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From October 1994 to October 1995 the Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC) completed the records reported below. The first group of records are those for which a 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 32 records reviewed by the Committee and the 6 records brought up for reconsideration during this period, 21 were accepted and 17 were not accepted. At the April 1995 OBRC meeting all records of the Alder Flycatcher were brought up for reconsideration and were rejected. The Alder Flycatcher has been removed from the official state list.

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 filled.

The members of the OBRC for 1995 are Tom Crabtree, Colin Dillingham, Jeff Gilligan, Jim Johnson, Larry McQueen, Nick Lethaby, Craig Roberts, Skip Russell, and Owen Schmidt. The alternates are Gerard Lillie, Kamal Islam, Ron Maertz, and Kevin Spencer.

The OBRC thanks the following organizations for having made financial contributions in the past year to help with expenses: Cape Arago Audubon Society, Corvallis Audubon Society, Grant County Bird Club, Lane County Audubon Society, Grande Ronde Bird Club, Rogue Valley Audubon Society, and Umpqua Valley Audubon.

### Records Accepted

#### Yellow-billed Loon

#### Black-vented Shearwater

#### Broad-winged Hawk

#### Bar-tailed Godwit

#### Yellow-billed Cuckoo
387-93-14 P Ranch, Harney Co., 1 bird on 10 June 1993 (DAI).

#### Costa's Hummingbird
430-93-24 Florence, Lane Co., 1 adult male 2-12 September 1993. (ZS,TMi, AMi, photo by BS).

#### Least Flycatcher
467-92-26 FS Road 62 at Little Deschutes R., Deschutes Co., 1 bird on 19 June 1992 (TMi, AMi).

#### Tropical Kingbird
446-93-14 Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 bird on 16 November 1993 (photos by CD).

#### Brown Thrasher
705-93-17 Eugene, Lane Co., 1 bird on 13 June 1993 (MMa, DeM).

#### Blue-winged Warbler

#### Northern Parula
648-93-21 Mouth Winchuck River, Curry Co., 1 male on 17 June 1993 (CD).

#### Chestnut-sided Warbler

#### Magnolia Warbler
687-93-22 Indian Ford Creek, Deschutes Co., 1 male on 31 May 1993 (GG).

#### Cape May Warbler
650-93-09 Frenchglen, Harney Co., 1 bird 3-4 October 1993 (JC,TMi).

#### Blackpoll Warbler

#### Indigo Bunting

#### Dickcissel
604-93-08 Eagle Point, Jackson Co., 1 female 20-29 October 1993 (HS).
Clay-colored Sparrow
561-93-30  Brookings, Curry Co., 1 immature 1-3 October 1993 (photo by CD).

Great-tailed Grackle
512-93-11  Mann Lake, Harney Co., adult male and an adult female on 4 June 1993 (WT).
512-92-12  Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., 1 adult male on 27 June 1992 (photos by TMi, AMi).

Common Grackle
511-93-11  Port Orford, Curry Co., 1 female 6 June to 13 July 1993 (photos by CD, APf).

Mottled Petrel
025/026-91-01  Brays Point, Lane Co., 1 bird on 23 July 1991 (JHa).

Records Not Accepted

Mottled Petrel
099-72-11  Off Columbia River Mouth, Clatsop Co., 1 bird on 30 September 1972. Not accepted as report was ambiguous as to actually being in Oregon waters and if report was written from notes taken at the time or from memory.

Masked Booby

Little Blue Heron

Whooper Swan
179-91-01  Lower Klamath NWR, Klamath Co., 1 bird from December 1991 to 22 February 1992. The bird was accepted as properly identified but the details were not sufficient enough to prove that the bird was actually in Oregon.

Gyrfalcon
354-91-12  Record withdrawn by observer.

Kittlitz’s Murrelet
024-92-03  Boiler Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 bird in winter plumage on 6 October 1992. Not accepted as details did not rule out Pigeon Guillemot or some other alcid.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
387-89-13  8 miles west of Mt. Vernon, Grant Co., 1 calling bird on 28 May 1989. Not accepted as incomplete song given only once was insufficient to identify the species.

Broad-billed Hummingbird
441-83-01  Charleston, Coos Co., 1 male on 18 October 1983 (Amc). Not accepted as description incomplete and not sufficient to eliminate other hummingbird species.

Alder Flycatcher

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Blue-winged Warbler
641-92-03 10 miles west of Burns, Harney Co., 1 bird on 18 May 1992. Not accepted as details and description were unconvincing and did not rule out other species.

Orchard Oriole

Reconsiderations

Taped recordings of the songs and calls of supposed Alder Flycatchers in the northwest were recently analyzed by experts. The songs and sonograms show that the calls were given by territorial Willow Flycatchers and not by Alder Flycatchers. As all submitted reports of Alder Flycatchers in Oregon are based on songs and calls, the Oregon Bird Records Committee has reconsidered these records. The following records have been not accepted upon reconsideration. The species is now deleted from the Oregon state list.

Alder Flycatcher
466.1-83-05 1.5 mile NE of Red Bridge State Park, Union Co., 2 singing birds and nest with four eggs, 4 June to 2 July 1983.
466.1-83-06 P Ranch, Harney Co., 1 singing bird on 3-4 June 1983.
466.1-84-08 1.5 mile NE of Red Bridge State Park, Union Co., 1 singing bird on 16 June 1984.

A message from your president

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Membership renewals are coming up and I have a big favor to ask. Last issue, I tried to outline my goals regarding the direction I hoped to help steer Oregon Field Ornithologists. Well, guess what? It’s going to cost money. Yet, pretty much all the money that comes from an individual membership to Oregon Field Ornithologists goes to the publication of Oregon Birds at this time.

Oregon Field Ornithologists is currently contributing to the Oregon Bird Breeding Atlas, the North American Migration Census and Hawk Watch International. We are offering student research grants to students from Oregon high schools and community colleges. We have been asked to contribute money to the publication of various books about birds and birding in Oregon. As money from other sources becomes more difficult to obtain, we expect requests for financial assistance to increase.

We have plans to produce a curriculum for Oregon schools about birds and avian ecology. We will be producing a World Wide Web page accessible from the Internet that will make available to the entire world the Oregon Bird Records Committee data base along with other relevant information about Oregon’s birds.

There is nothing that makes me more uncomfortable than asking people for money, but I genuinely believe that the projects OFO has taken on and the ones we are considering are worthwhile. So, here comes the big favor ... I would very much appreciate if you please consider one of the following when you renew your OFO membership:

- Renew at the family or sustaining level, the additional money is entirely tax-deductible and can be channeled into other OFO projects. Or you might consider an additional tax-deductible contribution or maybe a contribution to the Oregon Fund for Ornithology, money entirely dedicated to research in Oregon ornithology.

We promise to put it to good use.

Thanks.
This was the nineteenth year of the Upper Nestucca Christmas Bird Count. The count was developed in 1976 by the Salem, Oregon, Chapter of the Audubon Society and the Salem District of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, to obtain information about owls and other nocturnal birds in the Coast Range Mountains. The original purpose was to develop a regulated winter schedule for scientific determinations of owl behavior at a season in which little was known (at the time) about owl biology, particularly Northern Spotted Owl behavior. An area of the Coast Range Mountains 15 miles west of the town of McMinnville was chosen for the count because of the concentration of the Spotted Owl families in the area at that time.

There originally were 3 locations within the Upper Nestucca Christmas Bird Count circle that had large Spotted Owl families in 1976. One area is now Indian Reservation Land (as of October 1988). The Salem Audubon Society had been negotiating with the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation personnel (and Bureau of Indian Affairs) to get permission to re-visit these formerly Bureau of Land Management lands to try to again monitor what is called the “Coast Creek Spotted Owl” population at that locale (not monitored since 1987). But, so far, all negotiations have failed. Wildlife Biologists think that the “Coast Creek Spotted Owl Group” is still a viable Spotted Owl family because their habitat has remained intact up to the present time. But information about the Coast Creek Owls cannot be gained at the present time.

The other 2 Spotted Owl family groups (the so-called “Nestucca River Corridor Spotted Owl family” and the “Elk Creek-Bear Creek Spotted Owl Family”) were thought to be diminished completely by 1993, except for 1 young male that traveled large distances in and out of the count circle (radio telemetry information). The demise of the traditional owl families on the “Nestucca River” and “Elk Creek-Bear Creek” was thought to be caused by timber cutting of old-growth and median-aged timber in these areas, and also rendering the territory marginal for infiltrating new owls (young owls) looking for a home. The size of the original owl families gradually decreased (in population numbers) from what they used to be in 1976 because the carrying capacity of the land to support them had consequently diminished with the increase in cutting.

In December 1994, BLM and Audubon biologists concentrated their efforts on surveying the “Elk Creek-Bear Creek” area (from 3:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.). For the first time this year, Marbled Murrelet stations were identified for early morning “data gathering” efforts. The murrelet stations were also located in the “Elk Creek-Bear Creek” area. The day-time count was scheduled from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on that same Sunday, 18 December 1994.

The weather on the day-time survey was cold and rainy in the morning, but changing to pleasant weather in the afternoon. Temperatures ranged between 33°F to 58°F. Audubon and BLM field observers met at Coyote Joe’s Restaurant in Willamina, Oregon, to sign up and to travel to the count circle. Gary Peterson and Marianna Bornholdt surveyed zone 2 of the count circle in one car and Clair Klock surveyed zone 3 by himself in another vehicle. Me and my daughter Stephanie Scofield, and my niece Roseanne Ward, surveyed zone 4. Zone 1 was only surveyed in part (for owls and murrelets) during the night and early morning time periods.

The highlights of birding in zone 2 included an adult Bald Eagle, a Pileated Woodpecker, a Northern Harrier, and Hooded Mergansers. The eagle was found on Moon Creek near the farming town of Blaine.

Snow on the Bald Mountain Road halted some birding on zone 3, but Clair Klock found a large number of Common Bushtits and Oregon Juncos at these higher elevations.

The highlights of birding for zone 4 were Mountain Chickadees on Willamina Creek and more Hutton’s Vireos than we had ever counted before. There were large numbers of Golden-Crowned Kinglets but far fewer Ruby-Crowned Kinglets.

The weather on the night count (owing) from 3:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. was periodically rainy (a very cold
The temperature was between 33°F and 36°F. Audubon biologist Clair Klock saw a Great Horned Owl on Bear Creek, and he also heard from an unknown owl close to where the original Spotted Owl family had been located on "Bear Creek-Elk Creek." However, the unknown owl did not call long enough to be positively identified. More work will have to be done in the locale to determine whether a Spotted Owl has come back to the original territory (a new infiltrating owl). No effort was made this year to survey the "Nestucca River Owl Family" locale or the "Coast Creek Owl Family" locale. No Marbled Murrelets were observed on the early morning stations (7:00-8:30 a.m.).

There is 1 more year remaining on the agreement to sponsor the Upper Nestucca Christmas Bird Count. However, one thing is certain in that data gathered over the last 19 years has been important in the study of bird biology for our area.
Oregon's CBC Record High Counts

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This note brings current through 1993 the series of lists published in OB that shows the highest number of birds of each species ever found on an Oregon Christmas Bird Count. I have added new records set in 1994 when they have come to my attention. Although I have made every effort to make this list accurate, it is possible that I have missed new highs. Please call any errors to my attention.

The list following this note will provide an opportunity to graze records, but a brief summary seems in order. The following records include ties. The count with the highest number of all-time state records is Coos Bay with an astounding 55. The attraction of the Coos Bay area for large numbers of waterbirds and regular wintering vagrants has resulted in quite a pile of records. In addition, the 1976 count set a number of records of sea-birds by sending out a pelagic trip on count day. Among coastal counts, Tillamook Bay ranks second with 28, and Columbia Estuary and Florence are tied at 15, with Yaquina Bay just behind at 13.

Among western inland counts, Eugene has a clear edge with 35 records, followed by Portland at 24, Medford at 23, Sauvie Island at 19, and Corvallis and Salem tied at 12. Eastern Oregon shows Klamath Falls with the most at 17, and Ruggs-Hardman second with 11, including many raptor highs. Bend has 8, Malheur NWR 7, and Wallowa County 6, with other counts having a couple each.

Several counts that no longer operate still hold records, including Lincoln City (7) Alma (6), and 4 others (Cottage Grove, Fort Klamath, Gold Beach and Oakridge) tied at 4 records each.

The oldest records still standing are from Portland in 1938 (Bobwhite and Turkey Vulture), Malheur NWR in 1939 (Great Horned Owl) and Tillamook Bay in 1939 (Brant). Two counts held over 30 years ago set records that still stand: Klamath Falls' 1952 Count set multiple records for Bald Eagle, Ring-necked Pheasant, and Short-eared Owl, and Fort Klamath's 1962 Count still holds the record for White-headed Woodpecker, Mountain Chickadee, and Red-breasted Nuthatch.

The "Big Count" remains Coos Bay in 1976, when more than 60 observers and a pelagic trip combined on a 65° sunny day to find 150 species and set 12 state records that still stand. That "year of no winter" also produced new records set by a number of other counts around the state. Other big counts have included Lincoln City 1985 (6 records), Coos Bay 1979 (5), Eugene 1980 (5), and Ruggs-Hardman 1981 (5, including 4 raptors).

Some records remain open to question and cannot be checked easily because details (if any) are not retained by the National Audubon Society. I have retained details sent to me during my service as regional editor, and welcome supporting documentation for any of the more unusual reports listed here. I have deleted several obvious errors and typos and have deleted all records of Swainson's Hawk and Swainson's Thrush, as there is no existing documentation of any records of either in Oregon in winter. A single immature Swainson's Hawk that spent mid-December 1968 at Fern Ridge Reservoir and was found on the Eugene CBC was seen by perhaps 50 observers (including me at age 12) over a couple of weeks; nonetheless, I have been unable to locate any photographs or descriptions of it. Anyone who has any, please contact me.

Oregon's big-count CBCs have competed in a friendly way to see which count can find the most species in the state in a given year. In 1994 all of the top counts were knocked 10 species off their usual highs by a period of exceptionally heavy rains and wind that inundated habitat and limited observer effectiveness. The following tables show the "score" since 1982.

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**Note:**
- The table lists various bird species found in Oregon, along with their high counts, CBC locations, and years. The species include both waterfowl and land birds, highlighting the diversity of bird species in the state.

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Eastern Oregon’s Heermann’s Gull Records

Mike Denny, 323 Scenic View Drive, College Place, WA 99324

There are only 5 known records of Heermann’s Gull (Larus heermanni) east of the Cascades in Oregon. This is a species that is considered almost exclusively coastal (Harrison 1987; Grant 1986), and not expected hundreds of miles inland.

With a huge percentage of the Heermann’s Gull population establishing territories on Raza Island, Sea of Cortez, Mexico, by the first weeks of March (Grant 1986), you are not likely to locate this spectacular gull anywhere in the Pacific Northwest during the spring season. The post-breeding populations leave Raza and drift, both north up along the eastern Pacific to southern British Columbia, Canada, and south to the states of Jalisco and Colima, Mexico (Peterson and Chalif 1973; Grant 1986). The first Heermann’s are seen along the Oregon coast in the second week of June, peaking in numbers by the first week of July (Gilligan 1993).

It was during this October-November period of rivers seemingly playing some role. Both records occurred on the edge of the Great Basin. There is a Heermann’s Gull record for the Great Basin, Nevada (Ryser 1985). This bird, however, does not fit the established pattern of birds in eastern Oregon. It was an adult found in June 1961 on Anaho Island, Pyramid Lake, Washoe Co., Nevada (Wotton & Marshall 1965).

Eastern Oregon’s first Heermann’s Gull was discovered at Mosier, Wasco Co., on 14 November 1977. This location is about 135 miles east of the mouth of the Columbia River at the confluence of Mosier Creek and the Columbia (Gilligan 1993).

Ten years slipped by before the second eastside record was found. This was a second-winter bird on 18 October 1988, located at Klamath Falls, Klamath Co., by Lon Leidwinger (Rogers 1989). This area is also about 135 miles from the south Oregon coast.

The third eastern Oregon record is a lone bird discovered by Steve Summers on 16 October 1990, at Thompson Reservoir, Lake Co., about 180 miles east of the south Oregon coast (Anderson 1991). This individual and the Klamath Co. bird most likely gained entrance via the pathway of the Klamath River.

Three years elapsed before Donna Lusthoff tripped across a basic-plumaged adult loaﬁng on the sandbar at the mouth of the Deschutes River on 31 October 1993. This bird sat on the boundary line between Wasco and Sherman Counties. This sandbar is about 148 miles up the Columbia (Summers 1994).

On 28 October 1994, Merry Lynn Denny and I discovered a single first year bird at Boardman Marina, Morrow Co. This bird was loaﬁng on the beach with 35-40 Ring-billed Gulls. There was a sustained wind of 35+ miles per hour blasting out of the west, forcing all the gulls to face into it. Also present was a flock of 100+ crows drinking and bathing along the edge of the marina.

We were observing this unexpected bird when it shifted its location away from the edge to a place further up the beach. Instantly, 15+ crows rose up and with wild caws, pecks, and pulling, mobbed the Heermann’s — forcing it off the wind-blasted sand and out onto the waters of the marina. Obviously the crows perceived the Heermann’s as a threat. Did the crows con-
fuse it with a first-year jaeger? Not that birders have never done so! This Heermann's was photographed by Merry Lynn Denny and was seen by Craig Corder and Judy Stevens. This is 225 miles up the Columbia River.

Watch the great rivers of the Northwest and you, too, may add a Heermann's Gull to the eastern Oregon record. With all of eastern Oregon's Heermann's Gulls having been found in October and November in or near direct paths to the Pacific Ocean, why not in June?

**LITERATURE CITED**


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**Update on the Breeding Bird Atlas project**

"But I saw Ravens in some of those blank hexagons!" you may say. They are not shaded on the map because the Breeding Bird Atlas Project did not receive that information by 1 October 1995. Let us know where you saw Ravens — and all other birds — during your outings last Spring and Summer. Your information gets entered immediately into the Oregon Natural Heritage Program database. Without it, resource managers who often use that database will get an incomplete picture of what's happening. And, besides being worthwhile, "atlassing" is lots of fun.

With strong support from OFO, the Atlas project completed a highly successful first year. Over 400 birders participated statewide. Data collected during the summer are still arriving and we hope to present a more complete summary in the next issue of *Oregon Birds*. Already we have received requests from resource managers for use of some of the data in environmental impact assessments. The assistance of data entry volunteers at the Oregon Natural Heritage Program has been essential to the project's success. Funding has been provided by OFO, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Wildlife Diversity Program), Audubon Society chapters in Corvallis and Salem, and several individuals. For the project's second year, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has signed an agreement with OFO wherein they will partly match donations from private sponsors. If you were not able to participate during this first year but would like to try in 1996, contact the Atlas project for a free Atlas packet containing color maps, checklists, and a handbook. When you write or call, mention the town where you live and names of towns or parks where you will probably be visiting. Make a note of all species wherever you go in 1996 (the Atlas project will run until 1999), and send your lists to: Oregon Breeding Bird Atlas Project, P.O. Box 2189, Corvallis, OR 97339, 800-440-5454.

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**Common Raven distribution during the 1995 breeding season?**
Many species nest in Oregon, and I’ve often wondered for which ones Oregon can claim a special distinction. While visiting various corners of the state, I’ve also wondered for which species a particular county might be noteworthy. And like many birders, I’ve wondered where in Oregon I’m likely to find certain species.

I recently came across some answers to these questions when I had an opportunity to analyze data from the past 27 years of Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) routes. The BBS was organized in the mid-1960’s by Chandler Robbins and other biologists in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Each year, usually in June, thousands of volunteers throughout North America spend a few early-morning hours driving along an assigned 25-mile BBS route and marking down the species they hear or see at 50 three-minute stops spaced 0.5 mile apart. Taken as a whole, the data that emerge from all these counts provide the most comprehensive information available on status and trends of breeding birds.

One way to view the results, portrayed in dozens of colorful maps and graphs, is to access the Internet’s World Wide Web (the address is http://www.im.nbs.gov/bbs/bbs.html).

The experience of covering two Oregon BBS routes stimulated my curiosity even more about what other BBS volunteers were finding, and I was thrilled to begin analyzing some of the data. Of the 270 or so species that have ever nested in Oregon, 238 have been found on a BBS route, and an average of 47 species are found per route each year (range 12-69 species). The most consistently rich route is #34 in Linn County, with an annual average of 87 species. Not bad for just 4 hours of summertime birding. The route that most often hosts the highest count of individual birds is #28 in Klamath County, averaging 1849 birds per year — mostly Brewer’s Blackbirds.

The BBS data alone do not provide definitive answers to all questions about Oregon bird distribution, but they give some good hints. Here are some examples.

For Which Species Does Oregon Hold the “North American Record”?

Among all 2423 North American BBS routes covered between 1986 and
1991, an Oregon route holds the record for the largest annual average of the species on Table 1 ("average" is the total number seen from 50 stops along a 25-mile route).

Where Are (you-name-the-species) Found Most Regularly?
Along BBS routes in the noted counties in Table 2, the indicated species is more widespread and occurs more regularly from year to year than on BBS routes in any other Oregon county. Due to space limitations I list only some highlights. For Which Species Is (you-name-the-county) Notable For?
A BBS route in the county indicated in Table 3 once reported the largest number of the listed species of any BBS route in Oregon. Space limitations allow me to highlight just one species from each county.

My interest in the BBS began many years ago when I volunteered to cover some routes in Maine where I lived. When I moved to Oregon, I phoned Harry Nehls (the BBS Coordinator for Oregon) and asked to take on a couple of Oregon BBS routes (see Figure). It's a commitment that fits in just fine with my participation in the Oregon Breeding Bird Atlas Project. BBS data provide more quantification of birds than do Atlas Project data, whereas volunteers for the Atlas Project don't have to limit themselves to a prescribed route or be as proficient with bird songs. Atlas Project results will show distributions of birds (such as ros-y-finches and rails) that shun roads and thus are poorly reported by the BBS, whereas the BBS will continue to provide a finer level of detail for many roadside species. If you can recognize most bird songs and are interested in driving a BBS route for a few hours next June, contact Harry Nehls at 503-233-3976. He's always looking for volunteers. There are many Oregon BBS routes that go unspoken for each year and timewise it's a relatively small commitment.

Acknowledgements
In closing I thank Sam Droege and Bruce Peterjohn of the National Biological Service for providing me with the Oregon data, Harry Nehls for serving for many years as statewide BBS coordinator, and especially, the dozens of Oregonians who collect the BBS data.
Crossword for OB 21(4)

ACROSS
1 Dawn chorus, past tense
5 The ratio of the distance traveled (in miles) to the time spent traveling (in hours)
8 Someone who copies the words or behavior of another
11 Hillside
15 A European river
16 Made up
17 Miss
18 Young sheep
19 Monetary unit
20 Having three units or measures
22 Makes older
23 Designed chairs
25 Large northern deer with enormous flattened antlers in the male
26 Softness
27 More adhesive
29 A stout rounded pole of wood or metal used to support rigging
31 Lily, drug company
34 Is indebted
35 Put up with something or somebody unpleasant
36 Relative biological effectiveness, abbr.
39 Collaborator
41 Chastise
43 Sixth Jewish month
44 Younger
46 Dawn chorus: got an ___
47 Small amount
49 More fixed
51 University
52 Birds
55 Infections
57 Acts as assistant
60 Caused by particles of silica or quartz or slate
62 Associate editor Jim
63 Pay attention to
64 A heavy barge used for freight
65 Scratch
66 Pout
67 Consumed
68 Nonsense (slang)
69 Bar, Sharp-, Red-, or Great-
71 Haliaeetus or Aquila
74 Dove
76 Cyprinids
80 Biu-Mandara
81 An oxide containing two atoms of oxygen in the molecule
82 Tamil
84 Apron
85 Apron
86 Disappear beyond the horizon

DOWN
1 Alone
2 Ethiopian town
3 Margosa tree, tropical asia
4 Norwegian composer
5 Free from gloss
6 Grand openings
7 Large sandwiches
8 Turkish leader title
9 Can't move
10 Town in Cambridgeshire
11 Assistant editor Sharon K.
12 Indian music
13 After a prayer
14 A Spanish river
20 Neither
21 Presently
26 A person who is rejected from society or home
29 OB Editor, with 61 down
30 The top of the head
31 Environmental Protection Agency
32 A male child (a familiar term of address to a boy)
33 In an angry way
35 More bald
36 Vulgar
37 British thermal unit
38 Fatty-fleshed fish that migrates between salt and fresh water
40 ___ - comedy
41 Mackerels
42 Indicate pain or discomfort
45 Chinese city
48 Ready and willing to be taught
50 Reply
52 kosh, near Lake Winnebago
53 The former capital
54 ___ Bene (Latin)
56 Deep feeling or emotion
58 Arrived dead
59 Conclusive in a process or progression
61 OB Editor, with 28 down
62 Associate editor Jim
63 Pay attention to
66 ___ Tomel, actress
68 Tattles
69 Semiformal evening dress for men
70 Bangladesh capital
71 Abba __, Israeli politician
72 French river
73 Shadowy (French)
75 Expresses delight
77 Sammy __, songwriter
78 Nigeria people
79 Adam and Eve's third son
81 Thai
82 The 7th letter of the Greek alphabet

(Crossword answers on page 128)
These are the Oregon CBC's made known to Oregon Birds. All phone numbers are area code (503) unless otherwise indicated.

Saturday, December 16

Bend
Tom Crabtree (h) (541) 385-2462
Meet at Pioneer Park, Bend, at 7:30 AM

John Day
Tom Winters (w) (541) 575-2570
Meet at Mother Lode Restaurant, 241 W Main, at 6 AM

Klamath Falls
Kevin Spencer (h) (916) 667-4644
Contact the compiler

Lower Owyhee
Bonnie Jakubos (w) (541) 479-3144
Meet at Cairo School at 7:45 AM
5 mi SW of Ontario, W of Jet 201 & 2026

P Ranch, Malheur NWR
Rick Vetter (h) (541) 573-5601; (w) (541) -93-2612
Meet at the P Ranch at 7 AM

Roseburg
Ron Maertz (h) (541) 496-3847
Contact the compiler

Salem
Steve Dowian (h) (503) 370-5083
Contact the compiler

Tillamook
Owen Schmidt (h) (503) 282-9433
Meet at Fern restaurant, 1000 N. Main, Tillamook, by 7:00 AM. Hearty breakfast buffet offered at the Fern after 6:30 am.

Union County
Carmen Gambill (h) (541) 562-5245
Meet at the Range Science Lab, Gekler & C, LaGrande, at 8 AM

Sunday, December 17

Columbia Estuary
Mike Patterson (h) (503) 325-1385
Contact the compiler in advance
Meet at the Pig-n-Pancake restaurant, Astoria at 7 AM

Coos Bay
Ken Dazey (h) (541) 756-4008
Contact the compiler
Forest Grove
Mary Anne Sohstrom (h) (503) 640-9215
Meet at Elmer's Pancake House at 7 AM

Grants Pass
Dennis Vroman (h) (541) 479-4619 (w) (541) 476-9380
Contact the compiler

Salisbury (S of Baker City)
Laura Hayse (h) (541) 528-9254 (fax also)
Meet at weigh Station 1/2 mile S of Baker City on Hwy 7 at 7:30 AM

Umatilla
Kevin Blakely (h) (541) 276-5249; (w) (541) 276-2344
Contact the compiler

Upper Nestucca
Larry Scaife (h) (503) 787-3833; (w) (503) 315-5906
Meet at Coyote Joe's Restaurant, Willamina, at 7:15 AM

Wallowa County
Laura Hayse (h) (541) 528-9254 (fax also)
Meet at Oregon Trail Restaurant, 221 Bridge St. at 7:30 AM

Brownsville
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1. YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

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. Always list the county; give compass orientation to the nearest notable geographic feature. Use the DeLorme Oregon Atlas and Gazetteer with version number, page number, and coordinates.

5. DETAILS. Include only what was actually observed, not what should have been seen or heard. Stress field marks: bill, eye, wings, tail, legs, shape, proportions, "jizz", etc. Include behavior: feeding, resting, flying, interactions with other species, etc. Describe voice — song, calls, or notes — if heard. If you have made field notes and/or field sketches, include them (or copies of them).

Rules for a network are simple: rare birds only (no east/west or west/east Oregon birds); birders who get calls have to make calls (this means long distance tolls); and once on the network, keep it going by keeping your address and phone number(s) current. Minimum information on a rare bird call should include species, age and sex (if not known, say so), number of birds, who found it (them), and who to call for more information, if anyone.

Birders who would like to represent their local birding areas should write to The Editor, Oregon Birds, 3007 N.E. 32nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97212.

Please feel free to send ideas and suggestions, too.
Phone number in italics means you may reach an answering machine.
North American Migration Count
Clackamas County Observations

'Twas the night before count day
I dropped into bed,
Would the weather cooperate?
Would we count raindrops instead?
All the phone calls were made
all the articles printed
"... for a fun-time..." they'd boasted.
The response was tremendous
of volunteers I had more,
That is, more than in Spring
when our total was four!
With hoots from Great-Horneds
I sprang from my bed,
and soon the group to be led!
The weather was wet
that fine Oregon drizzle,
It was too dark to tell
if it'd stay or it'd sizzle.
I'd have volunteers with me
some out on their own,
I was grateful for all
and any who'd shown.
With binocs and bird books
and coffee and tea,
We went straight for Mclver,
and coffee and tea,
Lucky for Tim and his troops
on Mt. Hood,
The weather was clear
and the birding was good.
Those who had joined me
kept up good cheer,
Through fog, rain, and drizzle
(were donuts near!)
There were swifts,
there were swallows, kinglets and wrens,
But the bird of the day
was Tim's Prairie Falcon!

Darlene Philpott, County Coordinator
21695 S. McBurney Road, Beavercreek, OR 97004

National Fish & Wildlife Funding Initiative Launched In Oregon

On 27 September 1995, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission officially endorsed a national initiative aimed at securing adequate and reliable funding for state non-game and wildlife diversity programs. If passed by Congress, funds would be raised and earmarked for conservation, recreation, and education activities and projects. The Initiative — dubbed "Teaming With Wildlife," is being spearheaded at the national level by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. The Association hopes that a bill will be introduced in Congress in late 1995.

Since Congress passed the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson) in 1937, sportsmen have been able to financially support programs for the management of species that are hunted or trapped. Similarly, the Wallo-Breaux Sport Fishing Restoration Act of 1984 provides funds for fishing programs. These generate funding by the sale of hunting and fishing equipment. With passage of the National Fish and Wildlife Funding Initiative, the majority of the nation's fish and wildlife species that are not hunted, trapped or angled would — for the first time — have the funding they need. In Oregon, 88 percent of all fish and wildlife species are "nongame," yet less than 2 percent of ODFW's budget is devoted to them. Just as game programs have benefitted nongame species, so the Initiative would benefit game species.

The objective of the Initiative is to raise $350 million annually through the sale of hunting and fishing equipment, in order to let customers know which products are supporting wildlife diversity programs.

Passage of the Initiative could bring as much as $10 million annually to Oregon. However, a state match of 25 percent would be required. Therefore, it is important that state funding be shored up. On the positive side, states would be required to have a wildlife diversity plan in place to be eligible to receive funds, and Oregon already has one: the Oregon Wildlife Diversity Plan, adopted by the Commission in 1993.

The Initiative appears to be gaining support nationwide and in Congress. Manufacturers will be reluctant to support it, however, until it can be demonstrated that the public is supportive and willing to pay a little more for their products. Therefore, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies has asked each state fish and wildlife agency to begin a grassroots effort to generate such support.

ODFW is launching efforts to make sure citizens, manufacturers, outdoor-oriented groups, and others are aware of the Initiative. To help with this task, an "Action Committee" has been established. The Committee, chaired by Oregon Wildlife Society President, Dan Edge, is comprised of representatives of many such organizations within the state. The Action Committee will assist ODFW with the following:

* keep their members and the public up-to-date as the bill moves through Congress
* secure endorsements from organizations and manufacturers
* urge their members to let retailers and manufacturers know what they think about the Initiative

Ellen Lanier has been hired by ODFW to coordinate ODFW's efforts and be ODFW's primary liaison with the Action Committee. Anyone who would like more information about the Initiative, or who is interested in becoming involved in this effort, should contact Ellen at 503-229-5454, x466.

Claire Puchy, Wildlife Diversity Program Coordinator, Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife, P.O. Box 59, Portland OR 97207, 503-229-5400.
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Please check your mailing label. The volume and issue number of your last issue of Oregon Birds is printed in the upper right hand corner. OB is sent on a 1-year basis, not on a volume-year basis. In other words, your membership runs for 4 quarters — 4 issues of OB — from the quarter in which you joined or renewed. If the number 21(4) appears — this is your last issue. So it’s time to send in your membership dues! If the number 22(1) or higher appears, feel free to send in your dues early. You’ll be guaranteed an extension of 4 issues at today’s rates, you won’t have to worry about your subscription for more than a year, and you’ll make the accounting at OFO a little easier. The entire OB team thanks you! Send in your renewal now, and help us out at OB!

All requests for publications from OFO’s Bookcase should be sent directly to Clarice Watson in Eugene. Clarice has generously agreed to take on the task of cataloguing and mailing OFO’s bookcase items. This takes a load off the Treasurer and gets OFO’s members better service. Requests for publications that are sent to OFO’s PO Box might encounter long delays. Clarice Watson, OFO Publications, 3787 Wilshire Lane, Eugene, OR 97405.

Rare bird reports can be sent directly to Harry Nehls, Secretary of the Oregon Bird Records Committee. The “rare bird report form” appearing in the center pages of each issue of Oregon Birds lists the OFO post office box in Eugene as the address to which rare bird reports should be sent. That is the permanent OFO address. But birders who send reports directly to Harry will shave a little time off the OBRC review. Harry Nehls, Secretary, Oregon Bird Records Committee, 2736 S.E. 20th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202, 503-233-3976.

Thirty birders registered for the sixth annual OFO Fall Birding Weekend at Malheur Field Station, 15, 16, and 17 September 1995. The slide show Friday evening was presented by Harry Nehls, Skip Russel, Alan Reid, W.E. Hoffman, and Sheran Jones. After a cornish game hen/stuffed cabbage leaf dinner, the countdown Saturday evening tallied 150 birds seen Friday and Saturday in Harney County. Jeff Gilligan gave a slide presentation on shorebird identification, pointing out the various field marks of the common as well as the uncommon waders. The seventh annual OFO Fall Birding Weekend at Malheur Field Station will be 20-22 September 1996.

David R. Copeland, Secretary, Oregon Field Ornithologists, 703 Maine Avenue N.E., Keizer, OR 97303, 503-393-4420.

Birders spend $5.2 billion per year, according to a new report “The Economic Contribution of Bird and Waterfowl Recreation in the U.S. During 1991.” A number of groups are lobbying for a user fee to be placed on recreation equipment such as binoculars and recreation vehicles to tap into this expenditure for conservation of non-game species. In all, Americans spend $18 billion a year to watch wildlife, according to the report. A copy of the report is available at no charge from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 703-358-2504.

This news from the Northwest Region is a report for July 1995, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife:

- Dusty Canada Goose numbers continue to decline. Surveys on the nesting grounds in the Columbia River Delta show “very poor nest success.” Dusties have been in decline since the 1964 Alaska earthquake raised the Delta, changing the nesting habitat. A reduction in quotas for the goose hunting season is likely in order to reduce the take of Dusties.

- Pheasant, grouse, and quail numbers were up this year, attributable to cool, wet weather in May causing poor nest success. Some renesting was reported.

- The total hatch of Sichuan Pheasant for 1995 was 10,056, for release in August-September.

- About 90 women participated in the 1st annual Outdoor Women Seminar held at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area.

- Fern Ridge Wildlife Area reports vandalism “continues to be a serious problem,” with damage to information kiosks, picnic tables, and signs — “causing needless waste.”

According to the August 1995 report, the Western Snowy Plover spring count coastwide tallied 72 birds — up from 60 in 1994, 45 in 1993, and 30 in 1992. This reflects a true population increase due to nest protection efforts in recent years, according to ODF&W.

Results of the 1995 Midwinter Eagle Count were published by the Oregon Eagle Foundation. In 1995, the census tallied a total of 712 Bald Eagles in Oregon, the third highest Midwinter Count for Bald Eagles, and 82 Golden Eagles. Highest Bald Eagle counts were in the high Cascades (154), the Klamath Basin (142), and the Columbia River (101). Oregon Eagle Foundation, Inc., 337 South G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630-1823, 503-947-2544, Flsaacs@aol.com.

Caovasbck, Redhead, and Gadwall numbers are up in North America for the second year in a row, presumably due to wetter prairie conditions — according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society is online. To subscribe, send a message to majordomo@mail.orst.edu. The message should read “subscribe tws-or.” The list manager is Bob Steidt at steidl@ccmail.orst.edu. The Oregon Chapter’s home page on the World Wide Web is http://www.orst.edu/Dept/fish_wild/twsindex.html. The site contains a newsletter, information on scholarships, a marketplace, links to other biological information sources, and state and federal governments. Send mail to Bob Steidl at steidl@ccmail.orst.edu.

Journal of Oregon Ornithology (JOO) has 2 articles in the latest issue that may be of interest to Oregon birders: Background of the Birds of Lincoln County Project and Recommendations for Others Planning Similar Projects, 41 pages, and Semimonthly Bird Records through 1992 for Lincoln County, Oregon, 148 pages. The latter article has all arrival and departure dates as well as semimonthly records; these records are best for the 1973-1992 period.
paper copy is $15 postpaid; the articles are also available electronically at no charge through Oregon Birders On-Line (OBOL) World Wide Web home page set up by Lucy Biggs: http://www-vms.uoregon.edu/~lbiggs/obol.html). These articles as well as all articles in JOO are available electronically at no charge through e-mail request to Range Bayer: rbayer@ednet1.osl.or.gov. Gahmken Press, P.O. Box 1467, Newport, OR 97365.

Golden-Plovers (Pluvialis fulva) and P. dominica) have been banded on Oahu, HI, and near Nome, AK. Each bird wears a FWS metal band plus some combination of color bands or color flags. Observers are asked to note the colors and exact sequence of all bands or flags on the bird. It is important that we know which leg carries the particular color(s) and, where used together, whether the color band is above or below the metal band. We are especially interested in migration routes and the locations of breeding grounds. Sightings are possible over vast areas including the insular Pacific, Pacific coast, portions of South and Central America, prairie regions of the U.S. and Canada, Alaska, and northeastern Russia. Please send observations with as much information as possible to Oscar Johnson, Dept. Biol., Montana State Univ., Bozeman, MT 59717, 406-996-4548, or Phillip Bruner, Nat. Sci. Div., BYU—Hawaii, Laie, HI 96762, 808-293-3820, or WHSRN, c/o Manomet Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 1770, Manomet, MA 02345, 508-224-6521.

Banded sandpipers from Paracas, Peru. I marked ca. 500 hundred sandpipers (Western and Semipalmated) with USF&WS metal bands, yellow dye in the breast or belly and a small number with yellow flags in the upper left leg. Also, a number of Sanderlings have been individually marked with color rings in the lower legs, USF&WS metal band in the upper right leg and yellow flag in the upper left leg. If you sight these birds, please record the band's position, ring number, date and location. Should you catch a banded bird, I would appreciate it if you can weigh and record the molt of the individual. All information will be properly acknowledged. J.C. Riveros Salcedo, GAAP, P.O. Box 11-0730, Lima 11, Peru, fax 51-14-633048; e-mail: jc%psj@upch.edu.pe.

Western and Semipalmated Sandpipers have been color-banded near Nome, Alaska. I would be grateful to learn of any sightings of these 2000 marked birds. The majority have been marked with a dark green flag on the upper leg, and a metal band above a white band on the upper part of the opposite leg. A small number have also been individually marked with 3 color bands on the lower legs and a metal band on the upper leg. Please record the location and date of the sighting, species and age class, the position of the bands on the legs, and the number and species accompanying the banded bird. At least 10 western Sandpipers banded at Nome have been resighted in the Pacific Northwest. Brett K. SandercocK, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC Canada V5A 1S6, 604-291-5618, bsander@fraser.sfu.ca.

White-faced ibis have been color-tagged in the northwest Great Basin as part of a long-term breeding ecology study. Five color combinations have been used, depending on colony location. Eric P. Kelchlin, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Stillwater NWR, Fallon, NV 89406-1236, 702-423-5128.

Ross' Geese have been neck-colored in Saskatchewan for a study on first-year survival. "We are particularly interested in factors influencing migration mortality." Alphanumeric codes are stylized and may be confusing at first. Stuart Slattery, Canadian Wildlife Service, 115 Perimeter Road, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 0X4, 306-975-4791 fax 306-975-4089.

Exotic species introduced into Oregon have become "a major concern of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife." An example of an exotic is the ubiquitous European Starling, which competes with native birds for hole nests. Other exotics with measurable detrimental impacts to native species are the carp, bullfrog, nutria — 62 species have become established. A multi-discipline Wildlife Integrity Task Force has been assembled towards a rulemaking projected for April 1996. Public information workshops were held in October 1995. Interested persons should contact Larry Cooper, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 2501 S.W. First Avenue, P.O. Box 59, Portland, OR 97207, 503-229-5454, Ext. 460.

Wild and Marbled Godwits have been marked on the breeding grounds in southeastern Alberta. Adults have individual color-band combinations; adult Willets are also variously marked with yellow/orange dye on the wings and/or rump. Cheri Gratto-Trevor, Canadian Wildlife Service, 115 Perimeter Road, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 0X4, 306-975-6128 fax 306-975-4089.

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I worry? you wonder.

North America, FeederWatch has observed food away from feeders. Tropical Kingbird, 27 September 1995, at Malheur

- Fork-tailed Flycatcher, 12 September 1995, a bird
- Blackpoll Warbler, 3 September 1995, a fall male
- Common Gallinules, 31 August 1995, 2 birds in a pond off 1-84 near the Sandy River delta, Multnomah Co., by Giff Beaton;
- Blackpoll Warbler, 3 September 1995, a fall male at Frenchglen, Harney Co., by Hal Opperman;
- Fork-tailed Flycatcher, 12 September 1995, a bird in Washington State, near the Oregon border.

What will be Oregon's 5 next "first" state record birds? A year ago, in OB 20(4): 118, Winter 1994,

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Where Did the Birds Go Last Winter?

Weather, disease, food affect where birds go, continent-wide study shows

If the birds didn't show up at your backyard feeder last winter, should you worry?

Probably not, says ornithologist Kenneth V Rosenberg. Mild weather probably let birds find plenty of natural food away from feeders.

Rosenberg, senior scientist at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, credits the volunteer participants in Project FeederWatch with answering this question.

The largest backyard bird study in North America, FeederWatch has observers in all 50 U.S. states and 12 Canadian provinces and territories.

"Participants in the East reported many species showed up in smaller numbers last winter than in the previous winter," says Rosenberg. Fortunately, the FeederWatchers' carefully collected data provide insights into the apparent declines.

Consider resident species such as Hairy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, and Northern Cardinal. FeederWatchers counted fewer than usual at North Central and North Central feeders.

But those numbers probably don't indicate real declines, says Rosenberg. Instead, birds may have ignored feeders because mild weather made natural food available. The evidence? Feeder counts for these resident species held steady in the South, where winters are usually mild.

As more evidence that warm winters affect feeder visits, Rosenberg notes that counts for some migratory species, such as White-throated and White-crowned Sparrows and Rufous-sided Towhee, were low in the southeastern region.

These birds migrate within North America, moving south for the winter. The fact that feeder counts declined in the Southeast suggests birds didn't need to migrate because of the mild weather and instead, stayed up north.

Finally, the mild winter in 1994-95 seemed to keep the boreal species that sometimes wander out of their usual range—finches, redpolls, and nuthatches—"at home." In harsh winters, these birds invade southern regions, searching for food. But high counts in Alaska suggest that last winter these birds didn't roam.

Unlike easterners, FeederWatchers in the West had a lively time in the winter of 1994-95, with birds showing up in higher numbers than last year. Varied Thrush was at the top of its regular, up-and-down two-year cycle.

FeederWatch data also show that Pine Siskins are returning to the West Coast, Nevada, and Colorado after a 1993 salmonella outbreak virtually eradicated the species at some western feeders.

Finally, House Finches are presenting FeederWatchers with a paradox: the species is both expanding its range to the north and west, and declining in numbers in the East, probably as a result of a sometimes-fatal eye disease. FeederWatchers will continue to monitor House Finch populations and track the spread of the disease. Last winter, more than 12,000 backyard bird watchers enrolled in Project FeederWatch—the most ever, according to project coordinator Margaret Barker.

Nearly 1,000 of these were educators who have made FeederWatch a classroom project. That number will increase dramatically with the award to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology of an $850,000 National Science Foundation grant to take FeederWatch to schools throughout the United States.

"We still need more participants," says Barker, "especially in Alaska and the Southeast and Southwest, where we only have a few observers."

It's too late to sign up for Project FeederWatch. Participants receive complete instructions, data forms, the project newsletter, Birdscope, and a beautiful bird calendar. Special materials are also available for educators. Project FeederWatch is financed by its participants; corporate sponsors and grants provide additional support.

Project FeederWatch, P.O. Box 11, Ithaca, NY 14851-0011.
the birder who wins will be showered with affection by other birders, to be sure, and achieve prominence on the pages of OB. I promise to do backups and save the new contest information on a floppy disk.” Read the article “Oregon’s Next First State Record Bird,” OB 20(4): 115, Winter 1994, for a refresher. Bill Tec, 750 Wood Street, Falls City, OR 97344.

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Meetings, events & deadlines made known to Oregon Birds:
- 10-12 January 1996, North American Crane Workshop, Biloxi, MS, Wendy Brown, North American Crane Working Group, 1208 Claire Court N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87104, fax 505-766-8063. Local Chair is Scott Hereford, Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, 7200 Crane Lane, Gauthier, MS 35953, 601-497-6322.
- 2-3 February 1996, West Coast Wood Duck Workshop, Vancouver, Washington. “To coordinate information exchanges about the biology and management of Wood Ducks along the West Coast and to increase awareness of the potential for Wood Duck management.” Registration fee is $60. Paul C. Fielder, TWS Washington Chapter, Okanogan County PUD, P.O. Box 1231, Wenatchee, WA 98801-1231, 509-663-8121 fax 509-664-2981.
- 2-4 April 1996, Aspen and Cottonwood in the Blue Mountains, a workshop to guide participants in the development and implementation of their aspen and/or cottonwood regeneration plans. Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute, 1401 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, OR 97850, 503-662-6573 fax 503-662-6504.
- 15-17 August 1996, the 114th stated meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union, jointly with the annual meeting of the Raptor Research Foundation, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho. Peter Loutrier, Field Museum of Natural History, Roosevelt Road at Lakeside Drive, Chicago, IL 60605, loutweri@fmnh.org.
- 16-22 August 1998, The XXII International Ornithological Congress, Durban, South Africa. Prof. Peter Berthold (Germany) will serve as President, Dr. Janet Kears (United Kingdom) as Vice President and Dr. Aldo Berruti as Secretary-General.

This Congress will include a full scientific program and a large series of ornithological tours to numerous areas within southern Africa. All interested ornithologists are invited to take part. Potential members of the Durban congress are requested to contact Dr. Aldo Berruti (Durban Natural Sciences Museum, PO Box 4085, Durban 4000, South Africa) to be placed on the mailing list, or to provide suggestions on any aspects of the 22nd Congress. Suggestions for the scientific program should be sent to the Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, Dr. Lukas Jenni (Schweizerische Vogelwarte, CH-6204 Sempach, Switzerland; fax 011-41-462-9710). Letters of inquiry about the scientific program can be sent to Dr. Jenni, Prof. Berthold, or Prof. Walter Bock (Secretary of the IOC, Box 37 Schermerhorn Hall, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Columbia Univ., New York, NY 10027, USA).
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The season

Mild and moist are the words to characterize this spring. The season began with a cold front in early March, and the east slope of the Cascades had temperatures slightly below normal for the month. However, monthly average temperatures for the region as a whole were very close to normal. Precipitation was slightly above normal.

April temperatures were about a degree below normal for most of eastern Oregon, but April precipitation was above normal by as much as 150 percent.

Overall averages for May were close to normal. However, the first half of the month continued the cool, wet trend of March and April, then the second half of the month turned drier and warmer. The month ended with temperatures in the 80's across the region.

This mild weather did not produce any notable fall-out of rare birds in eastern Oregon. Only a few unusual species were reported: including Tufted Duck, Black-and-white Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Dickcissel, and Hooded Oriole. A Blue Jay lingered from last winter's invasion. The Brown Thrasher which appeared in Klamath Falls last fall stayed into late March. Great-tailed Grackles were seen again at Malheur NWR. The black-throated Sparrow was one of the most widespread last spring, retreated to their usual numbers and haunts. A Horned Grebe pair nested just west of Riley. Two black-necked Stilts were seen (nesting?) near Island City, but only one could be found in June. Only one report of Upland Sandpipers was received.

Reports and reporters

Observations were received directly from only 11 observers; reports from a total of 56 observers were gleaned from the Raven, newsletter of the Grande Ronde Bird Club, the Upland Sandpiper, newsletter of the Grant County Bird Club, and sightings reported to Paul T. Sullivan, 4470 SW Murray Blvd. #26, Beaverton, OR 97005. A few reports came in from Wallowa and Baker Counties and no reports from Malheur County.

As noted last year, our reporting also shares our enjoyment and adds to our collective knowledge. Thank you to all who contribute.

Format, abbreviations

The format used for each sighting in this report is: number of individuals, location, date, COUNTY ABBREVIATION, (INITIALS OF OBSERVERS); next rcest. Abbreviations used in this report: e.g. campground

NWR National Wildlife Refuge
s.p. sewage ponds
St.Pk. state park
WMA Wildlife Management Area
XXX all counties are designated by the first 3 letters of the county name. Exception: HDR — Hood River
Mallard plain type denotes species usually seen
Italianates indicates unusual sightings, late dates, unusual locations, Latin subspecies
HARLEQUIN DUCK all caps indicates a rare sighting
ROSS'S all caps underlined indicates the rarest sightings, first state records, etc.

Pacific Loon
1, John Day Dam, 21 May SHE (DB)

Common Loon
1, Hood River, 8 Apr HDR (PTS,JM), 9, Phillips Res., 16 Apr BAK (OL); 1, Wallowa Lake, 29 Apr WAL (FSC); 1, Chickahominy Res., 8 May HAR (TJ,GJ)

Horned Grebe
9, Hat Rock St.Pk., 11 Mar UMA (MD,MLD); 3, Hood River, 8 Apr HDR (PTS,JM); 2, Fossil s.p., 12-13 May WH (PTS,JM,DL,DP); 1, S. of Burks, 20 May HAR (MD,MLD); 1 nestling pair, Riley, 8-30 May HAR (TJ,GG,CR,JAS)

Red-necked Grebe
1, Chickahominy Res., 8 May HAR (TJ,GJ)

Eared Grebe
1, Agency Lk., 18 Mar KLA (PTS,JM), 3, Summer Lk., 24 Mar LAR (GC); 1, LaGrande s.p., 25 Mar UNI (NW); 1, Prineville s.p., 2 Apr GRO (DA,DL)

Western Grebe
50, Hat Rock St.Pk., 11 Mar UMA (MD,MLD); 45, John Day dam, 21 May SHE (DB); 1, Boardman, 22 May MOR (CR)

Clark's Grebe
1, Agency Lk., 18 Mar KLA (PTS,JM); 1, Malheur NWR, 20 May HAR (MD,MLD); 2, Boardman, 22 May MOR (CR)

American White Pelican
12, Tangle Lk., 18 Mar KLA (PTS,JM); 1, Malheur NWR, 20 May HAR (MD,MLD); 2, Willow Cr., 12 May GIL (DL,DP); 100, Malheur NWR, 30 May HAR (HG)

Great Blue Heron
7 nests, N of Hot Lk., 1 Apr UNI (PTS)

Great Egret
1, Klamath R. & Hwy 97, 18 Mar KLA (PTS); 3, Enterprise Fish Hatchery, 10-31 May WAL (FSC) [Rare in this county]

Snowy Egret
1, N of Wrights Pt., 6 May HAR (MD,MLD)

Black-crowned Night-Heron
2, N of Hot Lk., 20 May UNI (JM,PTS)

White-faced Ibis
many, Malheur NWR, 7 May HAR (MD,MLD)

Tundara Swan
25, Bear Valley, 6 Mar GRO (CTS); several, Fox Valley, 2 Apr GRA (CEG)

Trumpeter Swan
3, Paulina Marsh, Silver Lake, 10 Mar LAK (PTS,JM)

Greater White-fronted Goose
2700, S. Klamath county, 18 Mar KLA (PTS,JM), 60, near Burns, 25 May HAR (CC,JS)

Snow Goose
2600 (2 blue phase), S. Klamath county, 18 Mar KLA (JM,PTS); 18000 (7 blue phase), near Burns, 25 Mar HAR (CC,JS); 33, Malheur NWR & S of Burns, 6-7 May HAR (MD)

Ross's Goose
9500 (2 blue phase), S. Klamath county, 18 Mar KLA (PTS,JM); 2000, near Burns, 25 Mar HAR (CC,JS); 1, Malheur NWR, 7 May HAR (MD)

Canada Goose
50 with 6 goslings, Cascade Locks, 21 Apr HDR (PTS,JM)

Blue-winged Teal
1, Fossil, 15 May WHE (JM,PTS); 4, Cove, 20 May UNI (PTS,JM); 1 pair, Malheur NWR, 20 May HAR (MD,MLD)

Cinnamon Teal
1, Malheur NWR, 4 Apr HAR (CEG)

Eurasian Widgeon
1, John Day, Mar. 21-28, 1995

Canvassback
1, Burns, 5 Apr HAR (GNE); 1, Malheur NWR, 12 Apr HAR (CEG)

Redhead
1, Hood River, 14 Mar HDR (DB); 44, LaGrande s.p., 20 May UNI (JM,PTS)

Ring-necked Duck
1, Hood River, 14 Mar HDR (DB); 20, Rufus, 23 Mar SHE (DB); 1 eclipse male, Malheur NWR, 28 May HAR (HN)

TUFTED DUCK
1, Cascade Locks, 17 Mar HDR (DA)

Greater Scap
2, Prineville s.p., 2 Apr GRO (DA,DL); 1 pair, Burns, 27 May HAR (JAS)

Common Goldeneye
1, Burns, 8 Apr HAR (GJ); 1 male, mouth Deschutes R., 23 Apr WWS/SHE (DB); 1, Malheur NWR, 6 May HAR (MD,MLD); 1, Black Butte Ranch, 6 May DES (DL); 1, Malheur NWR, 8-10 May HAR (HG); 1 female, LaGrande s.p., 20 May UNI (PTS,JM)

Barrow's Goldeneye
4, Hatfield Lk., 5 Mar DES (PTS,JM); 12, Haystack Res., 5 Mar JEF (PTS,JM); 13, Rufus, 23 May SHE (DB); 2, east of Burns, 25 May HAR (CC,JS); 1, Malheur NWR, 6 May HAR (MD,MLD); 5, Black Butte Ranch, 6 May DES (DL); 2, Malheur NWR, 9 May HAR (GG)

Bufflehead
6, N of Hot Lk., 20 May UNI (JM,PTS)

Hooded Merganser
1, Dog Creek, John Day, 22 Mar GRO (CEG); 1, Silvies Valley, 5 Apr GRA (GNE); 2, Hood River, 8 Apr HDR (PTS,JM); 1 pair, Posadersa Valley, 6 May GRA (MD,MLD)

Common Merganser
1, Burnt, 8 Apr HAR (GJ); 1, Malheur NWR Hqrs.
8 May HAR (GG); female with brood, mouth of Deschutes R., 21 May WAS/HAR (DL)

Red-breasted Merganser
1, mouth of Deschutes R., 14 Apr SHE (CC,JS); female. John Day dam, 14 Mar SHE (DB)

Ruddy Duck

Red-breasted Merganser

WAL (FSC), s.p, 25 Mar UNI (JW); several, John Day valley, Mar

Bald Eagle
8 May HAR (GG); female with brood, mouth of Dayville, 22 Apr GRA (TW); 1, Seneca, county, 25 Mar WAS (DL); 1, Fossil, county, 25 Mar WAS (DL)

Ferruginous Hawk

Sherman county, 23 Mar SHE (DB)

Swainson's Hawk

Northern Goshawk

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Prairie Falcon

mer Lk. WMA, 4 May LAK (CM); 1, Double O Rd, 9 May HAR (GG), 1, joseph s.p, 10 May WAL (FSC) [second county sighting]

Golden Eagle

1, immature. Burns, 24 Mar HAR (CC,JS); 1, SE Deschutes county, 9 Apr DES (PTS,JM); 1, Bear Valley, Apr Agra (ANF), 1, S of Malheur NWR Hips., 20 Mar HAR (MD,MDL)

Rough-legged Hawk

1, Burkes Creek, 10 Mar GIL (CM); 6, Zornwall Rd., 12 Mar WAL (WJ); 1, Harlan's Hawk, Sherman county, 23 Mar SHE (DB)

Ferruginous Hawk

1, immature, Burns, 24 Mar HAR (CC,JS); 1, SE Deschutes county, 9 Apr DES (PTS,JM); 1, Bear Valley, Apr Agra (ANF), 1, S of Malheur NWR Hips., 20 Mar HAR (MD,MDL)

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Rough-legged Hawk

1, Blakely Creek, 10 Mar GIL (CM); 6, Zornwall Rd., 12 Mar WAL (WJ); 1, Harlan's Hawk, Sherman county, 23 Mar SHE (DB); 1, Wasco county, 25 Mar WAS (DL); 1, Paulina, 4 May CRO (JL); late 1, N of Condon, 14 May GIL (CC,JS)

Yellow-billed Stilt
1, Burns, 5-8 Apr HAR (GNE); 1, N of Long Cr., 6 May HAR (MD,MDL); 2, -18 May LAK (FSC) [second county sighting]

Greater Yellowlegs
1, Burns, 8 Apr HAR (GG)

Lesser Yellowlegs
1, Burns, 8 Apr HAR (CC,GG); 1, joseph s.p, 29 Apr WAL (FSC); 18, McKay Cr. NWR, 6 May UMA (UMA,MDL)

Solitary Sandpiper
1, Warnic, 27 May WAS (DL)

Wilson’s Phalarope
1, Burns, 5, Apr HAR (GNE); 1, #2, Burns, 5 Apr HAR (GNE); 1, N of Long Cr., 6 May HAR (MD,MDL); 2, -18 May LAK (FSC) [second county sighting]

American Avocet
1, Malheur NWR, Burns, 4-5 Apr HAR (CEG,GG); 1, Peach Ln., 20 May HAR (PTS,JM)

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Lesser Yellowlegs
1, Burns, 8 Apr HAR (CC,GG); 1, joseph s.p, 29 Apr WAL (FSC); 18, McKay Cr. NWR, 6 May UMA (UMA,MDL)
White-headed Woodpecker
1, Pierce Rd., Ladd Marsh, 25 Mar - 1 Apr UNI (WHE); 10, Malheur NWR, 6 May (MD, MLD)

Northern Saw-whet Owl
1, Idledwld c.g., 5 May HAR (GG); The Notch, NE of Fossil, 12 May WHE (PTS); 1, Malheur NWR headquarters, 26 May HAR (TJ, JG, SJ)

Common Nighthawk
1, Benson Pond, Malheur NWR, 27-31 May HAR (HM, OL)

Common Poorwill
1, Madras, 15 May JEF (FR)

Vaux’s Swift
500+ • Pendleton to Malheur NWR, 6 May UMA/GRA/HAR (MD, MLD); several, Grant county, 15 May (CEG, OL, TW, TH)

White-throated Swift
1 +, Goose Rock, JDVF, 23 Apr GRA (TW); 35, Ogden Wayside, Hwy 97, 10 May JEF DES (GG); 1, Oaks Springs hatchery, Deschutes R., 15 May WAS (OL), 2, Crater Lake, 15 May WHE (DL, DP); 3, 3 E of Spray, 15 May WHE (PTS, JM)

Black-chinned Hummingbird
1, John Day, 26 Apr GRA (OL); 1, John Day valley, 5 May GRA (PSS); 1, Malheur NWR, 8 May HAR (TG, JJG); 1, Canyon City, 10 May GRA (LEH); 1, Fossil, 21 May WHE (BS)

Anna’s Hummingbird
1, Astor, 5 Mar DES (NH, PTS)

Calliope Hummingbird
1, John Day, 26 Apr GRA (OL); 1, Canyon Cr, 1 May GRA (LEH); 1, 5 c. John Day R., 13 May GRA (CEG), 1, Dog Creek, 18 May GRA (CEG)

Broad-tailed Hummingbird
1 male, Summer Lake, 25 May LAK (CM)

Rufous Hummingbird
1, Prairie City, 23 Apr GRA (OL); several, John Day valley, May GRA (LEH, CEG, TH); 1, Malheur NWR, 7 May HAR, 9 May MLD

Lewis’ Woodpecker
1, Dog Creek, 8 May GRA (CEG); 1, Malheur NWR, 8-28 May HAR (TG, HG, HG, JA, JH); 1, Lone Rock, 12 May GIL (OL, DP); 1, 10 Mile St. PK, 13 May GRA (PSS); several, 5 c. John Day R., 20-27 May GRA (CEG, BB); 2, Fossil, 21 May HAR (MD, MLD); 1, Fields, 28 May HAR (SD); 8, Middle Fk John Day R., 28 May GRA (OL), 2, Horse Butte burn, 30 May DES (JAS)

Red-naped Sapsucker
1, Malheur NWR Hqtrs, 7-9 May HAR (CLG, MBB, CEG, BB, GM); 1, Idledwld c. g., 5 May HAR (GG); several, Grant county, May GRA (OL, CEG, OL, TW, LEH, TH)

Red-breasted Sapsucker
1, Beaver Valley, Apr GRA (ANF); 1, Indian Ford c.g., 6 May DES (SR)

Williamson’s Sapsucker
1, Klamath Marsh NWR, 19 Mar KLA (PTS, JM); 15, Ochocho Ave, 2 Apr CRO/WHE (D, DL, DP); 2, Idledwld c.g., 9 May HAR (GG)

Hairy Woodpecker
22, Craine Prairie burn, 29 May DES (CM)

White-headed Woodpecker
1, Bear Valley, May GRA (JLB)

Black-backed Woodpecker
1, Bear Valley, 5 Mar GRA (JLB); 1, Bear Valley, 23 Apr GRA (JLB); 1, Idledwld c.g., 6 May HAR (MD, MLD); 1, SE of Bend, 6 May DES (SR); 1, Camas Prairie, 20 May WAS (OL); 1, Spring Cr., 20 May UNI (PTS, JM), 2, Dry Cr., W of Sisters, 27 May DES (PTS), 29, Craine Prairie burn, 29 May DES (CM), 1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 30 May GRA (BH)

Pileated Woodpecker
1 pair, Spring Cr., 20 May UNI (PTS, JM), 20 May GRA (OL)

Olive-sided Flycatcher
1, Willow Cr., 12 May GIL (DL, DP); 1, Fossil, 18 May WHE (BS)

Western Wood-Pewee
1, Malheur NWR Hqtrs, 7 May HAR (MD)

Hammond’s Flycatcher
1, Warm Springs, 15 Apr JEF (CC, JS); several, Malheur NWR Hqtrs, late May HAR (HS)

Dusky Flycatcher
several, Malheur NWR Hqtrs, 21 May HAR (HM)

Gray Flycatcher
2, N of Spray, 15 May WHE (PTS, JM); several, SE of Spray, 15 May WHE (PTS, JM)

Ash-throated Flycatcher
1, Wasco county, 13 May WAS (BH); 1, Page Springs c.g, 28 May DES (BH)

Western Kingbird
1, Arlington, 29 Apr GIL (CC, JH); 1, Elgin, 8 May UNI (BB); 2 at nest, Rufus, 12 May SHE (PTS, JM); 1, Fossil, 21 May WHE (BH)

Eastern Kingbird
1, LaGrande, 20 May PTS, JM; several, Malheur NWR, 27 May HAR (HM et al); 1, Monument, May GRA (TH)

Tree Swallow
1 +, Murdenees Cr., 18 Mar GRA (TH)

Violet-green Swallow
4, Lower Dam, 6 May JEF (PTS, JM)

Bank Swallow
several, The Dales, 12 May WES (DL, DP)

Cliff Swallow
20, Malheur NWR, 25 May HAR (CC, JS); 5, Spray, 2 Apr WHE (DL, DP)

Barn Swallow
1 +, Mt. Vernon, 2 Apr GRA (ANF)

Gray Jay
1, Bear Valley, 4 Mar GRA (TW)

BLUE JAY
1, Canyon City, 4-20 Apr GRA (CEG)

Pinyon Jay
15, N Millican valley, 30 May DES (JM, PSS); 25, Powell Butte, 4 Apr CRO (PTS)

Clark’s Nutcracker
6, W of Bend, 29 May DES (JM, PTS)

Chesnut-backed Chickadee
1, Bear Springs ranger station, 8 Apr WES (PTS, JM)

Brown Creeper
1, Malheur NWR Hqtrs, 27 May HAR (HM et al)

Rock Wren
1, W of Biggs, 23 Mar SHE (BH); 1, Murdenees Cr., Apr GRA (TH); 1, Hamilton, May GRA (TH)

Canyon Wren
1, S. Fk John Day R., 27 May GRA (BH)

House Wren
3, Bend, 12 Apr DES (TC)

Winter Wren
1, Fox Valley, 31 May GRA (BH)

Marsh Wren
1, The Dales, 11 Mar WHE (OL)

American Dipper
1, Smith Rock St. PK, 5 Mar DES (PTS, JM); 2, Marks Cr., 2 Apr GRO (PTS, JM); 1, S. Fk. John Day R., Apr GRA (TH)
Have you seen a radio-tagged Mallard hen?

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon State University need your help in locating radio-tagged Mallard hens.

During Spring 1995, 32 Mallard hens were fitted with back-mounted radio transmitters in the Willamette Valley of western Oregon. In addition, standard USFWS leg bands were attached to the right leg. Monitored for a few weeks, after unsuccessful nesting attempts, 20 of the hens left the Willamette Valley. Efforts to locate these birds in other parts of the state have been unsuccessful.

The transmitters are black, approximately 1 inch in diameter, with a 10-inch upright antenna. The transmitter frequencies are in the 151.000 MHz range. Anyone currently conducting telemetry work can assist by scanning for individual frequencies.

If you can help, call one of the numbers below for a list of frequencies. If you observe, trap, or locate one of these Mallard hens, please record the following information: date, specific location, band number, frequency (if possible), observer’s name, address, and phone number, and any details regarding the sighting.

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Migratory Game Bird Program
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Portland, OR 97207
Attention: Brad Bales, 503-229-5454 ext. 447

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Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
Nash Hall 104
Corvallis, OR 97331
Attention: Robert L. Jarvis, 503-737-1956

It was a Gyr

The falcon photo in the lower left corner of OB 21(3):93, Fall 1995, was erroneously identified as a Peregrine Falcon. The photo is reproduced below, left, correctly identified as a Gyrfalcon. Additional photos of the same bird by David Bailey help to make the correct ID obvious. The editors regret the error.


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Townsend's Warbler
American Redstart
May LAK (SD)
Black-throated Gray Warbler
1, Wasco county, 17 Apr WHE (BS), 1, Glass Butte, 27 May LAK (SD)

Townsend's Warbler
1, Halloway St. Pk., 20 May GRA (CEG); movement, Fossil, 21 May WHE (BS), 15+, Malheur NWR, 19 May HAR (MD, MLD, HN et al)

Black-and-white Warbler
1, Girds Cr, 13 May WHE (DL, DP); 1-3, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., 19 May HAR (MD, MLD)

American Redstart
2, Fields, 22 May HAR (AF)

Ovenbird
1, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., 27 May HAR (PS, TJ, HN, JAS et al)

MacGillivray's Warbler
1, Dayville, John Day, 20 May GRA (CEG, OL); 1 male, S of Page Springs c.g., 20 May HAR (MD, MLD, HN); 1, Fox Valley, 25 May GRA (BH); 4, Cottonwood Cr, Fields, 27-28 May HAR (SD)

Common Yellowthroat
1, Hood River county, 8 Apr HDR (PTS, JM)

Wilson's Warbler
1+, Holliday St Pk. & S Fk. John Day R, 20 May GRA (DL, DP); 1+, Fox Valley, 24 May GRA (BH); many, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., late May HAR (HN et al)

Yellow-breasted Chat
1, Harney county, 8 May HAR (GG); 2, Butee Cr, 15 May WHE (DL, DP); 10, Page Springs, 20 May HAR (MD, MLD, HN); 1, S Fk. John Day R, 20-27 May GRA (CEG, BH); 1, Richland, 27 May BAK (OL)

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
female, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., 27-28 May HAR (HN, TJ et al)

Lazuli Bunting
1, LaGrande, 10 May UNI (LMB); many, Wheeler county, 13 May WHE (DL, DP)

Dickcissel
1, Big Summit Prairie, 27 May CRO (GB)

Green-tailed Towhee
1, Malheur NWR, 7 May HAR (MD, MLD)

American Tree Sparrow
15, Swamp Cr, north of Joseph, 15 Mar WHE (FSC)

Chipping Sparrow
1, John Day, 1 Apr GRA (OL); 2, Warm Springs, 2 Apr JEF (DL, DA)

Vesper Sparrow
1, Malheur NWR, 5 Apr HAR (GNE); 1, Fox Valley, 16 Apr GRA (TW)

Lark Sparrow
1+, S Fk. John Day R, 13 May GRA (CEG); 1+, John Day valley, 13 May GRA (CEG); 1, John Day valley, 13 May WHE (PTS, JM); 1, Wasco county, 20 May HAR (OL); 1+, John Day, 20 May GRA (OL)

Black-throated Sparrow
1, Cottonwood Cr, Fields, 29 May HAR (SD) [Quite unlike the invasion of last year]

Sage Sparrow
10, Malheur NWR, 25 Mar HAR (CC, JS); 4, SW of Millican, 9 Apr DES (PTS, JM)

Grasshopper Sparrow
1, near Lone Rock, 15 May GIL (RA){}; several, Kent, 21 May SHE (SB)

Fox Sparrow
1, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., 25 Mar HAR (CC, JS)

Lincoln's Sparrow
1, Canyon City, 13 Apr GRA (CEG); 10, Summer Lake, 4 May LAK (CO); 1, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., 25 May HAR (HN)

White-throated Sparrow
o 1, Summer Lake, 12 May LAK (CM); 1, Malheur NWR, 19-26 May HAR (CC, mob); 1, Fossil, 19 May WHE (BS)

Golden-crowned Sparrow
1, Canyon City, 10 May GRA (CEG); 2, Olear, 15 May GL (DL, DP)

Bobolink
6, Lad Mads, 20 May UNI (PTS, JM); 1, Prairie City, 24 May GRA (VD)

Tricolored Blackbird
75, Agency Lk., 18 Mar KLA (PTS, JM); male, E of Burns, 25 Mar HAR (CC, JS); 1, Hood River, 8 Apr HDR (PTS, JM); 20, Bridge Cr pond, 13 May WHE (DL, DP)

Yellow-headed Blackbird
6, Harney Basin, 25 Mar HAR (CC, JS); male, Wamic, 8 Apr WHE (OL)

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE
1, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., 30 Apr - 9 May HAR (GJ, HC, CL et al); 1, Page Springs c.g., 25 May HAR (MS)

COMMON GRACKLE
1, male, Malheur NWR, 21 May HAR (MD, MLD)

HOODED ORIOLE
male, Bend, 2 May DES (DH); 1st yr. male, Page Springs c.g., 21 May HAR (AF)

Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
3 pair, Canyon Creek, 5 Mar GRA (LEH); 50, Smith Rocks St. Pk.; 5 Mar DES (JM, PTS)

Purple Finch
1, Phillips Res., 16 Apr BAK (OL)

Red Crossbill
200, Ochoco Mts.; 2 Apr WHE (DL, OL); 300, Malheur NF; 6 May HAR (MD)

White-winged Crossbill
1+, Malheur NWR, 21 May HAR (ANF)

Pine Siskin
20, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., 21-27 May HAR (HN)

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**Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 28 May 1995, Malheur NWR HQ, Harney Co. Photo/Tim Janzen.**

**Tufted Duck, OBRC 149.1-95-20B, 30 April 1995, Bay City sewage ponds, Tillamook Co. Photo/Harry Nehls.**

**Hudsonian Godwit, OBRC 251-95-14F, 10 May 1995, Ankeny NWR, Polk Co. Photo/Stephen G. Dowden.**

**Northern Saw-Whet Owl, 26 May 1995, Malheur NWR headquarters, Harney Co. Photo/Tim Janzen.**

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For the most part, the weather in March and April was cool and unstable. This was followed by an unusually warm and sunny May. This warm weather could have allowed for an incospicuous passage of waterfowl, for several observers commented on the mundane aspect of this spring's small bird migration. Although arrival dates were much as expected, numbers were quite low.

I have a request for those of you who turn in field note reports. It would be very helpful and save me (and probably other field note editors) a lot of time if you would note the county in which you saw each sighting. Many of you do this already and it is much appreciated. Abbreviations used in this report include:

D.L.M. Bureau of Land Management
G. County
m.ob. many observers
N.W.R. National Wildlife Refuge
S.J.C.R. South Jetty Columbia River
S.P. sewage ponds
W.A. Wildlife Area

Pacific Loon
Heavy birdward movement was reported in early May, especially along the Tillamook Co. coast. Many of the birds were seen on 15 April (DB) and 8 May (JG). Comparing with previous years when this species arrived in Oregon waters early due to El Nino oceanic conditions, this years arrival dates were more expected, though slightly early. 1 was at Newport, Lincoln Co., 12 May (GG) and 1 was noted at the S.J.C.R. 13 May (MP). They were common shortly thereafter.

American White Pelican
Unusual in western Oregon, 18 were at Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., 8 May (CR) and 6 were at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 8 May (HN).

Brown Pelican
A handful were observed away from the coast, with the highest count being 100 at Boiler Bay, Tillamook Co. 15 April (DL).

Yellow-billed Loon
One only was reported. It was observed at the S.J.C.R. 26 March (MP).

Horned Grebe
As usual, this species was scattered along the coast. The highest count was 100 at Boiler Bay, Lincoln Co., 9 April (SR, DB).

Eared Grebe
This species is not often seen either along the coast of in interior valleys in spring. 3 birds, 2 in breeding plumage, were at the Forest Grove S.P., Washington Co., 9 April (DL).

Clark's Grebe
This species was regular along the coast. It was noted at Hagg Lake, Washington Co., 26 April (DL) and 1 was in north Portland, Multnomah Co., 4 April (DB). No report with details.

Black-footed Albatross
This species was regularly seen on all pelagic trips this spring. 100+ were sitting off the back of the boat on the 8 April trip out of Newport, Lincoln Co. (GG).

Pink-footed Shearwater
Relatively low numbers were reported from various pelagic trips. 3 were seen 11 May, 5 on 9 April and 2 on 14 May, all out of Newport, Lincoln Co. (GG).

Flesh-footed Shearwater
Always a treat to see, one of these rarities was seen 9 April out of Newport, Lincoln Co. (GG). This is approximately 3 weeks earlier than previously recorded.

Sooty Shearwater
Low to average numbers were observed on the pelagic trips out of Newport, Lincoln Co. (GG). 130 on 14 May was the high count.

Short-tailed Shearwater
Typically not seen after January, 8 were observed on the 11 March trip out of Newport, Lincoln Co. (GG).

Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel
Several observers commented on the mundane aspect of this spring's small bird migration. Although arrival dates were much as expected, numbers were quite low.

American Bittern
Compared with previous years when this species arrived in Oregon waters early due to El Nino oceanic conditions, this years arrival dates were more expected, though slightly early. 1 was at Newport, Lincoln Co., 12 May (GG) and 1 was noted at the S.J.C.R. 13 May (MP). They were common shortly thereafter.

American Bittern
This species was regularly seen on all pelagic trips out of Newport, Lincoln Co. They were widely reported thereafter.

Tufted Duck
Two of this annual rarity were seen, a male was at Cascade Locks, Hood River Co., 17 April (DB) and 1 was at Bay City S.P., Tillamook Co., 16-30 April (SR, m.ob.).

Harlequin Duck
21 individuals were found in the Molalla River basin, Clackamas Co., on a B.L.M. survey on 27 April. 34 were found in the Quartzville Cr. basin on a B.L.M. survey on 28 April. 3 nests had been located in the Molalla River basin by the end of the period, and at least 6 were found in the Quartzville Cr. basin. At least 2 of the nests were in the exact location as in 1994 (SD). A male was at Eagle Cr. on Bonneville Dam, Hood River Co., 5 March (DB). A male was seen on the Netucca River in the Coast Range 10 May (SD) and a male presented a most unusual site by picking food items from the hull of the submarine berthed at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in downtown Portland.

Oldsquaw
The annual herring run produced many interesting birds to observe in Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., during March. On 10 March there were 5 Oldsquaw, 2 males and 3 females or 1st winter males (USG). A male was at Young's Bay near Astoria, Clatsop Co., 6 May (JG) and 1 was at the S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co., 20 May (Henry Gilmore).

Scoters
Up to 1000 were at the herring run in Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co. They were "mostly Surf, some Black and a few White-winged" (JS).

Bufflehead
This species remained in good numbers to early May. An example were the 50 at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 4 May (HN).

Turkey Vulture
The first was reported from Florence, Lane Co., 1 March (GM). On 4 March 2 were near Carlton, Yamhill Co. (DL,CL). They were widely reported thereafter.

Osprey
This species was reported at all nesting sites by 29 March (fide RT).

White-tailed Kite
There were "many" sightings from the Rogue Valley, Josephine and Jackson Cos., during March (Jim Harp). Otherwise, it does not appear they were seen elsewhere in western Oregon.

Bald Eagle
A pair wintered in the vicinity of Ross Island near downtown Portland and remained to attempt to nest.
thrilling many city residents (HN, m.ob.).

**Red-shouldered Hawk**

The only report away from Curry Co. was of 1 bird near Kinnville on Siletz Bay, Lincoln Co., 5 March (DF). This species has shown up at this location several times over the past few years. Is it possible that a nest is in this area?

**Rough-legged Hawk**

No reports. It seems this species has not been seen as often in recent years as in the past. DL comments that they used to be common in Washington and Yamhill Co. and now she has to search for them.

**Gyrfalcon**

A bird that wintered at Finley N.W.R., Benton Co., was last reported 10 April (JS).

**Blue Grouse**

Several were heard calling on Mary's Peak, Benton Co., 8 May (AM). This is an excellent location to hear and see this species.

**Sandhill Crane**

The peak day at Sauvie Island was 23 March when approximately 1,000 were there; 300 were there 30 March and had all departed shortly thereafter (HIN).

**Shorebirds**

The primary movement occurred at the expected late-April to early-May window. On 30 April an especially heavy movement was observed along the coast inland from the coast that day; some observers even reported seeing flocks of a hundred or more migrating only a few feet above the forest (HIN).

**Pacific Golden-Plover**

1 was at Clatsop Beach, Clatsop Co., 6 May (MP).

**American Golden-Plover**

3 were at S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co., 13 May (SR).

**Greater Yellowlegs**

Widely reported from many locations both coastal and inland but in fewer numbers than expected. For example, the peak concentration was 30 at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 18 April (CR).

**Lesser Yellowlegs**

This is an uncommon spring migrant and as expected, not many were seen. 3 were at Canby, Clackamas Co., 25 April (TJ), 2 were at the Forest Grove S.P. 22 April (T), and 1 was at the Bay City S.P., Tillamook Co., 4 May (IN).

**Solitary Sandpiper**

This is another uncommon spring and fall migrant. I was at the Lower Winchuck River, Curry Co., 21 to 25 April (DIN). 3 were at a marsh in the E.E. Wilson WA., Benton Co., 26 April and I was there 28 April (AM). AM reports that this newly constructed marsh is very attractive to this species. I was at Jackson Bottoms, Washington Co., 30 April (GO) and 1 was at Canby, Clackamas Co., 11 May (TJ, TL, FS).

**Whimbrel**

Very good numbers were observed at one of its most favored sites, the Wilson River meadows in Tillamook Co. 300 were there 5 May (WT,HN) and 500 were there 6 May (PS). Smaller numbers were reported from other locations along the coast (m.ob.). 1 was at Ankeny N.W.R., Marion Co., 16 April for a rare inland sighting (JA, m.ob.). A bird described as a member of the variegata race was observed at Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 31 May (DF). If the observer is correct, this would be one of only a very few sightings of this race away from far-western Alaska in North America.

**Long-billed Curlew**

A rare transient through western Oregon, I was at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 16 April to 7 May (HIN, DIO). Another was seen resting at Santiam Flats, Detroit Reserve, Marion Co., 26 April (BBJ). This is an uncommon spring migrant and as expected, was seen again in this area.

**Hudsonian Godwit**

Always a rarity in Oregon, I was at Mohoff Pond, Ankeny N.W.R., Marion Co., 10 May through the morning of 12 May (SD, JLH, BB, details, et al.).

**Marbled Godwit**

There were the usual scattered coastal sightings, though in lower numbers than is typical. The highest count was 7 at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 7 May (DIO). There were 2 rare inland occurrences; I was at Mohoff Pond, Ankeny N.W.R., Marion Co., 1 May (JLH, DIO, DP), and I was at Basket Slough N.W.R., Polk Co., 9 May (BT) for possibly the first county record.

**Ruddy Turnstone**

There were scattered coastal sightings, with the 85 observed migrating north past one location in Lincoln Co. throughout the course of the day 10 May an extremely good number (JG).

**Red Knot**

In some springs this is an uncommon migrant, and such was the case this spring. However, the 16 at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 15 May was a nice number (HIN). Always rare inland, I was at Mohoff Pond, Ankeny N.W.R., Marion Co., 29 and 30 May (LJL, DIO). This common and fall migrant was seen in mid-May. A very heavy movement was seen along the coast 30 April with 10,000 at Brownsmead, Clatsop Co. (HIN).

**Western Sandpiper**

The peak day at Sauvie Island was 23 March when approximately 1,000 were there; 300 were there 30 March and had all departed shortly thereafter (HIN). This species has shown up at this location several times over the past few years. Is it possible that a nest is in this area?

**Least Sandpiper**

This species is a fairly common migrant at sea but rarely seen along the coast. I was observed along Clatsop Co. beaches 21 May (MP). This is a fairly common migrant at sea but rarely seen along the coast. I was observed along Clatsop Co. beaches 21 May (MP). This is a fairly common migrant at sea but rarely seen along the coast.

**Baird's Sandpiper**

I was in north Portland, Multnomah Co., 29 April (HHN) and I was near Canby, Clackamas Co., 9 May (ES).

**Short-billed Dowitcher**

An average migration for Oregon with the high count being 700 at Brownsmead, Clatsop Co., 30 April (HHN). This common sandpiper and fall migrant was seen in expected numbers. Two concentrations are worthy of note; 10,000 were along Colville Rd, Baskett Slough N.W.R., Marion Co., 16 May (DIO). A very heavy movement was seen along the coast 30 April with 10,000 at Brownsmead, Clatsop Co., 30 April (HHN).

**Brent's Goose**

A rare spring migrant, 2 were seen this spring. 1 was in north Portland, Multnomah Co., 29 April (HHN) and I was near Canby, Clackamas Co., 9 May (ES).

**Red-necked Phalarope**

This common and fall migrant was seen in expected numbers. Two concentrations are worthy of note; 10,000 were along Colville Rd, Baskett Slough N.W.R., Polk Co., 18 March and 10,000 were there 4 May (HHN) and 10,000 were there 6 May (SDJL, HN, etc.). Another was seen resting at Santiam Flats, Detroit Reserve, Marion Co., 26 April (BBJ). This is an uncommon spring migrant and as expected, was seen at this location again.

**Bonaparte's Gull**

Good numbers were seen this spring through April and May. 500 were observed at Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 20 May (John Gitzer) and a "heavy movement" was observed along Clatsop Co. beaches 21 May (MP).

**Heermann's Gull**

4 at Newport, Lincoln Co., 11 May (JG) were the first noted.

**Iceland Gull**

A second year bird was reported from the pellet plant on Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co., 26 March (PS). No details were provided.

**Western Gull**

There were two inland reports; 5 pure birds were on the Columbia River in north Portland, Multnomah Co., 5 March and 1 was at Bonneville Dam, Multnomah Co., 14 March (DB).

**Glaucous Gull**

Not as many were seen as in previous years. 1 was at Cornelius, Washington Co., 4 March (DL, CC), a 1st year bird was seen flying over Marion St. Bridge, Marion and Polk Cox., 14 March (SD), 1st winter birds were at the Yaquina River mouth, Lincoln Co., 18 March and 1 mile south of Waldport, Lincoln Co., 19 March (JS), 1 was at Westmoreland Park in Portland, Multnomah Co., 8 April (Debbie Bush), 1 was at Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 9 April (SR, DB) and 1 was on Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co., 16 April (DB). A very late 1st winter bird was at Waldport, Lincoln Co., 30 May (DF).

**Sabine's Gull**

2 pelagic trips out of Newport, Lincoln Co., observed this species. 2 were seen 8 April and 5 were seen 14 May (GG).

**Caspian Tern**

An early Caspian was at Waldport, Lincoln Co., 19 March (SS). More expected was 1 at the S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co., 1 April (MP) and 80 at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 2 April (HHN). They were regular along the coast thereafter.

**Common Tern**

The only report was of 20 at Garibaldi, Tillamook Co., 17 May (GO).

**Arctic Tern**

This species is a fairly common migrant at sea but rarely seen along the coast. I was observed from Cape Meares, Tillamook Co., 6 May (PS). 2 were seen on the pelagic trip out of Newport, Lincoln Co. (GO) and 20 were seen from the S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co., 15 May (MP). The 50 observed at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 15 May (HIN) is an exceptional number to see along the immediate coast.

**Black Tern**

This is an unusual transient and occasional nester in western Oregon. 2 were at Mohoff Pond, Ankeny N.W.R., Marion Co., 16 May (JLH, DIO, et al.). 4 were there 20 May (BBJ) and 1 was there 29 May (TS).

**Auklets**

There were no observations of special interest.

**Tufted Puffin**

2 were at Cape Meares, Tillamook Co., 22 April (PS) and 6 were there 7 May (DI).

**Spotted Owl**

Breeding was very sparse this spring in the Salem District of the B.L.M. Of the approximately 40 pairs monitored in the lower Cascades north of the South Santiam River, Linns Co., only 6 were found to be nesting. None of the Coast Range pairs were found to be nesting north of the Alsea River, Lincoln and Benton Co. (SD).
Barred Owl  
More bad news for the Spotted Owl is the range expansion of the closely related Barred Owl into its range. This spring there were 2 reports of Barred Owls, I was heard at Withrow Springs, Clackamas Co, 21 March (TJ) and I at the surprising location of Mary Young State Park in West Linn, Clackamas Co, 8 May (TJ,GO). This bird “struck TJ on the back” while he was playing a tape of a Screech Owl.

Northern Saw-whet Owl  
I was heard on Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co, 12 April (Joe Morawski).

Boreal Owl  
Very little is known about the range of this species in the Cascade Mountains. I was heard at close range but not seen in the Salmon River Meadows, Clackamas Co, on the south flank of Mt. Hood 16 April (TJ,ES,GoB). This is the second report I am aware of for this general area.

Acorn Woodpecker  
A colony in Hillsboro, Washington Co, reported this spring “may have been there several years” (Sara Wagner). Another “new” colony was reported from the city of Yamhill, Yamhill Co. (DL).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER  
The immature female that was in and around the yard of BB in Salem, Marion Co, in late winter was the first noted 8 May at the S.J.C.R, Clatsop Co. (HN). This species is being more frequently sighted west of the Cascades in spring migration, though in expected low numbers.

Gray Flycatcher  
There was at least 1 present on 4, 6, 7, 12 and 18 May at the Santiam Flats, Detroit Reservoir, Marion Co.(BB,SD). There were “several” there 5 May (PS). Since BB first discovered this spot in 1987, it has produced an interesting number of typically eastern Oregon birds.

Pacific-slope Flycatcher  
The immature female that was in and around the yard of JSi in Corvallis, Benton Co, 30 April 2001 (ES) and 1 last year. Only one was reported this spring, from the S.J.C.R. 8 May (HN). The immature male that was in and around the yard of JSi in Corvallis, Benton Co, 8 March (BB) was there again this spring.

Say’s Phoebe  
This is a very unusual migrant through western Oregon. There were observed this spring; 1 was at Timberlake JCC on the upper Clackamas River, Clackamas Co, 3 March (TJ), I was at Powell Butte Park, Gresham, Multnomah Co, 18 March (BB,SD) and I was at Pt. Stevens State Park, Clatsop Co, 1 April (MP).

Ash-throated Flycatcher  
Another unusual species in western Oregon. 1 was at Santiam Flats, Detroit Reservoir, Marion Co., 19 May (LJ). 2 were seen in Curry Co. as well, I was in Agnes 13 May (BB) and I was in Harbor 22 May (AB).

Western Kingbird  
Yet another unusual species in western Oregon. 1 was seen along a fence line near the entrance to Basket Slough N.W.R., Polk Co, 3 May (AM). A second bird was along Dickey Prairie Rd. near Molalla, Clackamas Co, 3 May (SD).

Purple Martin  
There were the expected scattered reports with the first noted 25 April at Cascade Locks, Hood River Co. (DB).

Tree Swallow  
The first report was of a group of 200 in north Portland, Multnomah Co., 5 March (DB).

Sage Thrasher  
A rare vagrant to eastern Oregon, 2 were at Santiam Flats, Marion Co, 26 April (BB,SD). Another was there 4 and 5 May (BB,PS).

Loggerhead Shrike  
There were several reports of this rare western Oregon species; 1 was at Canby, Clackamas Co, 20 and 21 March (PS,TL,ES) and 1 was in south Salem, Marion Co.

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1st noted at McRyer State Park, Clackamas Co, 23 April (BA).

Dusky Flycatcher  
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Violet-green Swallow  
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1st noted at Moliver State Park, Clackamas Co, 23 April (BA).

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Scrub Jay  
1 was seen at Knappa, Clatsop Co, 13 May (HN).

Clark’s Nutcracker  
2 were reported from Table Mountain in the Coast Range between Corvallis and Alsea, Benton Co, 6 May (TJ,GO). If correct, this would be a very unusual western Oregon occurrence.

Townsend’s Solitaire  
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**Solitary Vireo**

The 1st report was of 2 birds in Corvallis, Benton Co., on the early date of 3 April (AF, Tiffany Church, Susan Donner). Other reports indicated more expected arrival times in mid to late April (m.ob.).

**Warbling Vireo**

1st noted at Helmick State Park, Polk Co., 28 April (AM).

**Orange-crowned Warbler**

The 1st reports came from north Portland, Multnomah Co., 5 March (DB) and from Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co., 23 March (HN). They were widely reported thereafter.

**Nashville Warbler**

1st noted at McVey State Park near Estacada, Clackamas Co., 23 April (BA) and at Mt. Tabor Park, Portland, Multnomah Co., 23 April (GL).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler**

I was in Damascus near Gresham, Clackamas Co., 10 April (BA), 5 were at Mt. Tabor Park, Portland, Multnomah Co., 12 April (GL) and 10 at Mt. Tabor Park 23 April (JO). They were widespread thereafter.

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