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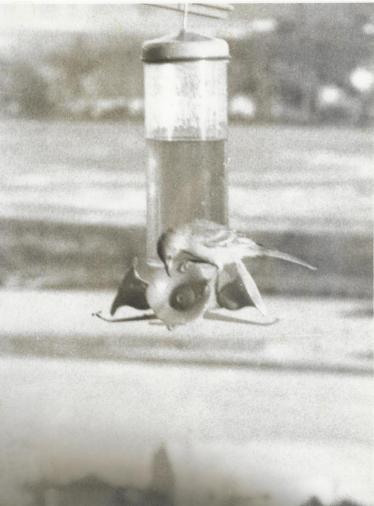


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# • Brewer's Blackbird Euphagus cyanocephalus

This is a common to abundant breeder county-wide except in dense forests. It is especially common in towns and cities and along hedgerows in agricultural areas. It usually uses drier areas than those preferred by the Red-winged Blackbird.

In fall and winter it often forms flocks with other blackbirds and feeds in agricultural areas, towns and other locales where food can be obtained.

# Common Grackle Quiscalus quiscula

This is a rare vagrant from east of Oregon. One was in Coos Bay on May 31, 1993 (B. Fawver, *Am. Birds* 47(3): 449).

#### • Brown-headed Cowbird Molothrus ater

This is a fairly common breeder in the county, although it does its breeding in other species' active nests. It can be found in agricultural areas and along woodland margins and forest edges (not in dense forests) countywide.

Most birds leave in winter but a few usually remain, often in blackbird flocks. Sometimes large agglomerations of cowbirds occur together, e.g. the 75 January 5, 1997 on the Coquille Valley CBC (H. Herlyn, M. Hunter).

Spring migrants typically arrive during March.

## Hooded Oriole Icterus cucullatus

There are several records of this rare but regular visitant in Coos County. This species has been increasing and expanding its range in California; Oregon has seen a corresponding increase in reports. Coos County has more records of this species than any other Oregon county.

December 4, 1983; a female was in North Bend on September 11, 1994

(B. Griffin, Or. Birds 21(2): 68).

505-79-03	Coos Bay, 1 immature male on 16+ December 1979 through
	March 14, 1980 (AMc, photos by GV).
505-82-04	Coos Bay, 2 immature males, 1 bird on 24 December 1982 and
	later 2 to 19 February 1983 (AMc, photos by OS, BG). These

birds were joined by a female on February 4 (*Tattler7*(4):15).

505-92-13 South Slough Coos Bay, 1 adult female on 31 August 1991 (JJo).

the season. Indications of nesting were obtained only from a traditional site in the Medford area (OSw). A N. Oriole in Roseburg, Oreg., Mar. 9-20 (F&APa, *fide* HN) could have been a wintering bird. The two Apr. 16 at Campbell R. (HT) and one May 4 near Carnation, Wash. (EH), were early for those locations. The & Scott's Oriole at the feeder in Chehalis, Wash., this winter stayed to Apr. 13 (C&ND). The bird had begun singing regularly before it disappeared. The Hooded Oriole at the Coos Bay, Ore., feeder stayed to about Mar. 14 (JMc, *fide* AMc).

FINCHES AND SPARROWS-Lazuli Buntings at Corvallis May 1 (KM, fide E&EE) and near McKenna, Wash., May 5 (MiM) appeared on early dates. Only a few large flocks of Evening Grosbeaks were reported during March and April. The species became noisily abundant, although less so than usual, throughout the Region in early May and most stayed through the month. Flocks of 200+ Pine Siskins were found during March in Campbell R. and in Seattle. Elsewhere smaller numbers appeared during April and May. About 20 Red Crossbills were in Saanich May 23-28 (RS, MS, fide VG). Elsewhere very few were reported. The Claycolored Sparrow found this winter at Nehalem meadows, near Mohler, Oreg., stayed through Mar. 9 (OH, fide JGi). A bird believed to have been a hybrid Clay-colored X Chipping Sparrow wintered in Eugene through Mar. 24 (†DFi, TL). Returning White-crowned Sparrows of the race pugetensis reached Seattle Apr. 3 (JW) and C. Saanich, V.I. Apr. 9 (M&VG). A migrant Golden-crowned Sparrow still at Woodinville, Wash., May 28 was late (ME). Single White-throated Sparrows were found in Alsea and Eugene, Oreg., both Mar. 8 (DMa, SG) and on Sauvies' I. Apr. 26 (TC). The McKay's Bunting at the S.J.C.R. stayed through Mar. 9 (JO, *fide* HN).

CORRIGENDA—Please delete the records of King Eider from the S.J.C.R. May 8, 1977 (*Am. Birds* 31:1038, 1977), as the observer has withdrawn the report, and of Bar-tailed Godwit at Bandon, Oreg., Sept. 17, 1979 (*Am. Birds* 34:192, 1980), as that bird was actually the one seen at Newport.

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### MIDDLE PACIFIC COAST REGION / Stephen A. Laymon and W. David Shuford

Usually cool and wet weather occurred this spring in the Region. Rainstorms moved through the area at regular intervals March 1-7, 14-18 & 25, April 5-6 & 20-23, and May 8-11 & 22-24. A gale-force windstorm also occurred March 30. Low nighttime temperatures in the foothills averaged in the high 40sF even in May, and very few days reached 80°, even at the warmest locations. One Bay Area observer reported this spring to have been the coldest in memory (LF).

Waterfowl appeared to migrate on schedule. The major event was the fallout of shorebirds in the Great Basin after the May 8-11 storm. The total number of shorebirds at Lower Klamath N.W.R. increased by a factor of 14 in two weeks, and unprecedented numbers of Ruddy Turnstones and Red Knots and a Baird's Sandpiper were found there. A Wandering Tattler was seen at Mono Lake. The sparsely-birded inland portions of the Region can yield rich rewards following a storm of this type.

In the Central Valley (hereafter, C.V.) the Dog I. census data of SAL & KC documented a very late and slow landbird migration, a

phenomenon noted by other observers as well (CH, TBe). In the Klamath Basin and along the coast songbird migration was thought to be on time, but few impressive numbers were reported (m.ob). Minor migrant waves were recorded at S.E. Farallon I. (hereafter, F.I.), Apr. 12 & 27 and May 2 & 30-31.

Observer response to queries regarding arrival dates was impressive, and produced the following early dates (see text for exceptional dates for a few species). These dates should be used with caution in interpreting average arrivals since increased observer field-hours may increase early date records without reflecting accurately the arrival of the population as a whole. Also, what may be an "early" spring at one location may not be at another. Much work still needs to be done in our Region to unravel the relationship of migrant arrival to latitude, longitude, and elevation. Early arrivals: Com. Nighthawk at L. Shastina May 25 (MRo, fide SAL), Lesser Nighthawk at Sutter Buttes Apr. 16 (fide WA), Vaux's Swift in Humboldt County Apr. 14 (fide JGHe), Black-chinned Hummingbird in Springville Mar. 31 (MEM), Calliope Hummingbird in Siskiyou County Apr. 9 (CSt), W. Kingbird in Springville Mar. 29

