crossing, DESC; Davis L., DESC (part of lake in KLAM is covered in South Central field notes); Green Ridge, JEFF; Gutierrez Ranch, CROO; Hatfield L., DESC; Haystack Res. (& RSR), JEFF; Hood R. (& mouth), HOOD; Jack L. (& TH), JEFF; North Shore Rd., CROO; Prineville (& STP), CROO; Redmond (& STP), DESC; Sisters, DESC; (Big) Summit Prairie, CROO; The Hook, HOOD; Tumalo Res. & Tumalo SP, DESC; Wickiup Res., DESC.

Greater White-fronted Goose – 400, Deschutes R. Woods, DESC, 2 Oct (JM); 500, Redmond, 2 Oct (SDo); 85 e. of Bend, 3 Oct (CM, MM); 3, Haystack Res., 7 Oct (SDo); 2, Redmond STP, 7 Oct (KO); 3, Hood R. mouth, 11 Oct (StJ); 1, John Day Dam, SHER, 13 Nov (PTS).
Snow Goose – 20 n. of Sisters, 2 Oct (ST); 1, Davis L., 27 Oct (MM); 1, Columbia R., GILL, 2 Nov (RR); 1, Mill Pond, Bend, 24 Nov (CM, MM).
Ross’s Goose – 1, S. Hwy 97 Bend, 24 Nov (CM, MM).
Cackling Goose – 2, Prineville STP, 10 Oct (SSh); 10 w. of John Day R., SHER, 2 Nov (RR); 50 near Arlington, GILL, 2 Nov (RR); 1 in WASC, 2 Nov (RR); 2, Between Rufus & Biggs, SHER, 13 Nov (PTS); 1, Prineville STP, 19 Nov (SDo, JkS); 1, Mill Pond, Bend, 24 Nov (CM, MM).
Trumpeter Swan – 1, Gutierrez Ranch, 8 Aug (CG, KS, MHo, Sho, MM); 2, Hatfield L., 8 Oct (DeH, HHo); 4, Hatfield L., 16 Oct (JM); 2, Hatfield L., 23 Oct (DeH, HHo); 5, Willow Cr., GILL, 13 Nov (PTS).
Eurasian Wigeon – 1, Hatfield L., 23 Oct (DeH, HHo).
Greater Scap – 4, Wickiup Res., 30 Oct (SDo); 2, old Madras STP, JEFF, 13 Nov (DeH, PL).
Surf Scoter – 1, The Hook, 1 Oct (StJ); 7, Wickiup Res., 9 Oct (DeH, HHo); 3, Wickiup Res., 30 Oct (fide JMe); 1, Hood R., 2 Nov (RR); 1 near Haystack, 13 Nov (DeH, PL).
White-winged Scoter – 1, The Hook, 26 Oct (StJ).
Chukar – 10, North Shore Rd., 10 Aug (CM, MM); 3, North Shore Rd., 3 Sep (SDo); 12, NAMC, JEFF, 17 Sep (fide ST); 2, NAMC, DESC, 17 Sep (fide SDo); 15, Deschutes R., WASC, 8-10 Oct (JaW).
Gray Partridge – 2, Hay Creek Ranch, JEFF, 2 Sep (CG, KO); 5, NAMC, JEFF, 17 Sep (fide ST); 9, Dogwood & Cherry St, JEFF, 13 Nov (PL, DeH); 2, Hwy 206 e. of Condon, GILL, 6 Nov (PTS, CK).
Ruffed Grouse – 2, Hwy 207 n. of Mitchell, WHEE, 21 Aug (ALC); 1, Independent Mine, CROO, 23 Aug (CG, ScS); 2, Green Ridge, 29 Aug (PL); 1,
Calliope Crossing, 12 Sep (fide SDo); 3, Crane Prairie, DESC, 25 Sep (SDo).

**Blue Grouse** – 1, Lost Lake, HOOD, 8 Aug (AnF); 1, Harvey Gap, CROO, 24 Aug (StP); 2, Green Ridge, 29 Aug (Pl); 1, NAMC, DESC, 17 Sep (fide SDo); 1, Green Ridge, 9 Oct (SSh); 6 near Jack L., 26 Oct (MM, CM).

**Wild Turkey** – 15, Sisters, 4 Aug (VaA); 18, CPM, 13 Aug (RKo); 4, Green Ridge, 29 Aug (Pl); 2 near North Shore Rd., 5 Sep (CM, MM); 32, Sisters, 7 Oct (SSh); 16, Deschutes R., WASC, 8-10 Oct (Jaw).

**Mountain Quail** – 5, Harvey Gap, CROO, 24 Aug (StP); 3, Green Ridge, 9 Oct (SSh); 4, Ashwood Rd., DESC, 16 Oct (fide JMe); 10 near Rnd. L., JEFF, 26 Oct (CM, MM); 6, Cove SP, JEFF, 5 Nov (SDo); 15, CPM, 18 Nov (SSh Jks).

**Pacific Loon** – 1, Cascade Locks, HOOD, 22 Oct (PTS, CK); 1, Wickiup Res., 30 Oct (SDo); 2, Ochoco Res., CROO, 9 Nov (CG).

**Horned Grebe** – 1, Wickiup Res., 14 Aug (HHo); 1, L. Billy Chinook, 2 Oct (SDo); 1, Haystack Res., 2 Oct (SDo); 20, Wickiup Res., 9 Oct (DeH, HHo); 1, Ochoco Res., CROO, 18 Oct (CG); 21, Hood R., 2 Nov (RR).

**Red-necked Grebe** – 1, Hosmer L., DESC, 7 Aug (KBo), early date; 1, Wickiup Res., 25 Sep (SDo); 1, The Hook, 1 Oct (StJ); 1, Old Mill Dist., DESC, 13 Nov (HHo).

**Clark’s Grebe** – 1, North Shore Rd., 5 Sep (CM, MM).

**American White Pelican** – 200, Between Davis L. and Wickiup Res., 7 Aug (Ju); 45, Ochoco Res., CROO, 21 Aug (CG); 1, Redmond, 11 Nov (SDo), late date.

**Brown Pelican** – 1, Wickiup Res., 10 Aug (ChHa) 1st DESC record.

**American Bittern** – 4, Little Houston L., CROO, 2 Aug (SDo); 2, Hosmer L., DESC, 2 Aug (ECa); 6, Little Houston L., CROO, 17 Sep (fide CG).

**Great Egret** – 1, Wickiup Res., 20 Aug (CM & MM); 1, Crooked R., CROO, 17 Sep (fide CG); 7, NAMC, DESC, 17 Sep (fide SDo); 1 near Dillon Falls, DESC, 28 Sep (fide JMe); 3, Davis L., 2 Oct (JMe); 2 e. of Bend, 9 Nov (MM); 1, Between Rufus & Biggs, GILL, 13 Nov (PTS).

**Green Heron** – 1, Lost Lake, HOOD, 8 Aug (AnF).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** – 2, Primeville STP, 2 Aug (SDo); 1, Beaver Cr. Rd., CROO, 8 Aug (CG, KS, SHo, Sho, MM); 1, Wickiup Res., 14 Aug (HHo); 3, Gutierrez Ranch, 25 Aug (CG, KO); 1 near Sherar’s Bridge, WASC, 4 Sep (JeH); 3, Boat Works Basin, HOOD, 1 Oct (StJ).

**White-faced Ibis** – 50, Gutierrez Ranch, 8 Aug (CG, KS, SHo, Sho, MM); 1, Tumalo Res., 16 Aug (DeH, HHo); 5, Wickiup Res., 20 Aug (CM, MM).

**Solitary Sandpiper** – 3, Redmond STP, 14 Aug (SDo KO); 1, Painted Cove, WHEE, 18 Aug (DI); 2, Wickiup Res., 20 Aug (CM, MM); 3, Tumalo Res., 21 Aug (DeH, HHo); 3, Gutierrez Ranch, 25 Aug (CG, KO).

**Long-billed Curlew** – 1, Gutierrez Ranch, 8 Aug (CG, KS, SHo, MM).

**Sanderling** – 1, Gutierrez Ranch, 17 Sep (CG); 2, Hood R. mouth, 19 Sep (StJ); 1, Hood R. mouth, 23 Sep (StJ).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** – 3, Hood R. mouth, 12 Aug (StJ); 1, Hood R. mouth, 15 Aug (StJ); 1, Waucoma Basin, HOOD, 15 Aug (StJ); 3, Tumalo Res., 21 Aug (StJ).
Aug (DeH, HHo); 1, Prineville STP, 3 Sep (SDo); 1, Prineville STP, 17 Sep (CG).

**Baird’s Sandpiper** – 1, Hatfield L., 23 Oct (DeH, HHo), very late date.

**Pectoral Sandpiper** – 26, Wickiup Res., 25 Sep (SDo), very large number.

**Stilt Sandpiper** – 1, Prineville STP, 14 Sep (CG).

**Short-billed Dowitcher** – 1, Redmond STP, 20 Aug (KO); 2, Gutierrez Ranch, 25 Aug (CG, KO); 1, Prineville STP, 5 Sep (CM, MM).

**Parasitic Jaeger** – 1, Wickiup Res., 25 Sep (SDo).

**Western Gull** – 1, Hood R., 3 Nov (RR).

**Mew Gull** – 1, Hood R. mouth, 2 Oct (StJ); 2, Hood R., 2 Nov (RR); 1, Riverfront Pk., The Dalles, WASC, 8 Nov (StJ, BHa); 1, Hood R. mouth, 22 Nov (StJ).

**Herring Gull** – 1, Wickiup Res., 25 Sep (SDo); 1, L. Billy Chinook, 2 Oct (SDo); 1, Hatfield L., 23 Oct (DeH, HHo); 1, Hood R. mouth, 26 Oct (StJ); 2, Hood R. mouth, 2 Nov (StJ); 1, Riverfront Pk. The Dalles, WASC, 8 Nov (StJ).

**Thayer’s Gull** – 1, Wickiup Res., 9 Oct (DeH, HHo); 1, Hood R. mouth, 11 Oct (StJ).

**Sabine’s Gull** – 1, Prineville STP, 14 Sep (CG); 1, L. Billy Chinook, 2 Oct (SDo); 1, Wickiup Res., 9 Oct (DeH, HHo).

**Common Tern** – 2, Wickiup Res., 26 Aug (PTs, CK); 1, Houston L., CROO, 1 Sep (CG); 7, Hood R., 3 Sep (PTs); 3, The Hook, 5 Sep (THe, CHe); 3, Wells Island, HOOD, 11 Sep (CFI);

Aug (DeH, HHo); 1, Prineville STP, 3 Sep (SDo); 1, Prineville STP, 17 Sep (CG).

**Baird’s Sandpiper** – 1, Hatfield L., 23 Oct (DeH, HHo), very late date.

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**Western Gull** – 1, Hood R., 3 Nov (RR).

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**Thayer’s Gull** – 1, Wickiup Res., 9 Oct (DeH, HHo); 1, Hood R. mouth, 11 Oct (StJ).

**Sabine’s Gull** – 1, Prineville STP, 14 Sep (CG); 1, L. Billy Chinook, 2 Oct (SDo); 1, Wickiup Res., 9 Oct (DeH, HHo).

**Common Tern** – 2, Wickiup Res., 26 Aug (PTs, CK); 1, Houston L., CROO, 1 Sep (CG); 7, Hood R., 3 Sep (PTs); 3, The Hook, 5 Sep (THe, CHe); 3, Wells Island, HOOD, 11 Sep (CFI);

1, Riverfront Pk., The Dalles, WASC, 12 Sep (StJ); 1, Hood R. mouth, 23 Sep (StJ).

**Band-tailed Pigeon** – 4, Green Ridge, 16 Oct (CG, PL, KhT, EvE, KB).

**Barn Owl** – 1, Redmond STP, 15 Sep (KO); 1, Haystack Res., 2 Oct (SDo); 1, Hood R., 2 Oct (PTs); 1, Sisters Mid. School, DESC, 26 Oct (MM, CM); 1, North Gilliam RSR, GILL, 5 Nov (PTs, CK); 1, South Gilliam RSR, GILL, 6 Nov (PTs, CK); 1, Haystack RSR, 17 Nov (KO, SDo); 1 s. of Prineville, 17 Nov (fide).

**Flammulated Owl** – 1, NAMC, DESC, 17 Sep (fide SDo).

**Western Screech-Owl** – 1, Crooked R. MP 8, CROO, 21 Aug (CG); 6, NAMC, DESC, 17 Sep (fide SDo); 1, Wychus Cr., DESC, 26 Nov (JGk).

**SNOWY OWL** – 1, Pine Mtn. Rd., DESC, 22 Nov (LMo).

**Northern Pygmy-Owl** – 1, North Shore Rd., 1 Oct (CG); 1, Tumalo SP, 18 Oct (SSh); 2, Wickiup Res., 30 Oct (fide JMe); 1, Redmond, 17 Nov (SDo).

**Barred Owl** – 1, Devil’s Half Acre Meadow, HOOD, 26 Aug (BA, SD).

**Long-eared Owl** – 1, USFS Rd. 12, WHEE, 18 Aug (DI); 6, North Shore Rd., 11 Sep (CG); 1, Pilot Butte, DESC, 5 Oct (JeC); 3, Haystack RSR, 17 Nov (KO, SDo).

**Short-eared Owl** – 1, Gutierrez Ranch, 8 Aug (CG, KS, MHo, SHo, MM); 1, Madras Airport, JEFF, 14 Aug (KS); 3, Reif Rd., CROO, 30 Nov (CG).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** – 1, NAMC, DESC, 17 Sep (fide SDo); 1, Redmond, 24 Oct (SDo).

**Anna’s Hummingbird** – 2 s. of Prineville, 5 Sep (PVV); 1 e. of Bend, 22 Sep (CM, MM); 1, Deschutes R. Woods, DESC, 25 Sep (JM); 2, Bend, 30 Sep (DT); 1, Sundance near Bend, 9 Oct (DiK); 1 n. of Sisters, 30 Oct (JGk); 1, CRR, 4 Nov (KS).

**Costa’s Hummingbird** – 1, Deschutes R. Woods, DESC, 1 Sep (JM); 1, Tumalo SP, 15 Nov (SSh).

**Acorn Woodpecker** – 1 e. of Sisters, 2 Sep (DMc) 2nd DESC record; 1, Camp Sherman 13 Sep (ToL), first JEFF record.

**Red-naped x Red-breasted Sapsucker** – 1, Tumalo SP, 8 Nov (SSh); 1, Redmond, 11 Nov (SDo).

**White-headed Woodpecker** – 1, Independent Mine, CROO, 23 Aug (CG, ScS); 2, Davis L., 3 Sep (JBr, DI); 1 w. of Bend, 4 Oct (fide JMe); 2, ne. of Sisters, 15 Nov (JGk).

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Three-toed Woodpecker – 1, Jack L., 10 Aug (Jel); 1, Jack L. TH, 17 Aug (TL).

Black-backed Woodpecker – 5, Jack L., 10 Aug (Jel); 5, Jack L. TH, 17 Aug (TL); 1, Cold Springs CG, DESC, 23 Aug (JHn, MHN); 20, Davis L., 3 Sep (JBr, DI); 1, Trail #413, Hatfield Wild., HOOD, 26 Aug (KGl, EiR); 3, Wickiup Res., 30 Oct (fide JMe).

Willow Flycatcher – 1, Haystack Res., 20 Aug (SDo); 1, Tumalo SP, 7 Sep (SSh); 3, Redmond STP, 17 Sep (KO).

Least Flycatcher – 1, Tumalo SP, 4 Oct (SSh).

Pacific Slope Flycatcher – 2, Independent Mine, CROO, 23 Aug (CG, ScS); 1, Cold Springs CG, DESC, 23 Aug (JHn, MHN).

Eastern Kingbird – 12, Gutierrez Ranch, 8 Aug (CG, KS, MHo, SHo, MM); 1, Hood R. STP, HOOD, 24 Aug (StJ).

Loggerhead Shrike – 15, Various Locations, CROO, 8 Aug (CG, KS, MHo, SHo, MM); 1, Redmond STP, 20 Aug (KO); 1, Wickiup Res., 20 Aug (CM, MM); 1, Culver Hwy., JEFF, 20 Aug (SDo); 2, North Gilliam RSR, GILL, 5 Nov (PTS, CK); 3, South Gilliam RSR, GILL, 6 Nov (PTS, CK).

Northern Shrike – 1, CPM, 24 Oct (CG); 1, Wickiup Res., 30 Oct (fide JMe); 3, North Gilliam RSR, GILL, 5 Nov (PTS, CK); 1, South Gilliam RSR, GILL, 6 Nov (PTS, CK); 1, ne. of Sisters, 15 Nov (JGk); 1, Redmond STP, 16 Nov (KO); 1 e. of Bend, 18 Nov (DiK).

Red-eyed Vireo – 1, Prineville STP, 3 Sep (CG).


BLUE-HEADED VIREO – 1, ne. of Sisters, 19 Aug (SSh), first DESC record.

Western Scrub Jay – 2, Lone Rock, 6 Nov (PTS, CK), first GILL record.

Purple Martin – 1, Hood R. mouth, 5 Aug (StJ); 1, Waucoma Basin, HOOD, 15 Aug (StJ); 3, Hood R. mouth, 24 Aug (StJ); 1, Ruthton Cove, HOOD, 11 Sep (StJ).

Black-capped Chickadee – 20, Deschutes R., WASC, 8-10 Oct (JaW).

Chestnut-backed Chickadee – 11, Green Ridge, 16 Oct (CG, PL, KhT, EvE, KBo); 1, Wickiup Res., 30 Oct (KBo).

Bewick’s Wren – 1, Deschutes R. near Maupin, WASC, 8-10 Oct (JaW); 1, North Shore Rd., 25 Nov (CG), first CROO record.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2, North Shore Rd., 2 Aug (SDo); 2, North Shore Rd., 10 Aug (CM, MM); 1, Powell Butte, CROO, 15 Aug (CG); 4, North Shore Rd., 18 Aug (CG, ScS).

Gray Catbird – 1, Johnson Rd., Bend, 21 Nov (BoC).

Tennessee Warbler – 1, Elliott Lane, CROO, 28 Aug (CG).

Hermit Warbler – 1, Devil’s Half Acre Meadow, HOOD, 26 Aug (BA, SD).

American Redstart – 1, Calliope Crossing, 4 Sep (JiJ).

Black-and-white Warbler – 2, Camp Polk, DESC, 17 Sep (NAMC fide SDo); 1, Arnold Ice Cave, DESC, 14 Oct (DiK).

Yellow-breasted Chat – 1, North Shore Rd., 15 Aug (CG); 1, Lower Bridge, DESC, 12 Sep (fide SDo).

Clay-colored Sparrow – 1, North Shore Rd., 3 Sep (SDo) 2nd CROO record.

White-throated Sparrow – 14 Birds reported from Deschutes Co.; 1, CRR, 23 Oct (KS); 1, John Day Dam, SHER, 27 Oct (MD).

Tricolored Blackbird – 75, McCabe Rd., CROO, 6 Nov (CG).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch – 2, South Sister, DESC, 13 Aug (SDo); 11, Grizzly Mtn., CROO, 14 Nov (KS); 6, Grizzly Mtn., CROO, 15 Nov (CG).

Purple Finch – 3, NAMC, DESC, 17 Sep (fide SDo); 2, Green Ridge, 16 Oct (PL).
**South Central Field Notes: Fall 2005**
*Compiled by Kevin Spencer*

**Abbreviations:**
- LKNWR: Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge, KLAM
- MIWMA: Miller Island Wildlife Management Area, KLAM
- SLWMA: Summer Lake Wildlife Management Area, LAKE
- WRW: Wood River Wetlands, KLAM

**Counts:** LAKE = Lake; KLAM = Klamath.

**Frequently cited locations:** Abert (L. & Basin), LAKE; Adel, LAKE; Bonanza, KLAM; Cabin L. CG, LAKE; Chiloquin, KLAM; Christmas V., LAKE; Ft. Rock, LAKE; Klamath Falls, KLAM; Link R. (& Tr.), KLAM; Miller L., KLAM; Moore Pk. (in Klamath Falls), KLAM; Nicholson Rd., KLAM; Odessa CG, KLAM; Putnam Pt., Silver L., LAKE; Straits Drain unit (LKNWR), KLAM; Summer L., LAKE; Upper Klamath L., KLAM.

**Greater White-fronted Goose** – 42, WRW, 21 Aug (WS), right on time.

**Wood Duck** – 13, Mare’s Egg Spring, KLAM, 17 Sep (DHt, KTS).

**Ring-necked Duck** – 40, 5 Aug, WRW (WS).

**SURF SCOTER** – 2-1, Putnam Pt., 6-11 Nov (DHt, KTS, JVM).

**WHITE-WINGED SCOTER** – 1 near Buck Island, Upper Klamath L., third week Oct (hunter report fide DHt).

**LONG-TAILED DUCK** – 1 m., Miller L., 17 Oct (MM).

**Barrow’s Goldeneye** – 200 off Putnam Pt., 5 Nov (WH).

**Hooded Merganser** – 9, Putnam Pt., 18 Nov (TaW); 8, Chiloquin, 27 Nov (WS).


**Ruffed Grouse** – 1, Odessa CG, 17 Sep (DHt, KTS).

**Mountain Quail** – 1, Moore Pk., 29 Sep (DHt) calling; 7-15+, Moore Park, 2-12 Nov (JVM, DMk).

**Common Loon** – 2-10, Miller L., 16-23 Oct (TaW, MM, KTS, JVM, JVi, CKi); 3 off Harbor Isles, Upper Klamath L., 5 Nov (DHt, KTS).

**Horned Grebe** – 1, Putnam Pt., 15 Oct (KTS); 4-1 near Moore Pk. marina, 12-16 Nov (KTS, JVM, JVi).

**Eared Grebe** – 800, Abert Basin, 4 Aug (TSe).

**Western Grebe** – 17, Miller L., 23 Oct (KTS).

**Western/Clark’s Grebe sp.** – 540, Pelican Bay, Upper Klamath L., 15 Aug (KTS), about 67% ads.

**Double-crested Cormorant** – 400, Pelican Marina, s. end of Upper Klamath L., 5 Sep (KTS).

**Great Blue Heron** – 25-30, SLWMA, 14 Aug (CM, MM), post-breeding numbers?

**Snowy Egret** – 7, Link R., 5 Sep (KTS).

**Green Heron** – 1 HY, MIWMA, 10 Aug (KTS); 1, Putnam Pt., 15 Oct (KTS).

**White-faced Ibis** – 33, MIWMA, 4 Aug (KTS); 2000, Township Rd., KLAM, 30 Aug (CKi).

**Turkey Vulture** – 32, Crater L. NP, KLAM, 17 Sep (KTS, DHt).

**Osprey** – 1, Moore Pk., 5 Oct (DHt).

**Red-shouldered Hawk** – 1, Summer L., 4 Sep (SK); 1, WRW, 16 Sep (MiM); 1, Big Springs, Bonanza, 5 Nov (WH).

**Swainson’s Hawk** – 10-16, Township Rd., KLAM, 30 Aug to 4 Sep (CKi, KTS, DAs).

**Red-tailed Hawk** – 71, Christmas V. RSR, 16 Nov (KBo).

**Ferruginous Hawk** – 2, Fort Rock/Christmas V. Hwy, 14 Aug (CM, MM); 1, Merrill, KLAM, 1 Nov (DHt); 3, Alkali L., Bonanza, 5 Nov (WH); 7, Christmas V. RSR, 16 Nov (KBo); 27, Fort Rock, Silver L., 16 Nov (CM, MM).

**Rough-legged Hawk** – 10, Christmas V. RSR, 16 Nov (KBo); 24, Fort Rock, Silver L., 16 Nov (CM, MM).

**Merlin** – 1, E. of Lake of the Woods, KLAM, 30 Sep (FLo);
Peregrine Falcon – 1, Straits Drain unit, 4 Sep (KTS) appeared to be Pacific form; 1, Straits Drain unit, 27 Sep (DHt); 1, WRW, 16 Sep (WS).
Prairie Falcon – 1, Crater L. NP, KLAM, 17 Sep; 6, Christmas V. RSR, 16 Nov (KBo); 10, Fort Rock, Silver L., 16 Nov (CM, MM).
American Coot – 2600, WRW, 16 Sep (WS).

Sandhill Crane – 70-80 near Summer L., 23 Sep (JMe, MM).

Lesser Yellowlegs – 2, MIWMA, 4-13 Aug (KTS).
Solitary Sandpiper – 1 to 4, Schoolhouse L., SLWMA, 13 to 14 Aug (RC, CM, MM); 1 near Bonanza, 16 Aug (JVM).
Spotted Sandpiper – 1, MIWMA, 13 Aug (KTS).
Rufous Hummingbird – 1, Fort Klamath Fish Hatchery, KLAM, 10 Sep (KTS); 2, refuge manager’s feeder, SLWMA, 14 Aug (CM, MM, MSL).

Lewis’s Woodpecker – 1, Geary Canal near Howard Bay, Upper Klamath L., 18 Aug (KTS); 18, Henzel Co. Pk., s. end of Agency L., KLAM, 10 Sep (KTS); 16-13, Chiloquin, 10-16 Sep (WS); 1, Crater L. NP, KLAM, 17 Sep (DHt, KTS).

Williamson’s Sapsucker – 1, Alder Spr. s. of Silver L., 7 Aug (RGe); 1 f., Pine Grove, Klamath Falls, 5 Oct (JVM); 1 fem., Collier SP, KLAM, 12 Oct (JVM).

Red-naped Sapsucker – 1, Alder Spr. s. of Silver L., 7 Aug (RGe); 1, Malin Pk., KLAM, 14 Sep (KTS, DHt).

Red-breasted Sapsucker – 5, Alder Spr. s. of Silver L., 7 Aug (RGe); 4, Odessa CG, 17 Sep (DHt, KTS).

White-headed Woodpecker – 1, Oux-Keena Pk., N. of Chiloquin, 12 Aug (KTS); 4, Agency L., KLAM, 10 Sep (KTS).

American Three-toed Woodpecker – 2, Davis L. burn, KLAM, 19 Oct (JVM).

Black-backed Woodpecker – 1, Alder Spr. s. of Silver L., 7 Aug (RGe); 1, Miller L., 23 Oct (KTS); 2, Davis L. burn, KLAM, 19 Oct (JVM, CKi, JVH).

Western Wood-Peewee – 14, Moore Pk., 17 Aug (KTS).

Willow Flycatcher – 3, Spring Cr. Headwaters, KLAM, 12 Aug (KTS); 1, Moore Pk., 17 Aug (KTS), feeding a juv. Brown-headed Cowbird; 1, Link R., 5 Sep (KTS).

Gray Flycatcher – 1, Chiloquin, 13 Aug (WS).

Black Phoebe – 1, MIWMA, boat launch at Klamath R., 10 Aug (KTS); 2, Lost R., 1.5 mile n. of Stateline and Hwy 139, KLAM (KTS); 1, Big Springs, Bonanza, 16 Sep (KTS); 1, Wingwatcher’s Trail, L. Ewauna, KLAM, 5 Nov (DHt, KTS); 1, Geary Canal, KLAM, 13 Nov (KTS).

Eastern Phoebe – 1, Lakeview, 6 Sep, LAKE (KhT), no details provided.

Say’s Phoebe – 1, Modoc Pt. Rd., KLAM, 16 Sep (WS).

Eastern Kingbird – near Bonanza, 9 Sep (JVH), flycatching from wheel-line.


Northern Shrike – 1, Christmas V. RSR, 16 Nov (KBo).


Gray Jay – 2, Spring Cr. Headwaters, KLAM, 12 Aug (KTS).

Western Scrub Jay – Ad. & fledged yng., n. end of L. Abert., 6 Aug (TSe); 28, Link R. Tr., 5 Sep (KTS); 2, Silver L. RS, 16 Nov (CM, MM), furthest n. reported in LAKE.

Pinyon Jay – 28 near Bonanza, 16 Sep (JVK); 110, Cabin Lk guzzler, LAKE 16 Oct (JVM).

Clark’s Nutcracker – 87, Cloudbap at Crater L. NP KLAM, 17 Sep (DHt, KTS), gorging upon and storing whitebark pine nuts.

American Crow – Noted, Chewaucan Marsh, LAKE 5 Aug (TSe); 4, Merrill, 21 Oct (DHt); 1, Merrill, 3 Nov (DHt); 1, s. of Merrill, KLAM, 20 Nov (DHt), typical migration time; 2, Chiloquin, 27 Nov (WS).

Common Raven – 60, Straits Drain units and Township Rd. KLAM, 4 Sep, (KTS); 30, Crater L. NP, KLAM, 17 Sep (DHt, KTS); 233, Fort Rock, Silver L., 16 Nov (CM, MM).

Horned Lark – 300, Straits Drain units, 11 Nov (KTS).

Tree Swallow – 200, Odessa CG, 17 Sep (DHt, KTS).

Violet-green Swallow – 60, Nicholson Rd. and 150, Odessa CG, 17 Sep (DHt, KTS).

Barn Swallow – 500, Township Rd., KLAM, 30 Aug (CKi); zero there two days later; 600, Link R. trail, Klamath Falls, 5 Sep (KTS); 600, Henzel Co. Pk., 10 Sep KLAM (KTS); 115, Chiloquin, 16 Sep (WS).

Black-capped Chickadee – 6, WRW, 5 Aug; 2, Link R. trail, 16 Aug (KTS); 1, Geary Canal near Howard Bay, Upper Klamath L., 18 Aug (KTS); and 1, Odessa CG, 17 Sep (DHt, KTS); all in associated riparian margin of Upper Klamath L. 1 along Williamson R., Chiloquin, 27 Nov (WS).

Chestnut-backed Chickadee – 10, Rock Cr., Westside Rd., KLAM, 17 Sep (DHt, KTS); 10-12, Moore Pk., 16 Oct (DMk), very uncommon near town.

Oak Titmouse – 3-4, Moore Pk. 17 Aug to 12 Nov (KTS, DMk); 1, Link R., 16 Nov (JVM, JVH).

Juniper Titmouse – 2 near Bonanza, 16 Sep (JVK); 2, w. of Adel, 28 Sep, LAKE (TR).

Titmouse sp. – 1, n. of Klamath
Falls (FGo, LGo).

Bushtit – 37, Chiloquin, 13 Aug (WS).


House Wren – Ad. carrying food to nest, MoorePk., 1 Aug (KTS).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 4, Rd 29, s. of Summer L., 14 Aug (CM, MM); 2, Moore Pk. 17 Aug (KTS).

Western Bluebird – 10 near Bonanza, 16 Aug (JVM); 10-19, Moore Pk., 2-12 Nov (JVM, DMk).


Hermit Thrush – 11, Moore Pk., 2 Nov (JVM).

American Robin – Ad. feeding yng., Moore Pk., 1 Aug (KTS).

Varied Thrush – 40, Miller L., 23 Oct (KTS); 6-8, Moore Pk., 11-12 Nov (DMk).

American Pipit – 1300 including one flock of 1000, Fort Rock and Silver L. area, 15 Oct (CM, MM); 2, Miller L., 23 Oct (KTS); 1, Straits Drain unit, 11 Nov (KTS).

Cedar Waxwing – Ad. feeding yng., Moore Pk., 1 Aug (KTS); 35, Fort Klamath Fish Hatchery, KLAM, 10 Sep (KTS).

Orange-crowned Warbler – 90, WRW, 10 Sep (KTS); Odessa CG, 17 Sep (DHT, KTS).

Yellow Warbler – 40, WRW, 10 Sep (KTS).

Yellow-rumped Warbler – Several fledged, Moore Pk., 1 Aug (KTS); 36, Link R. Tr., 5 Sep (KTS) 50, WRW, 10 Sep (KTS); 80, Chiloquin, 16 Oct (WS).

Black-throated Gray Warbler – 2, Hagelstein Pk., KLAM, 5 Sep (JVM); 2, Pine Grove area of Klamath Falls, 12 Sep (JVM); 1, Rock Cr., Westside Rd., KLAM, 16 Sep (KTS, DHT).


Black-and-White Warbler – 1 fem. hit window, Cove Pt., Klamath Falls, 8 Sep (AWe).

Western Tanager – 7, WRW, 10 Sep (KTS).

Green-tailed Towhee – 1, Chiloquin, 10 Sep (WS).

Chipping Sparrow – 60, Chiloquin, 16 Sep (WS).

Lark Sparrow – Noted, Abert Basin, 5 Aug (TSe).

Lark Bunting – One 1.5 mi. s. of Cabin L. CG, 14 Aug LAKE (RC).

White-throated Sparrow – 1 imm., Chiloquin, 27 Nov (WS).

White-crowned Sparrow – 1, Fort Rock, 4 Sep (SK), first fall lowland report; 206 near Beatty, KLAM, 24 Sep (BJM, WS).

Golden-crowned Sparrow – 12, Odessa CG and 15, Hagelstein Pk., KLAM, 17 Sep (KTS).

Dark-eyed Junco – 59 including 2 Slate-colored, Chiloquin, 27 Nov (WS).

Lapland Longspur – 5, Straits Drain unit, 11 Nov (KTS).

Black-headed Grosbeak – Ad. feeding yng., Moore Pk., 1 Aug (KTS); 1, Link R., 15 Oct (KTS).

Lazuli Bunting – 10, Moore Pk., 17 Aug (KTS), mostly females and imms. giving contact calls.

Western Meadowlark – 19, Nicholson Rd., 17 Sep (DHT, KTS).


Bullock’s Oriole – 1, WRW, 10 Sep (KTS).

Purple Finch – 30, Link R. trail, Klamath Falls, 5 Sep (KTS); 14, Odessa CG, 17 Sep (DHT, KTS).

American Goldfinch – Several, MIWMA, 13 Aug (KTS), in basic plumage.

Swainson’s Hawk, August 2005, La Grande, Union County. Photo/R. Namitz
**Northeast Field Notes: Fall 2005**
Compiled by Trent Bray

**Abbreviations:**
LWWTP  La Grande Waste Water Treatment Ponds, UNIO
CSNWR  Cold Springs NWR, UMAT

**Counties:**
BAKE = Baker; GRAN = Grant; MORR = Morrow; UMAT = Umatilla; UNIO = Union; WALL = Wallowa.

**Frequently cited locations:**
Baker City, BAKE; Bear V., GRAN; Canyon City, GRAN; Catherine Cr. SP, UNIO; Dayville, GRAN; Cove, UNIO; (Clyde) Holliday SP, GRAN; John Day, GRAN; Ladd Marsh WMA, UNIO; McKay Res., UMAT; McNary WA, UMAT; Moss Springs GS, UNIO; Morgan L., UNIO; Mt. Vernon, GRAN; Pendleton, UMAT; Unity, BAKE; Zumwalt Prairie NCP, WALL.

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**Greater White-fronted Goose**
– 1 flying over the LWWTP, Sep (TEB); 75 at CSNWR 30 Sep (ASk, JuW).

**Canada Goose**
– 573, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 2000 at McKay Res., 26 Sep (CoB); 1 pure albino individual near Wallowa, WALL, 11 Nov (SCr)

**Cackling Goose**
– 9 at CSNWR 30 Sep (ASk, JuW).

**Tundra Swan**
– 14 in Ladd Marsh WMA, 14 Nov (TEB); 1 at Mission Ponds, UMAT, 23 Nov (JSi); 30 near Mt. Vernon, Nov (O’L).

**Wood Duck**
– Noted at Holliday SP, 13 Aug (O’L); noted at Mt. Vernon, Aug (TH).

**Gadwall**
– 6 at Mission Ponds, UMAT, 23 Nov (JSi); 6, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**American Wigeon**
– 10, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Mallard**
– 79, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 90 in Ladd Marsh WMA, 21 Oct (CN).

**Cinnamon Teal**
– 1 in Ladd Marsh WMA, 21 Oct (CN).

**Northern Pintail**
– 6 in Ladd Marsh WMA, 21 Oct (CN); 1 pair on Pete’s Pond in Enterprise, WALL, 31 Oct (SCr).

**Green-winged Teal**
– 10 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.); 3, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 185 in Ladd Marsh WMA, 21 Oct (CN); 3 near Mt. Vernon, Nov (O’L).

**Canvasback**
– 2 on the LWWTP 25 Oct (TEB); 1 pair on Pete’s Pond in Enterprise, WALL, 31 Oct (SCr).

**Redhead**
– 4 in Ladd Marsh WMA, 21 Oct (CN).

**Ruddy Duck**
– 6, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Chukar**
– Noted near John Day, Aug (TH); heard only, Thief V. Res., UNIO, 21 Aug (TEB, OFO).

**Gray Partridge**
– Noted near Long Creek, GRAN, Aug (MMc, ShMc); 15 near Cove, 20 Aug (DHr).

**Ring-necked Pheasant**
– 2, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Ruffed Grouse**
– 1 along Vinegar Cr., GRAN, 8 Aug (JGi); 1 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (WiG, JeG).

**Greater Sage-Grouse**
– 5 near Thief V. Res., UNIO, 15 Sep (TEB).

**Spruce Grouse**
– Several seen in Eagle Cap Wild., WALL, 21 Aug (OFO).
Blue Grouse – Noted at Prairie City, GRAN, Sep (TH); 8 near Medical Springs, UNIO, 21 Aug (TEB, OFO).

Mountain Quail – Noted throughout the period near John Day, (TH); 2 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.).

California Quail – 474, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 300 at feeders in Pilot Rock, UMAT, Nov (MyP).

Common Loon – 2 below McNary Dam, UMAT, 11 Oct (GSh, RSh); 2 at Morgan L., 24 Oct thru 6 Nov (SMN, TEB); 1 at North Powder Pond 2, UNIO, 10 Nov (MiMa, JAM); 1 at the Umatilla Marina, UMAT, 6 Nov (MD et al.); noted at Phillips Res., BAKE, 16 Oct (O’L); 3 near McNary WA, 23 Nov (MD et al.).

Pied-billed Grebe – 1 near Cove, 20 Aug (SM, RMa, JeG, WiG); 5, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); noted at Hat Rock SP., UMAT, 11 Oct (GSh, RSh).

Horned Grebe – 3 at Hat Rock SP., UMAT, 11 Oct (GSh, RSh).


Western Grebe – 2 at Thief V. Res., UNIO, Aug (TEB et al.); 14, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 13 at McKay Res., 30 Sep (ASK); several at Hat Rock SP., UMAT, 11 Oct (GSh, RSh); 1 near Mt. Vernon, 13 Nov (O’L). 1 along Hwy 203 near Hot L., UNIO, 9 Nov (SMN).

Clark’s Grebe – 2 on Thief V. Res., UNIO, Sep (TEB).

American White Pelican – 8 at Thief V. Res., UNIO, Aug (TEB et al.); 550 at CSNWR 23 Sep (ASk, CoB); 1 near Mt. Vernon, 13 Nov (O’L).

Double-crested Cormorant – 94 near McNary WA, 6 Nov (MD et al.); 2 near Mt. Vernon, Nov (O’L).

American Bittern – Several heard at Ladd Marsh WMA in Aug (TEB).

Great Blue Heron – 5, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Great Egret – 4 near Ladd Marsh WMA, 10 Aug (SMN, TEB); 1 near Mission Ponds, UMAT, 11 Aug (JSi); 1 along Hwy 730, UMAT, 6 Nov (MD et al.); 1 near Spool Cart CG, UNIO, 27 Oct (RLe).

Black-crowned Night-Heron – Noted near Mission Ponds, UMAT, 11 Aug (JSi); several at McNary WA, Sep (DRo).

Turkey Vulture – 1 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG); 8, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Osprey – 3, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 1 on Indian L., UMAT, 28 Oct (CrK); 1 near Strawberry L., GRAN, Nov (O’L).

Bald Eagle – 1 along the Umatilla R. near Pendleton, 28 Oct (JSi); noted near John Day, Nov (O’L).

Northern Harrier – 6, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Cooper’s Hawk – 1 near Prairie City, GRAN, Aug (TH); 1 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.); 1 near Cove, Sep (TEB).

Northern Goshawk – 1 near Moss Springs GS, 19 Aug (JeG, O’L).
WiG); 1 near John Day, Nov (O’L).
Swainson’s Hawk – 7, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 1 at the Pendleton Community Pk., 24 Sep (CoB).
Red-tailed Hawk – 58, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 1 Harlan’s near Pilot Rock, UMAT, 6 Nov (JuW, DuW).
Ferruginous Hawk – 1 near Ladd Marsh WMA, 1, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 21 Aug (JWi, TEB); 1 near Pilot Rock, UMAT, 6 Nov (JuW, DuW).
Rough-legged Hawk – Several near Pilot Rock, UMAT, 6 Nov (JuW, DuW); 1 near John Day, Nov (O’L).
Golden Eagle – 4, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 2 near Unity, 19 Nov (O’L).
American Kestrel – 40, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).
Merlin – 1 near Umatilla, UMAT, 14 Nov, (PTS); 1 near John Day, 6 Nov (O’L).
 Peregrine Falcon – Noted at McKay Res., Aug (PBC); 2 individuals in Cove, 20 Oct (SaC); 1 at CSNWR, 20 Oct (NH); 1 near McNary Dam, UMAT, 6 Nov (MD).
Prairie Falcon – Noted at McKay Res., Aug (PBC); 1 near McNary Dam, UMAT, 6 Nov (MD); 2 near Pilot Rock, UMAT, 6 Nov (JuW, DuW); 1 near Unity, 19 Nov (O’L).
Virginia Rail – Noted at Holliday SP, 13 Aug (O’L); 2, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).
Sora – Noted at Holliday SP, 13 Aug (O’L); 1 near Cove, 20 Aug (SM, RMa, JeG, WiG).
American Coot – 106, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 248 in Ladd Marsh WMA, 21 Oct (CN); along Pendleton Parkway, Nov (HiC).
Sandhill Crane – 300 at CSNWR, 20 Oct (NH).
Black-bellied Plover – 4 at CSNWR 23-30 Sep (ASk, CoB, JuW).
Killdeer – 27, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 11 at McKay Res., 26 Sep (CoB); 400 at CSNWR 30 Sep (ASk, JuW).
American Avocet – 9, Thief V., UNIO, Aug (TEB).
Willet – Noted throughout the period near Bear V. (TH).
Greater Yellowlegs – Noted at McKay Res., Aug (PBC); 2 at Thief V. Res., UNIO, Aug (TEB et al.).
Lesser Yellowlegs – Noted at McKay Res., Aug (PBC); 200 at Thief V. Res., UNIO, Aug (MiM et al.).
Solitary Sandpiper – 11 at CSNWR, 19 Aug (CC, JuC); 5 at Thief V. Res., UNIO, 21 Aug (TEB, OFO).
Spotted Sandpiper – Noted at McKay Res., Aug (PBC); 3, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).
Long-billed Curlew – Several groups near Prairie City, GRAN, Aug (MRy).
Semipalmated Sandpiper – Noted at McKay Res., Aug (PBC); 1 juv., Ladd Marsh WMA, 21 Aug (JWi, TEB); 1 juv., LWWT, 21 Aug (TEB, OFO).
Western Sandpiper – Noted at McKay Res., 30 Sep (JuW).
Baird’s Sandpiper – 450+ at Thief V. Res., UNIO, BAKE, Aug (TEB, PTS, OFO). 550 noted at Thief V. Res., UNIO, Sep (TEB); 7 at McKay Res., 30 Sep (ASk).
Pectoral Sandpiper – Noted at McKay Res., Aug (PBC); 8 at McKay Res., 26 Sep (CoB).
Sanderling – 1 juv. on mud flats at Thief V. Res., UNIO, Sep (TEB), second UNIO record.
Stilt Sandpiper – 4 juv. plumaged individuals at Thief V. Res., UNIO & BAKE, 20 Aug thru 10 Sep (OFO, PTS, TEB); 8 at McKay Res., 14 Aug (ASk).
Long-billed Dowitcher – Noted at McKay Res., Aug (PBC); 1 in Ladd Marsh WMA, 14 Nov (TEB).
Short-billed Dowitcher – 4, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).
Wilson’s Snipe – Noted near Mission Ponds, UMAT, 11 Aug (JSi); 1 along Hwy 730, UMAT, 6 Nov (MD et al.).
Bonaparte’s Gull – 6 in Ladd Marsh WMA, 21 Oct (CN); 12 at the LWWT, 3 Nov (TEB); 145 near McNary WA, 6 Nov (MD et al.); 12 near McNary Dam, UMAT, 14 Nov (PTS).
Ring-billed Gull – 1000 at McKay Res., 26 Sep (CoB); 6 near Unity, 19 Nov (O’L).
Glaucous-winged Gull – 8 near
McNary WA, 6 Nov (MD et al.).

**Western Gull** – 1 near McNary WA, 6 Nov (MD et al.).

**Mew Gull** – 1 near McNary WA, 6 Nov (MD et al.).

**Sabine’s Gull** – 1 adult plumaged individual with 3 juv., LWWTP, Sep (TEB), third UNIO record; 1 at McKay Res., 24 Sep (ASk); 2 noted at McNary Dam, UMAT, Sep (PBC); 1 noted at CSNWR, Sep (PBC).

**Western Screech-Owl** – 2 along Foothill Rd., UNIO, throughout the period (TEB).

**Great Horned Owl** – 1, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Northern Pygmy-Owl** – Noted near John Day, Nov (O’S).

**Burrowing Owl** – 5 along Alkali Can. Rd., UMAT, 20 Aug (DHR); numerous seen this fall in the Grande Ronde V., UNIO (TEB et al.).

**Barred Owl** – 1 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 19 Aug (WiG, JeG).

**Great Gray Owl** – 1 along Yellow Jacket Rd., UMAT, 3 Oct (JJa, StJa).

**Northern Flicker** – 27, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Pileated Woodpecker** – 2 near Mission Ponds, UMAT, 11 Aug (JSi); 1 near Strawberry L., GRAN, 23 Oct (O’S).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** – 2 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG); 1, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Barred Owl** – 1 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 19 Aug (WiG, JeG).

**Great Gray Owl** – 1 along Yellow Jacket Rd., UMAT, 3 Oct (JJa, StJa).

**Long-eared Owl** – 1 4 miles w. of Mission, UMAT, 3 Nov (CrK).

**Common Nighthawk** – Noted near Mt. Vernon, Aug (AFr et al.).

**Vaux’s Swift** – Noted near Mt. Vernon, Aug (AFr et al.); 10 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG); 41, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Black-chinned Hummingbird** – Noted near Mt. Vernon, Aug (AFr et al.).

**Calliope Hummingbird** – 1 near Mt. Vernon, 30 Oct (O’S).

**Rufous Hummingbird** – 1 near John Day, 22 Sep (O’S).

**Belted Kingfisher** – 2, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Lewis’s Woodpecker** – 5 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.); 1 near Morgan L., Aug (TEB); 3, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Williamson’s Sapsucker** – 1 near John Day, 11 Oct (O’S).

**Red-naped Sapsucker** – 1 near John Day, 19 Oct (O’S).

**Downy Woodpecker** – 2, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Hairy Woodpecker** – 2, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**White-headed Woodpecker** – Noted throughout the period near Bear V. (GCBC).

**Black-backed Woodpecker** – Noted along Summit Prairie Rd., GRAN, Sep (JGi).

**Northern Flicker** – 27, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Western Wood-Peewee** – 2 in Catherine Cr. SP, 18 Aug (JeG, WiG); 1, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Willow Flycatcher** – 1 at Thief V., UNIO, Aug (TEB).

**Hammond’s Flycatcher** – 1 in the Wallowa-Whitman NF, UNIO, 20 Aug (JeG et al.).

**Dusky Flycatcher** – Noted near John Day, Aug (O’S); noted near Bear V., Aug (TW); 1 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG).

**“Western” Flycatcher** – 1 labeled as Cordilleran near John Day, 17 Sep (O’S); one noted as Pacific-slope near Mt. Vernon, 15 Oct (AFr).

**Say’s Phoebe** – 2, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Western Kingbird** – Noted in John Day, Aug (O’S); noted in Bear V., Aug (TW); 8 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.).

**Eastern Kingbird** – Noted in John Day, Aug (O’S); noted in Bear V., Aug (TW); 2 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.).
Loggerhead Shrike – Noted near Mt. Vernon, Aug (TH); 1, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Northern Shrike – 1 along Pierce Rd near La Grande, UNIO, 28 Oct (CN).

Cassin’s Vireo – Noted at John Day, 12 Aug (TW).

Warbling Vireo – 2 in Catherine Cr. SP, 18 Aug (JeG, WiG et al.).

Red-eyed Vireo – 2 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.).


Steller’s Jay – 8, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 4 near McNary WA, 27 Oct (MD et al.).

Blue Jay – 2 near the GR Hospital, UNIO, late Sep (fide TEB); 1 near Summerville, UNIO, mid Oct (fide TEB); 1 near Elgin, UNIO, 4-7 Nov (StC); 1 near La Grande, UNIO, 17 Nov (TSc); 1 at a Pendleton Community Pk., UMAT, 26 Sep (CoB).

Western Scrub-Jay – 1 in Pendleton, 7 Nov (Dhr); 1 below McNary Dam, UMAT, 30 Oct (ASK); approximately six in GRAN: 2 near Mount Vernon, 3 at John Day, and 1 near Bear V., Oct-Nov (O’L, TH, TW, AFr et al.).

Clark’s Nutcracker – 1 near Catherine Cr. SP, 21 Aug (TEB, OFO); 1, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 4 near Morgan L., Oct (TEB).

Black-billed Magpie – 199, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

American Crow – 10, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Common Raven – 131, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Horned Lark – 2 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (WiG et al.); 3, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Tree Swallow – 93, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Violet-green Swallow – 181, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Bank Swallow – 35 at the LWWTP, 21 Aug (TEB).

Barn Swallow – 43, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 265 at CSNWR 23 Sep (ASk, CoB); 2 at CSNWR, 23 Nov (JuW, ASk).

Black-capped Chickadee – 15, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Mountain Chickadee – 18 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG); 27, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 1 near Pendleton Community Pk., UMAT, 26 Sep (CoB).


Bushtit – 7 s. of Baker City, 24 Oct (ShSw); 15-30 near John Day, throughout the period (O’L).


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White-breasted Nuthatch – 4, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Pygmy Nuthatch – Noted near Bear V., Aug (TW); 20 near Morgan L., 20 Oct thru e.o.p. (TEB).

Brown Creeper – 2 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG); 1, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 1 near John Day, 22 Oct (O’L).

Canyon Wren – 3 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.).


Marsh Wren – 3, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

American Dipper – 2, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).


Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 2, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Western Bluebird – 65, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Mountain Bluebird – 38, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Townsend’s Solitaire – 1 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG); 24, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Veery – 4 near Catherine Cr. SP, 10 Aug (TEB, SMN); 1 heard near Catherine Cr. SP, 18 Aug (JeG, WiG).

Hermit Thrush – 1 near Morgan L., 27 Sep (TEB); 1 near John Day, Nov (O’L).

American Robin – 128, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Varied Thrush – 1, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); noted at McNary WA, Sep (DRO); several near Spool Cart CG, UNIO, 27 Oct (TLE); 2 near John Day, Nov (O’L).

Gray Catbird – Numerous at Rhinehart, UNIO, throughout the period (TEB et al.).

Sage Thrasher – Noted near Brogan, GRAN, Sep (TW, GCBC); 1, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

American Pipit – 2, BAKE,
17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); many at McKay Res., 30 Sep (JuW); 200 sitting on a power line along Hwy 37, UMAT, 3 Oct (JJa, StJa); 2 near Baker City, 16 Oct (O’L).

**Bohemian Waxwing** – 1 with Cedars in Cove, 31 Oct (JAL, AMP).

**Cedar Waxwing** – 10 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.); 13, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 100+ near John Day, Nov (O’L).

**Orange-crowned Warbler** – Noted at CSNWR, 19 Aug (CC, JuC); 1 in a Cove yard, 2 Nov (NaC).

**Nashville Warbler** – Noted at Mt. Vernon, Aug (AFr); 1 near baker City, 16 Oct (O’L).

**Wilson’s Warbler** – 1 near Ladd Cr., UNIO, 30 Aug (TEB); noted at Mt. Vernon, Sep (TH).

**Yellow-breasted Chat** – Several breeding pairs at Rhinehart, UNIO, Aug (TEB).

**Western Tanager** – Noted at Dayville, Aug (TH); 2 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG).

**Green-tailed Towhee** – 6 near Medical Springs, UNIO, Aug (TEB).

**Spotted Towhee** – 17 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.); 10, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**American Tree Sparrow** – 16 near Cricket Flat, UNIO, 12 Nov (CBe); 1 near Pilot Rock, UMAT, 6 Nov (JuW, DuW); 10 near Thorn Hollow, UMAT, 19 Nov (PBC).

**Chipping Sparrow** – 50 near Morgan L., 20 Aug (TEB); 2, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Brewer’s Sparrow** – 2 near Medical Springs, UNIO, Aug (TEB).

**Vesper Sparrow** – 12 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.); 4, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Lark Sparrow** – Noted at John Day, Aug (O’L); 2 near Cove, 20 Aug (JeG et al.).

**Sage Sparrow** – 2, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Savannah Sparrow** – Noted at Prairie City, GRAN, Aug (TH); 1 near Morgan L., 15 Sep (TEB).

**Fox Sparrow** – 1 near Imbler, UNIO, 5 Oct (MMc, TEB); 7 near McNary WA, 6 Nov (MD et al.); 1 state colored near John Day, Nov (O’L).

**Song Sparrow** – 22, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Lincoln’s Sparrow** – 4, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 2 in Cove, 20 Oct (SaC).

**White-throated Sparrow** – 1 juv. or tan-striped ad. at a Cove feeder, 29 Oct thru 14 Nov (JAL, AMP, MZL).

**White-crowned Sparrow** – 425, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** – 3 at a feeder near Morgan L., 15 Oct (TEB); 20 near McNary WA, 6 Nov (MD et al.); 1 near Mt. Vernon, Nov (O’L).

**Harris’s Sparrow** – 1 near John Day, 20 Oct (O’L).

**Dark-eyed Junco** – 3 near Pendleton, 2 Sep (CoB); 2 Slate-colored near John Day, Nov (O’L).

**Black-headed Grosbeak** – Noted at Dayville, Aug (TH).

**Lazuli Bunting** – Noted at Dayville, Aug (TH); 3 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.).

**Bobolink** – 2 near Union, UNIO, Aug (fide TEB).

**Red-winged Blackbird** – 827, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Western Meadowlark** – 5 in Zumwalt Prairie NCP, 16 Aug (JeG et al.); 19, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** – Noted in several large colonies in the Grande Ronde V. throughout the period, UNIO (TEB et al.)

**Brewer’s Blackbird** – 1575, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – Noted at Holliday SP, 7 Sep (MaR).

**COMMON GRACKLE** – Noted at Holliday SP, 7 Sep (MaR). No details.

**Bullock’s Oriole** – Noted at Mt. Vernon, Aug (AFr, TH).

**Purple Finch** – Noted at Canyon City, Aug (TW); 3 at Holliday SP,
12 Nov (O’L).

**Cassin’s Finch** – Noted at Canyon City, Aug (TW); 10 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG); 14, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC); 1 near John Day, 13 Nov (O’L).

**House Finch** – Noted at Canyon City, Aug (TW); 58, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

Red Crossbill – Noted at Canyon City, Aug (TW); 30 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG); 5 near Moss Springs GS, 19 Aug (JeG, WiG).

**Pine Siskin** – Noted at Canyon City, Aug (TW); 25 in Eagle Cap Wild., UNIO, 17-19 Aug (JeG, WiG).

**Lesser Goldfinch** – 2-3 near John Day, 28 Oct (O’L).

**American Goldfinch** – 24, BAKE, 17 Sep (JAB, NAMC).

**Evening Grosbeak** – Noted at Canyon City, Aug (TW); 1 m. at feeder near Morgan L., 15 Oct (TEB); 15 near John Day, 29 Oct (O’L).

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*Abbreviation:*
MNWR Malheur NWR, HARN

*Counties:* HARN = Harney; MALH = Malheur.

*Frequently cited locations:* Fields, town in s. HARN; Steens Mtn., HARN.

**Greater Sage-Grouse** – 1 was seen from the bridge at Buena Vista, MNWR, on 18 Sep (DR).

**Great Egret** – A pair was observed feeding chicks at a nest at Sod House Ranch, MNWR, into late Sep (DR).

**Green Heron** – 1 was at the bridge at Buena Vista, MNWR, on 18 Sep (DR).

**White-faced Ibis** – 2 were still at Wright’s Pond, MNWR, on 2 Oct (ALC).

**Northern Goshawk** – A very vocal bird was at Jackman Park on Steens Mtn. on 25 Aug (MM); 1 reported from Page Springs CG on 9 Sep (KhT).

**Red-shouldered Hawk** – 1 found at Benson Pond, MNWR, on 14 Sep (MaR); 1-2 imm. were in the P Ranch area in Sep-Oct, as has become expected in recent falls, and another was around Roaring Springs Ranch in late Sep (TR); 1 was at Fields on 1 Oct (NKS).

**BROAD-WINGED HAWK** – A bird with field marks indicative of this species was observed on Steens Mtn. on 17 Sep (DR).

**“Harlan’s” Red-tailed Hawk** – Reported from Sod House Lane, MNWR, on 14 Sep (MaR).

**Peregrine Falcon** – 2 flew over MNWR HQ on 2 Oct (ALC).

**Solitary Sandpiper** – 1 was running late at Wright’s Pond, MNWR, on 20-21 Sep (ALC).

**Burrowing Owl** – Birds found in new locations were at mile marker 21 along Hwy 205 near the Narrows, and at night near Wright’s Pond on the Center Patrol Road (KS).

**White-throated Swift** – 3 were still present at Steens Mtn. on 19 Sep (ALC).

**Williamson’s Sapsucker** – 1 f. was at MNWR HQ on 8 Sep (KhT).

**Gray Flycatcher** – 1 was at Colony Cr. near Fields as late as 19 Sep (TR).

**PHILADELPHIA VIREO** – Reported with details from Fields on 7-8 Sep (KhT).

**Steller’s Jay** – 2 were on the South Steens loop road around 1 Oct (SSh) and one was along McCoy Cr. on the n. flank of Steens Mtn. on 8 Oct (TM).

**Western Scrub-Jay** – 2 were in Hines at the beginning of Oct (SSh); 1 was at Frenchglen on 3-4 Oct (ALC); 1 was at MNWR HQ on 8 Oct (TM).

**Pinyon Jay** – 1 near the South Steens CG on Steens Mtn. on 8 Oct was very unusual for the region (TM); there are few records of this species in HARN.

**American Crow** – An unusual large flock of 120+ birds was roaming around Benson Pond, MNWR, and Frenchglen on 18 Sep (TR).

**Barn Swallow** – 1 was still at MNWR HQ on 4 Oct (ALC).

**Bewick’s Wren** – Tough to find in HARN, a bird was at Benson Pond, MNWR, on 14 Sep (MaR).
Winter Wren – Arrived at MNWR HQ on 20-21 Sep (ALC).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1 was at MNWR HQ on 18-20 Sep (DR, ALC).
Western Bluebird – 1 was at MNWR HQ on 8 Sep, where it is a fairly unusual migrant (KhT).
Varied Thrush – Arrived at MNWR HQ on 21 Sep (ALC).
Gray Catbird – 1 reported from Page Spring CG on 9 Sep (KhT).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER – 1 was videotaped at MNWR HQ on the morning of 20 Sep (VA, CWr).

Tennessee Warbler – 1 was at MNWR HQ on 20 Sep (TR).

Nashville Warbler – 2 at MNWR HQ on 20 Sep were running a little late (ALC).

Yellow Warbler – 1 was at Riley Pond on 2 Oct (NKS) and 2 were at MNWR HQ on 3 Oct with one lingering at least to 7 Oct (TM); this species is unusual in October (ALC).

Black-throated Blue Warbler – A m. was at MNWR HQ on 28-30 Sep (TR).

VIRGINIA’S WARBLER – 1st fall bird reported from Fields Oasis on 20 Sep, could not be relocated later (TR).

Black-throated Gray Warbler – 1 was at MNWR HQ on 20 Sep, where it is an uncommon but regular migrant (ALC).

Blackpoll Warbler – 1st fall bird at Benson Pond, MNWR, on 17 Sep (TR).

Black-and-white Warbler – 1 was at MNWR HQ on 7 Sep (KhT).

White-throated Sparrow – 3 were at MNWR HQ on 9 Oct (TM).

Lazuli Bunting – A flock of 30 was at the bridge at Buena Vista, MNWR, on 18 Sep (DR).

Black Rosy-Finch – A large flock of 250+ was at the East Rim Overlook on Steens Mtn. on 27 Sep, as is typical in late fall.

Evening Grosbeak – 1 was at MNWR HQ on 4 Oct (ALC).

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Predator Avoidance Behavior

It was late morning, about 11AM on 26 June, 2005 at our house in the Portland suburbs. The female Hairy Woodpecker was resting on top of and in line with the branch it is on in the photo. As the Cooper’s Hawk approached through the trees to the right (north), the woodpecker immediately rotated to beneath the limb and hung there motionless for between 5 and 10 minutes until the hawk finally flew off to the left (south). The hairy then rotated back to the top of the limb and flew off to the west a couple of minutes later (probably trying to calm its heart and lower its blood pressure). It pays to know how to hide when you can’t out-fly the predator.

Photo and narrative/Robert Walker
Peregrine Falcon and Western Sandpiper at Bandon NWR, August, 2005. Photo/R. Namitz