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Oregon's First Louisiana Waterthrush
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Circumstances
We left Beaverton late Thursday morning, 26 November 1998. In hopes of walking ourselves into a proper state of pre-Thanksgiving-Dinner hunger, my husband John, our mutual friend Deb Gellar, and I visited Silver Falls State Park.

Rising to 1,500 feet above sea level, Silver Falls is a well-known natural area in Marion County, Oregon. The steep canyon, and the many spectacular falls that give the park its name, have been created by Silver Creek's erosion of the basalt that forms the surrounding western foothills of the High Cascades. The park's thick forest canopy is largely composed of mature second-growth Douglas Fir, Western Red Cedar, Western Hemlock, Bigleaf Maple, and Red Alder, festooned with epiphytes such as Old-man’s-beard, clubmosses and Oregon Lungwort. The dense understory plants include Sword Fern, Vine Maple, Salmonberry, Oregon Grape, and Salal.

We parked at the Winter Falls trailhead and began walking the trails at about 11:00 AM. The day was overcast with a few meager sun breaks and occasional showers. The thermometer in my car showed 43 degrees Fahrenheit. We wandered through the canyon for several hours, encountering a total of five bird species, the highlight of the day being a Brown Creeper seen near the trailhead. Our wandering led us finally to North Falls, where Silver Creek plummets 136 feet over a massively undercut basalt cliff. At about 1:00pm we started up the stone steps to the junction of the Winter Falls trail.

Just as I was about to turn right at the top of the steps, I noticed a small (passerine-sized) bird moving about on the gravel path to our left, further down the trail towards the North Falls parking lot. Several features struck us: the bird's distinctive bobbing; and two field marks, a bold white supercilium and buffy flank patches. All three of us observed the bird for 15 minutes, at which point John and Deb left to retrieve the car. I continued to observe the bird for an additional 20 minutes. For over 35 minutes I followed the small bird as it foraged through the tangled brushy area, up the path to the footbridge until it doubled back towards the trail junction. At this point, I stopped following the bird; I had made as many mental field notes as I could, and did not want to further disturb what I now suspected was a good find. We had no field guides with us; however, we believed the bird to be a Waterthrush. Even a Northern Waterthrush would be an unusual bird for this time of year!

We left Silver Falls at about 1:45 pm, stopping at the first telephone along Highway 214 to call Maeve Lofton and Paul Sullivan. Rousing them from Thanksgiving dinner, I described the bird to Paul who suggested we might have seen a Louisiana Waterthrush. I asked him to post a message to OBOL and to call Salem birders. We would post a more detailed description as soon as we got home. All the way back home we discussed the bird with enthusiasm - to the distress of our non-birding friend Deb who had never before seen us in the throes of full birding frenzy. She asked if there was “help” for people like us. We both replied “Birder’s Night!”

On the morning of Friday, 27 November 1998, Steve Dowlan and Paul Sullivan confirmed the identity of Oregon’s first Louisiana Waterthrush. Numerous birders observed the bird, which stayed until 30 November. A cold wave, which began Tuesday, 1 December, displaced the waterthrush, which could not be relocated.

Description
The “jizz” of the bird immediately suggested a ground-walking warbler, particularly a waterthrush. Field marks included the following: The head appeared gray brown,
with white supercilia extending over the eye towards the back of the head. The supercilia were of uniform thickness over the eye, broadening slightly (about 1 1/2 times the thickness at the eye) behind the eyes. The impression conveyed was of a striking white eyebrow that became “wedge-shaped” to the rear. When the head was viewed from behind, both supercilia could be seen extending along the sides of the head, but they did not meet in the back. The upper cheek was gray brown just under the eye, fading to buff malar stripe and a brown sub-malar stripe. The chin was a buff color with no streaking. The eye was dark.

The bill was dark and slender. It had a straight lower mandible with a slightly tapered upper mandible. The bill size was larger than typical warbler bill, about 1/3 of head length. No vireo-like spike or “hook” at tip of upper mandible.

The back and wings were overall brown to light grayish brown, fading to brown towards wings and tail. The wings were plain and without barring, the same tone of brown as the back.

The underparts were a buffy, cream coloration found on the chest, belly, between the legs and vent. There was brown streaking over the cream colored areas from just below the clear chin to between the legs. There was no streaking on the vent. Distinct pale, clear bright buff or orangy-cream colored flank areas were highly visible just below the folded wings. When the bird was in the underbrush, these patches allowed the bird to be followed easily by eye.

The tail was short, about the same length as the head. Dark upper retrices, pale underneath. No other tail marks. The bird’s legs were bright pink.

We observed the bird actively walking and feeding along the pathway and in the brushy area. The wet brushy area contained numerous puddles and descended north to the North Fork of Silver Creek. Southwards the ground rose along a hillside that terminated in a low stone wall. The bird was very active, travelling from the trail junction almost to the footbridge, then back through the brushy area. This bird would occasionally flatten out, giving the head a slightly upturned angle. Between steps, the bird would perform a “dipping” or “bobbing” sequence. This would begin with a jerky, downward tail dip. The bird would bend the legs and “dip” the body, then return to feeding position. The effect was similar to a rotating cam. We heard no vocalizations.

**Range and Occurrence**

The breeding range of the Louisiana Waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*) extends from southern Maine to northwest Florida, west to eastern Texas, up through eastern Nebraska, Iowa, central Minnesota, northern Wisconsin, central Michigan, and into southern Ontario. The winter range includes northwest Mexico (to northeastern Sonora State) and northeast Mexico (to southern Nuevo Leon and southwest Tamaulipas), Panama, the Bahamas, and the Greater Antilles islands. Louisiana Waterthrush is found nearly annually in southeastern Arizona and southern Florida in winter (Dunn and Garrett, 1997). There are no previous records for Oregon or Washington and only 8 records for California over the ninety-year period from 1908 to 1997 (Roberson and Patten, 1997).

Preferred habitat includes clear, fast flowing, rocky streams with forested edges. A ground feeder, it bobs the body with a distinctive circular motion. The most prominent features of this waterthrush include the buffy, orange flank patches; white supercilium that flares behind the eye; and bubble-gum pink legs. It is most often confused with its close relative, the Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*). A comparative discussion with similar species follows.

**Discussion**

Waterthrushes are described as quite distinctive among the warblers: “The...waterthrushes are easily told from other warblers” (Dunn & Garrett, 1997). Most references specify that the Northern and Louisiana Waterthrushes are most similar to each other (Farrand, 1988; Dunn & Garrett, 1997). Most other common “similar species” mentioned are Ovenbird (*S. aurocapillus*) and American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*) (Dunn & Garrett, 1997). Dunn & Garrett (1997) also suggest a behavioral similarity with Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*); however, our familiarity with this species in Oregon leads us to rule out Spotted Sandpiper out of hand. Each of the other three species will be addressed with regard to the field mark observations of the Silver Falls bird.

**American Pipit v. Louisiana Waterthrush**

Pale grayish above, wings showing 2 distinct bars, long tail with white outer retrices, black legs; we would argue this combination of markings eliminates Pipit as a possibility for the Silver Falls bird.

**Ovenbird v. Louisiana Waterthrush:**

Dunn & Garrett (1997) describe that the Ovenbird’s “...tail is quickly cocked upward then slowly brought back down to horizontal,” not at all like the tail-dip-and-bob of the Silver Falls bird.
Ovenbird habitat tends to be “relatively dry” and they are said to “avoid wet lowlands forests” and “prefers forests...with much leaf litter” (Dunn & Garrett, 1997).

The bright white supercilia, lack of both eyering and orange-inside-black crown striping (see esp. Dunn & Garrett, 1997) observed on the Silver Falls bird tends to argue strongly against Ovenbird.

Northern Waterthrush v. Louisiana Waterthrush:

Farrand (1988) notes the “buff wash on the flanks (of S. motacilla) often creates a patch.” Dunn & Garrett (1997) suggest that Northern Waterthrush “flanks are slightly washed with buffy brown” while Louisiana Waterthrush flanks are “variably (but often strongly) tinged with salmon-buff to yellow buff wash.” Curson, Quinn, & Beadle (1994) mentions the “contrasting buffy flanks and undertail coverts "are (among) the most important features." Spotting/streaking in both, with Northern spotting “darker...more strongly defined...organized into lengthwise rows” (Dunn & Garrett, 1997).

Dunn & Garrett (1997) is definitive on the bobbing motion: “One important behavioral distinction...is the more deliberate and exaggerated tail-bobbing behavior of Louisiana; that species tail bobbing is circular and involves more body motion than in the Northern, which has a faster, more up-and-down tail bobbing.” Other standard references agree: “…on Northern, the tail-flicking is restricted to the tail...on Louisiana, the whole rear end of the bird is ‘bobbed’ (with the motion appearing to run through the whole body)” (Curson, Quinn & Beadle, 1994)

The Northern is described as “preferring slow streams...bogs and swampy areas” (Dunn & Garrett, 1997). Louisiana is said to “prefer running brooks, streams and cool ravines for breeding” (Farrand, 1988) and [In winter, Louisianas choose habitats similar to those used in breeding season” (Dunn & Garrett, 1997). Curson, Quinn and Beadle (1994) note that “Territories are usually long and narrow, following a stream or ravine.”

Conclusions

Based on our observations, the discussion above, and subsequent confirmation by other observers, we believe that this bird represents the first state record of Louisiana Waterthrush in Oregon. As discussed in this article, the crucial evidence in this sighting is a combination of field marks (especially the flank color and supercilia shape), the unique “bobbing” behavior, and choice of habitat.

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Yellow-breasted Chat Sightings Needed!

Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife has an ongoing project (through 2000) studying the distribution, abundance and nesting success of the Yellow-breasted Chat in the Willamette Valley. Chat sightings are needed, especially if they involve breeding behavior and the following is helpful: date, location, number of chats, breeding behavior, other comments.

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A Productive Year in Marion County: The Benefits of a Big Year County Listing Effort

Steve Dowlan

I had no plans to attempt a “Big Year” effort in Marion County on 1 January 1998. There were Breeding Bird Atlas cells to visit, one or two springtime pilgrimages to the desert oases; my bird banding station was soon to enter its second year; and I had a plan to capture, band and measure Fox Sparrows around the central Cascades. These activities by themselves would easily eat-up hours and days and weekends, and rare birds might pop-up anywhere in the state during the year to squeeze the agenda even more. The urge to list began with an unplanned stop at Detroit Flats on 14 March, on the way to Redmond for a family obligation, where a Loggerhead Shrike was perched on a small willow.

This was the second time I had seen this species at this location, and the fourth spring during which Loggerhead Shrike had been observed there since 1990. Though I had seen a few rare county birds at the Flats since Barb Bellin “discovered” this premier Marion County hot spot in 1987 (See Oregon Birds 23(1):15), it had never been a particularly productive location for me. Still, spring bird numbers are usually high, and the Flats would be a very interesting location for the annual “warm-up” banding practice in advance of the breeding season. The list of unusual county species from the site was enticing, and my bander trainees would get a chance to handle a few species that would be unlikely in the subalpine meadow habitat in Clackamas County where the MAPS station was situated.

Though the dates I had set for the training were more than a month away, I decided to begin to monitor bird activity at the Flats immediately. I made seven visits from 4 April to 19 April, and it was soon obvious that I would no longer be jinxed at the site. A Say’s Phoebe, the county’s third, stayed around between 25 March (J. Lundsten) and 4 April, a male Calliope Hummingbird hassled its Rufous brethren for several days around 19 April, and on the same day, a Brewer’s Sparrow was roaming around the shrinking “stump field” of the Flats with a large flock of Savannah Sparrows. About this time, I recalled some of the interesting species from the Salem and Silverton Christmas Counts which had remained through the first of the year for my viewing pleasure, and the county big year idea began to take form.

Still feeling fresh from a state big year listing effort in 1997, it was obvious to me that I would need a plan. Bill Tice had provided me with a list of accidental birds for Marion County which he had gleaned from Salem Audubon Society field notes, and this document had already accurately framed the timing of the Brewer’s Sparrow discovery (a third occurrence for the county). Oregon Birds field notes were the second primary resource and an indispensable tool for anticipating the arrival of key species.

The plan was fairly simple: As spring migration progressed (and Detroit Lake covered the Flats), focus would shift to Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), and then to the high Cascades, where I intended to set mist nets and band Fox Sparrows as snow-melt permitted access. By mid-summer, shorebirds would begin to move through the lowlands again, and ANWR would receive plenty of attention through early fall. The search would expand to open valley habitats and deepwater ponds and lakes to finish the year. This plan incorporated the results of the experience and dedication of a number of other dedicated Marion County birders of the past 20 or so years, and certainly demonstrated the importance of a small number of key locations for finding unusual or vagrant birds.

Visits to Detroit Flats were productive through April and early May. Rare and uncommon species included Gray Flycatcher (1 captured and banded), Ash-throated Flycatcher (sixth county record), Caspian Tern, Red-necked Grebes (2 in breeding plumage), Western Kingbird (six in one day), Yellow-headed Blackbird, Dusky Flycatcher, and Vesper Sparrow. Not all of these species are a once-per-year occurrence in the county, but this short list would otherwise require a more widespread search.

From the beginning of May, I began to take the long route from my office in South Salem to my home in West Salem through ANWR for an almost daily stroll.
Turnstones on 13 May were a county first, appearing on around Mohoff Pond and the new reservoir just to the south. Ankeny had already contributed Red-shouldered Hawk, Tree Sparrow, Ross’ Goose, Brant, and Rough-legged Hawk (not an easy species to find in Marion Co.) to the list in January and February, and it was inevitable that the refuge would bulk up the list even more. Though shorebird numbers through spring were not spectacular, the species mix certainly made up for it. Two Ruddy Turnstones on 13 May were a county first, appearing on the same day as the county’s third Sandpipers (2). By the end of May, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Wilson’s Phalarope (which nested there), Red-necked Phalarope, and Semipalmated Plover were added to the year-list. More Yellow-headed Blackbirds were seen there, as well as another Caspian Tern, and Bonaparte’s Gull also made several appearances. Waterfowl numbers were high, perhaps in response to the presence of the new pond, and included a small flock of Brant, five Redheads, many Cinnamon Teal and Blue-winged Teal, a species which is very difficult to find during some years.

The snow line advanced to higher elevations from mid-May, and the Fox Sparrow project got underway, which took me to the upper reaches of the Breitenbush River basin and Olallie Meadow, which is just barely in Marion County. I located a pair of Three-toed Woodpeckers on territory at the meadow, Cassin’s Finch, Mountain Bluebird, and another Gray Flycatcher (captured and photographed) above the South Fork of the Clackamas River. Marion County is not very deep north-to-south at its eastern end, so I traversed the same roads many times during this period.

I found Dusky Flycatcher, Cassin’s Finch, Mountain Bluebird and Thick-billed (fulva/megarhyncha) Fox Sparrows to be locally common in the high country, probably due for the most part to a variety of timber harvest practices which have produced open forest stands and extensive areas of montane chaparral dominated by snowbrush (ceanothus) and manzanita (arctostaphylos). Although I repeatedly checked suitable habitat and areas with previous sightings for Northern Goshawk, Rock Wren, Mountain Chickadee, Black-backed Woodpecker, I was unable to detect these species. Sandhill Cranes nested at Olallie Meadow, and Barrow’s Goldeneyes were present on Breitenbush Lake and Buffleheads at Triangle Lake. I did not find Solitary Sandpipers at Olallie Meadow during two visits in summer.

Though few new species were added to the list in early July, regular visits to ANWR still resulted in worthwhile observations, such as downy Sora chicks and just-fledged Wilson’s Phalaropes at Mohoff Pond. By early August, the southbound shorebird migration was well underway, and the county’s fourth (J. Lundsten) and fifth Long-billed Curlews were added to the list, as well as Baird’s and Pectoral Sandpipers. The real highlight of the month was on 28 August, when my regular afternoon walk around the quickly-shrinking Mohoff Pond resulted in the county’s first Stilt Sandpiper, one of a very few reported in the state in 1998. My own field notes and those of Oregon Birds suggested that mid to late August would be a good time to look for Lewis’ Woodpeckers migrating through the higher elevations. On 14 August, at least six were hawking insects from the trees of a shelter-wood harvest area above the South Breitenbush River where I had been banding Fox Sparrows. Though I found no other difficult-to-find species in the high elevations during August, I witnessed a fairly heavy movement of American Robins, Western Tanagers, and Juncos on the ridge above Olallie Lake on one day.

September birding was relatively slow as the shorebird migration waned rather quickly at Mohoff Pond, and the high elevations became quiet. By October, I had discovered that it was now possible to survey Staat’s Lake in Keizer and began regular visits there. This privately owned pond had always been closed and fenced to all but a few local birders familiar with the family, but as a result of intensive development, public access was available at its east end. A paved footpath encircled the entire lake, and though signs restricted access to all but residents, I was befriended by one of the locals who advised me that birders would not be challenged.

On 4 October, both Red-throated and Pacific Loon had joined several Common Loons on the lake, as well as more than 50 Pied-billed Grebes, Red-necked, Western, and Horned Grebes. This assemblage of diving birds had never been observed in Marion County before, to the best of my knowledge. All of these species remained through the month, as well as very large numbers of waterfowl and gulls. On 22 November, Canvasbacks and Common Goldeneyes made a first appearance, and on 26 November, after a storm, 2 Red-breasted Mergansers (second or third county record) and 1 Red Phalarope (fourth county record) were present on the lake.

To punctuate November 1998 with a very large exclamation point, a Louisiana Waterthrush was found at Silver Creek Falls State Park, an apparent state first and a very exciting event (C. Lawes [see our opening article, Ed.]). I spent the remainder of the year searching the open country of the central part of the county for the likes of Prairie Falcon, Northern Shrike, and Short-eared Owl. The Prairie Falcon continues to be a nemesis species for me, and Short-eared Owls weren’t found until New Year’s Day, 1999, near Mount Angel. However, I found several shrikes, and the county’s second reported and first confirmed Burrowing Owl. The last “rare bird”
of the year was a Glaucous Gull on 12 December at a park by the Women’s Prison in Salem, a location that also attracts Western Gull every winter.

The results of this big year county listing effort emphasize the importance of a few sites, which supply the bulk of the rare (i.e. migrating or vagrant birds). In Marion County, these sites are Detroit Flats and Minto Brown Park for passerines, Ankeny NWR for shorebirds and other water birds, and Staat’s Lake for deepwater species. The high elevations of the county are also critical to the effort, but no single site, aside from perhaps Olallie Meadow, can be cited. High elevations are most likely to produce uncommon or rare breeding birds, such as woodpeckers and other species normally associated with east-side habitats. I used taped songs to attempt to locate Red-eyed Vireo, perhaps the only likely “rare” breeding species at lower elevations, along the Willamette and Santiam Rivers, but found none.

Although Staat’s Lake has been known to Salem area birders for some time, the development around the lake has actually improved public access, and the deep water birds there appear to be unaffected by the residential housing which lines its shore. This site should offer the potential for other rare county birds in the future. In comparison, the old flat-water hot spots in Marion County, McGilchrist Pond near the airport and the Boise Cascade pond complex on Minto Island, have been relatively unproductive during the last 10 years. Much of the high country away from roads in the extreme eastern portions of the county still remain mostly unexplored, and the riparian gallery forests along the Willamette and North Santiam Rivers, mostly accessible only by boat, are also not well surveyed.

I do not propose to take credit for discovering any especially productive birding sites because of this big year effort. Other birders, some less active now than in previous years, pioneered all of these. Nor is my Marion County big year, at a respectable 215 species, the best on record. In this regard, I will continue to envy John Lundsten's productive use of retirement. Still, my big year activities contributed to the Oregon Breeding Bird Atlas Project, clarification of Fox Sparrow taxonomy for the county and the region, a greater depth of understanding of county bird distribution and abundance, three confirmed new county species, and the promotion of exciting birding possibilities in Marion County.

It is difficult to undertake a task of this magnitude without a great deal of time and the assistance of enthusiastic birders from seasons past who spent hours of time in the field. A careful review of county, regional and state records is critical to the formulation of a plan to guide the effort, and serious list-keepers learn to appreciate the importance of careful records-keeping and the publication of records in Audubon newsletter field notes and local and regional birding journals. Oregon Birders On-line proved to be an invaluable tool as well, providing up-to-the-minute arrival news and a forum for uncontainable enthusiasm. In Oregon, it is fair to say that a successful big year listing effort is the result of joy and dedication of Oregon birders from the days of Gabrielson and Jewett to the birding community of the present.

The 1998 Listing Results article will appear in the Fall 1999 issue of Oregon Birds. Look for it in the next issue.

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During 1998 I decided to do a big year in my home county, Polk. Roy Gerig had set the big-year record in Polk County with 195 species in 1990. There were a few reasons I decided to do a big year. First, there were four rare birds in the county at the start of the New Year. Second, I worked swing shift which gave me each morning off should I care to go birding. Thirdly, recent changes at Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge (BSNWR), particularly the creation of wetlands, were extensive and could be quite appealing to rare birds. The fourth was that I felt I knew more about the avifauna of the county than I did 8 years ago. Also, being adventurous, I am always curious about what new discoveries might await me. Even though I felt intimately acquainted with the county, there must be a few nooks and crannies that held something of importance.

If one is serious in doing a big year anywhere, a strategy is needed. Mine was simple. I made two lists: the hard-to-find birds and the easy ones. Those on the hard list were either accidental, not known to show up every year, or just plain tough to get like Goshawks or Common Goldeneyes. The easy ones were those that are present each year and should be encountered eventually with adequate searching. I figured if I concentrated on certain ones on the hard list by visiting BSNWR, the sewage ponds, and the mountains often, I’d see all the ones on the easy list. If I saw all the ones on the easy list, I then only needed 15 from the hard-to-find list to break the record.

The 4 rare birds I set off to find right after the turn of the new year were Swamp Sparrow, Red-shouldered Hawk, Harris’ Sparrow, and Ross’ Goose. I did not find the Swamp Sparrow until mid-January, but the others were found right away where they were expected. Since there was a Glaucous Gull reported in the large gull flock near the Benton County line in early December 1997, I figured it was good strategy to keep checking it. This checking paid off: I found all the common wintering gulls early, and also found a Western Gull, which had been extremely difficult to find in Polk County.

On 4 February, there was a female Common Goldeneye at the Monmouth Sewage Ponds (MSP). This may not sound too impressive, but birders have not found many at all this decade in Polk County. On 8 February, Paul Sullivan found a Gyr falcon along Livermore Rd. The next day was very rainy, so I waited until the following day and was pleasantly rewarded by seeing this bird. A large tan colored individual, and it flew with powerful wing strokes. Very impressive! On 21 February, Ray Korpi reported a probable Glaucous Gull in the large gull flock at the county line via OBOL, so, on 23 February, I went to check over the gull flock. Happily the Glaucous Gull was there, but to my surprise, I also found a second-winter Black-legged Kittiwake! It stayed for another 4 days, providing a few other birders the opportunity to see it also. While there have been 3 other county records of Kittiwakes, and though I made a few other significant finds in the months to come, I regarded this bird the best one of the year as I really never expected to see it in Polk County.

On 3 March, I was finally able to locate a Brant that had been seen in the large flocks of Canada Geese at BSNWR. I was beginning to lose hope after scanning for hours through these flocks without success. As this was the tenth bird I had seen from the hard-to-find list, I was still rather optimistic about the outcome of the year. I had 136 by early March. I figured that I would know where I stood by mid-June as I should have seen all on the easy list except 2 or 3 fall migrants, and would have a good idea of how many more on the hard list I would need.

Most of April was rather slow, but on 20 April, I heard a Wrentit south of Dallas, and then on 24 April, there was a Solitary Sandpiper at MSP. Friday, the first day of May, I shall remember for a long time as one of those days when a birder hits the right place at the right time. Since I have each Friday off, and if it is good birding, it then becomes “Good Friday.” This Friday, 1 May, was the first day when those off-limits areas at BSNWR
were open. The first good find was a Blue-winged Teal. These had been difficult to find in recent years, but as it turned out, there were at least three pairs on the refuge in 1998. The next good find was a female Surf Scoter. These are difficult enough to find during fall, so one in the spring was great. I next went over to Morgan Lake where there was a Common Loon and a Clark's Grebe. Both were county birds for me, and the grebe was a first for Polk County. The Clark's Grebe was seen on and off through most of the month, while the loon stayed for 10 days and was joined by another before departing. Good fortune stayed with me, for on 8 May, there was a Long-billed Curlew at BSNWR. This was a long-expected county bird for me as they show up almost every year, and I had missed them until now. While looking for Grasshopper Sparrows (which I never found) on 22 May, I was able to locate a Lewis' Woodpecker. I was not sure whether it was a migrant or lingering winter visitor.

During May I was able to locate all the expected spring migrants and on 26 May tied Roy Gerig's record of 195 with an Olive-sided Flycatcher. I anticipated breaking the record with a Common Nighthawk, but was pleasantly rewarded instead with a rare Caspian Tern at BSNWR on 29 May. Seeing 196 species in Polk County was quite a feat, and doing so in less than five full months was an exciting accomplishment. On 29 May, I saw a Common Nighthawk lifting me to 197. In a sense, I could kick back a little as the summer doldrums came on. Yet, as there had been rare birds seen in late May and early June in the past, I felt I should visit BSNWR on a regular basis. In addition, I felt I might as well pad my list to make the record less reachable in the future.

On 13 June, I made history for the county by locating a Red-eyed Vireo (198) at a place called Luckiamute Landing. I had seen a campsite along the Willamette River on a map in the SE corner of the county with no roads to it. My adventurous spirit got the best of me in March, and my wife and I went exploring and found that the area was set aside as part of the Willamette Greenway system. It is at the confluence of the Santiam, Luckiamute, and Willamette Rivers, and there is a nice-sized grove of mature cottonwoods and maples. Two days later Roy Gerig and I found two singing birds here, and we think that this species may have been here in years past and probably has bred there. The area has been almost completely neglected by birders.

The summer doldrums arrived, but on a visit to BSNWR on 22 July, I found a first-summer Black-Crowned Night Heron. This brought me to 199, and I wondered which species would lift me to the 200 mark. Would it be a rare bird or a common one? I did not have to wait long. The next day I went back to BSNWR to get a better look at the Night Heron. While looking over the peeps, I found one that turned out to be a Semipalmated Sandpiper. I studied this bird intensely for about a half hour in varying light and at least 100 feet. The summer doldrums were officially over as far as I was concerned. By August, there were reports on OBOL about Baird's Sandpipers being seen, most notably over at Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge just a few miles away. On 3 August, I could not find any at BSNWR so went over to the Dallas Sewage Ponds where there is a nice two-acre mudflat. Bingo! There was one Baird's there among the dozens of other peeps (201).

I figured a Pectoral Sandpiper would show up here before the end of the month, and that might be the next species to grace the list. However, I was pleasantly surprised with another species rare for Polk County. On 4 August, I led a group of 15-year-olds around BSNWR. They were part of a summer work force and needed a short diversion from their work. They were much more interested in the opportunity of not working than they were in birds. As we were walking along the nature trail on Baskett Butte, we flushed an owl. I assumed it was a Great Horned Owl since this is what we usually see here, but on closer inspection, it was a Long Eared Owl (202). Finally saw a Pectoral Sandpiper on 18 August, bringing the list up to 203. I only had to wait another 10 days before I added to the list. Another “Good Friday” occurred on 28 August. I birded BSNWR with Steve Dowlin, and we found a Stilt Sandpiper (204). Later in the day, I found a Black Tern (205) there. Both of these were new county birds for me, making them extra special.

After a vacation to Eastern Oregon, I got back to local birding on 15 September. At Morgan Lake there were 2 Eared Grebes (206), which was the last species on the easy list. What ever would be added from now on would be rare. I did not have to wait long. The next day Roy Gerig and I found a Lapland Longspur (207) at Morgan Lake at BSNWR. This was the fifth county record and indeed a nice find.

I figured I would have to wait for adverse weather to bring in rarities in October and November, and by 1 October, the wind and rains began. On 2 October, I found a small tern at MSP. I had trouble identifying it for a time but finally decided it was an Arctic Tern (208). On 6 October, after the storm was over I headed up to Sugarloaf Mountain with Ron Day, a birder I occasionally run into at BSNWR. I had read reports of vagrant Nutcrackers and so held some hopes for one. We waited
In Memoriam:
Margaret Markley, 1911-1998

Long-time Eugene birder and birding traveler Margaret Markley died December 25, 1998 in Eugene. Margaret was a dedicated observer who always went the extra mile – even when that mile was nearly vertical.

She never shied from clambering after good birds wherever she could. I recall seeing her, well after retirement, walking all the way out the Siuslaw deflation plain after some rare bird that she (and we) never found. Another time several of us were standing on the South Jetty of the Columbia, no delicate perch, when to our surprise Margaret came straight up the side of the jetty over huge boulders. She must have been in her 70s then.

I saw my first Audubon's Warbler in Margaret's back yard in east Eugene when I was 11 years old. She came out and talked to us (I was with Sayre Greenfield) and helped us in those early years as we discovered the joy of birding. She will be missed by anyone who values the pleasure of birding.

Alan Contreras

POLK COUNTY BIG YEAR

on the mountain in vain for migrating raptors, and just as we were about to descend, a Clark's Nutcracker (209) came by. This was the fourth county record.

The good luck I had experienced for 10 months finally gave out in November and December. Rare birds had seemed to regularly trickle in, but they were being found in adjacent counties only. In the last two months of the year, I checked BSNWR, the sewage ponds, and Sugarloaf Mountain often but could not find any more rarities.

All of the rare birds that I found during the year I found for myself except the Gyr falcon. There were a few rare birds I heard about just a little too late: Cattle Egret, Nashville Warbler, Whimbrel, Swainson's Hawk, and Say's Phoebe. Setting a new record was not the only nice thing about doing a big year. I was also blessed to have found three Purple Martin colonies, as well as being in on the discovery of two others. To see over 10,000 Dunlin at BSNWR making various curtains as they banked is always a treat. Finding an Anna's Hummingbird in the Coast Range was also intriguing as these are usually in the lowlands. Finding the small Red-eyed Vireo colony was also very rewarding. During the year, I visited BSNWR many times and have concluded that it is an important place for resident and migrating birds. Wetlands there are now extensive and hold quite an appeal to waterfowl and shorebirds. I have gained a greater respect for those who manage wetlands as well as learning how important these essential habitats are for wildlife.

It may be that finding 209 species in Polk County in a calendar year will be a record that will stand for a while. However, eventually someone will go all out again and cause it to fall. I had lots of fun doing a big year and encourage others to try them. Much has been learned about the birds of Oregon because birders have searched the far corners of its counties.
Updated Priorities for Atlasing in 1999

The Breeding Bird Atlas Project has updated the list of priority areas for bird finding in Oregon during summer 1999.

Here is a list of uncompleted areas that either lack coverage in 1999 (boldfaced, highest priority), or are high-priority areas that are especially “thin” on coverage (only one nonresident atlaser has volunteered). The “-SQ” code indicates coverage is needed for the 3 x 3-mile square; an asterisk indicates coverage is needed for both the square and the larger hexagon surrounding it.

Please volunteer now to spend a leisurely day or two this summer birding in one or more of these units, by emailing Paul Adamus (adamusp@ucs.orst.edu) or phoning 1-800-440-5454 before June 30. You’ll receive detailed maps and field cards. Thanks!

NOTE: Don’t forget to send your atlas cards in to the Atlas Committee by August 1 to Paul Adamus at: Oregon Breeding Bird Atlas Project, PO Box 2189, Corvallis OR 97331.

Northwestern Oregon

CLACKAMAS: 26423-SQ (Olallie Butte), 26532-SQ (Upper Clackamas R.), 26533-SQ (Collawash R.), 26642-SQ (s.e. of Molalla)
CLATSOP: 27065-SQ (s. of Astoria)
COLUMBIA: 26748-SQ (s. of Sauvie Is.)
HOOD RIVER: 26309-SQ (s.e. of Parkdale)
LANE: 26536-SQ (s.w. of McKenzie Pass), 26537-SQ (3 Sisters Wilderness), 26649-SQ (e. of Lemolo Lake), 26754-SQ (e. of Vida), 26756-SQ (Oakridge), 27281-SQ (Coast Range above Heceta Head)
LINCOLN: 27175-SQ (n.w. of Logsden), 27176-SQ (w. of Harlan), 27280-SQ (s. of Waldport)
LINN: 26645-SQ (Willamette N.F. s. of Upper Soda)
MARION: 26534-SQ (Idanha), 26643-SQ (e. of Mill City), 26751-SQ (Silver Falls State Park)
MULTNOMAH: 26420-SQ (s. of McKenzie Pass), 26532-SQ (Collawash R.), 26533-SQ (Upper Clackamas R.), 26642-SQ (s.e. of Molalla)

Southwestern Oregon

COOS: 27286-SQ (Middle Fork of the Coquille R.)
DOUGLAS: 26649-SQ (e. of Lemolo Lake), 26759-SQ (w. of Crater Lake), 26865-SQ (e. of Steamboat), 26866-SQ (headwaters of South Umpqua R.), 26867-SQ (n.w. of Prospect), 26972-SQ (s.e. of Glide), 26973-SQ (near Tiller), 26974* (s. of Tiller), 27079-SQ (s.e. of Azalea), 27182-SQ (Tenmile), 27183-SQ (s. of Glendale)
JACKSON: 26760-SQ (e. of Prospect), 26761-SQ (e. of Mt. McLoughlin), 26762-SQ (s. of Lake-of-the-Woods)
KLAMATH: 26431-SQ (Winema N.F. e. of Klamath Marsh), 26540-SQ (n. of Chemult), 26542-SQ (s. of Klamath Marsh), 26650-SQ (n.e. corner of Crater Lake Park), 26653-SQ (w. side of Klamath Lake), 26654-SQ (Keno)

Central Oregon

CROOK: 25743* (e. of Paulina), 25975* (Maury Mountains)
DESHUTES: 26091-SQ (s.e. of Millican), 26202* (Powell Butte), 26203-SQ (n.w. of Millican), 26316-SQ (n. of Paulina Lake)
LAKE: 25749-SQ (Hart Mtn. sagebrush), 25866-SQ (Plush), 26094-SQ (e. of Summer Lake), 26095-SQ (s. of Paisley), 26097-SQ (n. of Goose Lake), 26207-SQ (s. of Silver Lake), 26208-SQ (s.w. of Summer Lake), 26209-SQ (Gearhart Mtn. Wilderness), 26319* (w. of Silver Lake)
WASCO: 26083* (mouth of the Deschutes), 26196-SQ (Hood River – The Dalles), 26197-SQ (s. of Dufur), 26198-SQ (s.w. of Maupin)

Northeastern Oregon

BAKER: 24649* (Huntington), 24898-SQ (Bridgeport)
GRANT: 25142* (n.e. of Granite), 25145* (s.e. of Prairie City), 25264* (n.e. of Galena), 25265-SQ (n.e. of Prairie City), 25266-SQ (s.e. of John Day), 25387-SQ (n.e. of Seneca), 25388* (Seneca & Malheur National Forest)
MORROW: 25501-SQ (n.e. of Heppner), 25619-SQ (s. of Boardman)
UMATILLA: 25140-SQ (s.e. of Pendleton), 25260-SQ (n. of Penetlon), 25262-SQ (s. of Pilot Rock), 25263* (s.e. of Ukiah), 25381* (w. of Pendleton), 25382* (Vinson – Lena)
UNION: 24893-SQ, 25018-SQ (La Grande)
WALLOWA: 24389*, 24390-SQ, 24643*, 24645-SQ, 24769* (Wallowa)

Southeastern Oregon

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MALHEUR: 24651* (n. of Adrian), 24775* (w. of Willowcreek), 24776* (s.w. of Vale), 24778* (Middle Owyhee Reservoir), 24779* (Upper Owyhee Reservoir), 24782-SQ (s.e. of Rome), 24784-SQ (e. of McDermitt),
An Update on Missing Species for Specific Locations:

Acorn Woodpecker: Colestine Valley – 26977
Am. Dipper: Timothy Lake – 26422
Band-Tailed Pigeon: Detroit Reservoir – 26534
Black-Throated Gray Warbler: Quartzville Creek, Mill City – 26644
Brewer’s Blackbird: Hebo, Blaine, Beaver, Hemlock – 27069; Quartzville Creek, Mill City – 26644; Tyee, Millwood – 27181
Brown-Headed Cowbird: Hebo, Blaine, Beaver, Hemlock – 27069; Tyee, Millwood, 27181
Bullock’s Oriole: Port Orford, Sixes, Humbug Mountain – 27491
Cassin’s (Solitary) Vireo: Marial – 27287; Port Orford, Sixes, Humbug Mountain – 27491; Timberline, Barlow Pass – 26310
Common Merganser: Brownsboro, Lakecreek – 26869; Cascadia, Upper Soda – 26645
Fox Sparrow: Brownsboro, Lakecreek – 26869; Crane Prairie, Waldo Lake – 26538
Hermit Warbler: Cape Meares, Barview, Rockaway – 27172; Junction City, Harrisburg, Cheshire, Santa Clara – 26968
Hutton’s Vireo: Alma, Gunter – 27075
Lazuli Bunting: Port Orford, Sixes, Humbug Mountain – 27491
Mallard: Marys Peak, Nashville – 27072
N. Rough-Winged Swallow: Cape Kiwanda – 27174; Cascade Head – 27174; Dellswood, Dora, McKinley, Tioga – 27285; Fairdale – 26963; Nashville – 27072; Neskowin, Nestucca, Oris, Pacific City, Wecoma – 27174
Ruffed Grouse: Cape Perpetua, Heceta Head, Yachats – 27281; Crane Prairie, Waldo Lake – 26538; Junction City, Harrisburg, Cheshire, Santa Clara – 26968
Savannah Sparrow: Hebo, Blaine, Beaver, Hemlock – 27069; Valsez, Logden – 27071
Spotted Owl: Selma – 27289
Varied Thrush: Veronza – 26855; Wilsonville, Woodburn, Aurora, Canby, Champoe – 26750
Vaux’s Swift: Cottage Grove, Anlauf, Saginaw, Curtin, Divide – 26970; Tyee, Millwood – 27181; Valsez, Logden – 27071
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Wood Duck: Burnt Woods, Nashville – 27072

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In other words, we are looking for someone that is willing to update the web page when needed, and improve it by adding new pages, etc.

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Pages we would like added are: a links page (in addition to our link to OBOL’s web page), a page on people who have won OFO awards for birds, birding areas, etc., and others yet to be determined.

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The OFO Web Committee

North American Migration Count

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THE SEASON

Across eastern Oregon, August temperatures were about 3 degrees above average. A whole series of new record highs were set. Precipitation in August was well below half of normal levels. The warm trend continued, making September one of the warmest in history all across eastern Oregon. LaGrande’s monthly average was a whopping 7 degrees above normal. September precipitation was below normal in central Oregon, but above normal in eastern Oregon.

After the first couple days, October temperatures fell sharply, and the month ended about 2 degrees below average. Precipitation was also below par. November saw temperatures rise again to about 2 degrees above normal. However, precipitation also rose to 100-200% of normal. The winter rains had begun.

REPORTERS AND REPORTS

Observations were received directly from only 9 observers. Reports from a total of 82 observers were gleaned from The Rav-on, newsletter of the Grande Ronde Bird Club; The Upland Sandpiper, newsletter of the Grant County Bird Club; The Eagle Eye, newsletter of the Central Oregon Audubon Society; and sightings reported to Portland Audubon’s Rare Bird Alert (aka Harry Nehls).

Notable sightings included: Trumpeter Swans breeding in Crook County, Golden-Plovers at Wickiup Reservoir in mid-October, a Parasitic Jaeger and a LITTLE GULL at Summer Lake WMA, at least 6 Sabine’s Gulls across the region, Oregon’s first BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD near John Day, a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher near Malheur NWR headquarters, a Grasshopper Sparrow at Paulina Marsh, a Common Grackle at Fields, and a Baltimore Oriole at Summer Lake.

Malheur NWR headquarters tallied a BLUE-HEADED VIREO, Blackpoll Warbler, American Redstart, Prothonotary Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Canada Warbler, and a Clay-colored Sparrow. Add to that a Hooded Warbler at Upper Klamath Lk., a Magnolia Warbler at Cold Springs NWR, a Black-throated Blue Warbler at Fields a Hermit Warbler in the Maury Mts. of Crook County, and another Blackpoll Warbler at Willow Cr. WMA in Gilliam County. It all amounted to an exciting fall season.

FIELD NOTES:
Eastern Oregon
Fall 1998
Paul T. Sullivan

FORMAT, ABBREVIATIONS

The format used for each sighting in this report is this:
# individuals, location, date, COUNTY ABBREVIATION, (INITIALS OF OBSERVERS); next record.
Abbreviations used in this report:
c.g. - campground  CPR - Central Patrol Road
mob - many observers
NWR - National Wildlife Refuge
s.p. - sewage ponds  St.Pk. - state park
WMA - Wildlife Management Area
XXX - all counties are designated by the first three letters of the county name, exception: HDR = Hood River.
Mallard—plain type denotes species usually seen
Pacific Loon—italics indicates unusual sightings, late dates, unusual locations, Latin subspecies
HARLEQUIN DUCK—all capitals indicates a rare sighting
ROSS’ GULL—all capitals underlined indicates the rarest sightings, first state records, etc
### SIGHTINGS

#### Pacific Loon
1-5, John Day dam, 27 Oct - 20 Nov SHE (SM,RG); 1, Suttle Lk., 31 Oct JEF (CM); 1, Ochoco Res., 28 Nov CRO (LR) Second county record!

#### Common Loon
1-6, Phillips Res., Aug - 31 Oct BAK (TH,CMO); 55, Wickiup Res., 18 Oct DES (DH,HH,CM,JM,KT); 5, Suttle Lk., 31 Oct - Nov JEF (CM,JM); 1, Hood River, 7 Nov HDR (MLF)

#### Horned Grebe
1, Benson Pond, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 29 Sep HAR (AM)

#### Red-necked Grebe
1, Schoolhouse Lk., Summer Lk. WMA, 18 Sep LAK (AC,TR); 1 imm., Wickiup Res., 23 Sep - 18 Oct DES (DH,PM,HH,JM); 1, Ana Res., Summer Lk. WMA, 31 Oct LAK (RG,LA); 4, above John Day dam, 7-15 Nov SHE (PTS,OFO)

#### Eared Grebe
500+, Lk. Abert, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 5, Ukiah s.p., 16 Sep UMA (MD,MLD); 1 pair with 9 young, Olive Lk., 17 Sep GRA (MD,MLD); 11,952, Lk. Abert, 19 Sep LAK (RAG,CT,JY); 1, Willow Cr. WMA, 7 Nov GIL (MLF)

#### Western Grebe
225, Wickiup Res., 18 Oct DES (DH,HH,CM,JM,KT); 120, Hood River, 7 Nov HDR (MLF); 200, John Day dam, 14-15 Nov SHE (PTS,OFO)

#### Clark's Grebe
1, Ana Res., 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 1, John Day dam, 26 Aug SHE (RG); 4, The Narrows, Malheur NWR, 26 Sep - 9 Oct HAR (TG,OFO,AC); 1, Ochoco Res., 29 Nov CRO (DH,PM)

#### American White Pelican
1, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 50, Cold Springs NWR, 10 Sep UMA (MD,MLD); 2, Mt. Vernon, 31 Oct GRA (PSS)

#### Great Egret
10, S end of Lk. Abert, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 1, Bend, 28 Nov DES (DH,HH)

#### Snowy Egret
1, S end of Lk. Abert, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 5, Ladd Marsh, 3 Oct UNI (BD)

#### Black-crowned Night-Heron
1, Willow Cr. WMA, 12 Aug GIL (RG); 1, Dog Cr., John Day, 21 Sep GRA (CEG); 3, McNary dam, 11 Nov UMA (PTS,OFO)

#### White-faced Ibis
Several, Gutierrez ranch, 6-19 Sep CRO (CG,LR); 1, Summer Lk. WMA, 18 Sep LAK (AC,TR); 1, Mt. Vernon, Sep GRA (TH)

#### Tundra Swan
30, Cold Spring NWR, 8 Nov HDR (MLF); 9, Bend airport pond, 25 Nov DES (DH,HH)

#### Trumpeter Swan
Following on the introduction efforts at Summer Lake WMA, 2 adults fledged young at the Gutierrez ranch in eastern Crook County; the first successful breeding from the introduction. Also, 2 unbanded wild birds were seen at Summer Lake in early November. 1, Baker City, 31 Oct BAK (CMO); 3, Summer Lake WMA, 5 Nov LAK (CM)

#### Greater White-fronted Goose
150, Cold Springs NWR, 10 Sep UMA (CC,JS)

#### Snow Goose
75, Summer Lake WMA, 29 Sep LAK (MLF); 1, Wickiup Res., 10 Oct DES (DH,HH,CM,JM); 2, Prineville s.p., 14 Oct CRO (CG)

#### Wood Duck
80, Tumalo Res., 9 Oct DES (DH)

#### Blue-winged Teal
4, Izee, 20 Sep GRA (TW)

#### Northern Shoveler
1 near albino, Prineville s.p., 10 Sep CRO (CG); 12,797, Lk. Abert, 19 Sep LAK (RAG,CT,JY)

#### Eurasian Wigeon
1, Summer Lake, 5 Nov LAK (CM,MM); 1, Neal Cr., 15 Nov HDR (PTS,ML)

#### Ring-necked Duck
1 pair with 7 ducklings, Olive Lk., 16 Sep GRA (MD,MLD)

#### Greater Scaup
1, Tumalo Res., 7 Nov DES (DH,HH,CM)

#### Surf Scoter
3, Suttle Lk., 3 Oct JEF (JM); 1, Tumalo Res., 7 Oct DES (JM); 1, Ontario s.p., 15 Oct MAL (SG); 1, Hood River, 17 Oct HDR (DR); 2, Suttle Lk., 22 Nov JEF (JM,HH,SS,SK,TC,HH,CF)

#### White-winged Scoter
1, Fossil s.p., 15 Nov WHE (TW)

#### Barrow's Goldeneye
1, Fossil s.p., 8-15 Nov WHE (TW); 8, mouth of Deschutes R., 15 Nov WAS (PTS,OFO)

#### Red-breasted Merganser
1, Tumalo Res., 27 Aug DES (DH); 1, Celilo, 27 Oct WAS (SM); 1, Suttle Lk., 31 Oct JEF (CM)

#### Ruddy Duck
14, Olive Lk., 16 Sep GRA (MD,MLD)

#### Turkey Vulture
36, near Penland Lk., 6 Sep MOR (PTS,PC) Unusual in this county; 18 sharing an elk carcass with a black bear, Olive Lk., 17 Sep GRA (MD,MLD); 1, Paisley, 3 Oct LAK (RG)
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Friday September 10
• Registration at OIMB from 5:00 - 7:30 pm
• 7:30 pm evening program at the Boat House: Snowy Plover Research Project on the Oregon Coast presented by Cathy Castelein and Dave Lauten, Research Assistants for Nature Conservancy.

Saturday, September 11
• 5:45 am: Meet at Betty Kay Charters in Charleston Boat Basin for 6:00 am pelagic trip.
• 7:45 am: Field Trips meet at OIMB to carpool to: Bandon Marsh Wildlife Refuge/Ocean Jetty, Millicoma Marsh Trail, North Spit of Coos Bay.
• Lunch on your own
• 6:00 pm dinner at OIMB
• 7:30 pm Evening Session – review of day's birds and program: "Over the Beach and Across the Hemisphere: Western Sandpipers and Friends" with Dr. Robert Butler, Research Scientist with Canadian Wildlife Service, Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University, elected member of American Ornithologists Union.

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EASTERN OREGON FIELD NOTES

Osprey
1, Jubilee Lk., 19 Aug UNI (MD,MLD); 3, Penland Lk., 6 Sep MOR (PTS,PC); 1 adult, 1 young at nest, Desolation Cr., 6 Oct GRA (MD,MLD); 1, Cold Spring NWR, 8 Nov UMA (MLD)

Bald Eagle
60, Wickiup Res., 16 Nov DES (CJN)

Sharp-shinned Hawk
1, Frenchglen, 30 Sep HAR (AM)

Cooper's Hawk
2, Steens Mt., Catlow Valley, 1-3 Oct HAR (AM); 4, Wildhorse Cr., 14 Nov UMA (MD,MLD)

Northern Goshawk
2, John Day, Starr Ridge, 7-9 Aug GRA (CMO); 1, jubilee Lk., 19 Aug UNI (MD,MLD); 1, Winter Ridge, 16 Oct LAK (RG); 1, near Phillips Res., 20-24 Oct BAK (TW); 1, Skyline Trail, 22 Oct DES (DH); 2, Mt. Vernon, Fox Valley, Oct GRA (AF,TH)

Red-shouldered Hawk
1, Odessa c.g., Upper Klamath Lk., 21 Aug KLA (DV); 1 immature, Bonney Butte hawk watch, 22 Sep HDR (HI); 1 adult, Roaring Sprs. ranch, Catlow Valley, 26 Sep HAR (DB); 1, Klamath Falls, 15 Nov KLA (KS)

Red-tailed Hawk
1 albino, E of Prineville, Nov CRO (LR)

Ferruginous Hawk
2, Hwy 20, 25 Sep DES/HAR (PTS,ML); 1, NW Morrow County, 7 Nov MOR (PTS); 6, Lower Klamath NWR, 15 Nov KLA (KS)

Rough-legged Hawk
1, Malheur NWR, 11 Oct HAR (CMO); 1, NW Morrow County, 14 Nov MOR (PTS,MSO)

Merlin
1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 29 Sep HAR (AM)

Peregrine Falcon
1, SE of Paisley, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 1, Summer Lk. WMA, 14-18 Aug LAK (CM,OFO,RG,LA); 1, Hot Lake, 29 Aug UNI (BD); 1, mouth of Hood R., 7 Nov HDR (PTS); 1, Wickiup Res., 15 Nov DES (DH,HH,DK,DL,CM,EM,MM,PM,LR)

Gyrfalcon
1, Monroe Ln., LaGrande, 15 Nov UNI (SUS)

Prairie Falcon
1, Lk. Abert, 15 Aug LAK (PTS,OFO); 1, NW Morrow County, 14 Nov MOR (PTS,MSO)

Gray Partridge
Seen through the period, Grant County.

Chukar
Seen through the period, Grant County.

Blue Grouse
1 hen & 4 chicks, Hosmer Lk. trail, 4 Aug DES (AM); 1, Deer Cr., 16 Aug GRA (RH); 1, Logan Valley, Aug GRA (TH); 2, near Phillips Res., 19-21 Oct BAK (TW); 1, Canyon Mt., Oct GRA (CK)

Ruffed Grouse
1, Little Cultus Lk., 27 Sep DES (DH); 1, Smullin Rd., 15 Nov HDR (PTS,ML)

Wild Turkey
13 including 6 chicks, Tumalo Res., 30 Sep DES (DH,LW); Flocks coming down out of the hills, Union County.

Virginia Rail
5, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 5, Lower Bridge, 4 Sep DES (DH); 1, CPR Malheur NWR, 27 Sep HAR (TJ,OFO); 1, below McNary dam, 11 Oct UMA (PTS,OFO); 8, NW Morrow County, 14 Nov MOR (PTS,MSO)

Sora
2, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO)

Sandhill Crane
1, near Phillips Res., 19-21 Oct BAK (TW)

American Golden-Plover
1, Wickiup Res., 15 Oct DES (DH,HJ,LM)

Pacific Golden-Plover
1, Wickiup Res., 15 Oct DES (DH,HJ,LM)

American Avocet
4, Haystack Res., 15 Aug JEF (RG); 300+, Lk. Abert, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 1, Boardman s.p., 5 Sep MOR (PTS); 230, Summer Lk. WMA, 16 Oct LAK (RG); 50, Greaser Lk., 17 Oct LAK (RG)

Killdeer
1000, Cold Springs NWR, 11 Sep UMA (CC,JS)

Black-necked Stilt
100+, Lk. Abert, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO)

American Avocet
1, Boardman s.p., 5 Sep MOR (PTS); 230, Summer Lk. WMA, 16 Oct LAK (RG); 50, Greaser Lk., 17 Oct LAK (RG)

Greater Yellowlegs
9, Kent, 13 Aug & 20 Nov SHE (RG); 15, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 10, Cold Springs NWR, 10 Sep UMA (CC,JS); 68, Malheur NWR, 20 Sep - 2 Oct HAR (HN,AM); 3, Greaser Lk., 17 Oct LAK (RG)

Lesser Yellowlegs
1, Kent, 13 Aug SHE (RG); 3-7, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Aug - 18 Sept LAK (CM,OFO,AC,TR); 1, Boardman s.p., 5 Sep MOR (PTS); 30, Cold Springs NWR, 10 Sep UMA
### EASTERN OREGON FIELD NOTES

#### Solitary Sandpiper
- 1, Boardman s.p., 5 Sep MOR (PTS); 1, Cold Springs NWR, 10 Sep UMA (CC,JS)

#### Willet
- 25, Lk. Abert, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO)

#### Long-billed Curlew
- 1, Tumalo Res., 9 Aug DES (DH); 1, Logan Valley, Sep GRA (TH)

#### Marbled Godwit
- 2, Summer Lake WMA, 26 Sep LAK (MLF); 1, The Narrows, Malheur NWR, 28 Sep HAR (AM); 1, Miller Is. WMA, 30 Sep KLA (FM)

#### Ruddy Turnstone
- 1, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Sep LAK (RG)

#### Sanderling
- 4, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 2, Cold Springs NWR, 10 Sep UMA (CC,JS); 1, Miller Island WMA, 30 Sep KLA (FM)

#### Semipalmated Sandpiper
- 1, Summer Lake WMA, 14 Aug LAK (CM,CAC); 1, Lk. Abert, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 1, Antelope Res., 19 Sep CRO (CG,LR)

#### Western Sandpiper
- 100, Lk. Abert, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 1000, Cold Springs NWR, 10 Sep UMA (CC,JS); 33, McKay NWR, 16 Sep UMA (MD,MLD)

#### Least Sandpiper
- 50, Greaser Lk., 17 Oct LAK (RG)

#### Baird's Sandpiper
- 2, Kent, 13-25 Aug SHE (RG); 12, Lk. Abert, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 1, Tumalo Res., 27 Aug DES (DH); 2, Condon s.p., 2 Sep GIL (RG); 8, Cold Springs NWR, 10 Sep UMA (CC,JS); 15, Malheur NWR, 12 Sep HAR (DE)

#### Pectoral Sandpiper
- 4, Cold Springs NWR, 10 Sep UMA (CC,JS); 25, Malheur NWR, 12 Sep HAR (DE); 5, Crane Prairie Res., 13 Sep DES (DH,HH,JM); 10, N of The Narrows, Malheur NWR, 26 Sep HAR (TJ,OFO)

#### Dunlin
- 1, The Narrows, Malheur NWR, 9 Oct HAR (AC); 1, Tumalo Res., 7 Nov DES (DH,HH,JM)

#### Short-billed Dowitcher
- 1, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 1 immature, Buena Vista, Malheur NWR, 20 Sep HAR (AC,TR,JR,KR)

#### Long-billed Dowitcher
- 2, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 2, Kent, 25 Aug SHE (RG); 500, Malheur NWR, 12 Sep - 9 Oct

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EASTERN OREGON FIELD NOTES

Forster's Tern
1, Tumalo Res., 27 Aug DES (DH); 4, Ana Res., 4 Oct LAK (CM, CAC); 1, below McNary dam, 11 Oct UMA (MD, OFO)

Barn Owl
1, Haystack Res., 12 Aug JEF (RG); 10, Ft. Rock St. Pk., 16 Aug LAK (CM, OFO); 1-2, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 27 Sep - 11 Oct HAR (TJ, OFO, EMP, AC); 1, Mt. Vernon, Oct GRA (AF)

Flammulated Owl
1, Bonney Butte, 7 Sep HDR (JE)

Western Screech-Owl
2, Cold Spring c.g., 20 Sep DES (PTS); 1, Fox Valley, Oct GRA (TH)

Snowy Owl
1, Monroe Ln., La Grande, 26 Nov UNI (GW)

Northern Pygmy-Owl
1, Tumalo St. Pk., 3 Sep DES (DH); 2, Desolation Meadow, 5 Oct GRA (MD, MLD); 1, Hood R., 7 Nov HDR (PTS)

Burrowing Owl
1, NE of Summer Lk. WMA, 31 Oct LAK (RG, LA)

Great Gray Owl
1, Olive Lk., 16 Sep GRA (MD, MLD)

Long-eared Owl
1, USFS Rd 65, 10 Oct WAL (PTS, OFO)

Short-eared Owl
12, Klamath Falls, 7 Nov KLA (KS)

Boreal Owl
1, Squaw Springs c.g., USFS Rd 65, 3-9 Oct WAL (DVH, PTS, MLD, MA)

Northern Saw-whet Owl
1, Olive Lk., 16 Sep GRA (MD, MLD)

Common Nighthawk
300, Summer Lk. WMA, 18 Aug LAK (RG, LA)

Common Poorwill
3, Cottonwood BLM area, John Day R., 2 Sep GIL/SHE (RG); many, S. Morrow County, 3 Sep MOR (LJG); 1, Cabin Lake range station, 21 Sep LAK (HN)

Vaux's Swift
15, Jubilee Lk., 19 Aug UNI (MD, MLD)

White-throated Swift
several, Ft. Rock St. Pk., 26 Sep LAK (MLF)

Calliope Hummingbird
1, Bear Valley, 16 Aug GRA (TW)

Broad-billed Hummingbird
1 subadult male, near John Day, 12-14 Sep GRA (CM, CEG, TW, TH, TJ) First State record for this species!

Lewis's Woodpecker
1, mouth of Deschutes R., 11 Aug SHE (RG)

Red-naped Sapsucker
1, N of Penland Lk., 6 Sep MOR (PTS, PC); 1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 19 Sep HAR (AC, TR)

Red-breasted Sapsucker
1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 12 Sep HAR (DE)

Williamson's Sapsucker
1, Skyline Trail, 22 Oct DES (DH)

Downy Woodpecker
1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 19 Sep HAR (AC, TR); 1, Benson Pond, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 2 Oct HAR (AM)

White-headed Woodpecker
1, Bear Valley, Aug GRA (LJG); 2, Cabin Lk. c.g., 5 Aug LAK (AM); 3, Shevlin Pk., Bend, 2 Sep DES (DH, PM)

Three-toed Woodpecker
1 female, Mallard Marsh c.g., Hosmer Lk., 6 Aug DES (AM); 1, Olive Lk., 17 Sep GRA (MD, MLD)

Black-backed Woodpecker
3, Mallard Marsh c.g., Hosmer Lk., 6 Sep DES (AM); 1, N of Penland Lk., 6 Sep MOR (PTS, PC); 2 pair, Olive Lk., 17 Sep GRA (MD, MLD); 3, China Hat burn, 30 Sep DES (DH); 1, idlewild c.g., 30 Sep HAR (CEG); 1, Long Cr. ranger dist., Oct GRA (PSS)

Pileated Woodpecker
1, N of Penland Lk., 6 Sep MOR (PTS, PC); 1, Skyline Trail, 22 Oct DES (DH)

Willow Flycatcher
1, Lower Bridge, 25 Aug DES (DH, PM)

Hammond's Flycatcher
1, Fields, 9 Oct HAR (AC, M)

Gray Flycatcher
1, Frenchglen, 19 Sep HAR (HN); 1, Ft. Rock St. Pk., 26 Sep LAK (MLF)

Western Flycatcher
1, Lower Bridge, 25 Aug DES (DH, PM)

Cordilleran Flycatcher
1, DeMoss co. pk., 26 Aug SHE (RG)

Western Kingbird
1, near Burns airport, 25 Sep HAR (PTS, ML)

Eastern Kingbird
1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 26 Sep HAR (TJ, OFO)


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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
1, 0.5 mi SE of Malheur NWR hqtrs., 7 Aug HAR (RG,LA,DE)

Violet-green Swallow
1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 9 Oct HAR (AC)

Barn Swallow
6, Malheur NWR, 9-11 Oct HAR (AC,EMP)

Gray Jay
7, Woodward c.g., 19 Aug UNI (MD,MLD)

Blue Jay
1, Summer Lake WMA hqtrs., 27 Sep LAK (MSL,DAH,PS); 1, Bend yard, 18 Oct DES (DH,PM,HH,JM); 1, LaGrande yard, 20 Oct UNI (BD,CD)

Scrub Jay
8, Winter Rim, 16 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 1, Moro s.p., 25 Aug SHE (RG)

Pinyon Jay
50, Smoke Cr., NW of Silver Lk, 16 Aug LAK (CM,OFO); 100-130, Sisters, 19 Sep - 2 Oct DES (PTS,ML,DP,PM)

Mountain Chickadee
1, below John Day dam, 14 Nov SHE (PTS,OFO)

Chestnut-backed Chickadee
5, Little Cultus Lk., 27 Sep DES (DH); 1, LaGrande yard, 18 Nov UNI (BD,CD) First in 15 yrs.

Brown Creeper
1, Fields, 9 Oct HAR (AC)

Bewick's Wren
1, DeMoss co.p.k., 13 Aug SHE (RG); 3, Umatilla R, 10 Oct UMA (PTS,OFO)

House Wren
1, USFS Rd. 1010, 18 Sep GRA (MD,MLD)

Winter Wren
2, DeMoss co.p.k., 13 Aug SHE (RG); 1, Olive Lk., 17 Sep GRA (MD,MLD); 6, near Summer Lake, 22 Nov LAK (CM)

American Dipper
2, Hood R., 7 Nov HDR (PTS)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
125, Fields, 9 Oct HAR (AC)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
1 migrant, Summer Lake, 18 Sep LAK (CM)

Townsend's Solitaire
1, Adams, 14 Nov UMA (MD,MLD)

Hermit Thrush
2, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 26 Sep - 10 Oct HAR (TJ,OFO,AC,AM)

Varied Thrush
4, Olive Lk., 17 Sep GRA (MD,MLD); 1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 26 Sep - 10 Oct HAR (TJ,OFO,AC,AM); 1, Elgin, LaGrande, 3-12 Nov UNI (SR,BD,CD)

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Abbreviations:
NWR (National Wildlife Refuge),
SJCR (South Jetty of the Columbia River, and adjacent area),
SP (State Park).

SIGHTINGS

Red-throated Loon
Several November inland reports, as is usual.

Pacific Loon
Scattering of inland reports in November, as is usual.

ARCTIC LOON
A bird possibly of this species was reported from Yaquina Bay 22 Nov. (Wayne Hoffman).

Horned Grebe
1 at Fern Hill Wetlands, Washington Co., on 5 Sept. was an interesting early record inland (Harry Nehls).

Red-necked Grebe
1 at Finley NWR on 28 Oct. (Tom Snetsinger); 1 at Slaters L., Keizer, Marion Co., on 29 Nov. (Roger Robb); 1 at Oregon Birds 25(2): 50, Summer 1999.

Fern Hill Wetlands 16 Oct. to 8 Nov. (Greg Gillson, et al.); 1 at Finley NWR 28 Oct. (Tom Snetsinger); 2 at Coos Bay on early date of 20 Aug. (Jamie Simmons).

Clark’s Grebe
2 at Rogue R. mouth on 15 Oct. and again on 7 Nov. (Colin Dillingham, Terry J. Wahl); 1 at Cape Blanco on 7 Nov. (Colin Dillingham, Dave Lauten, Kathy Castelein, Tim Rodenkirk); 1 at Fern Ridge Res. on 14 Aug. (Roger Robb); 1 at Cape Blanco on 15 Oct. (Tim Rodenkirk), 1 at Bandon on 22 Nov. (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 Detroit Res. 12 Oct. (Steve Dowlan); 1 Portland 18 Oct. (Karen Jones, et al.). 1 at Young's Bay 6 Nov. (Mike Patterson); 1 Trillium Lake 15 Nov. (Paul Sullivan); 1 Boiler Bay 6 Nov. (Gilligan).

Black-footed Albatross
Normal numbers offshore.

Northern Fulmar
172 out of Depoe Bay on 1 Aug. (Hunter, Gillson); a few from shore in Oct. and Nov. (various).

Pink-footed Shearwater
400 from land on Cape Blanco on 24 Sept. (Dave Lauten, Kathy Castelein, Tim Rodenkirk, Colin Dillingham); about 1,000 reported off Depoe Bay on 12 Sept. (Matt Hunter, Greg Gillson, et al.).

Flesh-footed Shearwater
2 out of Depoe Bay on 12 Sept. (Hunter, Gillson, et al.).

MANX SHEARWATER
1 off Barview, Tillamook Co. on 6 Oct. (Jeff Gilligan); 1 off Otter Rock, Lincoln Co., 4 Nov. (Gilligan). The observer had seen small white-bellied shearwaters from shore in previous autumns, but had been unsure of the particular species. Details will be submitted to the OBRC. If accepted, this will constitute the first records for the species for Oregon. It has been increasingly reported off other west coast states. The observer has had experience with the species in the Irish Sea. (A record of this species previously not accepted will also be reviewed by the OBRC.)

Short-tailed Shearwater
3 out of Depoe Bay on 12 Sept. were the earliest reported (Hunter, Gillson, et al.).

BROWN BOOBY
An immature was seen on a pelagic trip off Depoe Bay 3 Oct. (Matt Hunter, Greg Gillson, et al.). It was seen 15 miles offshore. If the record is accepted by the OBRC, it will be the first for that species for Oregon. The description was convincing to the fall editor.

American White Pelican
2 at Kirk Pond near Eugene on 28 Nov. (Roger Robb); 2 at Sauvie I. on 7 Nov. (Ted Slupesky) and on 2 were there on 26 Nov. by Ray Korpi; two were seen on the Willamette R. near Portland on 2 Dec., so the Sauvie birds and the Eugene birds were very likely not the same birds.
Brown Pelican
A few were still present to the end of the period, especially on south coast.

Great Egret
Many all over the region; 98 at Fern Ridge Res. on 28 Nov. (Roger Robb) was a good number.

Snowy Egret
The species staged an impressive showing in Curry Co; with almost daily sightings from 19 Sept. through 8 Nov. The largest concentration was 6 on the Rogue R. estuary on 19 Sept. (Colin Dillingham). Don Munson reported 18 total for Curry County on 1 Oct. The species has generally increased in western Oregon over the past fifteen years.

Cattle Egret
2 near Junction City, Lane Co., 8 Nov. (Clarice Watson, Eva Schultz).

Black-crowned Night-Heron
Individuals and small groups from various coastal and inland locations throughout the period.

White-faced Ibis
1 at Fern Ridge Res. at an unspecified date in Sept. (Kit Larsen).

Trumpeter Swan
2 immatures at Baskett Slough NWR on Aug. 9 (Bo Miller) to the end of the period—they had first been reported in mid-July; 1 near Forest Grove 27 Nov. (Donna Lusthoff).

Greater White-fronted Goose
Heavy movement during the first ten days of October at various locations in the Willamette Valley.

Ross' Goose
1 at Sauvie I. on 19 Nov. (Harry Nehls).

Emperor Goose
The Sandy R. bird was still present throughout the period; 1 at Sauvie I. on 14 Nov. (Harry Nehls).

Brant
1 at Sauvie I. on 28 Sept. (Harry Nehls).

GARGANEY
A female near Brownsmead was found to have come from a nearby aviary (fide Mike Patterson).

Cinnamon Teal
Late reports: 1 Keizer 11 Nov. (Tim Shelmerdine); 2 at Ankeny NWR 29 Nov. (Erik Knight).

Ring-necked Duck
A hen and six young were at Morgan Lake, Baskett Slough NWR on 20 Aug. (Jamie Simmons).

Oldsquaw
Very small numbers were along coast in November, as is usual.

Surf Scoter
As is usual, there was a scattering of inland reports in October and November.

White-winged Scoter
As is usual, there was a scattering of inland reports in October and November.

Barrow's Goldeneye
1 in Eugene on 24 Oct. was a local rarity (Reid Freeman, Kit Larsen); 1 at Coos Bay 22-27 Aug (Jeff Gilligan Tim Rodenkirk, et al.); 30 at Lost Creek Res. near Shady Cove 11 Nov. (Jim Harleman).

Red-breasted Merganser
1 at Yaquina Bay on 2 Aug. which had over-summered (Kathy Merrifield); 1 Gladstone, Clackamas Co. on 23 Nov. (Elmer Specht); 2 at Keizer 26 Nov. (Steve Dowlan); 1 Sauvie I. 27 Nov. (Ray Korpi).

Turkey Vulture
8 near Eugene on 28 Nov. were late (Roger Robb).

Osprey
1 at Eugene on 17 Nov. (Roger Robb).

White-tailed Kite carrying stick to nest. Photo by Floyd Schrock.
Northern Goshawk
1 was east of Coburg, Lane Co., on 15 Aug. (Roger Robb); 1 at Camp Rilea, Clatsop Co., on 31 Aug. (Mike Patterson); 1 at Portland 18 Nov. (Chris Lasson).

Red-shouldered Hawk
1 near Lorane, Lane Co., throughout October (Jenifer McCarthy); 1 near Sutherlin 2 Aug. (Katherine Wilson); 1 near Eugene 30 Aug. (Larry McQueen); 1 at Reedsport 12 Sept. (Alan Contreras); an immature at Bonney Butte Hawk Watch Station near Mt. Hood on 22 Sept. (Hawk Watch International); 1 near Finley NWR 3 Oct. (Marcia Cutler), and many were reported from the species' stronghold in Oregon coastal Curry and Coos Counties.

Swainson's Hawk
1 near Peoria, Benton Co., on 26 Sept., was said to be a second county record (Tom and Allison Mickel). The species is very rare in western Oregon.

Ferruginous Hawk
1 at Sauvie I. 20 Aug. (Harry Nehls); 1 in North Portland 20 Sept. (Keith Kwan). This is a very rare visitor to northwestern Oregon.

Rough-legged Hawk
The species had a reasonably good year compared to recent ones, there were scattered reports along coast and inland from October 4 to the end of the period.

Golden Eagle
As is usual, there were a few scattered Willamette, Umpqua, and Rogue Valley reports.

Prairie Falcon
1 at Coos Bay on 19 Oct. (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 at Baskett Slough NWR on 27 Sept. (Roy Gerig); 1 at Mt. Hood 1 Oct. (Elmer Specht); 1 at North Plains 18 Oct. (fide Greg Gillson); 1 Baskett Slough NWR 29 Oct. (Dan Van Den Broek, Dave Helzer).

Sandhill Crane
The Sauvie I. peak was about 4,000 in October (USFWS, Harry Nehls); about 300 were on Sauvie I. at end of the period (Harry Nehls).

Black-bellied Plover
The high count was at Coos Bay: 350 on 15 Nov. (Rodenkirk).

American Golden-Plover
Small numbers along coast, none after 28 September.

Pacific Golden-Plover
Small numbers along coast into mid-October.

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WILSON’S PLOVER
The discovery of an individual along the beach at Bullard’s Beach State Park on 10 Sept. by Canadian birder Jerry Pilny, was one of the best finds in state history. The bird was later seen by many Oregon and Washington birders, and numerous photos were obtained. (See photo front cover.) There is some uncertainty regarding the bird’s age. It was apparently of the west Mexican race beldingi. It was last reported on 4 Oct.

American Avocet
1 at Coos Bay 22-24 Aug. (Gilligan, Rodenkirk); 1 at Coos Bay 18 Oct. to end of period (Tim Rodenkirk, et al.).

Lesser Yellowlegs
1 at Brownsmead on 22 Nov., was late (Mike Patterson).

Solitary Sandpiper
As is usual, small numbers were reported in August through 19 Sept.

Willet
1 at Coos Bay 8 Aug. (Lauten, Castelein); 2 at the New River 12 Aug. (Lauten, Castelein); 2 at Bandon 23 Aug. (Gilligan) and 3 there 29 Aug. (Lauten, Castelein); 5 at Coos Bay, Pony Slough 28 Oct. through November (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 inland at Baskett Slough NWR on 12 Sept. (Don Boucher).

Long-billed Curlew
9 were still at Coos Bay at the end of the period (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 Florence 13 Aug. (Ken and Joan McDermott); 1 SJCR 20 Aug. (Mike Patterson); 1 Ankeny NWR 1 Aug. (Steve Dowlan); 2 near Lebanon 12 Aug. (Mr. Plaggman, fide Marcia Cutler).

Marbled Godwit
28 were still at Coos Bay at the end of the period (Tim Rodenkirk).

Sanderling
1 was in a field near Brownsville, Linn Co., on 25 Nov. This sort of inland occurrence in late Nov. used to be more frequent. (Roy Gerig).

Semipalmated Sandpiper
About 24 reported in August and the first half of September.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
1 at Sauvie I. on 27 Sept. (Skip Russell).

Rock Sandpiper
Maximum of 4 at scattered coastal locations 23 Oct. to the end of the period.

Stilt Sandpiper
1 was at Ankeny NWR on 22 and 23 Aug. (Steve Dowlan, et
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
1 at Coos Bay 31 Aug. through 2 Sept. (Tim Rodenkirk).

Ruff
1 SJCR 10 Sept. (Mike Patterson, Harry Nehls); 1 at the SJCR 1 Oct. (Scott Rea); 1 at Sauvie I. on 29-30 Aug. (Michael and Petra Nomina, Harry Nehls).

Short-billed Dowitcher
2 calling birds at Coos Bay on 6 Nov. (Tim Rodenkirk); 20 still at Tillamook Bay 7 Oct. (David Bailey).

Wilson’s Phalarope
4 at Ankeny NWR 5 Aug. (Steve Dowlan).

Red Phalarope
Only 1 inland: 26 Nov. at Keizer (Steve Dowlan).

Pomarine Jaeger
1 at Fern Ridge Res. on 19 Sept (Dave Jones); usual coastal reports both from shore and pelagic trips.

Parasitic Jaeger
Usual coastal reports and from pelagic trips.

Long-tailed Jaeger
1 SJCR 3 Aug. (Mike Patterson); 4 out of Depoe Bay 12 Sept. (Hunter, Gillson).

South Polar Skua
2 out of Depoe Bay 29 Aug. (Mike Lippsmeyer); 4 there 12 Sept. (Hunter, Gillson, et al.).

LAUGHING GULL
A well-photographed adult at Bay City, Tillamook Bay, off and on 3-17 Oct. (David Bailey, Jim Johnson, et al.).

Franklin’s Gull
Small scattering inland and along the coast. The last was 30 Nov. at Brookings (Don Munson); 1 at Tillamook Bay 5-7 Oct. (Jeff Gilligan, Tim Janzen); 1 Fern Hill Wetlands, Washington Co., 16 Nov. (Harry Nehls); 1 Astoria 22 Nov. (Mike Patterson).

Heermann’s Gull
A few were along the coast to the end of the period.

Western Gull
An adult was on Sauvie I. on the unusual date of 23 Aug. (Harry Nehls).

Sabine’s Gull
1 at Dexter Res. on 9 Sept. (Dave Wendt, Reid Freeman); 1 at Lost Creek Res., Jackson Co., 9 Sept. (Norman Barrett); several from shore: 1 Yaquina Bay 24 Oct. (Justin Rodecap, Kent Rodecap); 1 Boiler Bay 21 Nov. (Ray Korpi, et al.); several from Boiler Bay 28 Nov. (Paul Sullivan).

Caspian Tern
4 at Tillamook Bay 7 Oct. were the last reported (Tim Janzen, Harry Nehls).

Elegant Tern
Numbers at the mouth of the Rogue peaked between 3-8 Aug. at 40-60 birds (Colin and Angie Dillingham, Don Munson, Alan Barron); 10 at Yaquina Bay on 5 Aug. was the high count there (Wayne Hoffman); 15 at mouth of the Siuslaw on 3 Aug. (Bill Strotz); 33 at Gold Beach on 7 Sept. (Steve Mldinow, Bill Tweit, Dillingham).

Common Tern

Arctic Tern
Reported offshore from 1 August to 12 Sept.; high count: 250 on 29 Aug. off Depoe Bay (Mike Lippsmeyer).

Forster’s Tern
1 at Yaquina Bay on 13 Sept. (Wayne Hoffman).

LEAST TERN
1 at Yaquina Bay, 7 July through 10 Aug. (Wayne Hoffman, et al.).

Black Tern
8 at Fern Ridge Res. on 9 Aug. (Roger Robb); 1 at Basket Slough NWR 28 Aug. (Bill Tice).

LONG-BILLED MURRELET
1 in close at Boiler Bay 6 Nov. (Jeff Gilligan). Details to OBRC.

XANTUS’ MURRELET
2 out of Depoe Bay 12 Sept. (Craig Miller, Skip Russell, Jamie Simmons, et al.).

Ancient Murrelet
1 at Cape Falcon 22 Aug. (Ken Aldrich); usual Oct. and Nov. sightings from shore.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE
1 at Eugene on 24 Oct. (Jeff Gilligan), a fly-by bird.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO
1 at Sam’s Valley in Jackson Co. on 31 Aug. (photographed) (Gary Shaffer).

Burrowing Owl
1 was near Halsey on 7 Nov. (Marcia Cutler, Paula Vanderheul); 1 at Bullard’s Beach SP, Coos Co., 1 Oct. (Steve Mldinow, Bill Tweit, et al.).
Short-eared Owl
Several reports from along the coast and inland.

Black Swift
1 SJCR 6 Aug. (Mike Patterson).

Vaux's Swift
Last in Eugene 22 Oct. (Reid Freeman).

White-throated Swift
“Flock” at Wald Lake, Lane Co., 18 Aug. (Jay Sulzman).

Black-chinned Hummingbird
A male at a feeder in Reedsport 30 Sept. (Mark Rudolph).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD
3 males at a Grants Pass feeder (fide Dennis Vroman) for
the entire period; 1 male at a Central Point feeder for over a
year to end of the period (fide Dennis Vroman).

Rufous Hummingbird
1 on 14 Oct. was late at Elmira (Diane Pettry).

Lewis' Woodpecker
1 on 8 Nov. near the Polk/Benton County line (Bill Tice);
many at Breitenbush Mt., Marion Co., 14 Aug. (Steve
Dowlan); 1 at New River, Coos Co., 20 Sept. (Jim Carlson).

Red-naped Sapsucker
1 in the Rogue Valley on 20 Nov. (Howard Sands).

White-headed Woodpecker
1 south of Murphy in the Klamath Mts. 25 Oct. (Munroe
Crutchley).

"Yellow-shafted" Northern Flicker
1 Brookings 5 Nov. (Don Munson).

Olive-sided Flycatcher
1 reported from Portland, Bybee Lake area, on 19 Nov. (Mike
Calvin).

Western Wood-Pewee
1 still near Finley NWR on 3 Oct. (Justin Rodecap, Kent
Rodecap).

Hammond's Flycatcher
1 in the Coast Range of Lane Co. on 15 Sept. (Tom Mickel).

Dusky Flycatcher
2 in the Coast Range of Lane Co. on 28 Sept. (Tom Mickel).

Gray Flycatcher
1 was near Gold Beach on 8 Nov. (Colin Dillingham, Alan
Barron). The species is almost unreported from western
Oregon in fall, and the late date of this sighting is the latest
for the state of which the editor is aware.

Pacific-slope Flycatcher
A "Western-type" flycatcher was near Lebanon on 4 Oct.
(Patricia and Jeff Harding).

Black Phoebe
1 in Albany was last seen on 20 Oct. (it had been present
since 1997) (Fleischer family).

Say's Phoebe
6 were reported from Curry Co. from 13 Oct. to 8 Nov.; 1
was in Philomath from 17 Oct. through 23 Oct. (Tom
Snetsinger); 1 at Baskett Slough NWR 29 Oct. (Dave Helzer).

Ash-throated Flycatcher
1 at Fern Ridge Res. 10-16 Oct. (Clarice Watson, Eva
Schultz).

TROPICAL KINGBIRD
1 near the mouth of the Elk R. on 13 Oct., and three there
on 18 Nov. (Terry J. Wahl); 1 was inland at Grand L., Yamhill
Co., on 11 Oct. (Roger Robb; good description eliminates
Western Kingbird); 1 at Coos Bay 16 through 20 Oct. (Tim
Rodenkirk, et al.); 1 Bandon 27 Sept. (Donna Lusthoff,
Patty Bernardi); 1 near Yaquina Bay 27 Sept. (Barbara and
Dan Gleason); 1 Yachats 15 Oct. (Art Rotter, Jim Bowers).

Western Kingbird
Very late birds: near Elk R. mouth on 13 Oct. (Terry J. Wahl);
1 in Harbor, Curry Co., on 14 Oct. (Don Munson); sev­
eral August reports along coast.

Horned Lark
About 100 in a field near Finley NWR on 22 Nov. (Paul
Salaman, Jamie Simmons) was a good count for the
Willamette Valley.

Purple Martin
Last reported 4 Oct. from Florence (Alan Contreras).

Violet-green Swallow
1 at Fern Ridge Res. on 18 Oct. (Roger Robb).

Bank Swallow
2 at Coos Bay 22 Aug. (Gilligan).

Barn Swallow
1 at Portland on 18 Nov. (David Bailey); 4 at Roseburg 14
Nov. (Brian Kruse); 1 Cape Blanco 18 Nov. (Terry J. Wahl);
1 Salem 13 Nov. (Steve Dowlan); 1 Fern Hill Wetlands 14 Nov. (Donna Lusthoff).

**Blue Jay**
1 at a feeder in Sam's Valley, Jackson Co., 7-15 Nov. (Mona Givens); 1 Ashland 16-17 Oct. (Scott Clark).

**Western Scrub-Jay**
1 at Newport on 7 Aug. (Robert Olson); 1 Newport on 27 Sept. (Dan and Barbara Gleason).

**Clark's Nutcracker**
1 at Mary's Peak in the Coast Range (Benton Co.) from 19 Oct through 22 Oct (Maeve Lofton, Enid Pruitt); 1 at Coos Bay 30 Sept. (Barb Griffin, Tim Rodenkirk) seen through 8 Oct.; 1 Sugarloaf Mt., Polk Co., in the Coast Range, 6 Oct. (Bill Tice); 1 Yaquina Head 5 Oct. (Steve Gobat, Michael Noack); 1 near Toledo 15 Oct. (fide Darrel Faxon).

**Rock Wren**
1 at Pistol River, Curry Co., 5 Nov. (Don Munson).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet**
1 in Salem on 2 Aug. was unexpected in the valley at that date (Barb Bellin).

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**
1 at Floras L. in Curry Co. on 12 Nov. (Terry J. Wahl, Don Munson, Jim Rogers, Colin Dillingham); 1 at Lower Table Rock, Jackson Co., on 4 Sept. (Richard C. Hoyer).

**Swainson's Thrush**
Last reports: 1 Clackamas Co. on 26 Oct. (Elmer Specht); 1 in Josephine Co. on 27 Oct. (Dennis Vroman).

**Northern Mockingbird**
1 at Langlois on 1 Nov. (Terry J. Wahl); and 1 at Gold Beach on 15 Oct. (Colin Dillingham); 1 at Yaquina Head 4 Nov. (BLM staff); juvenile at Lower Table Rock, Jackson Co., 22 Aug. (Dennis Vroman); 1 Ankeny NWR 11-17 Nov. (John Lundsten).

**BLACK-BACKED WAGTAIL**
A bird reasonably described as this species at Newport on 22 Sept. by out of state birders (fide Craig Miller).

**WHITE WAGTAIL**
Colin and Angie Dillingham saw a wagtail with a very white face, but a completely black back. Dillingham suggests that it is of the leucopsis race which may be a first North American record. Photos were obtained. At least one commentator suggests that the bird may be a Black-backed Wagtail. It is currently under review by the OBRC.

**American Pipit**
First arrived on the coast in the last week of August, and the first inland were 2 at Finley NWR on 25 Aug. (Trent Bray).

**Northern Shrike**
It was a good season compared to some recent falls: earliest 2 Oct. Cape Blanco (Terry J. Wahl).

**Loggerhead Shrike**
1 near Fern Ridge Res. on 30 Sept. (Anne and John Flora); 1 at White City on 15 Nov.

**Northern Shrike**
was present nearby White City on 15 Nov. (Gary Schafer).

**Cassin's Vireo**
1 at Euchre Creek, Curry Co., 4 Oct. (Bill Tewit, Steve Mlodinow, Colin Dillingham).

**Warbling Vireo**
1 late at Bandon 18 Oct. (Jeff Gilligan, Dave Lauten, Kathy Castelein).

**Tennessee Warbler**
1 at Euchre Creek mouth (Curry Co.) on 1 Oct. (Colin Dillingham); 1 at Astoria 9 Sept. (Mike Patterson).

**Nashville Warbler**
1 at Coos Bay 26 Nov. (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 at Brookings 4 Dec. (Don Munson); 1 at Coos Bay 16 Sept. (Tim Rodenkirk).

**Yellow Warbler**
1 at Coos Bay 14-29 Nov. (Tim Rodenkirk).

**MAGNOLIA WARBLER**
An immature near Elk R. mouth on 4 Oct (Terry J. Wahl, Jeff Gilligan).

**BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER**
1 at Brookings on 27 Nov. (Buzz Stewart).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler**
1 late at Langlois on 1 Nov. (Terry J. Wahl); 1 late in Medford on 4 Nov. (Tom Wicklund).

**BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER**
1 at Salem 19 Oct. (Jack Corbett).

**Palm Warbler**
Usual scattering of reports from the coast; earliest 20 Sept. at Cape Blanco (Terry J. Wahl).

**BLACK-AND WHITE WARBLER**
1 at Carlton 26 Sept. (Violet Brown).
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH
1 near Astoria 12 Aug. (Mike Patterson).

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH
First seen by Cindy and John Lawes at Silver Falls State Park on 26 Nov. and then by many over the next several days. Excellent video was taken by Tim Janzen. This is the first record for Oregon.

Common Yellowthroat
3 at Millcoma Marsh, Coos Bay, on 7 Nov., 2 on 9 Nov., 1 on 25 Nov. (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 at Fern Hill Wetlands 16 Nov. (Greg Gillson); 1 near Salem 29 Nov. (Steve Dowlan). All were late.

Western Tanager
1 at Salem on 11 Nov. (Steve Dowlan).

Black-headed Grosbeak
1 Eugene 11 Oct. (Mark Rudolph) was the last reported.

American Tree Sparrow
1 at Sixes R. boat ramp (Curry Co.) on 12 Nov. (Terry J. Wahl, Jim Rogers); 1 at Coos Bay on 11 Nov. (Tim Rodenkirk).

Chipping Sparrow
1 late at Alvadore 8 Nov. (Clarice Watson, Eva Schultz); 1 Fern Ridge Res. 11 Nov. (Davey Wendt, et al.).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW
Three reported from Curry Co. between 27 Sept. and 15 Oct. (Alan Barron, Colin Dillingham, Terry J. Wahl, Don Munson, Buzz Stewart); 1 in Portland 2 Oct. (Laura Whittemore, Dave Helzer).

Brewer’s Sparrow
1 was at a Brookings feeder on 14 Sept. (Phil Hicks); 1 juv. at Lower Table Rock 4 Aug. (Dennis Vroman).

Vesper Sparrow
1 at Mt. Pisgah, Lane Co., on 21 Oct. (Don DeWitt); 1 at Coos Bay on 17 Sept. (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 SJCR 6 Sept. (Mike Patterson).

Lark Sparrow
1 SJCR 7-9 Sept. (Mike Patterson); 2 Cape Blanco 7 Sept. (Terry J. Wahl, Tim Rodenkirk, Mlodinow, Tweit, Dillingham).

LARK BUNTING
1 photographed at feeder near Newport, 13-14 Sept. (Rebecca Cheek, et al.).

Grasshopper Sparrow

Fox Sparrow
Several of the megarhyncha ssp. were along FR 66 in the Rogue River NF, Jackson Co., in the first week of Sept. (Richard C. Hoyer).

Lincoln’s Sparrow
First reports from lowland sites from the first week of September.

Swamp Sparrow
The earliest was 1 at Harris Beach S.P. on 1 Oct. (Steve Mlodinow, Bill Tweit, Dave Lauten, Kathy Castelein, Bruce Lamar); well scattered coastal reports thereafter.

Harris’ Sparrow
1 near Halsey 7 Nov. (Marcia Cutler, Paula Vanderheul).

Lapland Longspur
Many reports: 24 near Cape Blanco on 9 Oct. (Terry J. Wahl); unusual inland: 1-3 near Fern Ridge Res. 27-30 Sept (Roger Robb, et al.); 1 Sauvie Is. 27 Sept. (Skip Russell); 1 Forest Grove 13 Sept. (Erik Knight); 1 Basket Slough NWR 16 and 30 Sept. (Roy Gerig, Bill Tice).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR
1 immature at SJCR 9 Oct. to 1 Nov. (Scott Rea, Mike Patterson, et al.).

Snow Bunting
2 SJCR 28 Nov. (Mike Patterson); 1 Gearhart 18 Oct. (Todd Thornton).

Bobolink
1 near Sixes, Curry Co., on 5 Oct. (Alan Barron); 1 SJCR 14 Sept. (Steve Warner, Scott Rea).

Yellow-headed Blackbird
1 near Cape Blanco on 21 Sept. (Terry J. Wahl); 1 at Coos Bay on 5 Sept. (Tim Rodenkirk); 1 Basket Slough NWR 4 Aug. (Bill Tice).

Bullock’s Oriole
A female visited a feeder in Cape Meares Village, Tillamook Co., from 16 Nov. to the end of the period (Margaret Tweelinckx).

Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
1 at Mary’s Peak on 19 Oct. (Maevie Lofstrom, Enid Pruitt); 1 Mt. Pisgah, Eugene area, 22 Nov. (Don DeWitt).

Lesser Goldfinch
2 at Coos Bay in late November (Tim Rodenkirk).

Evening Grosbeak
Scattered flocks in late Sept. and Oct. in the Willamette Valley, much more numerous than normal for fall but not in large numbers.
| **Red-throated Loon** | **American Golden-Plover** |
| **Pacific Loon** | **California Gull** |
| **Common Loon** | **Herring Gull** |
| **Yellow-billed Loon** | **Thayer's Gull** |
| **Pied-billed Grebe** | **Slaty-backed Gull** |
| **Horned Grebe** | **Western Gull** |
| **Red-necked Grebe** | **Glaucous-winged Gull** |
| **Eared Grebe** | **Glaucoius Gull** |
| **Western Grebe** | **Bl.-legged Kittiwake** |
| **Clark's Grebe** | **Great Auk** |
| **Bl.-footed Albatross** | **Red-legged Kittiwake** |
| **Laysan Albatross** | **Ross' Gull** |
| **Short-tailed Albatross** | **Sabine's Gull** |
| **N. Fulmar** | **Capitan Tern** |
| **Mottled Petrel** | **Elegant Tern** |
| **Murphy's Petrel** | **Common Tern** |
| **Pink-footed Shearwater** | **Arctic Tern** |
| **Flesh-footed Shearwater** | **Forster's Tern** |
| **Buller's Shearwater** | **Least Tern** |
| **Sooty Shearwater** | **Bl. Tern** |
| **Black-footed Albatross** | **Common Murre** |
| **Wilson's Storm-Petrel** | ** Thick-billed Murre** |
| **Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel** | **Pigeon Guillemot** |
| **Leach's Storm-Petrel** | **Marbled Murrelet** |
| **Bl. Storm-Petrel** | **Xantus' Murrelet** |
| **American Birder** | **Ancient Murrelet** |
| **Great Shearwater** | **Cassin's Auklet** |
| **Great Egret** | **Parakeet Auklet** |
| **Snowy Egret** | **Rhinoceros Auklet** |
| **Little Blue Heron** | **Tufted Puffin** |
| **Tricolored Heron** | **Horned Puffin** |
| **Cattle Egret** | **Rock Dove** |
| **Snowy Plover** | **Band-tailed Pigeon** |
| **E. California Condor** | **White-winged Dove** |
| **Fulvous Whistling-Duck** | **Mourning Dove** |
| **Tundra Swan** | **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** |
| **Whooper Swan** | **Barn Owl** |
| **Trumpeter Swan** | **Flammulated Owl** |
| **Greater White-fronted Goose** | **Western Screech-Owl** |
| **Snow Goose** | **Great Horned Owl** |
| **Ross' Goose** | **Snowy Owl** |
| **Emperor Goose** | **N. Hawk Owl** |
| **Brant** | **N. Pygmy-Owl** |
| **Canada Goose** | **Burrowing Owl** |
| **Wood Duck** | **Sorrel Owl** |
| **Green-winged Teal** | **Great Gray Owl** |
| **Baikal Teal** | **Boreal Owl** |
| **American Bl. Duck** | **N. Saw-whet Owl** |
| **Mallard** | **Common Nighthawk** |
| **N. Pintail** | **Common Night Hawk** |
| **Garganey** | **Common Poorwill** |
| **Blue-winged Teal** | **Bl. Swift** |

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** Bell's Vireo
* Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
* Tropical Kingbird
* Eastern Kingbird
* Least Flycatcher
* Hammond's Flycatcher
* Verdin Flycatcher
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* Say's Phoebe
* Pygmy Nuthatch
* Brown Creeper
* Rock Wren
* Canyon Wren
* Bewick's Wren
* House Wren
* Winter Wren
* Marsh Wren
* American Dipper
* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
* Golden-crowned Kinglet
* Ruby-crowned Kinglet
* N. White-crowned Sparrow
* Western Bluebird
* Mountain Bluebird
* Townsend's Solitaire
* Veery
* Gray-cheeked Thrush
* Swainson's Thrush
* Hermit Thrush
* Wood Thrush
* American Robin
* Varied Thrush
* Wrentit
* Gray Catbird
* N. Mockingbird
* Sage Thrasher
* California Thrasher
* European Starling
* Bl.-backed Wagtail
* American Pipit
* Bohemian Waxwing
* Cedar Waxwing
* Phainopepla
* Blue-winged Warbler
* Golden-winged Warbler
* Tennessee Warbler
* Orange-crowned Warbler
* Nashville Warbler
* Virginia's Warbler
* Lucy's Warbler
* N. Parula
* Yellow Warbler
* Chestnut-sided Warbler
* Magnolia Warbler
* Cape May Warbler
* Bl.-throated Blue Warbler
* Yellow-rumped Warbler
* Bl.-throated Gray Warbler
* Townsend's Warbler
* Hermit Thrush
* Bl.-throated Green Warbler
* Blackburnian Warbler
* Yellow-throated Warbler
* Pine Warbler
* Prairie Warbler
* Palm Warbler
* Bay-breasted Warbler
* Blackpoll Warbler
* Black-throated Warbler
* American Redstart
* Prothonotary Warbler
* Worm-eating Warbler
* Ovenbird

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