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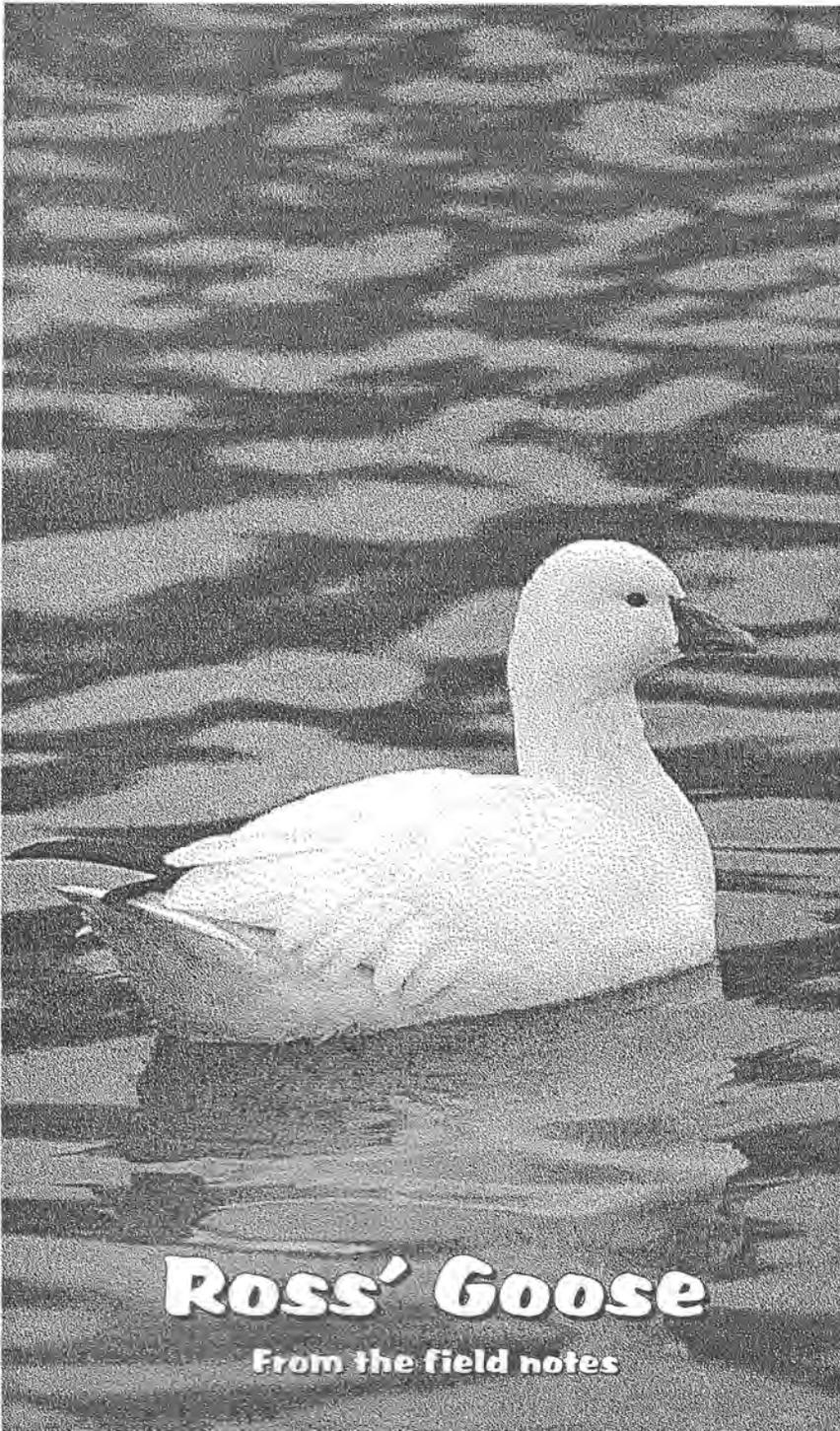
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*Ross' Goose, 5 March 1996, near Roseburg, Douglas Co. Photo/Tim Janzen.*

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# The Records of the Oregon Bird Records Committee, 1995-1996

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From October 1995 to October 1996 the Oregon Bird Records Committee (OBRC) completed the following records. The first group of records are those for which the written report and/or photographs or specimens supported the stated identification and are accepted records. If photo(s) or specimen is indicated for a record it was accepted as verified. Other records were accepted as sight records.

Of the 60 records reviewed by the Committee 51 were accepted and 9 were not accepted. At the April 1996 OBRC meeting the Clay-colored Sparrow was dropped from the review list. The Committee will no longer evaluate Clay-colored Sparrow reports. The fortieth supplement to the AOU Check-list published in 1996 reinstated the Baltimore Oriole as a valid species. There is one accepted record

in the Deferred Records file that places it on the Official Oregon Bird List. It is also placed on the review list and the OBRC is asking for reports of this species in Oregon.

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 1996 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. Nick Lethaby resigned August 8, 1996. Gerard Lillie will fill the position for the remainder of the year.

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, Portland Audubon Society, Rogue Valley Audubon Society, and Umpqua Valley Audubon.

Oregon Bird Records Committee at their April 1996 meeting in Portland. First row, left to right: Kamal Islam, Alan Contreras, Nick Lethaby, Jim Johnson. Middle row, left to right: Gerard Lillie, Ron Maertz, Harry Nebbs, Skip Russell, Jeff Gilligan. Back row, left to right: Craig Roberts, Tom Crabtree, Owen Schmidt.



**Yellow-billed Loon**

- 008-93-29 Boyle Reservoir, Klamath Co., 1 breeding plumaged bird on 29 April 1993 (ED).

**Whooper Swan**

- 179-94-02 Summer Lake WMA, Lake Co., 1 adult from 10-21 November 1994 (JJo, Photos by HN, CM, SR).



*Whooper Swan, OBRC 179-94-02C, at Summer Lake, Lake Co., 21 November 1994. Photo/Harry Nebbs.*

**Gyr Falcon**

- 354-93-14 Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co., 1 gray phase bird 28 February to 8 March 1993 (Tfu, HN).
- 354-94-18 Ankeny NWR, Marion Co., 1 gray phase bird from 6-15 November 1994 (HN, photos by JL).

**Tricolored Heron**

- 199-93-02 Ona Beach State Park, Lincoln Co., 1 bird from 11-13 November 1993 (PSH, GG, HGH, photos by HN, videotape by DVB).

**Tufted Duck**

- 149.1-94-17 Hammond, Clatsop Co., 1 adult male on 8 May 1994 (photos by MP).

**Hudsonian Godwit**

- 251-94-13 Summer Lake WMA, Lake Co., 1 juvenile on 2 September 1994 (photos by CM).

**Bar-tailed Godwit**

- 250-94-14 Seal Rock State Park, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 31 July 1994 (DFa).

**Ross' Gull**

- 061-94-03 McNary Dam, Umatilla Co., 1 adult in winter plumage from 27 November to 1 De-

cember 1994 (PB, MD, photo by RSu).

**White-winged Dove**

- 319-95-04 Brookings, Curry Co., 1 immature from 6-11 October 1995 (photos by CD).

**Boreal Owl**

- 371-94-05 South base Broken Top Mountain, Deschutes Co., 2 adult birds on 14 September 1994 (CM).

**Nuttall's Woodpecker**

- 397-91-02 Trail, Jackson Co., 1 specimen found during the fall of 1991. Specimen Southern Oregon State College in Ashland. SOSC 1697 (photos MRB, SCr).

**Eastern Wood-Pewee**

- 461-94-01 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 singing bird 28-30 May 1994 (JJo, slides by HN, taped calls by DBa, DH).

**Least Flycatcher**

- 467-94-30 Clyde Holliday SP, Grant Co., Two singing birds on 13-14 August 1994 (GG).

**Eastern Phoebe**

- 456-94-04 Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird from 1-7 November 1994 (M).

**Tropical Kingbird**

- 446-93-15 Newport, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 7 November 1993 (JJo).
- 446-95-17 Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 bird on 5 October 1995 (photos by CD).

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**

- 443-93-07 Otter Rock, Lincoln Co., 1 adult female

*Hudsonian Godwit, OBRC 251-94-13D, at Summer Lake, Lake Co., 2 September 1994. Photo/Craig Miller.*



from 11-13 November 1993 (HGH, photos by HN, videotape by DVB).

#### **Northern Wheatear**

765-95-04 Tillamook, Tillamook Co., 1 bird on 28 October 1995 (DMc, JJo).

#### **Brown Thrasher**

705-94-19 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird from 19-26 September 1994 (JJo, photo by HN).

#### **Northern Parula**

648-94-24 Alsea Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 singing male on 19 June 1994 (DFa).

#### **Chestnut-sided Warbler**

659-95-28 Mare's Egg Spring, Klamath Co., 1 singing male on 1 July 1995 (PSu).

659-95-29 Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 immature bird mist netted 28 September 1995 (photo by DV).

#### **Magnolia Warbler**

687-93-23 Frenchglen, Harney Co., 1 fall plumaged male from 3-5 October 1993 (JC, TMi).

#### **Prairie Warbler**

673-94-06 Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 bird on 29 September 1994 (CD).

673-93-04 Harris Beach State Park, Curry Co., 1 immature from 22-25 September 1993 (photos by CD).

673-95-07 Newport, Lincoln Co., 1 male from 6-26 December 1995 (photos by DVB, EH, RM).

#### **Blackpoll Warbler**

661-93-31 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird on 20 September 1993 (TJ).

661-94-32 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 spring male on 26 May 1994 (PSI).

*Rustic Bunting, OBRC 535.1-94-02B, at Eugene, Lane Co., 9 April 1994. Photo/Skip Russell.*



661-85-34 P Ranch, Harney Co., 1 breeding plumaged male on 14 May 1985 (photo by RM).

#### **Prothonotary Warbler**

637-93-04 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 singing bird from 30 May to 2 June 1993 (RHo, photos by TC, SJ, videotape by DVB).

#### **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**

595-93-25 Fort Stevens State Park, Clatsop Co., 1 immature male on 12 September 1993 (MP).

595-95-28 Tillamook, Tillamook Co., 1 adult male on 30 July 1995 (photo by PWe).

595-95-29 Hunter Creek, Curry Co., 1 immature male on 15 December 1995 (CD, photo by GSe).

#### **Indigo Bunting**

598-94-19 Eugene, Lane Co., 1 territorial male from 5-30 June 1994 (HGH, photos by LMc, tape recordings by PFr).

598-95-20 Near Gold Beach, Curry Co., 1 adult singing adult male 26 May to 25 June 1995 (CD, AF).

#### **Clay-colored Sparrow**

561-93-32 Independence, Polk Co., 1 bird from 15 December 1993 to 22 January 1994 (HGH, TJ).

561-94-33 Roseburg, Douglas Co., 1 bird from 20 January to 1 May 1994 (RM).

561-94-35 Brookings, Curry Co., 1 immature from 14-16 October 1994 (photo by CD).

561-95-37 Brookings, Curry Co., 1 bird from 23-26 November 1995 (MSt, CD, photos by ADi).

561-95-36 Springfield, Lane Co., 1 bird 5-10 November 1995 (photo by SMA).

#### **Lark Bunting**

605-67-12 Corvallis, Linn Co., 1 museum specimen OSU Fish and Wildlife Museum OSC10044-FWNO 7597 (photos by KI).

605-94-13 Umatilla NWR, Morrow Co., Breeding plumaged male on 31 July 1994 (AMc).

#### **Rustic Bunting**

535.1-94-02 Eugene, Lane Co., winter plumaged bird 31 March to 17 April 1994 (PSh, photos by SR).

#### **Rusty Blackbird**

509-93-11 Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co., 1 adult male from 31 December 1993 to 11 January 1994 (HGH, RKO, JG, TJ).

#### **Great-tailed Grackle**

512-93-09 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird 5-16

June 1993 (photos by HN).

### Common Grackle

- 511-94-15 Brookings, Curry Co., 1 adult male on 17 April 1994 (CD).  
511-94-16 Silver Lake, Lake Co., 1 singing male on 8 May 1994 (photos by SS).

### Hooded Oriole

- 505-93-15 Hunter Creek, Curry Co., 1 or more birds from 23 November 1993 to 25 March 1994 (TJ, photos by CD,SR).  
505-02-14 Eagle Point, Jackson Co., 1 immature male on 15 May 1992 (HS).

### Streak-backed Oriole

- 505.1-93-01 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 male bird from 28 September to 1 October 1993 (MD, RHO, JJo, HGH, JSi, photos by SJ, videotape by DVB).



*Streak-backed Oriole, OBRC 505.1-93-1F, at Malheur NWR headquarters, Harney Co., 28 September 1993. Photo/Sheran Jones.*



*Baltimore Oriole, OBRC 507-74-01A, at Bayocean Peninsula, Tillamook Co., 26 October 1974. Photo/Bob Lucas.*

ADDED TO MAIN LIST FROM DEFERRED FILES

### Baltimore Oriole

- 507-74-01 Bayocean Peninsula, Tillamook Co., 1 male bird on 26 October 1974 (photos by RL).

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### RECORDS NOT ACCEPTED

### Arctic Loon

- 009-92-01 Alsea Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 winter-plumaged bird on 27 November 1992. Not accepted as details did not rule out other loon species. Separating this newly-created species from the common Pacific Loon is very difficult. Most identifying field points are subjective and are still being worked out.

### Cook's Petrel

- 98.3-94-01 West of Newport 75 miles, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 16 August 1994 (BMc). Not accepted as observation too brief to obtain definite identification on this hard-to-identify species.

### Little Blue Heron

- 200-92-07 Cushman, Lane Co., 1 immature bird 23-24 August 1992. Not accepted as details and photos did not rule out immature Snowy Egret. Immatures of these 2 species are much more difficult to separate in the field than most bird guides lead you to believe.

### Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

- 443-93-06 South Jetty Columbia River, Clatsop Co., 1 immature bird on 12 November 1993. Not accepted as description was brief and did not rule out Mockingbird or other similar species.

### Little Stint

- 242-94-04 Forest Grove Ponds, Washington Co., 1 juvenile bird on 5 September 1994. Not accepted as description did not rule out other similar species.

### Temminck's Stint

241.1-77-02 Toledo, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 6 August 1977. Not accepted as observation too brief to obtain definite identification on this rare and hard-to-identify species.

### Yellow-billed Magpie

476-94-03 Summer Lake SWA, Lake Co., 1 bird on 18 September 1994. Not accepted as key field marks of yellow skin about eyes were not seen.

### Sprague's Pipit

700-94-04 Lower Pit Lake - Lamola Lake area, Douglas Co., 1 juvenile bird on 8 July 1994. Not accepted as description was accurate for juvenile Horned Lark.

### Common Grackle

511-93-10 Roseburg, Douglas Co., 1 bird on 22 May 1993. Not accepted as details did not rule out other grackle species.

The function of the Oregon Bird Records Committee is to peer review records to ascertain whether the evidence submitted to the Committee supports the identification proposed. It is always important for birders to submit complete and accurate reports of the bird seen. The Committee does not verify a birder's list, or a birder's expertise. ♦

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## IN MEMORIAM: Harriet Kofalk, 1937 - 1996

Eugene author Harriet Kofalk died in a car accident in India on 17 February 1996 at the age of 58 while returning from a spiritual retreat. Kofalk is best known to people interested in birds as author of the acclaimed biography *No Woman Tenderfoot: Florence Merriam Bailey, Pioneer Naturalist*. A review of her book appears in *Oregon Birds* 17(3): 79, Fall 1991. She was finishing work on a companion volume on the life of mammalogist Vernon Bailey when she died. She also wrote books on solar cooking and gardening.

Kofalk was born in New Mexico and grew up in the southwest. She was a graduate of the University of New Mexico and did graduate work at Syracuse University. She is survived by 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She was well-known in Eugene for her remarkable garden and small home called Peace Place, which is intended to become a spiritual retreat center. Memorial contributions can be sent to Peace Place Fund, 175 E. 31st, Eugene, OR 97405.

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Harriet Kofalk



# Unusual Behavior of an Adult Bald Eagle at a Communal Roost Tree

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On 19 February 1996 I observed some unusual behavior by an adult Bald Eagle while conducting evening Basin Roost counts for the annual North Lake County Bald Eagle Count. I am sharing this information since it may be of interest to readers of *Oregon Birds* and to query other eagle watchers as to whether they have ever noted anything similar.

Basin Roost counts for my particular area are conducted every Monday evening for a 5 week period beginning around mid-February and ending around mid-March. Evening counts involve 2 roost sites, although efforts are concentrated on 1 primary roost area. Both roost trees involve large branching cottonwoods that offer ample perching opportunities

for Bald Eagles.

On this particular evening, it had been raining steadily since my arrival. Eleven Bald Eagles were already present in the roost tree when I observed an additional adult approaching. Using a 15x45 spotting scope, I was able to locate the bird before it landed and follow it into the roost tree. However, instead of flying into the upper branches where the majority of the perching occurs, this particular bird flew to a bottom branch, landed briefly, and then rolled and hung upside-down with its wings held open in cormorant style. My first thoughts were that the bird had misjudged its landing and that it would soon fly off and correct itself. But it did not. Instead, this bird remained in

this position for a full 8 minutes before finally flying off and relanding on the upper branches.

Perhaps it is possible that this particular eagle found this position to be an easier way to dry its wings on a rainy winter day. After many years of eagle observations, I cannot recall seeing many eagles hold their wings open at all, let alone see one in an upside-down position. After discussing this with other observers, the same behavior had been noted in the same roost tree during 1995, but only briefly. If anyone has ever observed this before, or can provide insight into this type of behavior, I would be interested in hearing about it. ♦



# Sparrow Stroganoff

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The article "Starling Stroganoff" by Colin Dillingham at OB 22(3): 82, Fall 1996, was very interesting and prompts me to submit this reprint on utilization of House Sparrows:

Source: "The English Sparrow as a Pest," United States Department of Agriculture's *Farmers Bulletin* No. 493, "early 1900s." ◇



House Sparrow photos/W.E. Hoffman.



## ENGLISH SPARROWS AS FOOD.

In most localities in the United States English sparrows are a pest. There is therefore no reason why the birds should not be utilized for food in this country, as they have been in the Old World for centuries. Their flesh is palatable, and though their bodies are small, their numbers fully compensate for their lack of size. Birds that have been trapped may be kept alive in large outdoor cages, sheltered from storms and cold winds, until they are wanted for the table. It is unprofitable to keep them long, however, as the quantity of grain or other food they require daily amounts to more than half their own weight. A variety of food is necessary to keep them in good condition. Bread, oats, wheat, bran and corn-meal mash, lettuce, cabbage, and tender shoots of sprouting grain are some of the things they relish. A supply of clean water is essential.

To kill mercifully a sparrow that has been trapped, place the thumb nail at the base of its skull and dislocate its neck by hard and quick pressure. To dress, cut off the legs, the wings at the outer joint, and the neck close to the body; strip off the skin, beginning at the neck; make a cut through the body wall extending from the neck along the backbone till the ribs are severed, then around between the legs to the tail, and remove the viscera. If sparrows are to be broiled, save only the breasts, as this method of cooking so shrivels and parches the lesser parts as to render them worthless. In this case tear off a strip of skin from wing to wing across the back; grasp the wings, in front of the body, in one hand and neck in the other, and by a quick pull separate the breast from the ribs; turn the breast out of the skin that covers it, and sever the wings at the second joint. The whole operation requires but a fraction of a minute and it can be done by the fingers alone.

Sparrows may be cooked by any of the methods employed for reedbirds or quail. When boned, broiled, buttered, and served on toast they are particularly good and compare favorably with the best kinds of small game.

## SUMMARY.

English sparrows are abundant in most of the towns in the United States and in many suburban districts. They are noisy, filthy, and destructive. They drive native birds from villages and homesteads. Though they are occasionally valuable as destroyers of noxious insects, all things considered, they do far more harm than good. Practicable methods of dealing with them include destruction of nests, shooting, trapping, and poisoning. Of these, trapping is unquestionably the best. English sparrows are good to eat, and their use as food is recommended because of their nutritive value and as a means of reducing their numbers.

# THANKS!

...to these 636 birders who volunteered for the Oregon Breeding Bird Atlas Project. If you know a birder (maybe you?) who isn't listed, encourage them to call and volunteer for 1997. It can be as easy as keeping and submitting a summertime list of the birds you see, wherever you go, for as little or as much time as you want to give. And please pardon us for any errors in this list!

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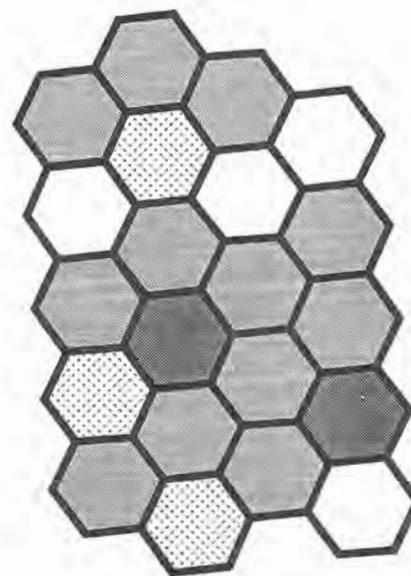
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Oregon Breeding Bird Atlas Project

"Teaming With Wildlife," the name for the fish and wildlife diversity funding initiative, continues to gather support both in Oregon and nationally. It is patterned after the highly successful Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson federal aid programs that are targeted to species which are hunted and fished. Whereas the latter are funded by excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunition and fishing gear, Teaming with Wildlife would place excise taxes on outdoor recreation equipment and gear, binoculars, bird feed, etc. Although the Pittman-Robertson program for game species passed Congress in 1937, conservation and birder organizations have neglected to assure financial support for programs that provide for conservation of nongame species, which in Oregon account for 88 percent of the state's vertebrate animal species. Like the Pittman-Robertson program, Teaming With Wildlife would channel monies derived from the excise tax to state fish and wildlife and park agencies.

Teaming With Wildlife is based on a user pays, user benefits, concept. For the first time state fish and wildlife agencies, like the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, would have a significant, dependable source of funds for nongame wildlife. The funds would be used in three areas: wildlife and habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, and environmental education. Examples of projects the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife would implement with such monies include developing and implementing plans to prevent existing sensitive species from becoming threatened or endangered, enhancement of viewing opportunities in state wildlife areas and parks, development of informational

materials, acquisition of key habitats, and conduct of inventories of declining species. At present, only 1.6 percent of the 1995-97 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Biennial budget is slated for their wildlife diversity (formerly nongame) program.

A coalition of over 1300 groups have endorsed Teaming With Wildlife. They range from business organizations like Bass Pro Shops, optical companies like Swift, Zeiss, Swarovski, and Kowa to groups like the National Wildlife Federation, National Audubon Society and American Birding Association. In Oregon, endorsements have been received from the Governor and such diverse groups as Audubon Chapters, the Grande Ronde Bird Club, Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association, Trails Club of Oregon, Oregon Trout, EcoTours of Oregon and Northwest Nature Shop to name a few of approximately 40 endorsements.

Briefings and an oversight hearing on Teaming With Wildlife were held during the last Congressional session. Legislation is expected to be introduced in the next Congress.

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**"conservation and birder organizations have neglected to assure financial support for programs that provide for conservation of nongame species"**



**TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE**

# The 1996 OFO Fall Weekend at Malheur

The Seventh OFO Fall Weekend at Malheur, held 20-22 September 1996 was, once again, a great success. Although no rare birds were located (the exceptions were Cattle Egret—possibly 2; and the resident Great-tailed Grackle at Refuge headquarters), an amazing total of 162 species were seen by the 20 to 25 participants. Almost every birder who tried for Black Rosy-Finches on the Steens got them. A life bird for Harry Nehls! The weather was perfect, some stunningly beautiful bird slides were shown on Friday night, and the food at the Saturday night dinner was outstanding—special kudos to Lance, cook at MFS this year. The entire staff at MFS, especially Laney, helped to make this year's event memorable.

I am particularly grateful for the efforts of Malheur NWR staff members Gary Ivey and Carla Burnside. Gary, a biologist, led a shorebird trip to restricted areas on Harney Lake. Carla, an archaeologist, gave a fascinating talk and slide show on the seasonal practices and survival techniques used by the ancient indigenous people who lived on the Refuge. All and all, this was the best OFO Fall Weekend ever.

1996 was my last year to chair the OFO Fall Weekend at Malheur. I've had a lot of fun, but it's time to let someone else do it for awhile. If someone is interested, give me a call — I'll be happy to help him/her next year. However, another option would be to discontinue this event since there are 2 other major events in September (the Shorebird Festival and the Fall North American Migration Count) which often conflict with the OFO Fall Birding Weekend. Paul Sullivan, addressing the scarcity of OFO activities, has planned field trips for almost every month next year. He, too, has omitted September because of the other events. I'm sure the OFO Board would be interested in your feedback on this subject.

I want to thank everyone who has helped (especially Dave Herr) and participated during the past 6 years. Good birding!

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## Announcing

## OFO Birding Weekends

See the center pages of this issue of *Oregon Birds* for the OFO Birding Weekend schedule and registration form.

OFO will offer monthly *OFO Birding Weekends* in 1997. The schedule published in the center pages of this issue of *Oregon Birds* offers trips in all months except June, September, and December, which are already occupied by the annual meeting, the Oregon Shorebird Festival, and the Christmas Bird Counts. The intent of these field trips is threefold, to introduce birders:

- 1) to new areas of Oregon,
- 2) to new birds, and
- 3) to each other.

From the level of participation in the OFO annual meeting, the Fall Weekend at Malheur and the Oregon Shorebird Festival, run by Cape Arago Audubon, it is clear that there is lively interest in exploring new areas and in seeing new species. However, this schedule does not offer visits to interesting areas in the winter, or to other areas in the spring, summer, and fall.

Furthermore, the recent compilation of "most wanted" species done by Alan Contreras on OBOL (Oregon Birders On Line) shows us that many people could benefit from the guidance of birders who have experience with the species on the wanted list.

*OFO Birding Weekends* will normally begin at dawn Saturday and end Sunday afternoon; they will be based in the same city both Friday and Saturday night. Most of our travel will be by private cars on public roads, with some

walks on trails. Costs of lodging, transportation (car pooling), and food will be up to the individual participants. Participants will be encouraged to eat together on Saturday night and have a "countdown" of species seen.

Trip leaders will provide recommendations on lodging and guidance to the birding sites and bird species of the area chosen. A \$15 fee for this service will be split between OFO and the trip leaders: \$5 for OFO, and \$10 for the leader, who must bear the costs of phone calls to scout motels, organize carpools, reply to questions, etc. I will be the coordinator and principal guide; other local leaders may be recruited. Participants who sign up will be sent a packet in advance of each weekend, suggesting lodging, meeting place, and other details.

Trip results will be featured in *Oregon Birds*, spreading the news of birds found on the trips, and celebrating the new birds found by individual birders. I believe this will help to put OFO "on the map" of Oregon birding in a new, visible way. It is a way for OFO to reach out to Oregon birders who would not venture to Malheur county alone, and also to host out-of-state birders who hear about our trips through *Oregon Birds*.

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# A message from your president

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Very recently, you were asked to participate in our democracy by voting. For those of us in Oregon, this included several environmentally-oriented ballot measures. The environmental nature of some of these were obvious: Should we control the access domestic grazing animals have to riparian zones and stream banks? Should hunters be allowed to hunt bears and cougars using dogs? Others were more subtle: What levels of taxation am I willing to endure for government services? How easy should it be for my government to raise taxes to support government sponsored programs?

You'll notice that *Oregon Birds* and the OFO Board made no direct appeals concerning any of these issues, though I can assure sure you we were asked to do so and most of us have very strong opinions on each and every one of the measures on the ballot. It has been the policy of OFO to remain above the political fray. As an organization, we see ourselves as a mechanism for assisting in the gathering of data and the dissemination of information regarding birds and their ecological infrastructure.

It could be argued that the politicization of wildlife organizations has undermined their credibility in the eyes of some. Recent attacks on volunteer data collecting have consistently centered on the perceived political bias of the participating organizations. As an organization centered on birds we carry that stigma with us by default, but exacerbating this with overt political posturing may have the effect of excluding us from too many important discussions.

It is also imprudent for the OFO Board or the Editors of *Oregon Birds* to assume that all members of OFO share our opinions regarding political issues. Large organizations with national scope can afford to make these assumptions. OFO with its membership of just over 400 is obliged to be more sensitive. We need the support of all members of the Oregon birding community and value

the opinions and points of view held by all members.

We encourage all members to express their concerns on any issue to the Board. And *Oregon Birds* will continue to be an open forum where information on the behavior, distribution and ecology of birds will be made available and policy regarding species and habitat protection can be discussed in an open, rational, science-based fashion. To that end, the OFO Board will continue its efforts to support data-gathering and research in ornithology, provide leadership in creating programs that provide educational experiences for learners of all ages and, where possible, provide input to policy makers in regard to the concerns of all things avian. ♦



Mike Patterson

*OFO Bylaws, continued from page 111.*

3. Publications Committee. The Editor shall appoint and direct members of the Publications Committee and any assistants, with the approval of the Board.

## ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

1. Establishment. The President, with approval of the Board, shall appoint chairmen of committees as seems appropriate for the activities of the organization. The Oregon Bird Records Committee is an established committee of the organization.

2. Membership. The chairmen of the organization's committees shall be members in good standing, but need not be officers or directors. The chairmen will appoint the other members of their committees who shall be members of the organization unless approval for a non-member to serve has been given by the Board. Because of the special nature of the responsibilities of the Oregon Bird Records Committee, the members of this committee shall be appointed by the Board after consultation with the Oregon Bird Records Committee.

3. Rules. Each committee, for its own government, may adopt rules and procedures not inconsistent with these Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board.

## ARTICLE IX BYLAWS

1. Amendment. The Bylaws may be amended or added to by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting. Proposed Bylaws and amendments shall be distributed to members at least 7 days prior to a vote. Results of voting shall be published in *Oregon Birds*.

2. Distribution. Every new officer and director shall receive a copy of the current Bylaws.

## ARTICLE X RULES

1. Rules. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the organization.

# BYLAWS OF OREGON FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

## ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be OREGON FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS, hereinafter referred to as the "organization."

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

1. Requirements. Any person or other organization interested in the recreational, educational, or scientific aspects of field ornithology may become a member upon payment of dues.

2. Rights. All members have the right to receive the publication Oregon Birds, to attend field trips and meetings of the organization, and to vote at the annual meeting. Each individual membership shall be entitled one vote which must be cast in person. Each family membership shall be entitled to two votes which must be cast in person.

3. Classes and Dues. The classes of membership in the organization and annual dues for each class shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Payment of dues for one-year membership entitles a member to all the rights of membership, including receipt of Oregon Birds for one year. The membership period begins on the date payment is received, and ends after the number of years for which dues were paid has expired. Members who have not paid their dues prior to three months after the expiration date of their membership are delinquent and lose their rights of membership at the end of this three month grace period. The first issue of Oregon Birds for new members will be sent consistent with the publication date and mailing schedule.

## ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Powers. The control of the property and the conduct of the business and administrative affairs of the organization shall be vested in a Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the "Board." The Board may delegate appropriate responsibility and authority to officers or committees to carry out specific duties.

2. Composition. The Board of Directors of Oregon Field Ornithologists shall consist of the following: a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and four additional Directors and the OFO President of the previous year.

3. Meetings. The Board shall meet at least once annually, preferably at a time and place conveniently close to the annual meeting of the organization, and at such other times as may seem necessary, on call of the President or any four Board members.

4. Notices. Notice of any special meeting of the Board shall be given to all Board members at least five days in advance, and such meeting may be conducted by telephone conference call or by other electronic means.

5. Quorum. At any meeting of the Board, a quorum shall consist of at least two-thirds of the members of the Board.

6. Vacancies. The Board shall appoint officers or directors to fill a vacancy which may arise. Such appointment shall be by simple majority of the remaining members of the board, even though less than a quorum. An officer or director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of that position and until a successor is elected.

## ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

1. Offices. The officers of the organization shall be President, Secretary and Treasurer.

2. Election and Term of Office. Officers shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting. They shall serve for a period of one year or until their successors are elected. They may be reelected, but to no more than three consecutive terms in any one office. They take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which they were elected.

3. President. The President shall be chief executive officer of the organization. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board, at which s/he is present.

4. Secretary. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the organization and of the Board and preside at meetings in the absence of the President. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of these meetings as well as the reports submitted by officers or committee chairmen and other records as of the organization. The Secretary shall provide each member of the Board with minutes of the last meeting and with the agenda of the next meeting.

5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive

and safely keep the organization's funds. The Treasurer shall disburse the organization's funds or its checks as the Board may direct or approve, taking proper vouchers there for.

6. Transfer of materials and goods. When any new officer or board member is elected, his or her predecessor shall transfer all of the organization's materials and goods in his or her possession to the newly-elected officer or board member as soon as possible.

## ARTICLE V DIRECTORS

1. Number, Election and Term. There shall be four directors elected on a staggered basis, each for a term of two years, so that two will be elected each year. Directors may be reelected to no more than two consecutive terms. They take office at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

## ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

1. Annual meeting. An annual meeting of the members shall be held during each calendar year, at a time and place set by the Board, for the purpose of electing officers and directors, and for transacting such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Announcement of the annual meeting shall be given to members at least 60 days in advance.

2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called, as determined by the board.

3. Quorum. Twenty-five members in good standing, present in person, shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the general membership.

4. Notice of meetings. Members shall be notified of the place, date and time of each annual and special meeting, and of the matters to be put to a vote of the membership, pursuant to ORS 65.214.

## ARTICLE VII PUBLICATIONS

1. General. The official periodical of the organization is Oregon Birds. Special publications may also be issued.

2. Editor. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint an Editor of Oregon Birds. Subject to Board approval, the Editor shall have the responsibility and authority necessary for the preparation and publication of Oregon Birds.

*OFO Bylaws, continued on page 110.*

# 20th Upper Nestucca Christmas Bird Count, Oregon, 17 December 1995

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Information published in *Oregon Birds* 21(4): 106-07, Winter 1995, describes the pertinent information regarding the background of the Upper Nestucca Christmas Bird Count and the end of the agreement between Salem BLM and the Salem Chapter of the Audubon Society to conduct it. No effort was put forth this year (1995) to conduct an owl count at night because a major wind storm only a few days before the count day had closed all of the roads or washed them out completely by rain. Major landslides and toppled trees across the mountain roads probably won't be cleared for months. A day-time count using only the major "opened" roads was done this year.

The weather during the day-time count was mild at the lower elevations of Zones 2 and 4, but foggy, misty, with rain drizzles at the higher elevations of Zone 3. Temperatures ranged 39-45° F in Zone 3, but 50-55° F in the lower zones.

Audubon and BLM field observers met at Coyote Joe's Restaurant in Willamina, Oregon, to sign up and to travel to the count circle. Marianna Bornholdt and Enid Preuit surveyed Zone 2 of the count circle in one car and Clair Klock with Gael Miller surveyed Zone 3. My niece Roseanne Ward and I, along with Esther Tice and Martha Stewart, surveyed Zone 4. Zone 1 was closed completely by toppled trees across roads. Clair Klock and Gael Miller took a chain saw with them in case they were blocked by fallen trees. Downed power lines and washed out roads hampered all of us on count day.

The highlights of birding in Zone 2 included the first ever discovery of a flock of Lesser Goldfinches. The sighting of Wood Ducks and Wild Turkeys were also important discoveries. The Bald Eagle usually seen on Moon Creek was not seen this year, probably because of the recent severe storm.

Zone 3 observers found Hooded

Species	Number
Great Blue Heron	2
Wood Duck	2
Mallard	11
Hooded Merganser	2
Common Merganser	2
Cooper's Hawk	1
Red-tailed Hawk	2
American Kestrel	4
Ruffed Grouse	1
Wild Turkey	7
Belted Kingfisher	1
Red-breasted Sapsucker	1
Downy Woodpecker	2
Northern Flicker (red-shafted)	10
Gray Jay	5
Steller's Jay	16
Scrub Jay	1
American Crow	182
Common Raven	3
Black-capped Chickadee	32
Mountain Chickadee	1
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	17
Bushill	20
Bewick's Wren	12
House Wren	2
Winter Wren	26
American Dipper	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	76
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	10
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Hermit Thrush	2
American Robin	27
Varied Thrush	54
European Starling	50
Rufous-sided Towhee	5
Fox Sparrow	11
Song Sparrow	8
Dark-eyed Junco (slate-colored)	4
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	114
Pine Siskin	56
Lesser Goldfinch	7

### Totals

Species	39
Individuals	830

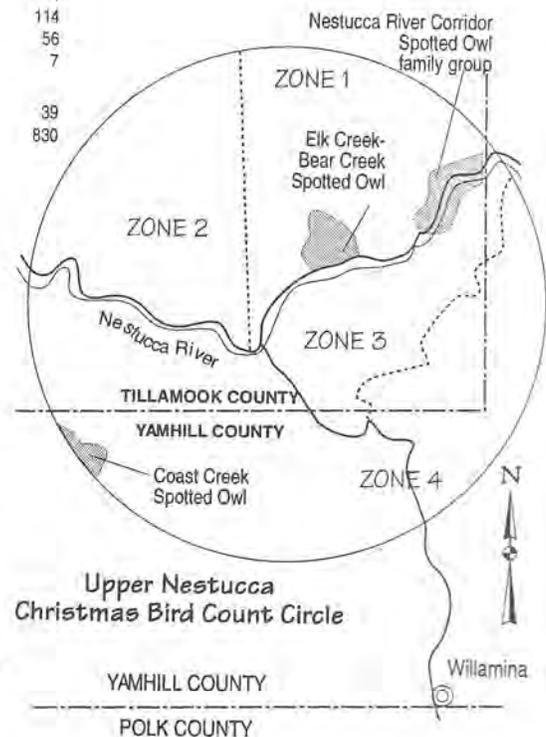
Mergansers, Ruffed Grouse, and a Belted Kingfisher. Zone 3 observers also reported a Swainson's Thrush, but I have not included this sighting on the tally because without photographs it is questionable. I have only mentioned this sighting for information purposes. It may be that the severe storm conditions during the previous week caused birds to be here that aren't

supposed to be.

Zone 4 highlights include the discovery of a Mountain Chickadee at the junction of Bible Creek Road and Bald Mountain Access Road, and Pine Siskins at the Bible Creek Ranch Pond area. There were large numbers of Golden-crowned Kinglets, but far fewer Ruby-crowned Kinglets. The Gray Jays were also a nice discovery.

At this point in time, I have no information as to whether a new agreement will be consummated between Salem BLM and the Salem Audubon Society to continue the Upper Nestucca Christmas Bird Count. There may be new talks to change, upgrade, or cancel the Upper Nestucca Count because of budget priorities, new direction, or management inclinations.

However, one thing is certain in that data gathered over the last 20 years has been important in the study of bird biology for our area. ♦



# Oregon CBC Record High Counts

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From time to time I have provided readers of *Oregon Birds* an updated list of new state Christmas Bird Count (CBC) record high counts. This article adds a number of recent records and makes some corrections to previously published high counts.

All CBCs published in *Audubon Field Notes* and *American Birds* from 1959-1988 are now available on a database maintained by the National Biological Service. This is available on the World Wide Web (see sidebar). Chris Butler of Beaverton, now a student at Cornell University, downloaded the Oregon and Washington CBC data and generated 30-year high counts in order to provide an error check for the handchecked research that has previously been published.

This process discovered 14 errors in earlier compilations and also pointed out 32 errors in the NBS data. The latter were situations in which the data base indicated that a particular count was the highest when either the number was wrong when checked against published counts or when another count was known to have had a higher total during the period which the data base covers, that is, the actual high count must have been entered incorrectly. These have been sent to NBS for correction. Given that there were 32 errors out of 385 entries (including ties), an 8 percent error rate, I can't help but wonder at the condition of the data-base in general.

The following list shows the correct high counts. Enjoy!

## Recent high counts:

Yellow-billed Loon	1	Columbia Estuary	1994 (ties)
American Bittern	6	Summer Lake	1994
Great Egret	223	Coquille Valley	1995
Emperor Goose	3	Tillamook Bay	1994
Sharp-shinned Hawk	20	Eugene	1995
Red-shouldered Hawk	19	Coquille Valley	1995
Peregrine Falcon	8	Coquille Valley	1995
Gyr Falcon	1	Wallowa County	1994 (ties)
Sora	9	Medford	1995
Long-billed Curlew	10	Coos Bay	1995
Ancient Murrelet	1007	Coquille Valley	1995
Rock Dove	9161	Portland	1994
Black Phoebe	59	Coquille Valley	1995
Violet-green Swallow	1	Dallas	1994 (ties)
Blue Jay	5	Union County	1994
Bewick's Wren	153	Corvallis	1995
Brown Thrasher	1	Klamath Falls	1994 (ties)
Hutton's Vireo	19	Corvallis	1995 (ties)
Orange-crowned Warbler	8	Eugene	1995
Black-throated Gray W.	1	Roseburg	1995 (ties)
Green-tailed Towhee	1	Coquille Valley	1994
White-throated Sparrow	16	Eugene	1995

## New high counts (corrections to earlier published lists):

Western Grebe	1303	Columbia Estuary	1983
Am. White Pelican	7	Sodhouse	1988
Fork-tailed Storm-petrel	1	Florence	1986 (ties)
Marbled Murrelet	35	Lincoln City	1985
King Eider	CW	Coos Bay	1985
Canada Goose	44500	Sauvie Island	1985
Franklin's Gull	CW	Salem	1984
Pectoral Sandpiper	2	Portland	1959
Common Snipe	595	Corvallis	1983
Rock Dove	3209	Portland	1983
Belted Kingfisher	74	Grants Pass	1986
Ash-throated Flycatcher	CW	Yaquina Bay	1974
Bushtit	1053	Portland	1988

CBC data and maps are available from the National Biological Survey at their Web site:

Data <http://www.im.nbs.gov//bbs/cbcra.html>

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Note: Alan Contreras stepped down as regional CBC Editor for *Audubon Field Notes* for Oregon and Washington. The new Editor is Mike Patterson, compiler of the Columbia Estuary CBC.

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The Board of Directors for Oregon Field Ornithologist is calling for nominees to fill positions for the next year. Positions for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 Board members are to be filled by election at the next annual meeting. If you know of any birders you would like to nominate to any of these positions, or if you would like to volunteer yourself, please contact the current OFO Secretary: Cindy Lawes, 13380 S.W. Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005, 503-626-7532.

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- \_\_\_ Common Loon
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- \_\_\_ Horned Grebe
- \_\_\_ Red-necked Grebe
- \_\_\_ Eared Grebe
- \_\_\_ Western Grebe
- \_\_\_ Clark's Grebe
- \_\_\_ Black-footed Albatross
- \_\_\_ Laysan Albatross
- \_\_\_ Northern Fulmar
- \_\_\_ Pink-footed Shearwater
- \_\_\_ Flesh-footed Shearwater
- \_\_\_ Buller's Shearwater
- \_\_\_ Sooty Shearwater
- \_\_\_ Short-tailed Shearwater
- \_\_\_ Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel
- \_\_\_ Leach's Storm-Petrel
- \_\_\_ American White Pelican
- \_\_\_ Brown Pelican
- \_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant
- \_\_\_ Brandt's Cormorant
- \_\_\_ Pelagic Cormorant
- \_\_\_ American Bittern
- \_\_\_ Least Bittern
- \_\_\_ Great Blue Heron
- \_\_\_ Great Egret
- \_\_\_ Snowy Egret
- \_\_\_ Cattle Egret
- \_\_\_ Green Heron
- \_\_\_ Bl.-crowned Night-Heron
- \_\_\_ White-faced Ibis
- \_\_\_ Tundra Swan
- \_\_\_ Trumpeter Swan
- \_\_\_ Gr. White-fronted Goose
- \_\_\_ Snow Goose
- \_\_\_ Ross' Goose
- \_\_\_ Emperor Goose
- \_\_\_ Brant
- \_\_\_ Canada Goose
- \_\_\_ Wood Duck
- \_\_\_ Green-winged Teal
- \_\_\_ Mallard
- \_\_\_ Northern Pintail
- \_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal
- \_\_\_ Cinnamon Teal
- \_\_\_ Northern Shoveler
- \_\_\_ Gadwall
- \_\_\_ Eurasian Wigeon
- \_\_\_ American Wigeon
- \_\_\_ Canvasback
- \_\_\_ Redhead
- \_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck
- \_\_\_ Greater Scaup
- \_\_\_ Lesser Scaup
- \_\_\_ Harlequin Duck
- \_\_\_ Oldsquaw
- \_\_\_ Black Scoter
- \_\_\_ Surf Scoter
- \_\_\_ White-winged Scoter
- \_\_\_ Common Goldeneye
- \_\_\_ Barrow's Goldeneye
- \_\_\_ Bufflehead
- \_\_\_ Hooded Merganser
- \_\_\_ Common Merganser
- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Merganser
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Duck
- \_\_\_ Turkey Vulture
- \_\_\_ Osprey
- \_\_\_ White-tailed Kite
- \_\_\_ Bald Eagle
- \_\_\_ Northern Harrier
- \_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- \_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk
- \_\_\_ Northern Goshawk
- \_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Hawk
- \_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk
- \_\_\_ Ferruginous Hawk
- \_\_\_ Rough-legged Hawk
- \_\_\_ Golden Eagle
- \_\_\_ American Kestrel
- \_\_\_ Merlin
- \_\_\_ Prairie Falcon
- \_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon
- \_\_\_ Gray Partridge
- \_\_\_ Chukar
- \_\_\_ Ring-necked Pheasant
- \_\_\_ Spruce Grouse
- \_\_\_ Blue Grouse
- \_\_\_ Ruffed Grouse
- \_\_\_ Sage Grouse

- \_\_\_ Wild Turkey
- \_\_\_ Northern Bobwhite
- \_\_\_ California Quail
- \_\_\_ Mountain Quail
- \_\_\_ Yellow Rail
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- \_\_\_ American Coot
- \_\_\_ Sandhill Crane
- \_\_\_ Black-bellied Plover
- \_\_\_ American Golden-Plover
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- \_\_\_ Gray Catbird
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- \_\_\_ Fox Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Song Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow
- \_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- \_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Harris' Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco
- \_\_\_ Lapland Longspur
- \_\_\_ Snow Bunting
- \_\_\_ Bobolink
- \_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird
- \_\_\_ Tricolored Blackbird
- \_\_\_ Western Meadowlark
- \_\_\_ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- \_\_\_ Brewer's Blackbird
- \_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird
- \_\_\_ Bullock's Oriole
- \_\_\_ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
- \_\_\_ Black Rosy-Finch
- \_\_\_ Pine Grosbeak
- \_\_\_ Purple Finch
- \_\_\_ Cassin's Finch
- \_\_\_ House Finch
- \_\_\_ Red Crossbill
- \_\_\_ White-winged Crossbill
- \_\_\_ Common Redpoll
- \_\_\_ Pine Siskin
- \_\_\_ Lesser Goldfinch
- \_\_\_ American Goldfinch
- \_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak
- \_\_\_ House Sparrow

This is a list of the 352 species most likely to be encountered in Oregon. This list is based on the records of the Oregon Bird Records Committee and uses the taxonomic sequence and nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union, as published in their 1983 Checklist of North American birds, 6th edition, as supplemented. Any bird seen in Oregon that is not listed here is considered to be a "rare bird" and a report of its occurrence is requested by the Oregon Bird Records Committee. ◇



# Oregon Christmas Bird Counts

20 December 1996 - 5 January 1997

Paul T. Sullivan, 4470 SW Murray #26, Beaverton, OR 97005

## Saturday, 21 December

### Antelope

Pete Weigel, (h) (541) 489-3280  
Contact the compiler.

### Baker-Salisbury

Laura Hayse, (h & fax) (541) 523-9254  
Heidi Haid, (h) (541) 523-6928  
Meet at the weigh station on Hwy 7,  
2 miles S of Baker City at 7:30 AM.

### Bend

Tom Crabtree, (h) (541) 388-2462  
Meet at Pioneer Park, Bend, at 7:30 AM.

### Grants Pass

Dennis Vroman, (h) (541) 479-4619  
Contact the compiler.

### John Day

Tom Winters, (w) (541) 575-2570  
Meet at Grubsteak Restaurant at 6:30 AM.

### Lower Owyhee Valley

Al Bammann, (w) (541) 473-6283  
Meet at the Cairo School south of Ontario at 7:30 AM.

### P Ranch - Malheur NWR

Rick Vetter, (h) (541) 573-5601, (w) (541) 493-2612  
Meet at the P Ranch at 7 AM.

### Roseburg

Ron Maertz, (h) (541) 496-3847  
Contact the compiler after 6 PM, Mon - Thurs.

### Salem

Steve Dowlan, (h) (503) 370-9083  
Contact the compiler.

### Tillamook Bay

Owen Schmidt, (h) (503) 282-9403  
Meet at the Fern Restaurant, 1000 N Hwy 101, before 7 AM,  
buffet breakfast available.

### Union County

Carmen Gambill, (h) (541) 562-5245  
Meet at the Range Science Lab, Gekler & C, LaGrande, at 8  
AM. There's a great lunch in Union at noon.

## Sunday, December 22

### Columbia Estuary

Mike Patterson, (h) (503) 325-1365  
Contact the compiler in advance.  
Meet at the Pig-n-Pancake restaurant, Astoria at 7 AM.

### Coos Bay

Ken Dazey, (h) (541) 756-4008  
Barb Griffin, (h) (541) 756-5688  
Contact the compilers.

### Forest Grove

Mary Anne Sohlstrom, (h) (503) 640-9215  
Meet at Elmer's Restaurant, 340 SW Adams, Hillsboro, 7 AM.

**Utopia**

Pete Weigel, (h) (541) 489-3280  
Contact the compiler.

**Wallowa County**

Frank Conley, (h) (541) 432-9685  
Meet at Toma's Restaurant, Enterprise, at 6-7 AM.

**Monday, December 23****Florence**

Paul Sherrell, (h) (541) 344-7231  
Meet at the Safeway parking lot, Florence, at 7 AM.

**Sodhouse - Malheur NWR**

Rick Vetter, (h) (541) 573-5601, (w) (541) 493-2612  
Meet at Malheur NWR headquarters at 7 AM.

**Thursday, December 26****Summer Lake**

Marty St.Louis, (h) (541) 943-3180, (w) (541) 943-3152, (fax) (541) 943-3204  
Meet at Summer Lake Wildlife Area hqtrs. at 7:30 AM.

**Saturday, December 28****Brownsville**

Paul Adamus, (h) (541) 745-5625  
Contact the compiler.

**Medford**

Joseph Shelton, (h) (541) 772-4490  
Contact the compiler.

**Portland**

Ray Korpi, (h) (503) 289-1676  
Contact the compiler.

**Port Orford**

Jim Rogers, (h) (541) 332-2555  
Meet at Driftwood Elementary School parking lot on Hwy 101 at 7:15 AM.

**Silverton**

Roger Freeman, (h) (503) 873-3742  
Meet at the Towne House Restaurant at 6:45 AM.

**Sunday, December 29****Eugene**

Herb Wisner, (h) (541) 344-3634  
Contact the compiler.

**Sauvie Island**

Jim Johnson, (h) (360) 576-6984  
Meet at the Sauvie Island bridge parking lot at 7 AM.

**Monday, December 30****Adel**

Craig Miller, (h) (541) 389-9115  
Meet at the Adel store at 7:30 AM.

**Baker Valley**

Laura Hayse, (h & fax) (541) 523-9254  
Heidi Haid, (h) (541) 523-6928  
Meet at the Oregon Trail Restaurant on Bridge St. at 7 AM.

**Tuesday, December 31****Dallas**

Roy Gerig, (h) (503) 623-6884, (503) 362-0341  
Meet at Farrol's Restaurant, Rickreall, at 7 AM.

**Hart Mountain**

Marty Bray, (w) (541) 947-3315  
Meet at refuge headquarters at 7 AM.

**Wednesday, January 1****Cowlitz-Columbia**

Bob Reistroffer, (h) (360) 636-5125  
Contact the compiler.

**Saturday, January 4****Hood River**

David A. Anderson, (h) (503) 775-5963  
Contact the compiler.  
Meet at The Inn at Hood River at 7 AM.  
(alternate date, in case of storm: Jan 5)

**Klamath Falls**

Kevin Spencer, (h) (916) 667-4644  
Contact the compiler.

**Prineville**

Tom Crabtree, (h) (541) 388-2462  
Contact the compiler.

**Santiam Pass**

Steve Dowlan, (h) (503) 370-9083  
Contact the compiler.

**Umatilla County**

Kevin Blakely, (h) (541) 276-5249, (w) (541) 276-2344  
Contact the compiler.

**Yaquina Bay**

Paul Reed, (h) (541) 265-7386  
Meet at the conference room of the Marine Science Center, Newport, at 7 AM.

**Sunday, January 5****Corvallis**

John Plissner, (h) (541) 929-6207  
Contact the compiler.

**Coquille Valley**

Alan Contreras, (h) (503) 371-3458, (w) (503) 399-9912  
Contact the compiler by December 31.

**Other counts****Upper Nestucca**

Discontinued after the end of a 20 year cooperative agreement between the Salem BLM and Salem Audubon.

**Ruggs-Hartman**

No information was received.

**1996 OREGON LISTING  
REPORT FORM**

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**15 FEBRUARY 1997**

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 Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Oregon Life List \_\_\_\_\_ (threshold is 300)  
 1996 Oregon Year List \_\_\_\_\_ (threshold is 250)

**2. 1996 OREGON COUNTY LISTS**

Fill in the blanks in the next column, right.

Note: threshold for County Life totals is 100, for  
 County Year totals is 150.

**3. COMPLETE AND RETURN BY**

**15 FEBRUARY 1997**

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Jim Johnson  
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Jefferson	_____	_____
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Wallowa	_____	_____
Wasco	_____	_____
Washington	_____	_____
Wheeler	_____	_____
Yamhill	_____	_____

# Rare Bird Report Form . . .

RARE BIRD REPORT FORM — 1994  
Oregon Bird Records Committee — OBRC

**OBRC**  
P.O. Box 10373  
Eugene, OR 97440

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE**

**1. YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS**

DATE RECEIVED BY OBRC SECRETARY

**TELEPHONE**

This form is intended as a convenience and a guideline. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. *Attach additional sheets if needed.* Please type, or write legibly. You may find it easiest to use separate sheets of paper keyed to the general guidelines in this form.

**2. BIRD IDENTIFICATION**, write in the name of the species you have identified and information on numbers, sex, plumage, and age.

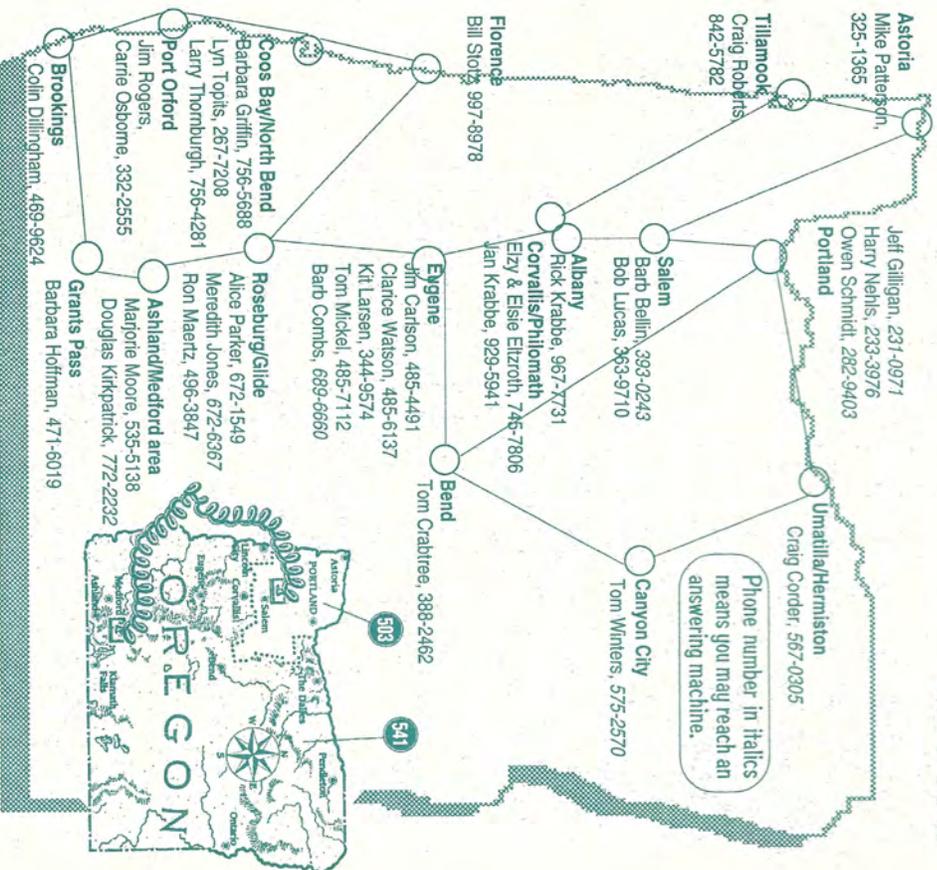
**3. DATE(S)**, Month, day, and year. If there are multiple observations, each date.

**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).

# Rare Bird Phone Network . . .

OB 22(4)



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!

**Rare Bird Phone Network . . . . OR 2141**

- **Albany**  
Rick Krabbe, 1427 Tracy Court, Albany, OR 97321, (H)967-7731 (W)967-6877
- **Ashland/Medford area**  
Marjorie Moore, 4729 S. Pacific Hwy. #11, Phoenix, OR 97535, (H)535-5138 (W)776-7293 or 776-7294
- **Douglas Kirkpatrick**, 330 Harvard Place, Medford, OR 97504, (H) 772-2232 (W)779-1672
- **Astoria**  
Mike Patterson, 1338 Kensington Avenue, Astoria, OR 97103, (H)325-1365
- **Bend**  
Tom Crabtree, 1667 N.W. Iowa, Bend, OR 97701, (H)388-2462 (W)389-7723, 1-800-762-6616
- **Brookings**  
Colin Dillingham, 437 Azalea Park Road, Brookings, OR 97415, (H)469-9624
- **Canyon City**  
Tom Winters, P.O. Box 111, Canyon City, OR 97820, (W)575-2570
- **Coos Bay/North Bend**  
Ben Fawver, 793 Johnson, Coos Bay, OR 97420, (H)267-6485  
Lyn Toplis, 898 Telegraph, Coos Bay, OR 97420, (H)267-7208 (W)888-4762  
Barbara Griffin, 1691 Grant Street, North Bend OR 97459, (H)756-5688  
Larry Thornburgh, 2058 Cedar Court, North Bend, OR 97459, (H)756-4281
- **Corvallis/Philomath**  
Elzy & Elsie Elzroth, 6980 N.W. Cardinal, Corvallis, OR 97330, (H)745-7806  
Jan Krabbe, 24461 Columbine Drive, Philomath, OR 97370, (H) 929-5941 (W) 928-2361 x410
- **Eugene**  
Jim Carlson, 1560 Chasa St., Eugene, OR 97401, (H) 485-4491 (W) 687-4436 (leave message)  
Barb Combs, 1466 Elkay Drive, Eugene, OR 97404, (H)689-6660, (W)378-6190  
Kit Larsen, 2162 Kincaid Street, Eugene, OR 97405, (H)344-9574 (W) 686-4394  
Tom Mickel, 5259 Overbrook Lane, Eugene, OR 97405, (H)485-7112, (W) 935-2283  
Clarice Watson, 3787 Wishire Lane, Eugene, OR 97405, (H)485-6137
- **Florence**  
Bill Stotz, 1305 Laurel, Florence, OR 97439, (H)997-8978
- **Grants Pass**  
Barbara Hoffman, 251 Brooke Lane, Grants Pass, OR 97527, 541-471-6019
- **Portland**  
Jeff Gilligan, 26 N.E. 32nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97232, (H)231-0971(W)326-3057  
Harry Nehls, 2736 S.E. 20th, Portland, OR 97202, (H)233-3976  
Owen Schmidt, 3007 N.E. 32nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97212, (H)282-9403 (W)326-3268
- **Port Orford**  
Jim Rogers & Carrie Osborne, 95187 Elk River Rd., Port Orford, OR 97465, (H)332-2555
- **Roseburg/Glide**  
Alice Parker, 313 W. Hickory St., Roseburg, OR 97470, (H)672-1549  
Meredith Jones, 2224 N.W. Calkins, Roseburg, OR 97470, (H)672-6367  
Ron Maertz, 257 Brown Street, Glide, OR 97443, (H)496-3847
- **Salem**  
Barb Bellini, 4730 Elizabeth Street N., Salem, OR 97303, (H)393-0243  
Bob Lucas, 392 Holder Lane S.E., Salem, OR 97306, (H)363-9710
- **Tillamook**  
Craig Roberts, 2880 Old Netarts Road W., Tillamook, OR 97141, (H)842-5782
- **Umatilla/Hermiston**  
Craig Corder, 880 E. Tamarack, Hermiston, OR 97838, (H)567-0305 (W)567-6414  
*Phone number in italics means you may reach an answering machine.*

Describe your reasons for your identification: your familiarity with the species, field guides used, similar species that were eliminated, references that were consulted, etc.

Describe the circumstances of the observation: light conditions, position of the sun, distance to the bird, duration of observation, equipment used, time of day, time of tide, etc.

Add the names (and addresses and phone numbers if known) of other observers who may have identified the bird.

**6. PHOTOS, RECORDINGS.** State whether photos were taken or video or sound recordings were made. OBRC will duplicate and return original slides and tapes promptly. Donations of slide duplicates (OBRC prefers a double set) and copies of recordings may be considered a tax-deductible expense!

**7. SIGNATURE, DATE.** Sign this form, and date it for when it was filled out.

Record Bird," OB 20(4): 115, Winter 1994, for a refresher. No one guessed the Dusky-capped Flycatcher. If the possible Cook's Petrel found by Bob Loeffel on 4 December 1995 on Thiel Creek Beach, Lincoln Co. is confirmed, it will be the first "next." This species was guessed, so anyone entering the contest at this late date will suffer this handicap. Birders wishing to borrow the Grand Prize field guide for purposes of writing a review should contact the Editor. Birders wishing to enter the contest should contact Bill Tice, 750 Wood Street, Falls City, OR 97344.

**D**uring July 1996 I surveyed members of the e-mail group Oregon Birders On Line regarding their most wanted birds in the state. They could vote for any species that had already been recorded at least once in the state. 37 birders responded and listed an astonishing 83 species among their most wanted, reflecting the great variety of experiences that Oregon's birders have. The top 11 species on the most wanted list are:

- 13 Boreal Owl
- 8 Laysan Albatross
- 8 Least Bittern
- 8 Spruce Grouse
- 6 Yellow Rail
- 5 Snowy Owl
- 4 Common Redpoll
- 4 Flammulated Owl
- 4 Pine Grosbeak
- 4 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
- 4 Virginia's Warbler

Alan Contreras, 2254 Crestview Drive S., Salem, OR 97302 acontrer@navicom.com

**B**rian Sharp sold his house in Northeast Portland, where he's lived for 23 years, and moved to Fossil, where he will contemplate Thoreau-like amidst the ponderosa pines of eastern Oregon. Brian Sharp, P.O. Box 111, Fossil, OR 97830, 541-763-2050.

**A**merican Avocets have been and will be color banded in Lake County, Oregon, in 1995, 1996, and 1997. Combinations for adults are three color bands plus an aluminum band above the "knee" on the left leg and three color bands above the "knee" on the right leg. Combinations for chicks are two color bands plus

an aluminum band in various assortments above the "knee" on both legs. Colors used are dark blue, light blue, dark green, light green, black, orange, dark pink, red, white, and yellow. In addition, a large number of avocets have been color banded by other researchers in California, Nevada, and Utah. These birds have varying combinations of one, two, or three color bands on each leg. If sighted, please note the color combination, location, date, time, and total number of avocets present. I will endeavor to get the resighting information to the proper bander and will provide information to the observer on location and date of banding. Please send any sightings of these birds to: David Mehlman, NBS-FRESC, 3200 S.W. Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331 (voice: 541-750-7495; fax: 541-758-7761; e-mail: mehlmand@fsl.orst.edu).

**W**illetts will be color banded in Lake County, Oregon, in 1996 and 1997. Combinations to be used are an aluminum band on one leg above the "knee" and three color bands on the other leg above the "knee." Colors to be used are red, yellow, black, and light green. Some individuals may be marked with one aluminum band on one leg and one color band on the other leg. Willetts are also being color banded in Alberta, with a white "flag" and a color band above the "knee" on one leg and two color bands above the "knee" on the other leg. If any of these birds are sighted, please note the color combination, location, date, time, and total number of Willetts present. I will send the resighting information to the proper bander and will provide information to the observer on location and date of banding. Please send any sightings of these birds to: David Mehlman, NBS-FRESC, 3200 S.W. Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331 (voice: 541-750-7495; fax: 541-758-7761; e-mail: mehlmand@fsl.orst.edu).

**G**olden-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, or Robert Gill, Nat. Biol. Service, 1011 Rd., Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-786-3512.

**B**lack-bellied Plovers (*Pluvialis squatarola*) have been banded near Nome, AK. We ask that observers along the Pacific coast be alert to possible sightings of these birds during spring migration. Each bird wears a FWS metal band plus two color bands on one leg, and a single color band on the opposite leg. It is important that we know the exact combination of color(s) carried on each leg. Please send observations with as much information as possible to Oscar Johnson, Dept. Biol., Montana State Univ., Bozeman, MT 59717, 406-996-4548, or Robert Gill, Nat. Biol. Service, 1011 Rd., Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-786-3512.

**N**etworks on the Internet: JayNet is a small scholarly network devoted to the study of the family Corvidae, jays and crows. Send an e-mail message to listserver@relay.doit.wisc.edu, leave the subject line blank and type this 1-line left-justified message: info JayNet. A corvid site on the World Wide Web is being planned. TitNet is a small scholarly network devoted to the study of the family Paridae, chickadees, tits, and titmice. Send an e-mail message to listserver@relay.doit.wisc.edu, leave the subject line blank and type this 1-line left-justified message: info TitNet. ParusWorld on the World Wide

Web is maintained by Robert B. Hole, Jr., at <http://www.interaktv.com/PARUS/ParusWorld.html>.

**B**IRDNET, the Ornithological Council's ornithological information source, is up and running on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET>. It contains the latest ornithological news, information on the Ornithological Council, the major professional ornithological societies, government and non-government organizations involved with ornithology, and links to other sites of interest to ornithologists. Robert Hole Jr., [rhole@interaktv.com](mailto:rhole@interaktv.com) or David Blockstein, [OC@cnie.org](mailto:OC@cnie.org). URLs for the leading ornithological societies are as follows:

AOU

<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/AOU/index.html>

AFO

<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/AFO/index.html>

COS

<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/COS/index.html>

RRF

<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/RRF/index.html>

WOS

<http://www.umz.lsa.umich.edu/birds/wos.html>

**E**quipped with reliable and up-to-date information, land managers will be able to make better decisions affecting fish and wildlife, according to an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announcement for *Species at Risk*, a new publication available from ODF&W. Printed in loose-leaf format, "this book is a compendium of the most up-to-date information on 140 fish, amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal species most at risk in the state today." \$30 postpaid. Purchasers "are helping to support the efforts of the Wildlife Diversity Program to improve the status of species at risk in Oregon. Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, P.O. Box 59, Portland, OR 97207, 503-229-5454.

**N**ews from *Wild Flyer*, the newsletter of the ODF&W's Wildlife Diversity Program, Summer 1996 issue:

- 2 pairs of Peregrine Falcons nested in Portland bridges in summer 1996, fledging at least 2 young Peregrines. Nests were watched by volunteers from the Portland Audubon Society and ODF&W.

- Oregon Swainson's Hawks are being radio-tagged to track their migration using satellite telemetry. The study is aimed at determining whether any of Oregon's Swainson's Hawks winter in Argentina

— which has been in the news for the Swainson's Hawk die-off attributable to pesticides.

- ODF&W is attempting to determine the current status of 4 grassland bird species in the Willamette Valley: Oregon Vesper Sparrow, Streaked Horned Lark, Grasshopper Sparrow, and Western Meadowlark. These birds used to be common but now are rarely seen in the Valley.

- A pair of Bald Eagles nested on Ross Island in the Willamette River, and raised a chick. This is notable, considering that Ross Island is very close to downtown Portland and supports an active gravel-mining operation.

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, P.O. Box 59, Portland, OR 97207, 503-229-5454.

**B**ill Ward, well-known wildlife sound recording enthusiast, makes his tapes *Pacific Northwest Birds*, Parts 1-4, available to the public on a non-profit basis. Ward, whose recordings are used by Cornell University's Laboratory of Ornithology among others, has spent years collecting, refining, and updating these tapes. The set of two 60-minute cassette tapes is priced at \$15.00 postpaid. All proceeds from the sale of Ward's tapes will go to the Siskiyou Audubon Chapter. To order, write to Siskiyou Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1047, Grants Pass, OR 97526.



*Santa Cruz Island Scrub-Jay photographed in August 1995 by Bill Ward. This is one of the species on the tape Pacific Northwest Birds, Parts 1-4, available from Siskiyou Audubon Society.*

**S**nowy Plovers hatched 45 chicks this year in Oregon, down from the past 2 years, "primarily because of poor weather early in the season." Over 6000 Sichuan Pheasant chicks are to be moved to flight pens, then

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**M**idway Atoll, now a National Wildlife Refuge, is available to birders for the first time. Oceanic Society Expeditions announces natural history tours to this atoll 1250 miles northwest of Hawaii. Midway's bird list stands at 98, including egrets, ducks, hawks, shorebirds, and songbirds — including 34 species of marine birds. Notable are the large numbers of nesting Laysan and Black-footed Albatross. The 8-day excursion is limited to 30 birders at a time; \$2325 per birder including round-trip airfare from Kauai, meals, accommodations, and leadership. Non-profit Oceanic Society Expeditions "operates non-invasive research projects and expeditions to gather information helpful in preserving eco-stability around the world; it also operates natural history expeditions to familiarize participants with the valuable and diverse ecosystems on the planet." Oceanic Society Expeditions, Fort Mason Center, Build-

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**M**etings, events & deadlines made known to *Oregon Birds*:

- 20 December 1996 - 5 January 1997, 97th Christmas Bird Count, National Audubon Society.
- 8-12 January 1997, Pacific Seabird Group, 24th annual meeting, Portland, OR. Dave Renwald, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232, 503-231-6808. For information on the scientific program contact S. Kim Nelson, Oregon Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Oregon State University, 104 Nash Hall, Corvallis OR 97331-3803, 503-737-4531 nelsonsk@ccmail.orst.edu.
- 5-9 February 1997, 2nd International Symposium on the Biology and Conservation of Owls of the Northern Hemisphere, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. James R. Duncan, Manitoba Conservation Data Centre, Dept. of Natural Resources, Box 24, 1495 St. James St., Winnipeg MN, R2H 0W4, Canada, 204-945-7465 fax 204-945-1365, mbcdc@lic.gov.mb.ca.

- 11-12 February 1997, The Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 1997 annual meeting, Sunriver Resort, Bend, OR. Symposia and open sessions include gamebirds, contaminants and wildlife, special status species. Randy Hickenbottom, USDA Forest Service, 333 S.W. 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208.
- 17-20 April 1997, Wilson Ornithological Society, joint meeting with Kansas Ornithological Society, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. John L. Zimmerman, Division of Biology-Ackert Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506-4901, 913-532-6659.
- 30 April-4 May 1997, Cooper Ornithological Society, 67th annual meeting, hosted by the Biological Resources Division, Pacific Islands Center, and the University of Hawaii. Jim Jacobi, Pacific Islands Science Center, P.O. Box 44, Hawaii National Park, HI 96718, jim\_jacobi@nbs.gov.
- 27-29 June 1997, OFO's 18th Annual Meeting, Mt. Hood area. Cindy Lawes, 13380 S.W. Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005, 503-626-7532.
- 19 December 1997 - 4 January 1998, 98th Christmas Bird Count, National Audubon Society.
- 16-22 August 1998, The XXII International Ornithological Congress, Durban, South Africa. Prof. Peter Berthold (Germany) will serve as President,

Dr. Janet Kear (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 Science 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. Persons on the mailing list will be sent information on all aspects of the congress in proper time. Suggestions for the scientific program should be sent to the chairman of the Scientific Program Committee, Dr. Lukas Jenni (Schweizerische Voegelwarte, CH-6204 Sempach, Switzerland; fax 011-41-41-462-9710). Announcements for the scientific program will be published separately. 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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### Nighthawk, Poorwill

#### Common Nighthawk

Common breeder in montane areas and E, uncommon and local in Willamette Valley, occasional C. Absent in winter.

#### Common Poorwill

Common to uncommon breeder E and in Rogue Valley, most common SE. Absent in winter.

### Swifts

*These species do not winter*

#### Black Swift

Uncommon local breeder at Salt Creek Falls, Lane Co. and probably in the Columbia River Gorge. Occasional migrants seen state-wide, mainly W.

#### Vaux's Swift

Common breeder W and in mountains E.

#### White-throated Swift

Common local breeder SE, more sporadic northward and westward in major canyons, rare wanderer to Klamath Co. (Crater Lake).

### Hummingbirds

*These species do not winter except as noted*

#### Black-chinned Hummingbird

Uncommon breeder E. Rare migrant W.

#### Anna's Hummingbird

Common to uncommon breeder W, locally on coast, in central Oregon, Klamath Co. and

Owl  
on breeder SE, locally elsewhere E.  
in winter E, rare to locally occasional  
W, mainly in open valleys and outer  
tes.

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ommon to rare resident W, Klamath

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mon to occasional resident W, NE.  
ing.

ry Owl  
ommon NE, also along both sides of Cas-  
tmit from Linn Co. south. Uncom-  
n Deschutes, Klamath and Lake Co.

ed Owl  
ommon E, occasional and local W, mainly  
stern interior valleys in winter. Prob-  
reeds Siskiyou. Status W poorly known.

red Owl  
ommon to locally common resident, most  
ome leave in winter, especially from higher  
tions, and numbers sometimes increase W.

Owl \*  
ommon and elusive resident of highest  
tane forests NE, locally to e. Ochocos, also  
cades south to Lane, possibly to n. Klamath  
Most reports above 5000 ft. elevation. Five  
ords to date, many more not reviewed by  
RC, status not clear.

#### thern Saw-whet Owl

ncommon resident state-wide, some  
wnslope movement in winter.

# FIELDNOTES

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# FIELDNOTES: Eastern Oregon, Spring 1996

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## The season

Through March temperatures were near normal in eastern Oregon. April began with warm temperatures (on the 8th and 9th Hood River and John Day topped 80 degrees), but the rest of that month saw near normal temperatures. Then May averaged 2 degrees below normal, except for a couple of warm days on or after the 11 May North American Migration Count.

Lower precipitation in March was a relief from the floods of February, averaging near normal over most of eastern Oregon. However, the area from Crater Lake and Wickiup Reservoir to Summer Lake received only 50 percent of its normal precipitation. This was remedied in April when the area got 200 percent of normal precipitation, and the rest of eastern Oregon saw 150 percent. May continued the wet trend with 150-300 percent of normal precipitation. The wettest locations were Wickiup Dam, Malheur Experimental Station, and Nyssa. This explains the plentiful supply of water in eastern Oregon's streams, potholes, and lakes this summer.

## Reports and reporters

Observations were received directly from 15 observers. Reports from a total of 107 observers were gleaned from the *Rav-on*, newsletter of the Grande Ronde Bird Club, the *Upland Sandpiper*, newsletter of the Grant County Bird Club, *The Grebe*, newsletter of the Klamath Basin Audubon Society, the *Eagle Eye*, newsletter of the Central Oregon Audubon Society, and sightings reported to Portland Audubon's Rare Bird Alert (aka Harry Nehls). Notable sightings included a pair of Tufted Ducks at Arlington, a Broad-winged Hawk at Fields, a Green Heron at Tumalo State Park, Red Phalaropes near Klamath Falls and Frenchglen, Barred Owls at Malheur NWR headquarters and near Canyon City, Costa's Hummingbirds at Klamath Falls and Bend, Tennessee Warbler and Blackpoll Warbler at Malheur NWR headquarters, and a Hooded Oriole in a Bend yard for the second year in a row.

## Format, abbreviations

The format used for each sighting in this report is this: # individuals, location, date, COUNTY ABBREVIATION, (INITIALS OF OBSERVERS); next record.

- c.g. campground
- CPR central patrol road
- mob many observers
- NWR National Wildlife Refuge
- r.s. ranger station
- s.p. sewage ponds
- St.Pk. state park
- WMA Wildlife Management Area
- XXX all counties are designated by the first three letters of the county name. Exception: HDR = Hood River

Mallard - plain type denotes species usually seen  
*Pacific Loon* - italics indicates unusual sightings,

late dates, unusual locations, Latin subspecies

**HARLEQUIN DUCK** - all capitals indicates a rare sighting

**ROSS' GULL** - all capitals underlined indicates the rarest sightings, first state records, etc.

## Common Loon

132, Wickiup Res., 2 Apr DES (CM); 1-7, Phillips Res., 13-21 Apr BAK (CMO,TW); 17, Wickiup Res., 21 Apr DES (DH,PYM); 1, Wallowa Lk., 25 Apr WAL (FSC); 3, Metolius Arm, Lk. Billy Chinook, 3 May JEF (PTS); 2, Ochoco Res., 4 May CRO (MLF); 1, Sproul Lk., Bear Valley, 4 May GRA (BD); 1 in *breeding plumage*, Hay Creek Res., 26 May JEF (DJL)

## Pied-billed Grebe

2, Wallowa Lk., 12-25 Apr WAL (FSC); 2, CPR, Malheur NWR, 14 Apr HAR (AR); 2, Tumalo Res., 28 Apr DES (DH,PTS,JM); 1, Bridge Cr.Rd., 23 Mar WHE (MLF); 1, Twin Lks., 3 May SHE (MLF)

## Horned Grebe

1, mouth of John Day, 3 Mar GIL (PTS); 1, Celilo Pk., 10 Mar WAS (MLF); 2, W of Biggs, 13 Apr SHE (PTS); 1, Wallowa Lk., 25 Apr WAL (FSC); 1, Wickiup Res., 4 May DES (PTS,JM); 2, Wright's Pond, Malheur NWR, 18 May HAR (MD,MLD); 4, Buena Vista Ponds, Malheur NWR, 18 May HAR (MD,MLD); 1, W of Riley, 25 May HAR (JLS)

## Red-necked Grebe

1, Rocky Point, 3 Apr KLA (KS)

## Eared Grebe

1, Klamath Falls, 16 Mar KLA (fide KS); 7, Burns s.p., Malheur NWR, 12-14 Apr HAR (AR); 1, Wallowa Lk., 25 Apr WAL (FSC); 7, Buena Vista ponds, Malheur NWR, 18 May HAR (MD,MLD)

## Western Grebe

20, John Day dam, 2 Apr SHE (DB); 7, Burns s.p., Malheur NWR, 12-15 Apr HAR (AR); 33, Mosier, 13 Apr WAS (DJL); 2, Columbia R., 19 Apr GIL (PTS); 45, Sand Station, 20 Apr UMA (MD,MLD); 100, Link R., Howard Bay, 11 May KLA (KS); 20, The Narrows, Malheur NWR, 19 May HAR (MD,MLD)

## Clark's Grebe

1+, Malheur NWR, 26 Apr HAR (CMO); 65, Link R., Howard Bay, 11-17 May KLA (KS,PTS); 1-2, The Narrows, Malheur NWR, 19-27 May HAR (MD,MLD,JLS,JM,PTS)

## American White Pelican

1+, Malheur NWR, 26 Apr HAR (CMO); 13, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 17 May HAR (MLD,MD)

## Double-crested Cormorant

8, Columbia R., 3 Mar & 19 Apr GIL (PTS); 1, Celilo Pk. 9 Mar WAS (MLF); 1, Baker City, 20 Apr BAK (TW); 1+, Malheur NWR, 26 Apr HAR (CMO); 1, Catlow Valley, 26 May HAR (JLS)

## American Bittern

5, Malone Sprs., 18 May KLA (PTS)

## Great Blue Heron

2, Memaloose, 9 Mar WAS (MLF); 1, Bridge Cr.Rd.,

23 Mar WHE (MLF); 1, Moon Cr.Rd., 24 Mar GRA (MLF); 1, Benson Pond, Malheur NWR, 15 Apr HAR (AR); 1, S of Kimberly, 20 Apr GRA (MLF)

## Great Egret

1, Bear Valley, 17 Mar - 4 May GRA (MJH,BK,BD); 1, near *Josephb*, 3 Apr WAL (FSC); 1, Hwy 205, S of Diamond Ln., 15 Apr HAR (AR); 1+, Malheur NWR, 26 Apr HAR (CMO); 24, Klamath basin, 17 May KLA (PTS); 17, W of Malheur NWR hqtrs., 17 May HAR (MLD,MD)

## Cattle Egret

2, Malheur NWR, 31 May HAR (CMO)

## Green Heron

1, *Tumalo St.Pk.*, 27 Apr DES (DH,PYM); 1, Miller Is., 18 May KLA (PTS)

## Black-crowned Night-Heron

1, Willow Cr., 19 Apr GIL (PTS); 1, Ladd Marsh, 27 Apr UNI (JW); 4, Upper Klamath Lk., 17 May KLA (PTS); 1-3, NW of Malheur NWR hqtrs., 17 & 27-31 May HAR (MD,MLD,JLS,CMO)

## White-faced Ibis

110, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 140, White Lk., 10 May KLA (KS); 300, Township Rd., 17 May KLA (PTS); 1000, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 12-18 May HAR (CMO,MLD,MD)

## Tundra Swan

12, Bear Valley, 17 Mar GRA (MJH,BK); 38, Haines, 23 Mar BAK (CH); 1+, Burns, 24-25 Mar HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW,TW)

## Trumpeter Swan

1, Silvies Valley, 31 Mar & 26 Apr GRA (CMO); 1+, Malheur NWR, 12 Apr HAR (CMO); 3, Hwy 205, S of Buena Vista, 14-15 Apr HAR (AR)

## Greater White-fronted Goose

1, *E of Spray*, 11 Feb - 9 MAR WHE (PTS,JM,CC,JS,DJL,DA,EW,PM); 25, mouth Ladd Cr., 13 Mar UNI (DJE); 1+, Burns, 25 Mar HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW,TW); flocks, N of Burns, 12 Apr HAR (AR); several, Haines, 14 Apr BAK (TR); 1, Wamic, 21 Apr WAS (DJL,DC); 1+, Malheur NWR, 26 Apr HAR (CMO)

## Snow Goose

1, *Wamic*, 17 Mar WAS (DJL); 12, Bear Valley, 17 Mar GRA (MJH,BK); 2, Ladd Marsh, 19 Mar UNI (JW); 1+, Burns, 25 Mar - 12 Apr HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW,TW,AR); 1+, Malheur NWR, 26 Apr HAR (CMO)

## Ross' Goose

1+, Burns, 25 Mar - 26 Apr HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW,TW,CMO); 1 injured bird, Miller Is., 17 May KLA (PTS,KS)

## Canada Goose

goslings, Ladd Marsh, 13 Apr UNI (CW); modest numbers, Burns area, 12-15 Apr HAR (AR); 10, N of Fossil, 25 Mar WHE (MLF); 350, S of Grass Valley, 25 Mar SHE (MLF); 15, Bear Valley, 28 May GRA (JLS)

## Wood Duck

1, La Grande, 20 Mar UNI (ASC); 1, Indian Cr., 25 Mar UNI (TR); 1, S of Grass Valley, 25 Mar SHE (MLF); 1+, Joseph, 4 Apr WAL (FSC); 1, Hines, 13

May HAR (TJ,DB,SR); 1, Wildhorse Cr., 17 May UMA (MLD,MD); family, Prineville s.p., 28 May CRO (CG)

#### **Green-winged Teal**

several, N of Fossil, 10 Mar WHE (MLF); 1+, Fox Valley, 16 Mar GRA (JAC,BW,MGW,TW); 4, S of Grass Valley, 23 Mar SHE (MLF); few, Bridge Cr.Rd., 23 Mar WHE (MLF); 40, Willow Cr., 19 Apr NE GIL (PTS); 1, Seneca, 17 May GRA (MLD,MD); 1, Benson Pond, 18 May HAR (MLD,MD)

#### **Mallard**

few, Burns area, 11-14 Apr HAR (AR); 2 ducklings, Moro s.p., 3 May SHE (MLF)

#### **Northern Pintail**

6, S of Grass Valley, 23 Mar SHE (MLF); some, Burns area, 12 Apr HAR (AR); 1000, Willow Cr. WMA, 20 Apr GIL (PTS)

#### **Blue-winged Teal**

1, Union County, 10 May UNI (BCD); 1, Miller Is., 18 May KLA (KS,PTS); 1, Silvies, 17 May GRA (MLD,MD)

#### **Cinnamon Teal**

1+, Burns, 25-31 Mar HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW, TW,CMO); 1, Union County, 7 Apr UNI (GP); 1, Juniper Butte ranch, Waterman Flat, 7 Apr WHE (DJL); 1+, Johnson Rd., Alfalfa, 11 Apr DES (DIF); a few, Burns area, 12-14 Apr HAR (AR); 1+, Baker City, 13 Apr BAK (CMO); 2, Picture Gorge, 20 Apr & 17 May GRA (MLF); 2, Conforth Ranch, 20 Apr UMA (MD,MLD); 1, Moro s.p., 3 May SHE (MLF); 2, N of Fossil, 4-17 May WHE (MLF); 1, S of Grass Valley, 10 May SHE (MLF); 100, CPR, Malheur NWR, 17-19 May HAR (MLD,MD)

#### **Northern Shoveler**

modest numbers, Burns area, 12-14 Apr HAR (AR); 8, Willow Cr., 19 Apr NE GIL (PTS); 1-2, S of Grass Valley, 3-10 May SHE (MLF)

#### **Gadwall**

1, S of Grass Valley, 23 Mar SHE (MLF)

#### **Eurasian Wigeon**

1, near Imbler, 30 Mar UNI (TR); 1, Wamic, 21 Apr WAS (DJL,DC); 1, Phillips Res., 21 Apr BAK (TW)

#### **American Wigeon**

several, Hay Creek canyon, 10 Mar SHE (MLF); several, N of Fossil, 10 Mar - 19 Apr WHE (MLF)

#### **Canvasback**

4, Arlington, 3 Mar GIL (PTS); 1+, Burns, 25 Mar - 14 Apr HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW,TW,AR); 5, Joseph s.p., 25 Apr WAL (FSC); 1+, Malheur NWR, 26 Apr - 31 May HAR (CMO)

#### **Redhead**

2, Arlington, 3 Mar GIL (PTS); 1+, Burns, Malheur NWR, 25 Mar - 31 May HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW, TW,AR,CMO); 1, Baker City, 21 Apr BAK (TW)

#### **Ring-necked Duck**

1+, N of Fossil, 25 Mar - 17 May WHE (MLF); 1-10, Malheur NWR, Burns area, 31 Mar - 16 Apr HAR (CMO,AR); 1, Baker City, 13 Apr BAK (CMO); 3 males, 1 female, Ukiah s.p., 17 May UMA (MLD,MD)

#### **Tufted Duck**

1 pair, Arlington, 9 Mar GIL (DJL,DAA)

#### **Greater Scaup**

7, Celilo Pk., 10 Mar WAS (MLF); 6, Burns s.p., 12 Apr HAR (AR); 2, Chickahominy Res., 15 Apr HAR (AR); 280, Wickiup Res., 16 Apr DES (CM); 50, Wickiup Res., 21 Apr DES (DH,PYM)

#### **Lesser Scaup**

200, Hay Cr. Res., 23 Mar JEF (DJL); 1+, Burns,

25-31 Mar HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW,TW,CMO)

#### **Oldsquaw**

1, Summer Lake WMA, 24 Apr LAK (DM)

#### **White-winged Scoter**

1, Putnam's Point, Klamath Falls, 9-16 Mar KLA (EH et al)

#### **Common Goldeneye**

1-5, Biggs, Rufus, 10 Mar - 13 Apr SHE (MLF,PTS); 1, N of Fossil, 10 - 25 Mar WHE (MLF); 1 pair, Tumalo Res., 17 Mar DES (JM,PTS); 12, Bear Valley, 17 Mar GRA (MJH,BK); 6, Hatfield Lk., 23 Mar DES (JM,PTS); 1+, Burns, Malheur NWR, 25 Mar - 17 May HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW,TW,CMO,AR,MD,MLD); 1, Baker City, 13 Apr BAK (CMO); 2, Chickahominy Res., 15 Apr HAR (AR); 1, Wasco s.p., 18 May SHE (DB)

#### **Barrow's Goldeneye**

1, Spray & W of Twickenham, 2 Mar & 14 Apr WHE (DAA,CC,JS); 4, Arlington, 3-9 Mar GIL (PTS,DJL,DAA); 6, Rufus, 3 Mar - 13 Apr SHE (PTS); 3, Wasco s.p., 10 Mar - 18 May SHE (MLF,DB); 18, Hatfield Lk., 23 Mar DES (JM,PTS); 1, Malheur NWR, 31 Mar HAR (CMO); 2, Baker City, 13 Apr BAK (CMO); 1, Whitney, 24 Apr BAK (TW); 1, Quail Run golf course, LaPine, 4 May DES (PTS,JM)

#### **Bufflehead**

2, Decker Rd., 10 Mar SHE (MLF); 4, Chickahominy Res., Burns area, 11-14 Apr HAR (AR); 3, N of Fossil, 4 May WHE (MLF); 3, Ukiah s.p., 17 May UMA (MLD,MD)

#### **Hooded Merganser**

2, Bridge Cr.Rd., 23 Mar WHE (MLF); 2, Baker City, 13 Apr BAK (CMO)

#### **Common Merganser**

15 pair, Morgan Lk., La Grande, 20 Mar UNI (BCD); 2, S of Grass Valley, 23 Mar SHE (MLF); common, John Day R., 9 Mar - 17 May SHE/WHE/GRA (MLF)

#### **Red-breasted Merganser**

1 female, mouth Deschutes R., 2 Apr WAS/SHE (DB)

#### **Ruddy Duck**

5, Burns s.p., 12 Apr HAR (AR); 1, Baker City, 13 Apr BAK (CMO); 4, W of Kent, 9 May SHE (PTS); 7, Ukiah s.p., 17 May UMA (MLD,MD); 1, Malheur NWR, 31 May HAR (CMO)

#### **Turkey Vulture**

1, Bend, 14 Mar DES (TC); 1, Klamath Falls, 16 Mar KLA (fide KS); 5, Union County, Palmer Jct., 23 Mar - 6 Apr UNI (GP,DY,JW); 2, Clarno, 29 Mar WHE (CC,JS); 1, Idlewild c.g., 15 Apr HAR (AR); 4, Sherman County, 19-20 Apr - 10 May SHE (PTS,MLF)

#### **Osprey**

1, Rhinehart, Union County, 15 Mar - 10 May UNI (TR,FV); 1, Bend, 26 Mar DES (CM); 1, Wallowa Lk., 7 Apr WAL (FSC); 1, mouth of Deschutes, 13 Apr & 9 May SHE (PTS); 2, Phillips Res., 14-21 Apr BAK (CMO,TW); 2 nesting, Mt. Vernon, 15 Apr GRA (PSS,ANF); 3, Spray, 19 Apr - 3 May WHE (MLF,CC,JS); 2, Buck Hollow, 20 Apr WAS/SHE (PTS); 1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 29 Apr GRA (BH); 4, 1 nest, Metolius Arm, Lk. Billy Chinook, 3 May JEF (PTS); 2, Fall R., 4 May DES (JM,PTS); 1 nest, Lower Dam, 10 May JEF (PTS); 2 at nest, E of Spray, 11 May WHE (PTS,JM) (new nesting for this county?) 1 nest, Klamath R. canyon, 17 May KLA (PTS); 1, Fox Valley, 22 May GRA (BH); 1, Service Cr., 22 May WHE (CMO)

#### **Bald Eagle**

2 on nest, near Joseph, 1 Mar WAL (FSC); 4 ad, 2

imm, 1-84, 1-3 Mar WAS/MOR (PTS); 3 ad, La Grande, Willow Cr., Foothill Rd., 2-12 Mar UNI (GP,DY,CA); 7 ad, 2 imm, John Day valley, 2 Mar GRA (CMO); 1, Paulina, 5 Mar CRO (JLB); 3 ad, Buck Hollow, 5 Mar WAS/SHE (PTS); 22 ad, 27 imm, Swamp Cr. roost, 10 Mar WAL (FSC); 2, Granite Cr., Fox Valley, 13-16 Mar GRA (JLB,JAC,BW,MGW,TW); 1, Tumalo Res., 17 Mar & 28 Apr DES (JM,PTS,DH); several, John Day valley, 21-25 Mar GRA (AFTH,PSS,CMO,MLF); 1+, Burns, 25 Mar HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW,TW); 1 ad, 1 imm, John Day R., Kimberly, 20 Apr GRA (MLF); 1 ad, Metolius Arm, Lk. Billy Chinook, 3 May JEF (PTS) (mobbed by Pinyon Jays!); 1 ad, Cove Point, Klamath Falls, 19 May KLA (PTS); 1, Fox Valley, 22 May GRA (BH,CK); 1 ad, Mosier, 25 May WAS (DJL)

#### **Northern Harrier**

several, Sherman County, 10 Mar - 10 May SHE (MLF); 1, Bridge Cr.Rd., 23 Mar WHE (MLF); few, Malheur NWR, 14 Apr HAR (AR); 1, Kimberly, 20 Apr GRA (MLF)

#### **Sharp-shinned Hawk**

1, La Grande, 29 Mar UNI (BCD); 1, John Day, 30 Mar GRA (CMO); 1 ad, McNary WMA, 20 Apr UMA (MD,MLD)

#### **Cooper's Hawk**

1, Island City, 31 Mar UNI (TR); 1, Somerville, 13 Apr UNI (SO); 1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 30 Apr GRA (BH)

#### **Northern Goshawk**

1, Canyon Creek, Canyon City, 2-9 Mar GRA (LEH,MJH); 1, Indian Cr., 16 Apr UNI (TR); 1 imm, near Oak Spring fish hatchery, 21 Apr WAS (DJL,DC); 1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 1 May GRA (BH); 1, Fox Valley, 22 May GRA (BH)

#### **Red-shouldered Hawk**

1 imm, Lower Bridge, 27 Apr DES (DH,PYM); 1, Miller Is., Apr-May KLA (fide KS)

#### **BROAD-WINGED HAWK**

1, Fields, 5 May HAR (M)

#### **Swainson's Hawk**

2, Baker City, 13 Apr BAK (CMO); 2, Butte Cr., 13-14 Apr & 11 May WHE (CC,JS); 2, Hwy 97 S of Grass Valley, 19 Apr - 10 May SHE (PTS,DE,MLF); 1 pair, Willow Cr. WMA, 25 Apr GIL (DF); nesting, Union County, 1 May UNI (JW); 6, 2 nests, Sherman County, 9 May SHE (PTS); 1 light morph, Fox Valley, 17 May GRA (MLD,MD); 1 dark morph, Seneca, 17 May GRA (MLD,MD); 2 at nest, N of Burns, 18 May HAR (MLF); 1 pair, E of Milton-Freewater, 25 May UMA (MD,MLD); 2, John Day, Bear Valley, 27-28 May GRA (BH,JS)

#### **Red-tailed Hawk**

common across eastern Oregon. MLF sent this summary of active nests:

4 nests, Sherman County, 9 Mar;  
1 nest, Gilliam County, 9 Mar;  
2 nests, Wasco County, 23 Mar;  
2 nests, Sherman County, 23 Mar;  
2 nests, Grant County, 24 Mar;  
1 nest, Sherman County, 19 Apr;  
2 nests, Grant County, 17 May  
Ferruginous Hawk

1 pair, N of Enterprise, 22 Mar WAL (FSC); 1 nesting, S of Arlington, 30 Mar GIL (DJL,PB); 1, N of Fossil, 31 Mar WHE (CC,JS); 1, Waterman Flat, 6 Apr WHE (JM,PTS); 2, S of Pilot Rock, 17 May UMA (MD,MLD); 2, Hwy 20, E of Bend, 25 & 31 May DES (PTS,JM)

**Rough-legged hawk**

2, Hwy 11, N of Pendleton, 1 Mar UMA (PTS); 5, Grande Ronde Valley, 2-17 Mar UNI (GH,IBE,CA,DY); 1-5, Condon area, Hwy 19, 10 Mar - 19 Apr GIL (MLF,DJL); 1, Zumwalt, 13 Mar WAL (FSC); 8, Sherman County, 10 Mar - 26 Apr SHE (MLF,PTS,DF); 1, E of Brothers, 11 Apr HAR (AR); 1, Tygh Ridge, 20 Apr WAS (DJL); 1, Pine Cr., 4 May GRA (BH)

**Golden Eagle**

4 ad, 3 imm, Wheeler County, 9 Mar - 28 May WHE (MLF,JM,PTS,DJL,JLS); 1 ad, Sherar's Bridge, 15 Mar WAS (PTS); 1 ad, N of Alfalfa, 23 Mar DES (JM,PTS); 1, near Lime, 23 Mar BAK (CH); 1 ad, Tumalo St.Pk., 28 Apr DES (PTS,JM,DH); 1 pair, Lonerock, 4 May GIL (MLF); 1 pair, E of Kimberly, 17 May GRA (MLF)

**American Kestrel**

common; 1 pair feeding young, DeMoss county park, 3-10 May SHE (MLF)

**Merlin**

1, W of Kent, 15 Mar SHE (PTS)

**Peregrine Falcon**

1, Wood River Ranch, 27 Apr KLA (KS)

**Prairie Falcon**

2, Antelope, Badger Creek Rd., 10-17 Mar WAS (MLF,DJL); 3, Rhinehart, Ladd Marsh, 15 Mar - 12 Apr UNI (TR,JW); 4, Clarno, Painted Hills, 10 Mar - 6 Apr WHE (MLF,PTS,JM); 2, Deschutes R., 30 Mar WAS (DJL,PB); 1, E of John Day, 2 Apr GRA (CEG); 1, Phillips Res., 21 Apr BAK (TW); 1, Lower Bridge, 4 May DES (DH,PYM); 2, Fox Valley, Bear Valley, 22-28 May GRA (BH,JLS)

**Gray Partridge**

2, near Deschutes R., 30 Mar WAS (DJL,PB); 2, N of Grass Valley, 13 Apr SHE (PTS); 2, Sandridge Rd., Alicel, 14 Mar - 28 Apr UNI (JW); 2, Hwy 206, NW of Condon, 4 May GIL (MLF)

**Chukar**

4, mouth of John Day, S of Condon, 3-9 Mar GIL (PTS,MLF); 4, Fossil, Clarno, 10-25 Mar WHE (MLF); 2, Fields Cr.Rd., 24 Mar GRA (MLF); 2, Twickenham, 6 Apr WHE (PTS,JM); 2, Lonerock Rd., 4 May GIL (MLF); 4, Dobie Point Rd., Monkland, 10-17 May SHE (MLF)

**Ring-necked Pheasant**

few, Burns area, 12-15 Apr HAR (AR)

**Blue Grouse**

1, Green Ridge, 21 Apr JEF (PTS) (hooting high in a tree); 1, Round Lk. Rd., 10 May JEF (PTS); nest, Middle Fk. John Day R., 28 May GRA (BH)

**Ruffed Grouse**

1+, Grande Ronde Valley, Mar UNI (TR,SO,JDS); 1+, Palmer Valley, 17 Apr UNI (JW); 1, Indian Rock lookout, 2 May GRA (BH); 1, Wheeler County, 11 May WHE (CC,JS); 1, Odessa campground, 18 May KLA (PTS); 1, Abbot Cr., 25 May JEF (PTS); 1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 28 May GRA (BH)

**Sage Grouse**

21 males, 12 females at lek, Milikan area, 19 Mar DES (DH)

**SHARP-TAILED GROUSE (introduced)**

at lek, N of Enterprise, 22 Apr WAL (FSC)

**Wild Turkey**

7, near Summerville, 14 Mar - May UNI (SO); 6 courting, Johnson Rd., Bend, 22 Mar DES (DH); 2, Rancheria Rock Rd., 31 Mar WHE (CC,JS); 1+, Palmer Valley, 14 Apr - 19 May UNI (JW)

**California Quail**

flocks, Fossil, 23-25 Mar WHE (MLF); pairs, Fossil, 19 Apr WHE (MLF); few, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 15 Apr HAR (AR)

**Mountain Quail**

1 pair, Cottonwood Rd., 11 May WHE (CC,JS)

**Yellow Rail**

5, Mare's Egg and Jack Springs, 10 & 18 May KLA (KS,PTS); 1, Wood River Ranch, 25 May KLA (KS) (a new location)

**Virginia Rail**

1, Clarno, 10 Mar - 11 May WHE (DJL,DAA,CC,JS); 1, W of Rufus, 13 Apr SHE (PTS); 5, Lower Bridge, 27 Apr - 4 May DES (DH,PYM); 1, Willow Cr., 19 Apr NE GIL (PTS); 1 pair, Twin Lakes, 10 May SHE (MLF); 4, Malone Sprs., 17-18 May KLA (PTS); 1+, Malheur NWR, 27-31 May HAR (CMO)

**Sora**

2, Wheeler County, 4-11 May WHE (MLF,CC,JS); 8, Mare's Egg Spr., 18 May KLA (PTS); 1, Bear Valley, 19 May GRA (fide TW); 1+, Malheur NWR, 27-31 May HAR (CMO)

**American Coot**

many, Malheur NWR, 11-15 Apr HAR (AR)

**Sandhill Crane**

1+, Bear Valley, Silvies Valley, 9-15 Mar GRA (TH,TW,JLB); 1+, Ladd Marsh, 11-20 Mar UNI (MM,FV,DY); 250+, Fox Valley, 16 Mar - 13 Apr GRA (JAC,BW,MGW,TW,GP); 6, Bear Valley, 17 Mar GRA (MJH,BK); 27, Fossil, 6 Apr WHE (PTS,JM); few, Burns area, 12 Apr HAR (AR); 2 with colt, Ladd Marsh, 28 Apr UNI (JW); 3, Township Rd., Upper Klamath NWR, 17-18 May KLA (PTS); 1, Camas Prairie, 18 May WAS (DJL); 2 nesting, Fox Valley, 17 May GRA (MD,MLD)

**Black-bellied Plover**

6-15, Summer Lake WMA, 19 Apr - 29 May LAK (DM,DH,PM,SK,JCN); 35, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 1, White Lk., 10 May KLA (KS)

**Snowy Plover**

3-8, White Lk., 27 Apr - 17 May KLA (KS,PTS)

**Killdeer**

4, White Lk., 27 Apr KLA (KS)

**Black-necked Stilt**

2+, Burns, Malheur NWR, 12-26 Apr HAR (AR,CMO); 3, Hatfield Lk., 27 Apr DES (DH,PYM); 120-75, White Lk., 27 Apr - 17 May KLA (KS,PTS); 30, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 3, Ochoco Res., 10 May CRO (DAA); 12, Miller Is., 17 May KLA (PTS); 18, E of Hines, 17 May HAR (MLD,MD); 1 pair, W of Spray, 17 May WHE (MLF)

**American Avocet**

few, Burns, Chickahominy Res., 12-15 Apr HAR (AR); 1+, Joseph s.p., 25 Apr WAL (FSC); 1+, Malheur NWR, 26 Apr HAR (CMO); 225, White Lk., Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 1+, Imbler, Ladd Marsh, 29 Apr - 10 May UNI (TR,JW); 1, Hatfield Lk., 12 May DES (DB,TJ,SR); 12-75, Miller Is., White Lk., 17 May KLA (PTS); 22, near Hines s.p., 17 May HAR (MLD,MD)

**Greater Yellowlegs**

1, Twickenham, 10 Mar WHE (DJL,DAA); 1, Burns s.p., 13 Apr HAR (AR); 4, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 1, Bear Valley, Apr GRA (ANF)

**Lesser Yellowlegs**

2, Summer Lk. WMA, 26 Apr LAK (DM); 8, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 2, Hatfield Lk., 4 May DES (DE et al)

**Solitary Sandpiper**

1, Bear Valley, Apr GRA (ANF); 1, Moro s.p., 3 May

SHE (MLF)

**Willet**

few, Burns, Malheur NWR, 12 Apr - 26 Apr HAR (AR,CMO); 6, White Lk., Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 1, Wasco s.p., 9 May SHE (PTS); 1-6, White Lk., Township Rd., 17 May KLA (PTS); 1+, Bear Valley, 19 May GRA (fide TW)

**Spotted Sandpiper**

1, Quail Run golf course, LaPine, 4 May DES (JM,PTS); 2, mouth Deschutes R., 9 May SHE (PTS); common, John Day R., 17 May SHE/WHE/GRA (MLF)

**Upland Sandpiper**

4, Bear Valley, Scotty Cr.Rd., 8-28 May GRA (JIL,VD,TJ,JLS) (Present the last 30 years on the Lemcke ranch.)

**Whimbrel**

11, Lower Klamath Lk., 5 May KLA (DAH); 1, Township Rd., 17 & 18 May KLA (PTS,KS); 2, S of Burns, 24-27 May HAR (JOS,HN.mob)

**Long-billed Curlew**

1, Imbler, Ladd Marsh, 11-22 Mar UNI (TR,CW,CH); 12, Malheur NWR, Burns, 31 Mar - 13 Apr HAR (CMO,AR); 1+, Haines, 4 Apr BAK (TR); 1, Johnson Rd., Alfalfa, 11 Apr DES (DH); 3, Prairie City & John Day valley, 14 Apr GRA (PO,PSS); 5-11, Willow Cr., Cedar Springs Rd., 19-25 Apr GIL (PTS,DF); 11, Steline Rd., Township Rd., 27 Apr - 18 May KLA (KS,PTS); 6, Morrow County, 30 Mar MOR (DJL,PB); 2, Fox Valley, 17 May GRA (MLD,MD); 5, Malheur NWR, 26 & 27 May HAR (PTS,JM)

**Marbled Godwit**

3, Summer Lk. WMA, 17 Apr LAK (DM); 1, Joseph s.p., 25 Apr WAL (FSC); 1, White Lk., 27 Apr & 10 May KLA (KS); 13, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS)

**Sanderling**

1, Prineville s.p., 17 May CRO (CG)

**Peep species**

250, Steline Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 2000, Wood River Ranch, 27 Apr KLA (KS)

**Western Sandpiper**

1+, Johnson Rd., Alfalfa, 19 Apr DES (DH); 45, White Lk., Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 12, Hatfield Lk., 27-28 Apr DES (DH,PYM,JM,PTS); 1, Moro s.p., 3 May SHE (MLF)

**Least Sandpiper**

8, White Lk., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 12, Hatfield Lk., 27-28 Apr DES (DH,PYM,JM,PTS); 1, Moro s.p., 3 May SHE (MLF); 4, Quail Run golf course, LaPine, 4 May DES (JM,PTS)

**Baird's Sandpiper**

1, near Joseph, 10 Apr WAL (FSC)

**Dunlin**

1+, Johnson Rd., Alfalfa, 19 Apr DES (DH); 2, Dobie Pt. Rd., E of Kent, 13 Apr - 10 May SHE (PTS,MLF); 150, White Lk., Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 4, Hatfield Lk., 28 Apr DES (JM,DH,PTS)

**Dowitcher sp.**

220, White Lk., Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS)

**Long-billed Dowitcher**

1+, Bear Valley, Apr GRA (ANF); 1+, Burns, 12 May HAR (CMO)

**Common Snipe**

1, Burns area, 13 Apr HAR (AR); 1, Moon Cr.Rd., 20 Apr GRA (MLF)

**Wilson's Phalarope**

1, Booth Ln., 24 Apr UNI (TR); 1+, Hatfield Lk., 27 Apr DES (DH,PYM); 1, Pine Cr., 1 May GRA (BH); 2, N of Fossil, 4 May WHE (MLF); 1, Malheur NWR,

12 May HAR (CMO); 1, Whitney, 15 May BAK (TW); 6, near Dayville, 17 May GRA (MLF); 20, Miller Is., 17 May KLA (PTS); 3, White Lk., 17 May KLA (PTS); 27, Ukiah s.p., 17 May UMA (MLD,MD); 9, Fox Valley, Bear Valley, 17-19 May GRA (MLD,MD,fide TW); 15, W of Malheur NWR hqtrs., 17-18 May HAR (MLD,MD)

#### **Red-necked Phalarope**

150, Miller Is., 17 May KLA (PTS); 40, White Lk., 17 May KLA (PTS); 8, Ukiah s.p., 17 May UMA (MLD,MD)

#### **Red Phalarope**

3, Miller Is., 17 May KLA (PTS); 1, White Lk., 17 May KLA (PTS); 1 female, between P Ranch & Frenchglen, 19 May HAR (MW,WMK,MD,MLD)

#### **Franklin's Gull**

few, Burns, Malheur NWR, 12-26 Apr HAR (AR,CMO); 1, Stateline Rd., 10 May KLA (KS); 80, Malheur NWR, 26-27 May HAR (PTS,JM,CMO)

#### **Bonaparte's Gull**

3, Joseph s.p., 25 Apr WAL (FSC); 15, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 30, Burns, 24 May HAR (HN); 3 first yr., Wamic, 27 May WAS (DJL)

#### **Ring-billed Gull**

2000, Lk. Ewauna, 16 Mar KLA (KS); 1+, John Day valley, 20 Mar GRA (PSS); 30, Celilo Falls Pk., 25 Mar WAS (MLF); many, Chickahominy Res., Burns, 11-12 Apr HAR (AR); 1+, Phillips Res., 21 Apr BAK (TW); 300, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS)

#### **California Gull**

1500, Lk. Ewauna, 16 Mar KLA (KS); 1, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS)

#### **Herring Gull**

1, Willow Cr. WMA, 19 Apr GIL (PTS)

#### **Caspian Tern**

2, mouth of Deschutes R., 2 Apr - 4 May WAS (DB,MLF); 2, Willow Cr., 19 Apr GIL (PTS); 1, Ochoco Res., 21 Apr CRO (MLF); 1, Malheur NWR, 12-18 May HAR (CMO,MLD,MD)

#### **Forster's Tern**

1, Ukiah s.p., 17 May UMA (MD,MLD); 9, Roaring Springs ranch, 19 May HAR (MLD,MD)

#### **Black Tern**

1+, Malheur NWR, 27-31 May HAR (CMO); 1+, Bear Valley, 30 May GRA (MJH)

#### **Barn Owl**

2 courting, Ladd Marsh, 10 Mar UNI (JW); several nesting in boxes, Ladd Marsh, Mar - Apr UNI (JW); 1, E of Spray, 3-11 May WHE (CCJS,mob); 1, S of Pilot Rock, 17 May UMA (MLD,MD)

#### **Flammulated Owl**

1, Shelton Wayside St.Pk., 11 May WHE (CCJS); 1, mp. 4, Westside Rd., 18 May KLA (PTS); 2, Battle Mt. St. Pk., 20 May UMA (MLD,MD); 2-4, Idlewild c.g., 27 May HAR (JLS,TJ)

#### **Western Screech-Owl**

2, Butte Cr., 29 Mar WHE (CCJS); 1, Fields Cr.Rd., 20 Apr GRA (MLF); 1, E of Black Butte, 20 Apr JEF (PTS); 2, Mt. Vernon, John Day, Apr - 2 May GRA (ANE,CMO); 1, Jack Spring, Westside Rd., 10 May KLA (KS); 1, N of Camp Sherman, 24 May JEF (PTS)

#### **Great Horned Owl**

1 nest, Hay Creek canyon, 9 Mar SHE (MLF); 2, Good Rd., Indian Cr., 8-22 Mar UNI (IBF,TR); 8 nests, Wasco County, 24 Mar WAS (DJL); 3 nests, Kimberly to Dayville, 24 Mar GRA (MLF); 1 nest with young, N of Wasco, 23 Mar - 19 Apr SHE (MLF); 1, Booth Ln., 3 Apr UNI (CH); 1 nest with 2 young, Burns, 12 Apr HAR (AR); 1 nest, S of Wasco, 13

Apr SHE (PTS); 1, Fossil, 13-14 Apr WHE (CCJS); 3, Malheur NWR, 14 Apr HAR (AR); 1 ad, 2 nestlings, DeMoss county park, 13 & 19 Apr SHE (PTS); 1, Hwy 207, N of Spray, 11 May WHE (JM,PTS); 1, Ochoco Pass, 11 May WHE (PTS,JM)

#### **Northern Pygmy-Owl**

1, W of Bend, 24 Mar DES (PTS,JM); 2, Bear Wal-low c.g., 29-30 Mar WHE (CCJS); 2, N of Spray, 11 May WHE (PTS,JM); 1, Battle Mt. St. Pk., 20 May UMA (MD,MLD)

#### **Burrowing Owl**

1, SE of Malheur NWR hqtrs., 26 May HAR (JLS,PTS,JM)

#### **Barred Owl**

1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 26 Mar HAR (RV); 1, Canyon Creek, Apr GRA (LEH)

#### **Great Gray Owl**

1-2, Quail Run golf course, LaPine, 22 Mar - 4 May DES (DH,PTS,JM,mob)

#### **Long-eared Owl**

pair on nest & 3 young, North Powder, 5 Apr - 3 May UNI/BAK (fide JW,FV); 1, Ladd Canyon, 27 Apr UNI (TR); 2 ad with nestling, S of Grass Valley, 3 May SHE (MLF)

#### **Short-eared Owl**

1, Madras airport, 20 Apr JEF (PTS); 1, S of Grass Valley, 26 Apr SHE (DF); 7, W of Kent, 9 May SHE (PTS); 1, Bakeoven Rd., 26 May WAS (DJL)

#### **Northern Saw-whet Owl**

1, Shelton Wayside St.Pk., 24 Mar WHE (MLF); 1, Vance Cr., 29 Apr GRA (TW); 1, NE Wheeler County, 4 May WHE (CCJS); 7, Buck Point Rd., 10 May WHE (DJL,DC)

#### **Common Nighthawk**

1, Rock Creek Res., 18 May WAS (DJL); 1, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., 26-31 May HAR (JM,PTS,JLS,CMO); 1, Spray, 27 May WHE (TW); 1, John Day valley, 28 May GRA (PSS); 1, Bear Valley, 28 May GRA (TW)

#### **Common Poorwill**

1, Prineville, 15 May CRO (CG)

#### **Black Swift**

2, Rowena, 11 May WAS (HN)

#### **Vaux's Swift**

1500, La Grande roost, Apr - May UNI (JW); 2, Ft. Klamath, 27 Apr KLA (KS); 1+, Baker City, 28 Apr BAK (TW); 1+, John Day valley, 2-11 May GRA (BH,TW,PSS); 10, Metolius Arm, Lk. Billy Chinook, 3 May JEF (PTS); 5, Moro, 9 May SHE (PTS); 1+, Bear Valley, 11-19 May GRA (TW et al); several, Dayville, 17 May GRA (MLF); 14, Ukiah s.p., 17 May UMA (MLD,MD); 2, Malheur NWR, 18 May HAR (MD,MLD); 10, Lakeshore Dr, Klamath Falls, 18 May KLA (PTS,KS)

#### **White-throated Swift**

1+, Smith Rock St.Pk., Lower Bridge, 27 Apr - 4 May DES (DH,PYM); 1+, Clarno, 11 May WHE (CCJS); 3, E of Spray, 11 May WHE (JM,PTS); 3, Roaring Springs ranch, 26 May HAR (JLS); 1, Izee, May GRA (ANF)

#### **Black-chinned Hummingbird**

several, Union County, Apr - May UNI (BCD,FVJT,JW); 1, W of Bend, 3 May DES (JM,PTS); 1, John Day valley, 4-12 May GRA (PSS,CMO,BH); 1, Winlock, 11 May WHE (JM,PTS); 1, Moro, 11 May SHE (DB,JJ,LR); 3, Fields, 19 May HAR (MLD,MD); 1-2, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 19-27 May HAR (MD,MLD,HN,JLS,TJ); 2, Diamond, 26 May HAR (PTS,JM); 1, Hwy 216 near Deschutes R., 27 May WAS (DJL)

#### **Anna's Hummingbird**

1, Klamath Falls, 10-11 Mar KLA (EH); 1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 2-4 May DES (DH); 2, Moore Park, Klamath Falls, 11 May KLA (KS); 3, Lakeshore Dr, Klamath Falls, 18 May KLA (PTS,KS)

#### **Costa's Hummingbird**

1 male, Lakeshore Dr, Klamath Falls, 11 May (info June KLA (KS,MK,mob)); 1, Sawyer Pk., Bend, 13 May DES (GM)

#### **Calliope Hummingbird**

1, Elgin, 9 Apr UNI (SIR); 1, Ladd Marsh, 11 Apr UNI (JW); several, Union County, Apr - May UNI (BCD,JT,SIR,JW); 1+, John Day area, 26 Apr - 12 May GRA (CMO,PSS,TW); 1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 2-4 May DES (DH); 7, upper Klamath Lk., 5 May KLA (DAH); 2 pair, Moro, Grass Valley, 9 May SHE (PTS); 1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 9-27 May HAR (FS,HN,PTS,JLS,mob); 7, Dale, 17 May GRA (MD,MLD); 1, Lakeshore Dr, Klamath Falls, 18 May KLA (KS,PTS); 1, N of Sisters, 25 May DES (PTS)

#### **Broad-tailed Hummingbird**

1, E of John Day, 20 May GRA (CDG); 1 male banded, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 26 May HAR (TJ,BL)

#### **Rufous Hummingbird**

several, Union County, Apr - May UNI (BCD,SO,JT,SIR,JW); 1+, John Day area, 21 Apr - 5 May GRA (CMO,BH); 1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 2-4 May DES (DH); 1 pair, Moro, Grass Valley, 9 May SHE (PTS); 1, Fields, 19 May HAR (MLD,MD); 1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 25 May HAR (JLS)

#### **Belted Kingfisher**

common

#### **Lewis' Woodpecker**

several, Mosier to The Dalles, May WAS (HN,DB); 1 pair in sage, mouth of Deschutes R., 3 May WAS (MLF); 1, Rd 63, E of Green Ridge, 3 May JEF (PTS); 1, Pine Cr., 4 May GRA (BH); 1, S of Grass Valley, 9-10 May SHE (PTS,MLF); 1, Dobie Point Rd., 10 May SHE (MLF); 2, Klamath R. & Klamath Falls, 17-19 May KLA (PTS); 1, near Cold Springs c.g., 25 May DES (JLS); 6, Shevlin Pk., 26 May DES (DLP,YM); 1+, S. Fk. John Day R., May GRA (ANF)

#### **Red-naped Sapsucker**

1, Joseph, 2 Apr WAL (FSC); 1, Tamarack Cr., 3 May WHE (CCJS)

#### **Williamson's Sapsucker**

1, Ochoco Pass, 6 Apr WHE (PTS,JM); 1, Joseph, 28 Apr WAL (FSC); 1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 1 May GRA (BH); 1, N of Sisters, 4 May DES (PTS); 1, S. Fk. Deer Cr., May GRA (ANF)

#### **Downy Woodpecker**

2, Fossil, 10 Mar WHE (MLF); 1, Benson Pond, Malheur NWR, 15 Apr HAR (AR); 1, N of Sisters, 16 Apr DES (AR); 2, E of Kimberly, 20 Apr GRA (MLF)

#### **Hairy Woodpecker**

1, Hwy 218, S of Shaniko, 25 Mar WAS (MLF); 1, Ochoco Pass, 6 Apr WHE (PTS,JM); 2, Idlewild c.g., 12 Apr HAR (AR)

#### **White-headed Woodpecker**

1, Bear Valley, Mar GRA (JLB); 2, Ochoco Pass, 6 Apr WHE (PTS,JM); 1, Elgin, 11 Apr - 5 May UNI (SIR); 3, Idlewild c.g., 12 Apr - 27 May HAR (AR,JLS); 1 pair excavating nest, Chiloquin, 27 Apr KLA (KS); 2, Fairview c.g., Hwy 207, 4-11 May WHE (CCJS,PTS,JM); 1, Indian Ford c.g., 13 May DES (AR)

#### **Three-toed Woodpecker**

1, Indian Rock lookout, 3 May GRA (BH)

**Black-backed Woodpecker**

1, Ochoco Pass, 6 Apr WHE (PTS,JM); 1, Union County, 10-16 Apr UNI (TR,JW); 1, Indian Rock lookout, 3 May GRA (BH); 1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 30 May GRA (BH)

**Northern Flicker**

common

**Pileated Woodpecker**

1, Bear Valley, 16 Mar GRA (TH); 1, Palmer Jct., 16 Apr UNI (JW); 1, Indian Rock lookout, 3 May GRA (BH); 2, N of Spray, 11 May WHE (PTS,JM)

**Olive-sided Flycatcher**

1, Ft. Klamath area, 17 May KLA (PTS); 1, Lakeshore Dr., Klamath Falls, 18 & 19 May KLA (PTS,KS); 4, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 25 May HAR (HN et al); 1, Shevlin Pk., 26 May DES (DH)

**Western Wood-Pewee**

3, Fields, 18-19 May HAR (MLD,MD)

**Willow Flycatcher**

1, Deschutes St.Pk., 9 May SHE (PTS); 3, Malheur NWR, 25-31 May HAR (HN,CMO)

**Least Flycatcher**

1, *Roaring Springs ranch*, 24 May HAR (JG,TK)

**Hammond's Flycatcher**

1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 15-29 May GRA (BH); 14, Fields, 18-19 May HAR (MLD,MD); 8, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 25 May HAR (HN)

**Dusky Flycatcher**

1, Middle Fk. John-Day R., 8 May GRA (BH); 2, Deschutes St.Pk., 9 May SHE (PTS); 2, Ft. Klamath area, 17 May KLA (PTS); 2, Fields, 18 May HAR (MLD,MD); 3, Malheur NWR, 18 May HAR (MLD,MD)

**Gray Flycatcher**

15, Rd 63, E of Green Ridge, 3 May JEF (PTS); 2, Ft. Klamath area, 17 May KLA (PTS)

**Pacific-slope Flycatcher**

2, Suttle Lk. inlet, 10 May JEF (PTS); 1, Odessa campground, 18 May KLA (PTS)

**Say's Phoebe**

1, Imnaha R., 1 Mar WAL (FSC); 1, Philippi Canyon, 3 Mar GIL (PTS); 1, Monument, John Day, 6 Mar GRA (TH,CMO); 1 pair nesting, Clarno, 10 Mar WHE (MLF); 2, Wasco County, 15 Mar WAS (PTS); 10, Sherman County, 15 Mar SHE (PTS); 1, Izee, 16 Mar GRA (LEH,MJH); 1 pair feeding nestlings, DeMoss county park, 10 May SHE (MLF)

**Ash-throated Flycatcher**

1, Ft. Klamath area, 17 May KLA (PTS); several, Rowan, 18 May WAS (DB,HN); 1, Cove Point, Klamath Falls, 19 May KLA (PTS); nesting, John Day, 30 May GRA (CMO)

**Western Kingbird**

1, Hatfield Lk., 27 Apr DES (DH,PYM); 1, Pine Cr., 28 Apr GRA (BH); several, John Day valley, 30 Apr GRA (TW,ANF,PSS); several, Sherman County, 3-10 May SHE (MLF); 3, Lk. Billy Chinook, 3 May JEF (PTS); 1, Malheur NWR, 26 May HAR (CMO)

**Eastern Kingbird**

1-6, CPR, Malheur NWR, 18-31 May HAR (MLD,MD,HN,JM,PTS,CMO); 1, South Junction c.g., 28 May WAS (DH)

**Horned Lark**

common, 1+, Fox Valley, 16 Mar GRA (JAC,BW,MGW,TW); common, Chickahominy Res., 11 Apr HAR (AR); fledgling, Sherman County, 10 May SHE (MLF)

**Tree Swallow**

1, Klamath Falls, 16 Mar KLA (fide KS); 1+, Mt. Vernon, John Day, 16-17 Mar GRA (TH,CMO); 20, Moon Cr., 24 Mar GRA (MLF); 1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 11 Apr DES (AR); many, Benson Pond, Malheur NWR, 15 Apr HAR (AR)

**Violet-green Swallow**

1, Clarno, 10 Mar WHE (MLF); flock, Fossil, 14 Mar WHE (BS); 1, Sheep Rock, 23 Mar GRA (MLF); flock, Prineville, 31 Mar CRO (CG); 1+, Chickahominy Res., 11 Apr HAR (AR)

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow**

2, Prineville s.p., 31 Mar CRO (CG); first 1, Wood River Ranch, 3 Apr KLA (KS); 1+, Bates, 13 Apr GRA (CMO); 1, Moro s.p., 3 May SHE (MLF)

**Bank Swallow**

many, Peach Rd., 9 May UNI (JW); 200, E of Spray, 11 May WHE (PTS); 1, Township Rd., 17 May KLA (PTS); several, Picture Gorge, 17 May GRA (MLF); 1+, The Dalles, 18-25 May WAS (HN,DJL); 10, Hwy. 20, Deschutes R., 25 May DES (JLS); 6, Malheur NWR, 26-27 May HAR (PTS,CMO)

**Cliff Swallow**

flock, mouth Deschutes R., 2 Apr WAS/SHE (DB)

**Barn Swallow**

common

**Gray Jay**

uncommon in forested areas, none reported

**Steller's Jay**

common

**Blue Jay**

1, Darr Rd., winter - Apr UNI (SIR)

**Scrub Jay**

2, *Spray*, 2-30 Mar WHE (DAA,CCJS); 1, *near Fossil*, Mar WHE (BS,DL,et al); 2, Memaloose rest area, 9 Mar WAS (MLF); 2, Bend, 10 Mar DES (DH,PYM); 1-4, *Moro*, 13 Apr - 3 May SHE (PTS,MLF); 15, Lakeshore Dr., Klamath Falls, 18 & 19 May KLA (PTS)

**Pinyon Jay**

2, Rd 63, E of Green Ridge, 28 Apr JEF (PTS); 8, Metolius Arm, Lk. Billy Chinook, 3 May JEF (PTS) (*mobbing an adult Bald Eagle, with Mt. Jefferson as a backdrop!*)

**Clark's Nutcracker**

8, Ochoco Pass, 6 Apr WHE (PTS,JM); 2, Idlewild c.g., 12 Apr HAR (AR)

**Black-billed Magpie**

nest, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 15 Apr HAR (AR); 2 carrying food, Twin Lks., 3 May SHE (MLF)

**American Crow**

common

**Common Raven**

3 young in nest, S of Grass Valley, 3 May SHE (MLF)

**Black-capped Chickadee**

2, Deschutes R. Crossing, 10 May JEF (DAA)

**Mountain Chickadee**

2+, Shelton Wayside St.Pk., 20 Apr WHE (MLF); 6, SW of Lonerock, 4 May WHE (MLF)

**Plain Titmouse**

1, Klamath R. canyon, 17 May KLA (PTS)

**Bushtit**

This species appeared in numbers in *Wheeler County* after an absence of several years.

1, Pine Creek Rd., 10 Mar WHE (DJL,DAA); 3, Antone & Twickenham, 30 Mar WHE (CC,JS); 2 nest, Deschutes canyon, 15 Mar WAS (PTS); 1 nesting, Aspen Lk. Rd., 3 Apr KLA (KS); 1 pair nesting, N of Fossil, 13 Apr WHE (DAA,CC,JS); 1 pair, Lonerock,

4 May GIL (MLF); 2, Butte Cr. Rd., 11 May WHE (CC,JS)

**Red-breasted Nuthatch**

several, Shelton Wayside St.Pk., 20 Apr WHE (MLF); several, SW of Lonerock, 4 May WHE (MLF)

**White-breasted Nuthatch**

1, Joseph, 20 Mar WAL (AH)

**Pygmy Nuthatch**

1+, Bear Valley, March GRA (JLB); 1 pair excavating nest, Rowe Cr. Rd., 7 Apr WHE (DJL); several, Indian Ford Rd., 11 Apr DES (AR); 2 nesting, Tumalo St.Pk., 11-28 Apr DES (AR,DH,JM,PTS); several, SW of Lonerock, 4 May WHE (MLF)

**Brown Creeper**

1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 8 May GRA (BH); 1, Bear Valley, 19 May GRA (fide TW); 1, Idlewild c.g., 27 May HAR (JLS)

**Rock Wren**

4, Clarno, Spray, 10 Mar - 19 Apr WHE (MLF); 1+, Lower Bridge, 4 May DES (DH,PYM); 1, *high in tree* at Malheur NWR hqtrs., 26 May HAR (JLS)

**Canyon Wren**

1-2, Clarno, 10-25 Mar WHE (MLF); 4, Deschutes canyon, 15 Mar WAS (PTS); 1+, Lower Bridge, 4 May DES (DH,PYM); 1, Page Springs c.g., 26 May HAR (JLS)

**Bewick's Wren**

1, *Twickenham*, 29 Mar - 6 Apr WHE (CC,JS,DJL); 1, mouth of Deschutes R., 3 May WAS (MLF); 1, S of Biggs, 3 May SHE (MLF); 1, near Richmond, 11 May WHE (DC)

**House Wren**

2, DeMoss county park, 3-20 May SHE (MLF)

**Winter Wren**

regular in forested areas

**Marsh Wren**

common in southern part of the region

**American Dipper**

1, Suttle Lk. outlet, 10 May JEF (PTS)

**Golden-crowned Kinglet**

several, Grass Valley, 10 May SHE (MLF)

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet**

2, Clarno, 25 Mar WHE (MLF); 1, N of Sisters, 16 Apr DES (AR); several, Condon, 4 May GIL (MLF); 1, DeMoss county park, 10 May SHE (MLF)

**Western Bluebird**

1, John Day, Bear Valley, 8-16 Mar GRA (CEG,TH,CMO,LEH,MJH,TW); 12, W of Fossil, Service, 10 Mar - 20 Apr WHE (MLF); 3, Kimberly & Moon Cr., 24 Mar GRA (MLF); 2, S of Condon, 25 Mar GIL (MLF); 2 nesting, Indian Ford Rd., 11 Apr DES (AR); 2, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 5 May HAR (TJ); 1, Black Butte Ranch, 25 May DES (JLS); 1 at nest, N of Ochoco r.s., 28 Mar CRO (JLS)

**Mountain Bluebird**

3, Silvies Valley, Long Creek, Bear Valley, 5-14 Mar GRA (JLB,TH,TW); 3, Clarno, 10 Mar WHE (MLF); few, Cold Camp Rd., 23 Mar WAS (MLF); 1, Glass Butte, 11 Apr LAK (AR); 3, Lonerock Rd., 4 May GIL (MLF); 19, N of Spray, 11 May WHE (PTS,JM) (*1 partial albino: white on crown, throat, primaries, and outer tail feathers — otherwise, bright blue, a striking bird!!*)

**Townsend's Solitaire**

1, Billy Fields c.g., 21 Apr GRA (MLF); many, John Daylowlands, Mar SHE/WHE/GRA (MLF); few, John Daylowlands, 20 Apr SHE/WHE/GRA (MLF)

**Swainson's Thrush**

1, Fields, 19 May HAR (MLD,MD); 1, Abbot Cr., 25 May JEF (PTS)

#### **Hermit Thrush**

1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 7 May GRA (BH); 1, DeMoss county park, 3-10 May SHE (MLF); 1, Malheur NWR, 12 May HAR (CMO)

#### **American Robin** common

#### **Varied Thrush**

1, Canyon Cr., 1 Mar GRA (LEH); 1, La Grande, 2 Mar UNI (CA); 1, S of Shaniko, 25 Mar WAS (MLF); 1, Bear Wallow c.g., 29-31 Mar WHE (CC,JS); 1, Grass Valley, 20 Apr SHE (PTS); 1, Indian Rock lookout, 2 May GRA (BH); 1, Fields, 19 May HAR (MLD,MD)

#### **Gray Catbird**

1, Rhinehart, 1 Apr UNI (TR); 1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 25 May HAR (AC et al)

#### **Sage Thrasher**

1, Horse Butte area, 19 Mar DES (DH); 2, Cold Camp Rd., 23 Mar WAS (MLF); 1+, Malheur NWR, 25-31 Mar HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW,TW,CMO); 2, Kent area, 9-10 May SHE (PTS,MLF); 7, Glass Butte, 25 May LAK (PTS,JM); 8, Burns area, Malheur NWR, 25-31 May HAR (PTS,JM,CMO)

#### **American Pipit**

1, Joseph, 10 Apr WAL (FSC); 40, NE Sherman County, 19 Apr SHE (PTS); 1+, Johnson Rd., Alfalfa, 19 Apr DES (DH); 3, N of Fossil, 4 May WHE (MLF)

#### **Cedar Waxwing**

3, Tumalo St.Pk., 16 Apr DES (AR); 10, Memaloose rest area, 23 Mar WAS (MLF); 4, Klamath R. canyon, 17 May KLA (PTS)

#### **Northern Shrike**

several, Sherman County, 10-15 Mar SHE (MLF,PTS); 2, N of Fossil, Painted Hills, 10-23 Mar WHE (MLF); 1, near Antelope, 24 Mar WAS (DJL); 1+, Burns, 25 Mar HAR (BW,GW,MGW,MAW,TW)

#### **Loggerhead Shrike**

2, Summerville, Ladd Marsh, 8 Mar - 5 Apr UNI (SO,CA,JW); 1, Bear Valley, 17 Mar GRA (MJH,BK); 1-2, singing, Painted Hills, 29 Mar - 7 Apr WHE (CC,JS,PTS,JM,DJL); 1 carrying food, Lower Lake Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 1, Clark Cr., 28 Apr UNI (TR); 3, Sherman County, 3-10 May SHE (MLF); 1, Service Cr., 22 May WHE (CMO); 3, Malheur NWR, 26 May HAR (JLS)

#### **European Starling**

common

#### **Solitary Vireo**

1, Wickiup Res., 4 May DES (PTS,JM); 3, Fields, 197 May HAR (MLD,MD); 1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 19 May HAR (MLD,MD); 1-2 *plumbeous* race, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 24 May HAR (TJ,HN,TK,JG); 1, S. Fk. John Day R., 26 May GRA (BH,CEG)

#### **Hutton's Vireo**

1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 5-12 May HAR (CMO,DL,MH,DE,JES)

#### **Warbling Vireo**

1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 2-4 May DES (DH); 5, Deschutes St.Pk., 9 May SHE (PTS); several, DeMoss county park & Grass Valley, 10 May SHE (MLF); 5, Fields, 19 May HAR (MLD,MD); several, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 25 May HAR (HN); 1, S. Fk. John Day R., 26 May GRA (BH,CEG)

#### **TENNESSEE WARBLER**

1, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., 27 May HAR (AC,PTS,JM,JLS,TJ,HN,mob)

#### **Orange-crowned Warbler**

1, Lonerock, 4 May GIL (MLF); several, DeMoss county park & Grass Valley, 10 May SHE (MLF); 1, Fields, 19 May HAR (MLD,MD)

#### **Nashville Warbler**

1, Tygh Valley, 21 Apr WAS (DJL,DC); 1, Willow Cr. WMA, 25 Apr GIL (DF); 1, Mt. Vernon, 26 Apr GRA (ANF); 1, Malheur NWR, 26 Apr HAR (CMO); 1, W of Kimberly, 3 May WHE (CC,JS); 1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 2-4 May DES (DH); 2, Deschutes St.Pk., Grass Valley, 9-10 May SHE (PTS,MLF); 1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 26 May HAR (JLS)

#### **Yellow Warbler**

6 Fields, 30 Apr HAR (M); 1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 2-4 May DES (DH); 1+, Union County, 4 May UNI (JW); several, DeMoss county park & Grass Valley, 10 May SHE (MLF); several, E of Kimberly, 10 May GRA (MLF)

#### **Yellow-rumped Warbler**

50, Wickiup Res., 21 Apr DES (DH,PYM); 1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 2-4 May DES (DH); 200, Wickiup Res., 4 May DES (PTS,JM); 100, Ft. Klamath area, 17 May KLA (PTS)

#### **Black-throated Gray Warbler**

1, Klamath R. canyon, 17 May KLA (PTS); 1, Fields, 19 May HAR (MLD,MD); 1, Green Ridge, 25 May JEF (PTS); 1, Horse Ridge canyon, 25 May DES (JLS); 1, Page Springs c.g., 26 May HAR (JLS); 2, S. Fk. John Day R., Picture Gorge, 26-28 May GRA (BH,CEG,JLS)

#### **Townsend's Warbler**

1, Summerville, 18 Mar UNI (GP); 1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 2-4 May DES (DH); 2, Deschutes St.Pk., 9 May SHE (PTS); few, in sage, 10 May GIL (DJL,DC,PB); 20, Ft. Klamath area, 17 May KLA (PTS); 10, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., 26-31 May HAR (PTS,JM,CMO)

#### **BLACKPOLL WARBLER**

1 male, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 20-25 May HAR (PHB,AC,TJ,mob); 1 female, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 27 May HAR (BC)

#### **American Redstart**

1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 31 May HAR (CMO)

#### **MacGillivray's Warbler**

1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 2-4 May DES (DH); 1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 15 May GRA (BH); 15, Abbot Cr., 25 May JEF (PTS); 1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 27 May HAR (JLS)

#### **Common Yellowthroat**

1, mouth of Deschutes R., 3 May WAS (MLF); 1, W of Rufus, 9 May SHE (PTS)

#### **Wilson's Warbler**

1+, Tumalo St.Pk., 2-4 May DES (DH); 2+, Deschutes St.Pk., DeMoss county park & Grass Valley, 9-10 May SHE (PTS,MLF); 1, Middle Fk. John Day R., 14 May GRA (BH); 22+, Fields, 18-19 May HAR (MD,MLD); 1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., 27 May HAR (CMO)

#### **Yellow-breasted Chat**

1, Page Springs c.g., 19 May HAR (MLD,MD); 1, E of Milton-Freewater, 25 May UMA (MD,MLD); several, Hwy 216 near Deschutes R., 27 May WAS (DJL); 1, South Junction c.g., 28 May WAS (DH)

#### **Western Tanager**

several, Sherman County, 9-10 May SHE (PTS,MLF); 18, Klamath R. canyon, 17 May KLA (PTS)

#### **Black-headed Grosbeak**

several, John Day valley, 10-16 May GRA (CMO,BH,AS,PSS); 1, La Grande, 10-11 May UNI

(BCD,SO); several, E of Kimberly, 17 May GRA (MLF); 20, Klamath R. canyon, 17 May KLA (PTS)

#### **Lazuli Bunting**

1, Canyon City, 12 Apr GRA (CEG); 15 at feeder, Union, 30 Apr UNI (BCD,FV,DJE,JC); 1 female, DeMoss county park, 10 May SHE (MLF); 1, John Day valley, 3-12 May GRA (PSS,BH); 1 singing, John Day R., 17 May WHE (MLF); 1 singing, E of Kimberly, 17 May GRA (MLF); 3 singing, E of Milton-Freewater, 25 May UMA (MD,MLD)

#### **Green-tailed Towhee**

1, Pine Grove, 21 Apr WAS (DJL,DC); 5, Ft. Klamath & Klamath R. canyon, 17 May KLA (PTS); 6, Green Ridge, 25 May JEF (PTS)

#### **Spotted Towhee (formerly Rufous-sided)**

found across the region

#### **California Towhee**

1, Moore Pk., Klamath Falls, 11-17 May KLA (KS,PTS)

#### **Chipping Sparrow**

1 early, Swamp Cr., 27 Mar WAL (FSC); 1, John Day, 8 Apr GRA (CMO); few, Lonerock Rd., 4 May GIL (MLF); 1, Tygh Valley, 21 Apr WAS (DJL,DC)

#### **BLACK-CHINNED SPARROW**

1, Glass Butte, 25 May LAK (CG) (not found the next week)

#### **Brewer's Sparrow**

2, Joseph, 22 Apr WAL (FSC)

#### **Vesper Sparrow**

1, Foothill Rd., 21 Mar UNI (JW); 1, S of Grass Valley, 23 Mar SHE (MLF); 10, W of Kent, 13 Apr SHE (PTS); 1, Bear Valley, 28 May GRA (JLS); 1, Ladd Marsh, 28 Apr UNI (JW)

#### **Lark Sparrow**

1, Antone Rd., 30 Mar WHE (CC,JS); 1, Malheur NWR, 12 May GRA (CMO); 1, Cottonwood Cr., 18 May HAR (MLD,MD); 26, Fields, 19 May HAR (MLD,MD)

#### **Black-throated Sparrow**

1, near Hampton, 13-31 May DES (DB,TJ,SR,PTS)

#### **Sage Sparrow**

1, Horse Butte area, 19 Mar DES (DH); 1, Glass Butte, 25 May LAK (PTS,JM); 1, near Hampton, 31 May DES (PTS)

#### **Savannah Sparrow**

50, Wickiup Res., 4 May DES (PTS,JM); 2, Deschutes St.Pk., 9 May SHE (PTS)

#### **Grasshopper Sparrow**

1, E of Moro, 18 May SHE (DB)

#### **Fox Sparrow**

1 *schistacea* race, near John Day, 28 May GRA (JLS)

#### **Song Sparrow**

common

#### **Lincoln's Sparrow**

1, Monkland, 19 Apr SHE (MLF); 2, Spray, 19 Apr WHE (MLF); 1, Malheur NWR, 26 Apr HAR (CMO); 2, Tumalo St.Pk., 28 Apr DES (PTS,JM); 1, Lonerock Rd., 4 May GIL (MLF); 1, John Day, 5 May GRA (BH); 1, Moore Park., Klamath Falls, 11 May KLA (KS); 3, Abbot Cr., 25 May JEF (PTS); 1, N of Ochoco r.s., 28 May CRO (JLS)

#### **White-throated Sparrow**

1, Spray, 11 Feb - 9 MAR WHE (PTS,JM,CC,JS,DJL, DAA,IW,PM) (*first or second county record*); 1, Grass Valley, 9 May SHE (PTS)

#### **Golden-crowned Sparrow**

4, Sherman County, 19 Apr SHE (PTS); 5, Moro s.p., 3 May SHE (MLF); 20, Sherman County, 9 May SHE (PTS); 1+, Union County, 12 May UNI (JC)

**White-crowned Sparrow**

100, Sherman County, 13 Apr SHE (PTS); 150, Sherman County, 19 & 20 Apr SHE (PTS); many, *gambelii* race, N central OR, 19-21 Apr WAS/SHE/WHE/GRA (MLF); 10, Sherman County, 9 May SHE (PTS)

**Harris' Sparrow**

1, Malheur NWR hqtrs., winter - Apr HAR (RV); 1, Summer Lake, winter - Apr LAK (CM); 1, E of John Day, 21 Mar GRA (CEG); 1, Bend, 30 Apr DES (DH,PYM)

**Dark-eyed Junco**

common

**Bobolink**

1, N of Ukiab, 13-17 May UMA (KK,MLD,MD) (*a new location?*); 2, N of P Ranch, Malheur NWR, 18 May HAR (MD,MLD); 4, Diamond Rd., 26 May HAR (PTS,JM); 2, Malheur NWR, 26-31 May HAR (PTS,JM,CMO)

**Red-winged Blackbird**

several displaying, Hay Cr. canyon, 9 Mar SHE (MLF); several displaying, Fossil, 9 Mar WHE (MLF)

**Tricolored Blackbird**

2, Painted Cove, 10 Mar WHE (LW,PM); 2, Wamic, 17 Mar & 21 Apr WAS (DJL,DC); 60, Painted Cove, 6 Apr WHE (PTS,JM); 20, Bridge Cr., 6 Apr WHE (DJL); 100, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 100, Barnes Butte Res, 21 May CRO (JM,DK,mob); 75 plus young, Painted Cove, 11 May WHE (DJL,PB)

**Western Meadowlark**

common

**Yellow-headed Blackbird**

1+, Malheur NWR, 31 Mar HAR (CMO); 12, Waterman Flat, 6 Apr WHE (JM,PTS); 1+, Johnson Rd., Alfalfa, 11 Apr DES (DH); several, Burns, 12-15 Apr HAR (AR); 1, Wamic, 13 Apr WAS (DJL); 1, Brothers rest area, 15 Apr DES (AR); 5-25, Buether Rd., 20 Apr - 9 May SHE (PTS); many, Wamic, 21 Apr WAS (DJL,DC); 3, Township Rd., 27 Apr KLA (KS); 12, Twin Lakes, 3-10 May SHE (MLF,PTS); 30, Kopke Rd., 9 May SHE (PTS); 2, Ukiab s.p., 17 May UMA (MLD,MD)

**Brewer's Blackbird**

big flock, Brothers rest area, 15 Apr DES (AR); several courting, Moon Cr., 21 Apr GRA (MLF)

**GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE**

1, Malheur NWR Hqtrs., Apr-27 May HAR (RV,MD,MLD,JLS,mob)

**Brown-headed Cowbird**

1+, Malheur NWR, 31 Mar HAR (CMO)

**HOODED ORIOLE**

1, Bend yard, 2 May DES (PYM) (Photographed on same date, same yard as 1995.)

**Bullock's Oriole**

1, Deschutes St.Pk., 9 May SHE (PTS); 2, Ladd Marsh & La Grande, 10 May UNI (BCD,JW); 6, Ft. Klamath area, 17 May KLA (PTS); several, E of Kimberly, 17 May GRA (MLF); 8, Lakeshore Dr., Klamath Falls, 19 May KLA (PTS)

**Pine Grosbeak**

1, near Starkey, 29 Mar UNI (CH); 2, NE of Chemult, 6 Apr KLA (AF)

**Purple Finch**

1, N of Sisters, 16 Apr DES (AR); 1, John Day, Apr GRA (TH)

**Cassin's Finch**

common

**House Finch**

common

**Red Crossbill**

regular in forested areas

**Common Redpoll**

1, seen at close quarters, Canyon Cr., 24 May GRA (LEH)

**Pine Siskin**

20, Fossil, 10 Mar WHE (MLF); 3, Grass Valley, 15 Mar SHE (PTS)

**Lesser Goldfinch**

1, Grass Valley, 13 Apr SHE (PTS); 1, Spray, 10 May WHE (DJL); 50 (2 with black backs), Frenchglen, 23 May HAR (JG,TK, et al); 4, Page Springs, 26 May HAR (PTS,JM); 10, Fields, 26 May HAR (JLS)

**American Goldfinch**

1+, DeMoss County park, 10 May SHE (MLF); many, E of Kimberly, 17 May GRA (MLF)

**Evening Grosbeak**

many, Grande Ronde Valley, Mar - May UNI (JW,SIR,SO,BCD,LM,DJE,CA,FV); several, Sisters, 11 Apr DES (AR); 3, Moro, 20 Apr - 10 May SHE (PTS,MLF)

**House Sparrow**

common

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**Corrigenda****Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch**

The record of Black Rosy-Finch from Indian Rock, 8 October 1994, reported at OB 21(2): 63, Summer 1995, attributed to CEG, should have been Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch.

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Below: Great-tailed Grackle, 31 May 1996, the male bird at Malheur NWR headquarters, Harney Co., who preferred sitting on cars when not hiding out. Photo/Owen Schmidt. Car/Jack Kiley.



Above and below: Blackpoll Warbler, male, at Malheur NWR headquarters, Harney Co., 25 May 1996. Photos/Tim Janzen.





*Hooded Oriole, 2 May 1996, in the photographer's front yard near downtown Bend, Deschutes Co. "The interesting thing about this is that on 2 May 1995, a mature male Hooded Oriole stopped in my yard! Unfortunately, I didn't realize the importance of getting photos and all I got was one lousy one." Photos/Patty Meehan.*



*Red Phalarope, 19 May 1996, on the small pond between the P-Ranch turnoff and the first bridge near Page Springs, Harney Co. "This bird was located by Michael Willison at about 12:30 pm, we refound it at about 4:00 pm, and watched it until 4:45 pm. Spectacular bird!" Photo/Mike Denny.*



# FIELDNOTES: Western Oregon, Spring 1996

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The weather played a major role in not only this spring migration but also in where wintering waterfowl occurred. Scaup in particular were widely dispersed away from the Columbia River and onto small ponds in the north end of the Willamette Valley, especially Sauvies Island. On the other hand, geese were pushed off the island due to flooded fields and moved over to Scappoose Bottoms and elsewhere in the Willamette Valley. The reason for both changes, of course, was the massive flooding that occurred in the Columbia River drainage and throughout the region. Several strong storm systems moved through our region creating challenges for migrants. In early March it changed from cold conditions with snow at low elevations to unseasonably warm. This allowed the beginning push north by passerines. Then several more storm systems alternately slowed then hurried migration. A strong storm April 23 was preceded by 1 1/2 weeks of unseasonably cold and very wet weather. After the storm broke a huge northward movement took place, especially along the coast. In mid-May, cold and wet weather had a very noticeable affect on passerines. At Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, it actually created a fall-out with hundreds of warblers, vireos and flycatchers grounded until the inclement weather abated. Despite all of this, arrival dates for most species were as expected.

Abbreviations used in this report include:

Co.	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

The peak of the migration was observed 30 April when >10,000 in two hours moved past Bailey Beach just north of the Rouge River, Curry Co. (CD, JB).

## Yellow-billed Loon

Two of this almost annual rarity were seen this spring. 1 was in Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 16 March (SD, WT) and 1 was at Waldport, Lincoln Co., 17 March (CLu).

## Horned Grebe

Uncommon away from the coast, 1 was at the Forest Grove S.P., Washington Co., 31 March (DL).

## Eared Grebe

Uncommon to rare in interior western valleys, several were noted this spring. 3 were at Baskett Slough N.W.R., Polk Co., 1 March (WT), 8 were south of Philomath, Benton Co., 16 March (JS, HH), 1 was at Ankeny N.W.R., Marion Co., 15 April (TS) and 1 was there 27 April (AC).

## Western Grebe

This species returned to Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., for the fifth year in a row and were seen performing courtship displays on 24 May (TM). Elsewhere, 15 were on Hagg Lake, Washington Co., 31

March (DL), 1 was on Foster Lake, Linn Co., 11 May (AM) and 6 were on Sauvies Island, Multnomah Co., 22 May (DB).

## Clark's Grebe

Only 1 was seen in western Oregon this spring. It was at the mouth of the Rouge River, Curry Co., throughout March and April (CD, JB).

## Black-footed Albatross

Numbers are typically low prior to April, so only seeing 1 on the pelagic trip 16 March out of Newport, Lincoln Co., was not a surprise (GG). The pelagic trip out of Newport 11 May observed 69, not an unusual number for May (GG).

## Northern Fulmar

Numbers remained low throughout the period. 12 were seen out of Newport 16 March and only 4 were seen out of Newport 11 May (GG).

## Sooty Shearwater

This is a species that is one of the most abundant seabirds from May through September, sometimes numbering in the tens of thousands. So it was very surprising to see such reduced numbers this past spring. 30 were seen out of Newport 16 March and only 370 were seen out of Newport 11 May (GG).

## Short-tailed Shearwater

This species occurs in greatest numbers in winter and is not often seen after January. Between 2 and 5 were seen out of Newport 16 March (GG, TJ).

## Leach's Storm-Petrel

The only report this spring was of 53 that washed up along Clatsop Beach, Clatsop Co., following the storm of 23 April (MP).

## Brown Pelican

The first in our region was seen 10 April flying north past Cape Arago, Coos Co., (HN), and by 4 May 1 was at the S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co., (GL).

## American Bittern

Many were reported from throughout the region in appropriate habitat (m.ob.). 7 were heard and seen at Cedar Canyon Marsh, Washington Co., an especially good local for this species (DL, m.ob.). 1 was at the Township Road Swale east of Canby 9 May through 11 May for Clackamas Co.'s second record (SD, TJ, ES).

## Snowy Egret

7 or 8 were along the lower Winchuck River, Curry Co., 11 May (DMu). The southern coast of Curry Co. is the only area in our region where one can reasonably expect to see this species.

## Cattle Egret

Only 1 was seen this spring. It was first observed at Lily Lake north of Florence, Lane Co., 7 and 8 May (Dave Brown, et al.) and was seen there again 16 May (BST, ZSt).

## Green Heron

Several were reported from various locations throughout the region during April, the primary month for spring migration (m.ob.).

## Black-crowned Night-Heron

Coastal Curry Co. is one of the few locations in western Oregon where one can reasonably expect to see this species. Again this spring, 4 to 5 were at

the mouth of the Chetco River 19 May (DMu).

## White-faced Ibis

A vagrant in western Oregon, Curry Co. tallied three sightings this spring. An amazing 35 to 40 were observed flying north at Harbor 18 May (DMu), 6 were seen the next day at Pistol River (DMu) and 16 were at the mouth of the Winchuck River 20 May (AB).

## Greater White-fronted Goose

Again this year, flocks were seen migrating west over the Willamette Valley and Coast Range 24 April to 6 May (TM). The movement was especially heavy after the storm on 23 April (HN, m.ob.).

## Ross' Goose

A vagrant to western Oregon, 4 were seen this spring. 1 was at Roseburg, Douglas Co., 5 and 14 March (David Wendt, TJ), 1 was at Scappoose Bottoms, Columbia Co., 7 March (HN) and 1 was at Baskett Slough N.W.R., Polk Co., 4 April (VT) and 4 May (SD).

## Emperor Goose

A rarity in Oregon, a very cooperative bird spent the entire period at various locations in Troutdale, Multnomah Co., (Ann Oliver, RKe, m.ob.).

## Brant

The apparent height of migration was 28 March, when 40-75 per half hour were seen flying past Cape Lookout, Tillamook Co. (BS).

## Blue-winged Teal

Small numbers were reported with the first seen being 2 at Willsonville, Clackamas Co., 11 April (PS).

## Cinnamon Teal

2 at Meares Lake, Tillamook Co., 31 March were the first this spring (Margaret Tweelinckx).

## Northern Shoveler

There are only one or two confirmed breeding records for western Oregon, so the two records this spring are significant. A family group was seen near Molalla S.P., Clackamas Co., 19 May (SD) and two family groups were observed in a flooded area 1 mile north of Forest Grove 27 May for Washington Co.'s first confirmed nesting (GG). Perhaps the flooded fields that resulted from this past winter and spring floods were advantageous for this species.

## Redhead

The 5 at the south end of Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., 29 May (Greg Cleary) were there a little later than expected.

## Tufted Duck

This species is becoming an annual occurrence. 1 was at Meares Lake, Tillamook Co., 24 March (Kelly Bettinger) and 1 was on Sauvies Island, Multnomah Co., 27 March to 16 April (Bob Sundstrom, m.ob.).

## Oldsquaw

The bird that spent most of the winter at the mouth of the Siuslaw River, Lane Co., was last seen 24 March (RKe). Another was on Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 30 April (PN, m.ob.).

## Barrow's Goldeneye

Quite unusual anywhere in western Oregon, 3 seen

this spring. 2 were at Pacific City, Tillamook Co., 28 March (BS) and a female was at the mouth of the Siltcoos River, Lane Co., 30 March (BSt, ZSt).

#### **Turkey Vulture**

1 was at Astoria on the early date of 2 March (MP). The next one seen was on Sauvies Island, Multnomah Co., 21 March, (HN) a more expected date. Heavy northward movements were noted throughout April (HN).

#### **Osprey**

Most returned to their nesting sites throughout the region by mid-March, as expected (m.ob.).

#### **White-tailed Kite**

There were only three reports of this species. I'm not sure if observers didn't see them or saw them and didn't report them. It could also be a fluctuation in their abundance cycle. 1 was at Jerry's Flat, Curry Co., 17 March (CD, JB), a pair was along the lower Winchuck River, Curry Co., 21 April (DMu) and 1 was near Sutherlin, Douglas Co., 11 May (Katherine Wilson).

#### **Bald Eagle**

A pair nested on Ross Island near downtown Portland, Multnomah Co., and created much excitement for city dwellers (HN, m.ob.).

#### **Red-shoulder Hawk**

Very rare in the Willamette Valley, 1 was on Sauvies Island, Multnomah Co., 23 March (Carla Almaraz).

#### **Ferruginous Hawk**

A vagrant to western Oregon and one of only a few spring records, 1 was on Sauvies Island, Multnomah Co., 31 March (TK, JG). It was around for only a short time and could not be relocated.

#### **Sandhill Crane**

The apparent peak of migration was the third week of March when >2500 were on Sauvies Island, Multnomah and Columbia Cos., (DB, HN). A pair was on a nest in Little Crater Meadow, Clackamas Co., 18 May (Char Corkran fide DL).

#### **Shorebirds**

Total numbers observed in the Willamette Valley were very low and the lowest ever for the Willamette Valley Shorebird Census (TM). It is possible the low numbers observed was due to the wet spring and winter that created many flooded fields which served to disburse the birds over a much larger area. Also, shorebirding on Sauvies Island was severely limited due to the extensive damage suffered in the spring and winter floods. Sightings along the coast were as expected, however. The strong storm that hit Oregon 23 April was followed by a major push north by many birds. A curiosity occurred when very strong northwest winds grounded large numbers of shorebirds along Curry County's normally shorebird-starved beaches. Hundreds were actually walking north along the beaches during the prolonged winds! (DMu, CD).

#### **Black-bellied Plover**

There were few reports this spring. 8 were at Ankeny N.W.R., Marion Co., 27 April (AC), a flock of about 20 was at Baskett Slough N.W.R. through April (WT, m.ob.) and 12 were on the beaches of Curry Co. 29 and 30 April (CD).

#### **American Golden Plover**

Very unusual in the spring, a well described male in breeding plumage was on the beach near Waldport, Lincoln Co., on the early date of 28 April (DF, details).

#### **Snowy Plover**

4 were on Bayocean Spit, Tillamook Co., in May and the observer feels it is likely they were nesting (JJ).

#### **Semipalmated Plover**

Very good numbers of this common migrant were seen. 307 were on Clatsop Beach, Clatsop Co., 27 April (MP) and 300 were at the S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co., 5 May (MP). 200+ were on Curry Co. beaches 29 and 30 April (CD).

#### **Black-necked Stilt**

Rare in western Oregon, 3 were seen this spring. 2 were at Kirtland Road S.P., Jackson Co., 7 April (DMu) and 1 was at Ankeny N.W.R., Marion Co., 15 April (TS).

#### **American Avocet**

1 was at the Township Road Swale near Canby 30 April for a Clackamas Co. first (TS, TJ) and one was near Astoria, Clatsop Co., 11 May (MP).

#### **Greater Yellowlegs**

50 were at a pond west of Canby, Clackamas Co., 1 April (TJ, ES). 170 at Finley N.W.R., Benton Co., 7 April was a very large number for one location (MH).

#### **Lesser Yellowlegs**

As expected, this species was reported in small numbers. The most seen was 9 at Banks, Washington Co., 4 May (DM).

#### **Solitary Sandpiper**

This was a good spring for this species with many reported during the expected migration "window" of 10 April to the 10 May (m.ob.).

#### **Whimbrel**

There were reports from the entire length of the coast (m.ob.). The high count was 350 at a favored location in Tillamook Co. near the Tillamook Cheese Factory 4 May (Bruce Harrison). While common along the coast, they are unusual inland. 2 were at the Township Road Swale 7 April (ES, Darlene Philpott) for a Clackamas Co. first. 1 was also there 18 May (TS).

#### **Long-billed Curlew**

Unusual in western Oregon and especially so inland, 1 was at Baskett Slough N.W.R., Polk Co., 8 April (Georges Kleinbaum, Virgil Evans). 1 was at Bandon, Coos Co., 4 May (Edwin Dale) and 1 was at Tillamook Bay, Tillamook Co., 19 May (JJ). Curry Co. observers were busy tallying 5 sightings in late April and early May (CD, JB, MS, DMu, Elizabeth Irle).

#### **Marbled Godwit**

This species is an uncommon spring migrant and the numbers reported usually reflect that. 1 was at the S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co., 13 April (MP), 1 was in a pasture with Whimbrel in Tillamook, Tillamook Co., 11 May (SJ, GL) and 5 were at Idaho Flats on Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 11 and 12 May (JS).

#### **Ruddy Turnstone**

This species passed through in the usual small numbers during its migration "window" of late April and early May. A vagrant inland, 1 was at the Kirtland Road S.P., Jackson Co., 24 April (HS).

#### **Red Knot**

Most were noted between mid-April and mid-May as expected (m.ob.) with the high count being 49 at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, Lane Co., 4 May (RKe).

#### **Sanderling**

This abundant transient along our coast is quite uncommon inland. 1 was east of Corvallis, Benton

Co., 4 May (Dave Eshbaugh) and 1 was at E.E. Wilson W.A., Benton Co., 14 May (Mark Nebeker).

#### **Western Sandpiper**

The high counts occurred 4 May when 22,000 were at S.J.C.R. and 3000 were on Young's Bay, Clatsop Co., (MP).

#### **Least Sandpiper**

500 at the S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co., 5 May (MP) was the high count this spring.

#### **Baird's Sandpiper**

This species is a rare spring migrant but was found in surprising numbers this year. 3 were south of Forest Grove, Washington Co., 7 April (Doug Kragh), 2 were at the Kirtland Road S.P., Jackson Co., 7 and 8 April (DMu, CB, Tom Phillips), 2 were south of Monmouth, Polk Co., 28 April (AC, HHI) and 1 was there 29 April (AM).

#### **Dunlin**

The high count was 20,000 at the S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co., 5 May (MP).

#### **Red-necked Phalarope**

The peak of the movement was the first week of May, as expected (m.ob.). Many were found inland this spring, apparently pushed in by storms, and the high count for our region came from near Eugene, Lane Co., where 100+ were seen 14 May (PSh). Over 100 dead were found in Port Orford 30 April by Alice Pfand.

#### **Red Phalarope**

Small numbers were reported from along the coast (m.ob.) but a surprising number were found inland, where this species is very rare. 1 was at the Kirtland Road S.P., Jackson Co., 14 May (HS), 1 was at the Cresswell S.P., Lane Co., 16 May (SN), 1 was at Diamond Lake, Douglas Co., 17 May (KG) and 1 was at Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., 20 May (TK).

#### **Long-tailed Jaeger**

1 sick, oil-soaked bird was near the Marine Science Center in Newport, Lincoln Co., for several days beginning 19 May (Roy Lowe, John Hamerstad).

#### **Heermann's Gull**

An early arrival was seen on 15 May at Waldport, Lincoln Co., (DF).

#### **Herring Gull**

Few reports were received but 100 was a fairly large concentration at the Pellet Plant on Sauvies Island, Multnomah Co., 2 March (GG), one of its favored locations.

#### **Glaucous Gull**

5 were on Sauvies Island, Multnomah Co., 9 March (Jim Weigant) and 1 was at Oceanside, Tillamook Co., 13 April (CL).

#### **Sabine's Gull**

3 were seen out of Newport, Lincoln Co., 14 May (GG). Very rare inland, 1 adult was at the Kirtland Road S.P., Jackson Co., 14 May (CB, Stewart Janes) and 1 was at Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., 19 and 20 May (RKe, TM, TK).

#### **Common Tern**

As expected, reports came from the end of April to the middle of May. 1 was at the S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co., 23 April (MP), 2 were at the mouth of the Chetco River, Curry Co., 6 May (CD, AD), 4 were seen out of Newport, Lincoln Co., 11 May (GG) and 12 were over Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 13 May (TJ, SR, DB).

#### **Arctic Tern**

The only report was of 7 out of Newport, Lincoln Co., 11 May (GG).

#### **Black Tern**

This species returned to nesting sites at Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., for the fifth year in a row and were first observed there 5 May (Liz Stepp). They were also nesting southeast of Corvallis, Benton Co., 12 May (Paul Adamus).

#### **Barred Owl**

A pair was observed in the Rouge River drainage, Curry Co., 22 March (CD, JB) and 1 was along Mill Cr., Curry Co., 25 April (CD). 1 was on the grounds of Reed College in Portland, Multnomah Co., from 4 April through the end of the period (Jimbo Beckman, Richard Forbes, m.ob.). 1 was in the same location as last year in Mary Young State Park in West Linn, Clackamas Co., 13 May (TJ, SR, DB).

#### **Long-eared Owl**

1 was near Detroit, Marion Co., 26 April (BB) and 1 was there 28 April (SD).

#### **Short-eared Owl**

1 surprised observers at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, Multnomah Co., 10 April as it flew high overhead (CL, GL).

#### **Northern Saw-whet Owl**

A pair utilized a nest box in Tryon Creek State Park, Multnomah Co., giving city dwellers an easy opportunity to see this species (Jim Norris).

#### **Common Nighthawk**

A migrant was over Eugene, Lane Co., 12 May (DH). This species is now becoming unusual in the Willamette Valley where it was once common.

#### **Black Swift**

1 was found injured in NE Portland, Multnomah Co., 15 May (Bob Salinger) and 2 were near North Plains, Washington Co., 22 May (Carol Guttman).

#### **Black-chinned Hummingbird**

A vagrant west of the Cascades, and only occasionally reported from the Rogue Valley, 1 was at Lynn Newbry Park, Jackson Co., 5 May (AF).

#### **COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD**

A rarity anywhere in Oregon, 3 visited western Oregon this spring; 1 spent the first two weeks of March at the feeders of Bob and Claudia Laws, Jackson Co., a male was at Mark Lundgren's feeders in SW Portland, Multnomah Co., for several days beginning 28 March and a male visited Gary Shaffer's feeders in White City, Jackson Co., 9 April.

#### **Calliope Hummingbird**

1 was at a feeder in Eugene, Lane Co., 18 April (Dick McCutchen) and 1 was seen at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, Multnomah Co., 16 May (JG).

#### **Broad-tailed Hummingbird**

Unusual in western Oregon, a male was at Gary Shaffer's feeders in White City, Jackson Co., 30 April.

#### **Allen's Hummingbird**

First noted 5 March in Harbor, Curry Co. (DMu).

#### **Lewis' Woodpecker**

Many reports were received this spring including reports of potentially new colonies (m.ob.). It is unclear if this species is currently experiencing an increase in population or if observers are looking more diligently for them. It certainly would be nice to see this species make a comeback in the Willamette Valley, where it once was a common bird.

#### **Olive-sided Flycatcher**

First noted 8 May along the Winchuck River, Curry Co., (DMu). There were many more reports this spring than in recent years, but it appears that this

species has undergone a fairly substantial decline in its population.

#### **Western Wood-Pewee**

First noted 8 March at Champoeg State Park, Marion Co. (SJo).

#### **Willow Flycatcher**

First noted 19 May at Fort Columbia State Park, Clatsop Co. (MP).

#### **Hammond's Flycatcher**

First noted 21 April at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, Multnomah Co. (GL).

#### **Dusky Flycatcher**

A rare transient west of the Cascades, for an unknown reason anywhere from 1 to several birds have been found at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, Multnomah Co. during each of the past several springs. This spring 1 was there 17 May (JG).

#### **Gray Flycatcher**

4 were at the Santiam Flats, Detroit Reservoir, Marion Co., 28 April (SD). 1 was near Jerry's Flat, Curry Co., 3 May (CD, MS, JB) fitting the established vagrancy pattern of late April and early May in Curry Co.

#### **Pacific-slope Flycatcher**

First noted 13 April along the Winchuck River, Curry Co. (DMu), by 20 April they were at Mt. Tabor in Portland, Multnomah Co. (RK).

#### **Say's Phoebe**

A rare migrant in western Oregon, a small movement occurred in early March. 1 was at Finley N.W.R., Benton Co., 9 March (Ted Regier), 1 was at Stewart Pond, Lane Co., 9 March (DW), 1 was at the end of Royal Ave., Lane Co., 10 March (Dave Jones), 1 was at Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 10 March (DF) and 2 were at Powell Butte Park in Gresham, Multnomah Co., 11 March (Wendy Stevens).

#### **Ash-throated Flycatcher**

A vagrant along the coast, 1 was along the lower Rogue River, Curry Co., 19 May (DMu).

#### **Western Kingbird**

This is another species that is an unusual transient in western Oregon but occurred in good numbers this spring. A total of 18 were reported (m.ob.).

#### **Horned Lark**

In the Willamette Valley, this species is a local nester in open fields with very short vegetation. It is usually seen in small numbers, even as a wintering species. Therefore, the 75-100 sighted along Greenhill Rd., Lane Co., 17 April (DH) is worthy of note.

#### **Purple Martin**

They arrived back in our region in mid-April and were at breeding colonies from mid-April to the beginning of May (m.ob.).

#### **Tree Swallow**

First noted 24 March at Astoria, Clatsop Co., (MP).

#### **Violet-green Swallow**

First noted 10 March at Astoria, Clatsop Co. (MP) and McMinnville, Yamhill Co. (FS).

#### **Rough-winged Swallow**

First noted 25 March at Roseburg, Douglas Co. (SR).

#### **Bank Swallow**

A rare transient west of the Cascades, when found it is typically in late April and May. 1 was at the Forest Grove S.P. 4 May (TL), 1 was in SE Portland, Multnomah Co., 22 May (Bob Wilson) and 2 were in Cresswell 24 May (SN) for Lane Co.'s second record.

#### **Cliff Swallow**

First noted 30 March in Astoria, Clatsop Co. (MP).

#### **Barn Swallow**

First noted 4 May in Hillsboro, Washington Co. (SJ).

#### **Plain Titmouse**

Very unusual away from the Rogue Valley, 1 was at Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., 24 May (Carol Lauderback fide HN).

#### **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**

Although not an unusual migrant, hundreds at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, Multnomah Co., 16 and 17 May were very impressive (JG, GL).

#### **Townsend's Solitaire**

Reported in slightly higher numbers this spring, the first was noted at Mt. Tabor Park, Portland, Multnomah Co., 10 April (GL).

#### **Swainson's Thrush**

First noted 20 April at Mt. Tabor Park, Portland, Multnomah Co. (RK), slightly earlier than normal.

#### **Hermit Thrush**

First noted 19 April when several were at Mt. Tabor Park, Portland, Multnomah Co. (JG).

#### **Northern Mockingbird**

Rare west of the Cascades, 4 were reported this spring. 1 was in Tigard, Washington Co., most of March (Paul King, DL, m.ob.), the bird that wintered in Alton Baker Park, Lane Co., was last seen 5 April (PSh), 1 was in NE Portland, Multnomah Co., for a few days beginning 19 May (PN) and 1 was in Scappoose, Columbia Co., 26 May (Henry Horvath).

#### **CALIFORNIA THRASHER**

Most intriguing is the report of a road-killed specimen that was found in the area between the 2 Table Rocks in Jackson Co. (HS). The specimen was found within 1 mile of appropriate habitat, but the location where it was found was not, being mostly irrigated cropland (personal communication with Stewart Jane). The specimen was turned into Southern Oregon State College and will be included in their vertebrate collection. If a report is turned into the Oregon Birds Record Committee and is accepted it would be the first confirmed record for Oregon.

#### **Solitary Vireo**

First noted 4 April in Salem (SD), slightly earlier than expected.

#### **Warbling Vireo**

First noted 27 April at Skinner's Butte, Eugene, Lane Co. (DH).

#### **Red-eyed Vireo**

Only one report was received this spring, that being from Toketee Ranger Station, Douglas Co., on 11 May and 25 May (AP). I strongly suspect that this species is more common than what is indicated here because it is one of the latest spring arrivals, typically showing up in late May or early June.

#### **Tennessee Warbler**

I well described female was found in the swarms of grounded birds at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, Multnomah Co., 15 May (JG, Tim Bickler). This species is very rare in spring west of the Cascades.

#### **Orange-crowned Warbler**

One of the earliest warblers to arrive in Oregon, the first was noted 6 March in Brookings, Curry Co. (CD) and was in northwestern Oregon at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, Multnomah Co., 17 March (GL).

#### **Nashville Warbler**

First noted 16 April at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland,

Multnomah Co. (GL). Mt. Tabor has shown itself to be an excellent location for finding this species, as well as other migrants. I believe that migrants see it as an island of green rising above the city and overfly the surrounding flat areas in favor of a more hospitable location. This spring I saw a pure flock of ~15 Nashvilles and three years ago saw ~75 in one day, very surprising numbers for that part of the state.

**Black-throated Gray Warbler**

First noted 10 April at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, Multnomah Co. (GL).

**Townsend's Warbler**

1 at Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 25 May was a late migrant (CD, JB).

**Hermit Warbler**

1 in Portland, Multnomah Co., on 13 April (DW) was earlier than expected. This species usually arrives in late April.

**Palm Warbler**

Unusual in the spring, 1 was in the Coquille River Valley, Coos Co., 24 March (SJo).

**Black-and-white Warbler**

One of our more common vagrant warblers, it is none the less unusual in western Oregon. 1 was in Roseburg, Douglas Co., at Riverfront Park from the beginning of the period into April (m.ob.).

**American Redstart**

Vagrants in western Oregon usually occur along the coast, so the female that was banded at Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 25 May (CD, JB) fit that pattern. The banders noted that she did not have a brood patch so was probably a migrant.

**Ovenbird**

Another one of our more expected vagrant warblers, 1 at Ashland Pond, Jackson Co., 4 March (AF, Bruce Stewart) was a very nice bird all the same.

**MacGillivray's Warbler**

First noted 24 April in Eugene, Lane Co. (SM).

**Common Yellowthroat**

First noted 30 March at S.J.C.R., Clatsop Co. (MP).

**Wilson's Warbler**

First noted 2 April at Lake Oswego, Clackamas Co., (TS) and at Aurora, Marion Co. (TS).

**Yellow-breasted Chat**

DL and CL report that the population at Hagg Lake, Washington Co., has increased steadily since the mid 1980's. Elsewhere, 2 were along the Rogue River, Curry Co., 3 May (CD) and 1 was at E.E. Wilson W.A., Benton Co., 5 May (AM).

**Western Tanager**

First noted at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, Multnomah Co., 27 April (GL). Small flocks were widely reported shortly thereafter (m.ob.).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak**

1 was seen briefly at Sutton Cr. Campground, Lane Co., 9 March (BS) and a male was at Toketee Ranger Station, Douglas Co., 28 May (KG, et al.).

**Black-headed Grosbeak**

First noted 27 April at Mt. Tabor Park in Portland, Multnomah Co., (GL) and widely reported shortly thereafter (m.ob.).

**Lazuli Bunting**

This uncommon to locally common species was reported more this year than in previous springs. 1 was south of Albany, Linn Co., 2 May (BA), 1 was at Banks, Washington Co., 4 May (DM, et al.), 3 were in Eugene, Lane Co., 4 May (RKe), 1 was in Oregon City, Clackamas Co., 7 May (W.F. Hoffman) and 2 were in St. Helens, Columbia Co., 12 May (Alice Nimitz).

**American Tree Sparrow**

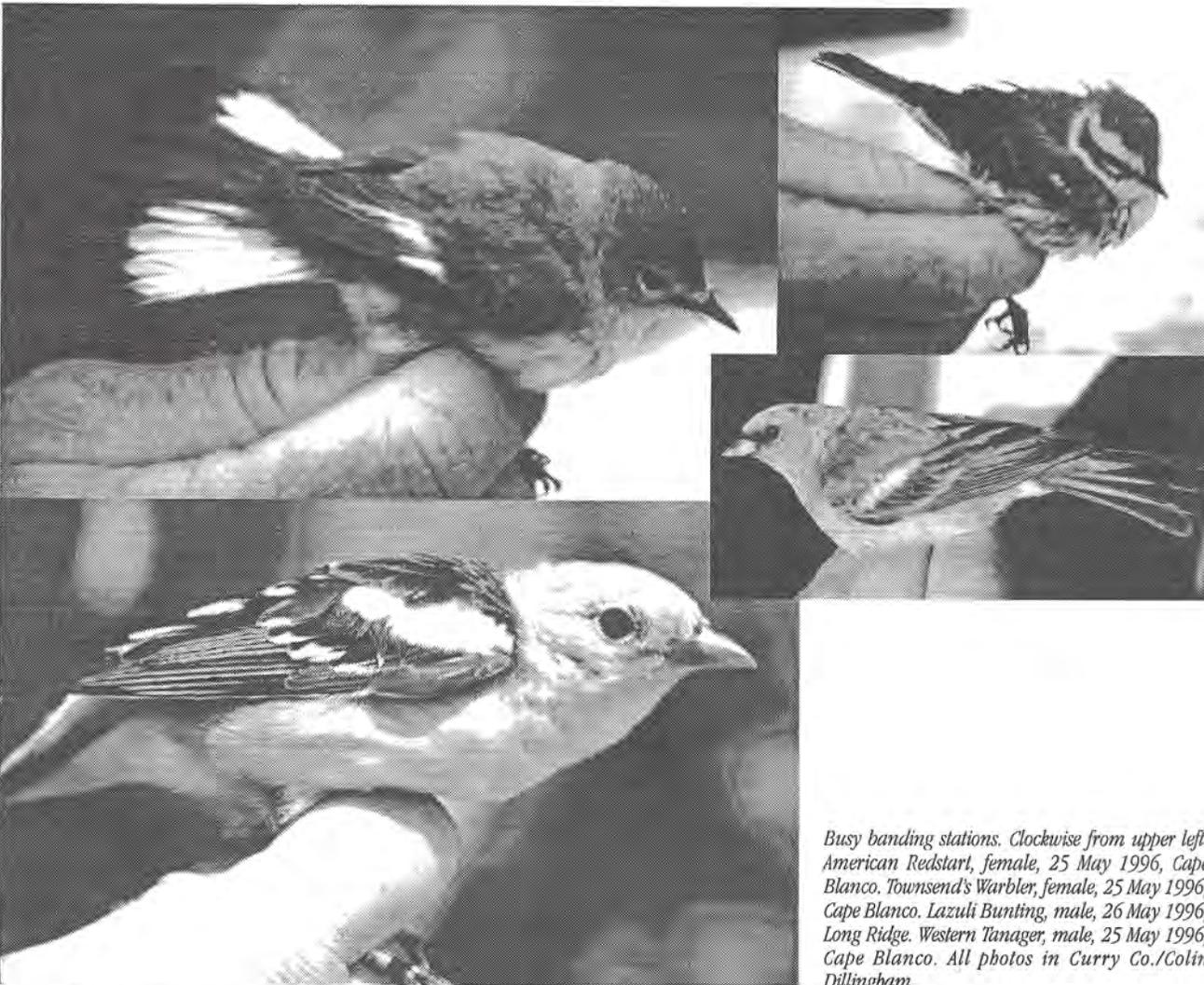
Very unusual in western Oregon, 1 made a one hour visit to a feeder in Eugene, Lane Co., in the third week of March (PSh).

**Clay-colored Sparrow**

1 was at the Dayton S.P., Yamhill Co., 9 March (TJ, TL) and 1 spent 2 April at a feeder in Florence, Lane Co. (BS, ZSt).

**Brewer's Sparrow**

A vagrant in western Oregon, 1 was found in a mixed



*Busy banding stations. Clockwise from upper left: American Redstart, female, 25 May 1996, Cape Blanco. Townsend's Warbler, female, 25 May 1996, Cape Blanco. Lazuli Bunting, male, 26 May 1996, Long Ridge. Western Tanager, male, 25 May 1996, Cape Blanco. All photos in Curry Co./Colin Dillingham.*



*Left: Barred Owl, a bird seen on Birdathon weekend, near Reed College, Multnomah Co., 4 May 1996. Photo/Bing Wong.*

*Right: Costa's Hummingbird, 30 March 1996, Multnomah Village, Multnomah Co. Photo/Skip Russell.*



*Right: Tufted Duck, 25 March 1996, an adult male on Meares Lake, Tillamook Co. OBRC 149.1-96-21B. Photo/Craig Roberts.*



*Parakeet Auklet, 24 February 1996, Beverly Beach, Lincoln Co. Above, OBRC 017-96-12C; below OBRC 017-96-12D. Photos/Roy Lowe.*

*"On 24 February 1996 a Parakeet Auklet (Cyclorhynchus psittacula) was brought to the Oregon Coast Aquarium for rehabilitation. The animal had been found on Beverly Beach, just north of Newport, Oregon, in Lincoln County.*

*"The bird had oil on its belly feathers. It was alive when brought to us but in serious condition; our efforts did not revive him. The necropsy revealed the bird was a male. The body was turned over to Roy Lowe of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Newport for preservation. The bird was in breeding plumage but no nasal shield was present or it was extremely reduced. The eyes were bright white and quite striking."*

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sparrow flock along the McKenzie River near Blue River, Lane Co., 25 April (TM), 1 visited a feeder in Eagle Point, Jackson Co., 5 May (HS) and 1 was in Phil Hicks' yard in Brookings, 30 May for Curry Co.'s first record.

#### **Vesper Sparrow**

5 were near Corvallis, Benton Co., 13 April (MH & Lisa Hunter) and 1 was near Banks, Washington Co., 4 May (DM).

#### **Black-throated Sparrow**

1 was in Portland, Multnomah Co., 17 May (Steve Shane) and 2 occurred in the Rogue Valley this spring. 1 was in Lynn Newbry Park, Jackson Co., 5 May (AF) and 1 visited a yard in Eagle Point, Jackson Co., 21 May (HS).

#### **Sage Sparrow**

A vagrant in western Oregon, 1 was at Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane Co., 27 April (PSh, DH, Don Schrouder).

#### **Grasshopper Sparrow**

A surprising find of a seemingly invisible migrant was Curry Co.'s first record at the Pistol River 19 May (DMu).

#### **Swamp Sparrow**

1 was at Ankeny N.W.R., Marion Co., 2 March (JJ, JG).

#### **White-throated Sparrow**

Many were reported from throughout the region during the entire period (m.ob.).

#### **White-crowned Sparrow**

Heavy movements were noted from the third week of March to the end of the period (m.ob.). Many of the "gambellii" subspecies (with white lores) were grounded in our region on the way to their breeding grounds in NW Canada and Alaska by the storm on 23 April (HN, m.ob.).

#### **Harris' Sparrow**

A rarity in southwestern Oregon, a late migrant was at Dorothy Sevey's feeders along Hunter Cr. 3 May for Curry Co.'s third record (Dorothy Sevey, CD, JB, MS).

#### **Lapland Longspur**

Rarely found in our region away from the coast, 1 was along Franklin Rd. northwest of Eugene, Lane Co., 14 March (Dave Brown). A more expected observation was of 3 in breeding plumage at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River, Lane Co., 5 April (TK).

#### **HOODED ORIOLE**

1 was photographed at a feeder in Eugene, Lane Co., 28 and 29 April (Francine Delmore fide Clare Watson) for Lane Co.'s fourth record. An adult male visited the hummingbird feeders of Helen Warren, Central Point, Jackson Co., for a week until an aggressive male Bullock's Oriole drove it off (photos by HS and Gary Shaffer). This bird apparently spent all of last summer at the same location.

#### **Bullock's Oriole**

First noted 17 April on Sauvies Island, Multnomah Co. (James Davis).

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