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A Message from your President

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OREGON FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS ANNUAL MEETING

OFO is holding our Annual Meeting in association with the Western Field Ornithologists and Western Bird Banding Association's annual meetings. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us September 9 - 12 in Ashland for field trips, banding workshops and trips, photography and sketching workshops, evening field trips, afternoon science sessions and a poster session, plus expert slide identification and sound identification panels. WBBA will be offering its annual feather workshop during this meeting, as well.

From the official meeting announcement: "Jackson County, Oregon offers wonderful opportunities for birders to discover mountain and Great Basin bird species as well as migrant species in rural, urban, mountain, and wetland settings. This region is rich in a variety of wildlife, and the September meeting will occur during the height of shorebird and passerine southward migration."

Social activities will include a welcoming reception, evening programs with noted speakers, and a combined annual dinner. OFO will hold our Business Meeting on Saturday (time TBA). Half-day field trips locations include Emigrant Lake, Lithia Park, the Rogue Valley, a loop through the Siskiyou, and the Whetstone Savannah area. Friday and Sunday full day field trips (\$35/fee) include the Klamath Basin Refuges and a trip to Crater Lake and the Upper Klamath area.

Complete details and a registration form are on the WFO website at: <http://www.wfo-cbrc.org/confer.html> or on the OFO website at www.oregonbirds.org.

Oregon Field Ornithologists is also preparing for our annual elections. The success of our state-wide birding organization depends on our volunteers. We have been especially lucky to have a very dedicated core of volunteers who serve on the OFO Board of Directors. The Board is charged with the general operation of the organization and development and implementation of special projects. In recent years OFO has been very successful with projects that include the Oregon Breeding Bird Atlas, several books and our Teacher Workshop, designed to acquaint middle and high school teachers with bird monitoring techniques and activities for the classroom.

The board is seeking nominations for the open positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors. With the new election procedure, candidates are nominated at the annual meeting with the mail-in election the following week. If you would like to join this special group and help OFO continue to succeed, please contact one of our current officers or directors. All of us would be happy to talk to you about the activities and commitment needed for board service.

And finally, we are working on a new Membership Directory. If your address, phone number, email address or other information has changed since the 2002 Directory was published, please contact Anne Heyerly, Membership Chair at tanager@nu-world.com or mail changes to the OFO address at : P. O. Box 10373, Eugene, Oregon 97440, Attn: Membership.

Additions to the National Wildlife Refuge System in Oregon during the 1960s

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Note: The author is working on his memoirs. With minor editing, this paper was excerpted from them. It provides a historical account of how one wildlife refuge in particular that we now take for granted did not come easy. Quotes provided in the account may not constitute exact wording, but come close.

During the course of my employment as a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from 1949 to 1981, I was often in a unique position to participate in special assignments which afforded opportunities to make major contributions to wildlife conservation. Part of this can be attributed to the fact that there was only a smattering of biologists in the Service during the early part of my career. Secondly I served during a period when decisions could be made rapidly without going through endless bureaucratic procedures and public oversight as required by legislation today. Thirdly, what I feel were accomplishments always required the help of many individuals and organizations which are named herein. And finally, politics then as now played an important role in what we could accomplish.

During the 1960s, I was the staff biologist for the Division of Wildlife Refuges in the regional office in Portland. At the time this office covered Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Montana. There were no state offices like today. Among my many assignments was helping select lands for new national wildlife refuges.

First Willamette Valley Refuges: In the late 1950s, Congress passed legislation that directed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to add to the National Wildlife Refuge System by authorizing loans on monies derived from the sale of duck stamps. The idea behind this was the declining wetland base for waterfowl, and the fact that desirable lands should be purchased before they were lost to development

and increasing land costs.

Accordingly, in early 1960, just before I was transferred from a position as biologist for the Malheur Refuge to the regional office, a general memo from the Washington office was transmitted to the field requesting input on waterfowl habitat that had the potential for being added to the National Wildlife Refuge System. I recognized there were no National Wildlife Refuges in the Willamette Valley, an important waterfowl wintering area, especially for the Dusky Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis occidentalis*). This provided an opportunity to express my "dream" that a refuge (now the William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge) could be established in the Muddy Creek area south of Corvallis where I had spent so much time while a student at Oregon State College (now Oregon State University). Fred G. Evenden, then a graduate student who published on Oregon's birds during the 1950s, introduced Tom McAllister and me to this area. We spent Tuesday afternoons there while in school. We concentrated on McFadden's Swamp, as we called it, and near the end of our tenure at Oregon State, a paper on aquatic birds of the area was written and published in *The Condor* (Evenden et al. 1950).

While working in the area, we became very aware of a \pm 3,500-acre tract to the north of McFadden's Marsh known as the Failing Estate. It was well posted with no-trespassing signs. Finally, in our junior year, McAllister and I determined that the owner was Henry Failing Cabell. We located Mr. Cabell, who had an office in

the Failing Building in downtown Portland. We informed Cabell of what we were doing; he was delighted and gave us permission to do field work on the estate. Cabell, incidentally, was the grandson of Henry Failing, a prominent early Portlander, who was a shipping magnate. The Failing Estate was maintained as a private hunting estate and cattle ranch starting with Henry Failing's purchase of it. A major component of the Dusky Canada Goose population wintered on the estate starting in the 1940s, as it afforded them food, water and protection from hunting most of the time.

During numerous trips between Corvallis and Portland, we also became aware of the Baskett Slough area north of Rickreall in Polk County for its support of hundreds of geese. They often fed on a hillside along the east border of Highway 99W, now a vineyard.

When the memo emerged seeking ideas for new refuges, I obviously nominated both Muddy Creek and Baskett Slough. The word got to J. Clark Salyer, a dynamic man who was Chief of the Division of Wildlife Refuges in Washington D.C. In subsequent months, probably sometime in 1960 or early 1961, Salyer visited our office in Portland. He said to me in the company of Kenneth F. ("Mac") MacDonald, Regional Refuge Supervisor and my boss at the time, "I like that Muddy Creek area. Buy it." Unbeknown to both of us, he had looked at McFadden's Marsh and sneaked into the Failing Estate, with his big black Buick which did not carry a government seal on the door. Salyer was famous for looking at potential refuges under cover, and drove his Buick all over the country because he did not like flying. He told me he inspected potential refuges by

day and drove at night. I can believe it; he thrived with little sleep. This was a time when decisions were made by leaders like Salyer without question.

Mac admired Salyer and accepted his "buy it" order. Incidentally, Salyer never let politics stand in his way. He told me one day that his "personnel folder was full of reprimands and would hold a lot more." With Salyer's words, we had what constituted an order to purchase lands at Muddy Creek. But the heart of the potential refuge was the Failing Estate, and by policy, the Service purchased lands only from willing sellers. We made an appointment with Henry Cabell. He was very polite, but informed us that he, his wife and hunting friends were enjoying the property and were not interested in selling. Needless to say, I was very disappointed. Upon leaving Cabell's office, the voice of experience consoled me. Mac said he sensed Cabell was a very public spirited man (which he was), and that we would make a return visit in coming months. Mac further explained that in his long experience, we got the lands we wanted by being patient – that situations with owners invariably changed.

We returned to Cabell's office, probably in 1962 or 1963. He came right to the point with these being almost his exact words: "I know why you gentlemen are here; that land was purchased by my grandfather for wildlife; I have no interested heirs to turn it over to; I think you gentlemen have the only answer." We then had to ask him if we could purchase only the wetlands and associated pastures and exclude the uplands from the purchase. With a glint in his eye, he said, "Gentlemen, I will sell all or nothing." Cabell wanted to see the estate remain intact and saw its value as an outdoor classroom for Oregon State University (He had been on the State Board of Higher Education.). He also knew we would be purchasing the land with duck stamp funds which were aimed at waterfowl habitat. He therefore did not seem surprised with the question, which we had to ask. I was of course delighted with

Cabell's response. Another visit was made to Cabell's office, this time with realty specialist Don Kistner. Don had appraised the property from the government's side and would conduct the actual sales negotiations. Don said by regulation he had to offer their appraised value. Cabell in the meantime had completed his own appraisal. Surprisingly they came out the same with the only differences being in terms of the value of buildings versus the land. There were four houses on the property and about five huge barns among smaller buildings. The largest house was known as the "club house" which now houses the refuge office. Another, which Cabell and wife used as a personal residence, is a historical farm house.

About the time of Cabell's endorsement, we had to go through the formal process for establishing a new refuge. This included preparation of what was called an "ascertainment report," which constituted a full report on existing and potential wildlife use of the area, a physical description, a proposed refuge boundary, and other items needed for an evaluation of the area. Added to this were engineering and realty reports. Leo K. Couch wrote the report based on my recommendations for the proposed boundary, which had to fit existing property boundaries. The original proposed refuge boundary for the refuge at Muddy Creek encompassed some 7,000 acres and extended further south than what was finally approved. Final boundaries, however, included not only the Failing Estate, but McFadden's Marsh, Pigeon Butte [which has a mineral spring used by Band-tailed Pigeons (*Columba fasciata*)] and adjoining fields which were heavily used by Dusky Canada Geese, the main justification we had for the area in view of the intent of the funding source and policy at the time.

At the same time, an ascertainment report was completed for the proposed Baskett Slough Refuge. Thomas C. Horn played a role with this. The final proposed boundary for Baskett Slough, as with the Muddy Creek area, had to be based on property

boundaries, as it was rare for a farmer to be willing to sell only a part of his or her land. Like Muddy Creek, Baskett Slough boundaries were such that property lines took in some areas which did not constitute waterfowl habitat. In this case it was Baskett Butte that was predominantly grass and forbs on south slopes and Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) on north slopes.

Finally with the approval of these areas by the Migratory Bird Commission, we were ready for state approval, as required by law when using duck stamp funds. Normally this was done by state wildlife agencies, in this case the Oregon Game Commission (now Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife). By that time, however, intense local opposition had developed to establishing the refuge at Muddy Creek. John McKeen, Director of the Oregon Game Commission, told us that the pressure was such that they could not support a 7,000+ - acre area at Muddy Creek. They would, however, approve acquisition of 5,000 acres, and also wanted us to acquire a total of five areas in the Willamette Valley, none of which outside Muddy Creek would exceed 2,500 acres each and would be spread throughout the valley in a way that no one county would have more than one area. The main issue was removal of land from the county tax rolls (in time this was corrected with authorization for the federal government to pay counties in lieu taxes). The county tax loss was particularly critical in Benton County since the Muddy Creek area constituted a major piece of the county's farmland. The Benton County Extension Agent was one of the most active opponents, as well as a civic-minded sawmill and timber owner named Ralph Hull. Hull, incidentally, accepted the refuge graciously once it was established.

With opposition, the Service was forced to hold a public meeting. It was heavily attended and held at the Oregon State University Coliseum. Richard E. Griffith, then Assistant Regional Director for Wildlife, presided. Among the people who testified in favor of the refuge were Leo

F. Simon as President of the Oregon Audubon Society (now Audubon Society of Portland) and Henry Helber of the Oregon Duck Hunter's Association. Another vigorous supporter was Andy Landforce, then Wildlife Extension Agent for Oregon State University. We greatly admired Andy for this considering the refuge was not a popular idea within the agricultural extension people. Another local supporter was Professor Jay Long of the University's Fish and Game Department staff.

Benton County's disapproval of the refuge resulted in a bill passed by the Oregon legislature which would make state approval for a refuge acquisition conditional upon county approval. Passage of this bill was not without much unsuccessful lobbying against it by the Oregon Audubon Society and Oregon Duck Hunters Association. Leading the lobbying effort was my first wife, Betty, and Mirth Tufts representing the Audubon Society, and Henry Helber of the Oregon Duck Hunters Association. I was so discouraged by this that I was ready to give up, but Betty and Mirth Tufts were persistent and managed to set up a meeting with Mark Hatfield, then Governor. They took with them a copy of the paper on McFadden's Marsh that we wrote for *The Condor*. According to Betty, this impressed the Governor, but he also looked at the matter from a law standpoint, thinking that it was not good for a county to have the power to stop a project that might be in the interest of the state as a whole. He vetoed the bill, and we were off and running.

The first acquisitions took place at the Muddy Creek area, specifically the Failing Estate. This was followed by contacts with the owner of McFadden's Marsh, who was the daughter of the deceased former owner, Julius McFadden. I was designated to work with her since I knew her father from the time my friends and I used the marsh as a study area while in school. At first she was an unwilling seller, but eventually went along. Other owners fell into place; and in the spring of 1964, we were able to begin staffing the refuge with the arrival of Refuge

Manager Phillip Lehenbauer. About the same time we began acquiring lands for the Baskett Slough Refuge and looking at other potential refuge sites to fulfill John McKeen's wish for five areas. Lehenbauer was my choice for heading up these refuges, and he did not disappoint me. Opposition to the areas vanished with his presence, and he helped maintain the areas in near natural manner consistent with refuge objectives.

The Muddy Creek area has great ecological diversity despite its small size. This includes marshes, agricultural fields, meadows, oak woodlands, big-leaf maple woodlands, oak savannah, grasslands, ash (*Fraxinus oregonas*) swales, young Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) forests and the ash-lined Muddy Creek. Along the refuge's east border is a section of native prairie, which according to Henry Cabell's findings, had never been plowed. The prairie is of considerable interest to botanists. The refuge has required little development. A meadow was converted to a marsh and lake, named Cabell Marsh, with the construction of a dike east of the refuge office. Sadly, McFadden's Marsh, which supported an outstanding variety of native wetland plants, has since become infested with the invasive reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).

Upon its purchase, Baskett Slough had seasonal wetlands, a diked pond, agricultural fields and a butte which comprises grassland on sun-exposed sites and an Oregon white oak forest on north slopes. The wetlands have since been expanded, in part with funds provided by Ducks Unlimited. The grassland, located on Baskett Butte, is one of several Oregon sites which supports the Fender's blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides fenderi*) and its host plant, Kincaid lupine (*Lupinus sulphureus kincaidii*), both of which are listed by the Endangered Species Act. While I was pleased that Baskett Butte could be added to the refuge to afford biological diversity, we were unaware at the time of purchase of the presence of these species.

I was given the assignment to

identify other potential refuge areas and spent part of a summer scouring the Willamette Valley. I utilized information gained from a special study I did for credit at Oregon State under Jay Long in 1950 designated to identify and describe the important waterfowl areas of the valley. I viewed USGS maps, interviewed local staffers of the Oregon Game Commission, and used to a considerable extent my own knowledge of the valley. I came up with a list of candidate areas, my favorite of which was the Wapato Lake area near Gaston and adjoining Tualatin River bottoms to the north in Yamhill and Washington counties. Near the bottom of my list was Ankeny Bottoms in Marion County. At the time Ankeny Bottoms had no history of goose usage because of the absence of any lakes, marshes or ponds; yet it was devoted to ryegrass production, an important goose food in the valley. I picked this area as a candidate without recommendations from anyone. A strong gut feeling told me that geese would use it if water became available. This was a gamble, especially in view of thinking of the time, that geese were birds of tradition. I did not expect Ankeny Bottoms to be such a successful refuge. Much of the credit for this goes to wetland development for which Ducks Unlimited has been an important funding party.

How therefore did Ankeny get selected? When the list of candidate areas that I selected was viewed by the Divisions of Realty and Engineering in the Regional Office, both divisions came up strongly supporting Ankeny. Realty maintained that Ankeny would be the least expensive because it was devoted to growing of ryegrass. Engineering liked it for the water supply that crossed the area in the form of an irrigation ditch. Realty maintained that my favorite, Wapato Lake, would be too expensive because at the time it was devoted to the growing of row crops. Incidentally, I hope the current effort to acquire Wapato Lake and restore it to its historical condition is not dead.

Other potential sites were considered, but the idea of two more refuges to make the total of five just died. In

the final analysis, 5,325 acres was acquired at Muddy Creek (William L. Finley), 2,492 acres at Baskett Slough and 2,796 acres at Ankeny Bottoms. The acquisitions were completed in about 1966. They were first grouped under the name "Willamette National Wildlife Refuge" with Baskett Slough and Ankeny Bottoms as divisions. However, with so many "Willamettes" the name William L. Finley was proposed for the Muddy Creek area, in part through support of the Oregon Audubon Society. The name change was approved and each became a separate refuge.

Sometime in the mid-1960s, the General Accounting Office (GAO), the auditing arm of the U.S. Congress, initiated an investigation of refuge acquisition procedures for areas purchased with duck stamp funds. William L. Finley and Baskett Slough refuges immediately came under close scrutiny. The GAO pointed out that we acquired uplands at both refuges with duck stamp funds. While not illegal, they argued that this did not follow testimony then-Director Dan Janzen made before Congress supporting the loan on the duck stamp for wetland acquisitions. I became the main line of defense for the two areas. No sooner had one GAO auditor finished questioning me than another came along with the same questions. No, I had to tell them that we did not acquire the uplands for wood ducks (*Aix sponsa*). It was pointed out that the uplands involved went with the ownerships of the wetlands. Their response was that we should have sold the uplands off. I unsuccessfully argued for the uplands on behalf of their ecological and educational values to no avail. They refused to recognize such values, including the oak woodlands to such species as the Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*) and White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*), and the fact that oak woodlands and oak savannahs were in danger of being lost in the Willamette Valley. The final GAO report was released to the press. A large front-page article in *The Oregonian* outlined how the Fish and Wildlife Service had misused its acquisition funds to purchase these

areas. The Regional Director of the time was not very happy with me. He was very sensitive to criticism and controversy.

Soon thereafter, Ira N. Gabrielson ("Gabe"), former Fish and Wildlife Service Director and then President of the Wildlife Management Institute showed up. (Note: Gabrielson was Regional Director in the 1930s, was active in the Oregon Audubon Society and was Senior Author of *Birds of Oregon*, 1940). Gabe did not have much time so Pilot-Biologist Ray Glahn and I took him on a flight over Finley and Baskett Slough refuges. I pointed out the upland areas in question. Gabe, with his keen knowledge of ecology and dedication to conservation, immediately grasped the situation both politically and biologically, and in reference to the GAO simply said, "To hell with them." I could not get anything else out of him, but his mission to Oregon was obviously related to the GAO report. We never heard anything more on the issue. Years later, in the mid-1970s during a birding trip, I asked one-time Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, John Gottschalk, what he remembered about it. John said Congresswoman Julia Butler Hansen, who chaired the House Interior Appropriations Committee, made reference to the GAO report at one point during a committee hearing by saying, "Mr. Gottschalk, what are you doing to do about this." Gottschalk told me his reply was, "Absolutely nothing." Hansen's response was, "Well I guess that's that." These quotes are the way Gottschalk gave them to me. I do not know what Gabe's role was with this, but he was very influential in Washington. I wish we had more Gabrielsons, Gottschalks and Salyers around today. Incidentally, Gabrielson and Gottschalk were birders and Salyer had a strong background in both birds and aquatic ecology.

Soon after the GAO investigation, the U.S. Forest Service, aware of the criticism over the upland acquisition on the William L. Finley Refuge, came to us with a proposal to establish a tree nursery on the uplands of the

refuge. They were looking for a low-elevation site for genetic work. I gained the impression that this looked good to the Regional Director who was so sensitive to criticism from the GAO report, but somehow we managed to head it off.

I need to mention that most of the Canada Geese using the Willamette Valley at the time of establishment of these refuges were "duskies." Very few Cackling Geese (*B. minima*) were present. Little did we expect that the valley would end up supporting Cackling Geese by the hundreds-of-thousands.

I have been pleased with the development of these refuges, including turn-outs for public viewing of birds and the development and enlargement of wetlands on Baskett Slough and Ankeny. I was for awhile concerned about the overtaking of Oregon white oak on the William L. Finley Refuge by invading Douglas-firs as a result of fire-exclusion, but management is addressing that problem. They are also improving upland habitat at Baskett Butte through controlled burning.

Establishment of the Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge: In January of 1963, Pilot-Biologist Ray Glahn and I took off from the Troutdale airport headed for the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge on the southwest Washington coast. We flew down the Columbia River, no doubt at an elevation below 1,000 feet. Immediately downstream from Tenasillabe Island a great marsh lay before us. It was comprised of numerous marshy and some timbered islands. Hundreds of swans and ducks stood out below us as we flew over them. I thought I knew all the marshes in Oregon, but I didn't. Here was a marsh that had completely escaped me because it was not viewable from a road and no one had mentioned it to me. It was obviously the largest existing marsh in western Oregon. Upon our return to the regional office I asked the realty division to determine ownership of the islands. They discovered that most of the islands belonged to Clatsop

County. Contact with the county commissioners resulted in a statement that the county acquired the islands during the depression from owners who could not pay their taxes, and that they had no particular use for them. Yes, they liked the idea of turning the islands over to the Fish and Wildlife Service for a National Wildlife Refuge on the condition that they remain open to waterfowl hunting in total. Because the islands did not have to be purchased, there were no restrictions on having to close part of the area to hunting. Considering the size of the area and scope of the intervening open water areas this seemed reasonable. Thus the Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge was established without public hearings or any fuss and with a minimum of paper work.

Today this refuge totals 41,034 acres. It is located between river mile 18 at Tongue Point and river mile 35 at Tenasillabe Island in the Columbia River estuary. Approximately one-third of the refuge is marsh and swamp; the remainder is open water and mud flats that are exposed at low tides (Martinson and Debates 2004).

Additions to the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge: Before 1963, National Wildlife Refuges along the Oregon coast were comprised of Three Arch Rocks and Cape Meares in Tillamook County and Goat Island in Curry County. The latter lies off the coast at Brookings and was at that time the only unit of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge. Like Three Arch Rocks and Goat Island, it was generally known that numerous other offshore islands supported seabird colonies. Robert

C. Twist, Willapa Refuge Manager, provided our office with an excellent set of black and white aerial photos of the numerous rocky islands offshore in Oregon which he had taken. With this in mind and the support of Richard E. Griffith, I directed Ray Glahn to take me on an offshore flight from the California/Oregon line to Seaside in June of 1963. We estimated numbers of Common Murres (*Uria aalge*), cormorants (*Phalacrocorax* spp.) and Western Gulls (*Larus occidentalis*) by islands. Our estimates were very rough, and not comparable to estimates made today from aerial photographs. There was of course no way we could inventory numbers of burrow-nesting seabirds. Many of the islands were also photographed. From this assessment we were able to determine which islands were most deserving of national wildlife refuge status. Griffith's instructions were not to include any islands in the refuge proposal which did not have substantial numbers of birds and to exclude minor rocks and islands. We flew over Tillamook Rock, which had just been abandoned as a U.S. Coast Guard Station. It looked like a morgue, which it actually became. There were virtually no nesting birds on it. Following Griffith's instructions, we could not include the rock in the refuge proposal, even though it was obvious birds would start nesting on it once the Coast Guard was gone.

Ray Glahn and I made a second trip over the rocks with one of the realty staff, after which we were in position to request that the rocks be withdrawn for refuge status. The Oregon office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) went along with the proposal

and the idea became a reality. I had several good friends, including Dave Luman, from that office who helped. We attempted a similar move with some islands off the California coast, but this was turned down by BLM. The possibility of their being used for offshore oil drilling rigs came up, the very reason I was anxious to see the Oregon offshore islands withdrawn.

Tillamook Rock and numerous small rocky islands have since been added to this refuge.

I thank Alan L. Contreras for his review of this paper. I also want to reiterate that my position enabled me to play an important role in the establishment of these refuges, but they would not have happened without the support of many individuals and parties named herein. I apologize for not documenting exact dates for various events described above, but records were purged from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service files and I failed to keep a personal journal.

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The Records of the Oregon Bird Records Committee, 2003-2004

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From May 2003 to May 2004 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 121 records reviewed by the Committee 101 were accepted and 20 were not accepted. During this period ten new species were accepted for addition to the Official Checklist of Oregon Birds: Falcated Duck, Wedge-tailed Shearwater, White-rumped Sandpiper, Iceland Gull, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Plumbeous Vireo, Sedge Wren, White Wagtail, Red-throated Pipit, and Smith's Longspur. The Official Checklist now stands at 494 species. Two species were removed from the review list: Eurasian Green-winged Teal and Boreal Owl.

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

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The OBRC solicits nominations for membership. Each year the OBRC elects 3 of its 9 members for 3-year terms. Birders themselves interested in serving on the OBRC should nominate themselves. All nominees must be members of OFO in good standing and all nominations must be received by the Secretary before 30 October 2002. New terms begin at the new calendar year.

Accepted records

	Tillamook Co., 1 bird on 7 September 2002 (WG).	Falcated Duck 137.1-04-01 Kirk Pond, Lane Co., 1 adult male 14 February to 6 March 2004 (DHe,VA,PSu, photos by MN,SMA, video by OS).
Shy Albatross 082.3-01-02 Heceta Bank, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 7 October 2001 (GG, photos by BCr,TS).	090-03-07 6 Miles west of Newport, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 1 March 2003 (GG,WH,TSn, photos by BRa,JeH,StS).	
Short-tailed Albatross 082-01-08 Heceta Bank, Lincoln Co., 1 juvenile on 24 March 2001 (photos by TS).	Black-vented Shearwater 093-00-03 Boiler Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 bird 28-30 August 2000 (PP).	Eurasian Teal 138-01-02 Central Point, Jackson Co., 1 male on 28 January 2001 (CBr).
Wedge-tailed Shearwater 096.1-99-01 Nye Beach, Lincoln Co., 1 dark phase bird dead on beach 26 March 1999 (photos by DLe).	093-02-06 South Jetty of the Columbia River, Clatsop Co., 1 bird on 17 November 2002 (MP,TT).	138-02-03 Pony Slough, Coos Co., 1 male on 4 March 2002 (TR).
096.1-99-02 25nm W. of Depoe Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 2 October 1999 (GG,MH,JMe).	Manx-type Shearwater 090/3-01-08 Boiler Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 11 April 2001 (PP).	138-03-05 Fernhill Wetlands, Washington Co., 2 males 28 November 2003 to 11 January 2004 (photos by GG).
Manx Shearwater 090-02-06 Tierra Del Mar,	090/3-01-11 Boiler Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 10 April 2001 (PP).	138-03-06 Jackson Bottom, Washington Co. 1 male on 29 November 2003 (photo by GG).

- King Eider
162-99-11 Seal Rock State Park,
Lincoln Co., 1 female on 17 October
1999 (LuB).
- Broad-winged Hawk
343-99-10 Near Madras,
Jefferson Co., 1 subadult on 17 August
1999 (DI).
- Gyr Falcon
354-99-33 Brownsmead,
Clatsop Co., 1 immature gray phase
bird 23 January to 9 February 1999
(TT, photos by MP).
- Mountain Plover
281-99-09 Dunes Overlook,
Douglas Co., 1 juvenile 16 November
1999 to 8 January 2000 (DLA,LeF,
photos by KC).
- Hudsonian Godwit
251-99-16 Tahkenitch Beach,
Douglas Co., 1 bird on 4 September
1999 (JFu).
- 251-00-17 Miller Island WA,
Klamath Co., 1 immature on 30 May
2000 (DHe,AnE).
- Bar-tailed Godwit
250-99-16 Bandon Marsh, Coos
Co., 1 adult on 11 September 1999
(CD,DLA)
- 250-01-20 Coos Bay, Coos
Co., 1 juvenile bird 3 November to 7
December 2001 (TR).
- Red-necked Stint
242-99-17 North Spit Coos Bay,
Coos Co., 1 adult in alternate plumage,
15 July 1999 (TR).
- White-rumped Sandpiper
240-03-04 New River, Coos
Co., 1 bird on 28 June 2003 (video by
DLA).
- Laughing Gull
058-99-09 South Jetty Columbia
River, Clatsop Co., 1 summer adult on
31 July 1999 (MP)
- Little Gull
060.1-99-09 North Spit Coos Bay,
Coos Co., 1 subadult on 7 September
1999 (DLA).
- Slaty-backed Gull
048-04-08 Astoria, Clatsop Co.,
1 adult bird 8 February 2004 (photos
by MP).
- Iceland Gull
043-91-07 Moolach Beach,
Lincoln Co., 1 adult on 24 February
1991 (NL).
- 043-96-12 Salem, Marion, Co.,
1 bird in second winter plumage 15
February to 8 March 1996 (photos by
StD).
- Least Tern
074-98-07 Harris Beach State
Park, Curry Co., 1 adult on 9 July
1998 (BzS).
- Thick-billed Murre
031-01-11 Newport, Lincoln
Co., 1 moribund bird on beach 25
August 2001 (SSh, photos by Oregon
Coast Aquarium, video by GG).
- Xantus's Murrelet
025-01-10 25 miles West of
Boiler Bay, Lincoln Co. 1 bird on 10
August 2001 (GG).
- 025-01-11 18 miles west of
Tillamook, Tillamook Co., 2 (scrippsi
race) birds on 15 September 2001
(CR).
- Xantus's/Craveri's Murrelet
025/026-02-08 35 miles off Yachats,
Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 5 October 2002
(GG).
- Eurasian Collared-Dove
315.3-02-03 Joseph, Wallowa,
Co., 1 bird on 20 January 2002
(TR,PSu,NSt).
- White-winged Dove
319-00-06 South Jetty of the
Rogue River, Curry Co., 1 bird on 6
September 2000 (photo by GG).
- 319-02-07 Newport, Lincoln
Co., 1 bird 22-30 September 2002
(DoK).
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
387-99-19 Near Ironside,
Malheur Co., 1 adult 26-27 June 1999
(photo MD,MLD).
- 387-02-20 Cottonwood Creek,
Harney Co., 1 adult on 26 May 2002
(TR).
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
402-02-16 Adrian, Malheur Co.,
1 subadult on 17 February 2002 (TS).
- 402-03-18 Florence, Lane Co., 1
adult male 22 December 2003 to 11
January 2004 (photos by DiP,NSt).
- Least Flycatcher
467-98-34 Six Mile Lake,
Harney Co., 1 bird on 3 June 1998
(RHo).
- 467-99-35 Cape Blanco, Curry
Co., 1 immature bird on 25 August
1999 (photos by CD).
- Eastern Phoebe
456-99-08 Valley of the Rogue
State Park, Jackson Co., 1 bird 10-12
June 1999 (DV,BCI).
- Tropical Kingbird
446-98-25 Grand Island, Yamhill
Co., 1 silent bird on 11 October 1998
(RRo).
- 446-01-35 Flores Lake, Curry
Co., 1 silent bird on 17 November
2001 (DLA,KC).
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
443-00-12 near Burns, Harney
Co., 1 adult on 15 July 2000 (photos
by StD).
- 443-02-15 Siletz Bay, Lincoln
Co., 1 adult 9-10 November 2002
(PSu).
- 443-03-17 Burns, Harney Co.,

1 adult 3-23 October 2004 (photo by NSt, videos by CM,DKn).

Plumbeous Vireo

629.1-02-03 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird 25-26 May 2002 (TR).

629.1-02-04 Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 13 June 2002 (TR).

Sedge Wren

724-03-01 North Spit Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 territorial bird 30 May to 12 June 2003 (TR, videos by OS,DKn,DLA)

Brown Thrasher

706-97-21 Summer Lake, Lake Co., 1 adult 13-25 December 1997. (CM, photos by MSL)

705-02-23 6 miles N. Hwy 20/27 Junction, Crook Co., 1 bird on 31 June 2002 (RiM).

705-02-24 Lake Creek, Jackson Co., 1 bird on 24 September 2002 (JnK, photo by GaS).

705-02-25 Honey Creek, Lake Co., 1 bird on 5 October 2002 (HH).

California Thrasher

710-96-02 Table Rock Road, Jackson Co., 1 dead bird on 21 May 1996 (photos by SJa), specimen at Southern Oregon State College.

Yellow Wagtail

696-02-02 N. Jetty Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 juvenile on 8 September 2002 (FS).

White Wagtail

694-99-03 North Bend, Coos Co., 1 adult male subspecies *M. a. leucopsis* on 23 February 1999 (photo by JuM).

Red-throated Pipit

699-03-02 Wickiup Reservoir, Deschutes Co., 1 juvenile on 6 October 2003 (videos by CM,DT).

Virginia's Warbler

644-00-13 Little Whitehorse Creek, Malheur Co., 1 bird on 16 July 2000 (StD).

644-00-12 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 male and 1 female 19-29 May 2000 (OS,JeL,TR)

Lucy's Warbler

643-04-02 Brookings, Curry Co. 1 bird 14 January to 28 March 2004 (photos by SCh,BW, videos by GL,TJ).

Northern Parula

648-99-29 Arock, Malheur Co., 1 adult male on 25 June 1999 (MD,photos by MLD).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

659-99-33 Benson Pond, Harney Co., 1 adult male on 5 June 1999 (DH, photos by OS).

659-99-34 Fields, Harney Co., 1 adult male on 6 June 1999 (DH).

Magnolia Warbler

657-02-27 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 female on 26 May 2002 (TR).

Black-throated Green Warbler

667-99-08 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 adult female on 13 June 1999 (AC,HN, photos by DH).

667-01-10 Eugene, Lane Co., 1 immature female 7-9 December 2001 (DI).

Yellow-throated Warbler

663-03-04 Frenchglen, Harney Co., 1 adult male 1 October to 1 November 2003 (photo by NSt, videos by CM,GL).

Prairie Warbler

673-99-08 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 adult male on 10 September 1999 (photos by MD).

673-02-10 Seaside, Clatsop Co.,

1 adult male on 22 September 2002 (MP).

Hooded Warbler

684-00-10 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 female 6-7 October 2000 (AC).

Canada Warbler

686-01-05 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 bird on 8 September 2001 (photos SSt).

Summer Tanager

610-99-06 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 female on 13 June 1999 (AC,HN).

610-01-10 Beaverton, Washington Co., 1 adult male on 28 September 2001 (WiW).

610-01-12 Portland, Multnomah Co., 1 subadult on 13 October 2001 (JG).

610-01-14 Millicoma Marsh, Coos Co., 1 adult male on 27 June 2001 (TR).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

595-99-39 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 adult male on 10 June 1999 (photos by RL).

595-99-40 Clackamas, Clackamas Co., 1 adult male 7 July to 5 August 1999 (Photos by PTB).

595-99-41 Indian Ford Campground, Deschutes Co., 1 adult male on 13 July 1999 (photos by CR).

Indigo Bunting

598-01-26 Millicoma Marsh, Coos Co., 1 subadult male on 23 May 2001 (TR).

598-03-28 Newport, Lincoln Co., 1 subadult 21-27 January 2003 (RB).

Lark Bunting

605-97-14 Fox, Grant Co.,

- 1 molting male on 29 May 1997 (RHu).
 Gray-headed dark-eyed Junco 569-99-02 Oregon Canyon, Malheur Co., 5 pairs on 22 June 1999 (MD,MLD).
 569-00-03 Trout Creek, Harney Co., 1 bird on 17 July 2000 (StD).
 Smith's Longspur 537-03-03 North Portland, Multnomah Co., 1 bird on 17 October 2003 (video by StJ).
 Chestnut-collared Longspur 538-99-08 Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 bird on 14 October 1999 (TWa).
 538-03-16 Wickiup Reservoir, Deschutes Co., 5 birds on 6 October 2003 (video by CM).
 Great-tailed Grackle 512-01-14 Ontario, Malheur Co., 1 male and 1 female on 29 December 2001 (TR, photos by RuM).
 512-02-15 Fields, Harney Co., 1 male on 27 May 2002 (TR).
 Common Grackle 511-00-26 The Dalles, Wasco Co., 1 adult male 3 June 2000 (KA).
 511-02-29 Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 14 May 2002 (photos by RHo).
 511-02-30 Colony Creek, Harney Co., 4 birds on 20 May 2002 (TR, MWi).
 511-02-31 Fields, Harney Co., 1 bird on 12 June 2002 (TR).
 Hooded Oriole 505-02-22 Fields, Harney Co., 1 adult male on 17 April 2002 (photo by BoF).
 Baltimore Oriole 507-98-07 Summer Lake, Lake Co., 1 first winter male on 15 October 1998 (CM, MaM).
 507-02-08 Colony Creek, Harney Co., 1 adult male on 27 May 2002 (TR).
 Scott's Oriole 504-99-03 Mt. Vernon and John Day, Grant Co., 1 subadult 18 April to 18 May 1999 (photos by AnF).
 Not Accepted Records
 Tufted Duck 149.1-96-22 Sauvie Island, Multnomah Co., 1 male bird on 29 December 1996. Details did not rule out hybrid duck or some other species.
 King Eider 162-97-08 South Jetty Umpqua River, Douglas Co., 1 female on 5 July 1997. Not accepted as the details were brief and incomplete and did not eliminate other duck species.
 Murphy's Petrel 100.0-96-04 80-100 miles West of Florence, Lane Co., 4 birds second week of August 1996. Not accepted as report did not describe enough detail to eliminate other Pterodroma species.
 Little Blue Heron 200-02-08 Klamath Falls, Klamath Co., 1 bird on 2 October 2002. Not accepted as description was very brief and did not rule out immature Snowy Egret.
 Gyrfalcon 354-98-31 Finley NWR, Benton Co., 1 light phase bird on 21 February 1998. Not accepted as details were incomplete and confusing. Key field points were missing.
 Bristle-thighed Curlew 268-00-08 Boiler Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 bird on 29 September 2000. Not accepted as the view of the bird was brief and distant, and lighting may have been a factor.
 Long-toed Stint 242.1-98-07 New River, Coos Co., 1 juvenile on 9 August 1998. Not accepted as report did not mention key field points and was not detailed enough for this exceedingly difficult identification.
 Iceland Gull 043-90-05 Yaquina Bay, Lincoln Co., 1 adult bird on 21 January 1990. Not accepted as there were not enough details in the report to eliminate Thayer's Gull or hybrid.
 043-91-06 Sauvie island, Multnomah Co., subadult bird 10-11 March 1991. Not accepted as details did not eliminate other gull species and photo appears to be a hybrid bird.
 043-94-14 Winchuck River mouth, Curry Co. 1 bird on 19 March 1994. Not accepted as details did not rule out similar species and photos indicated a hybrid bird.
 043-03-16 Mouth Siuslaw River, Lane Co., 1 first winter bird on 22 February 2003. Not accepted as description did not completely eliminate similar gull species.
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird 428-99-01 Myrtle Creek, Douglas Co., 1 male October to second week of December 1999. Not accepted as report was too brief and did not eliminate similar hummingbird species.
 Eastern Wood-Pewee 461-53-02 Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 singing bird heard during August 1953. Not accepted record was related many years after the event, and song was not described.
 Least Flycatcher 467-97-31 West of Burns Junction, Malheur Co., 1 adult bird

19-20 June 1997. Not accepted as details did not eliminate other species of Empidonax flycatchers.

Plumbeous Vireo
629.1-01-02 Indian Ford Creek, Deschutes Co., 1 bird on 25 May 2001. Not accepted as details did not adequately eliminated Cassin's Vireo.

Blue-headed Vireo
Hq Malheur NWR, Harney Co., 1 adult male on 9 September 1998. Not accepted as details and photos did not adequately rule out Cassin's Vireo.

Blackpoll Warbler
661-01-36 Brookings, Curry Co., 1 fall bird on 9 October 2001. Not accepted as details did not completely rule out similar warbler species.

Chestnut-collared Longspur
538-99-17 North Spit Coos Bay, Coos Co., 1 bird 7-8 November 1999. Not accepted as details were brief and incomplete and did not eliminate other species.

Indigo Bunting
598-97-22 East of Milton-Freewater, Umatilla Co., 1 subadult male on 4 July 1997. Not accepted as details did not rule out hybrid Indigo/Lazuli Bunting.

598-01-25 Cape Blanco, Curry Co., 1 subadult on 28 April 2001. Not accepted as details were brief and did not rule out similar species.

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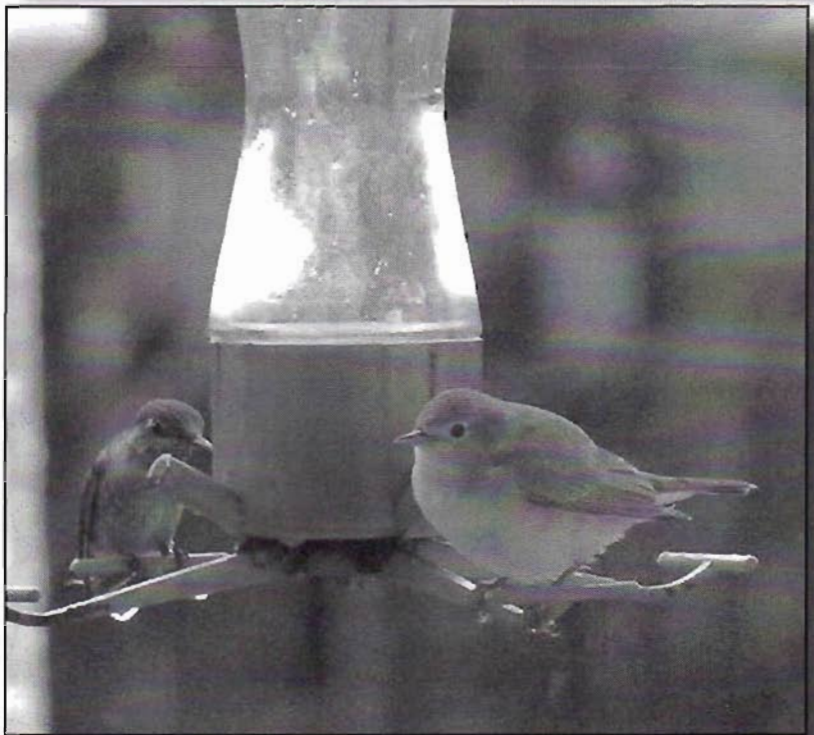
Here's *Lucy!*

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On a rare rainless day,

15 January 2004, I went outside to see what might be lurking in my yard in Harbor, Curry County, when I noticed a small, very pale grey bird flitting about in the shrubbery. I had no idea what it was, and after checking for the most likely suspects in Sibley's Guide to Birds, I thought it might be an oak titmouse. Later in the day, however, it came to one of my hummingbird feeders, and I could then see that it was some kind of warbler rather than a titmouse. After getting a few photos of it as it perched on the back deck railing, I consulted the Sibley guide again and realized that it was a Lucy's warbler. Good grief, I thought. It's a long way from its wintering grounds in western Mexico!

I sent an email to Harry Nebls in Portland indicating that I thought I had a Lucy's warbler in my yard here in Harbor. His reply was, "if it's a Lucy's, you've hit the big time." Really, I thought. It's THAT rare for here? Indeed it was, and the last Lucy's warbler seen in Oregon was one that remained for three weeks in the winter of 1986-87 near Florence.

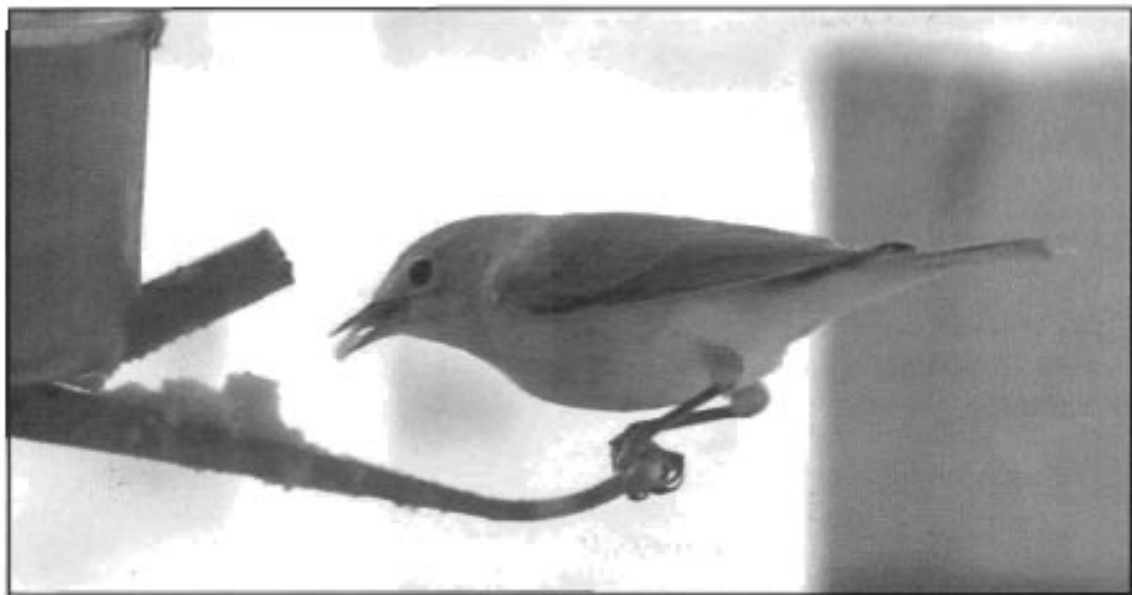


All Lucy's warbler photos by Sheila Chambers, January 17-19 2004

With my new Olympus 750 camera, I was able to get a much better picture of "little Lucy," and I could now see field marks much better. I could see that "she" was a female Lucy's warbler.

It was obvious to me that Lucy was a very hungry little warbler. She would flit from one feeder to another, shoving her pointy beak as far as it would go into the tubes to get the sugar water there. During a cold downpour, she was frantically hunting through the

weedy grass in an effort to find insects. I knew I had to find something for her to eat if she was to survive here much longer, and the only thing I could think of that I knew birds liked, and that had a lot of fat and protein, was peanut butter, so I put some on the perches of the hummingbird feeder. It took her awhile to discover it, but once she got some stuck on her beak, she ate it and liked it. Thank goodness, I thought, she finally has some solid food to eat.



One of my visitors brought her a gift of "Oregon suet" that had insects in it. I knew that tiny Lucy, with her slim pointy beak, couldn't handle the hard suet, so I shaved thin slices off the block and mixed it with the peanut butter and added it to the perches. Lucy continued to scarf down the new treat and her sugar water. She definitely liked sweets! Little Lucy was much calmer now, and seemed at home. She came several times a day to "her" hummingbird feeder to eat the peanut butter and suet mix and to sip sugar water. She would then fly over the shrubbery on the west side of the yard to a nearby riparian area to hunt for insects. She also hunted in my "weedy-brushy-with-wild-blackberries-climbing-up-the-apple-trees" yard.

A Chestnut-backed chickadee also discovered the peanut butter and suet on the hummingbird feeder, so "little Lucy" had to wait until the feistier and larger Chickadee had its fill. It was very strange to see an insectivorous lost little warbler at a hummingbird

feeder sipping sugar water and eating suet-laced peanut butter, but it kept her alive and healthy. As I first typed this account on my computer on March 15, "Lucy" was still here. The weather had been unseasonably warm, but that meant more insects, and thus food for her.

I thought that she had a good chance of making it through the winter, since she was eating well, looked healthy and acted normally (no frantic hunting for food in the cold pouring rain). She came calmly to the feeder to eat and drink, and then flitted off to shelter until she became hungry again. I wondered how she ever got the idea that a hummingbird feeder had food in it, but as far as I was concerned, she was welcome to stay as long as she needed. There would always be lots of peanut butter and suet for her here!

Lucy lasted far longer than the first Lucy's warbler to visit Oregon. The last day I saw her here was 1 April... she took off that night, and this time she didn't return. It's much quieter

here now. No knocks at the door, no excited, expectant, binocular-loaded, bird book-lugging birders waiting for Lucy to show up at the feeder, and the phone rings only from telemarketers now, rather than by birders asking if Lucy is still here, and if so, can they come down and see her. I always said "of course you can!". I enjoyed their company, and I was happy to be able to provide a nice, close, comfortable view of the Lucy's Warbler when she came to visit the peanut butter-loaded hummingbird feeder. I hope my visitors enjoyed their visits... they seemed to, except for the few who missed her when she just wouldn't show up on a schedule.

I would like to think that Lucy did find her way home and is now being courted by a handsome male Lucy's warbler and will soon be raising more "little Lucys." Perhaps one of them will get "lost" and visit Oregon. If so, they are always welcome at my hummingbird feeder, with peanut butter added.

A MacGillivray's Warbler banded in Oregon and recaptured in British Columbia

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It is not an every day (or decade) occurrence when a warbler you have banded is recaptured elsewhere, but on 27 May 2004, a message from the Bird Banding Laboratory contained such news. A now two year old male MacGillivray's Warbler banded on 21 May 2003 (# 2250-50260) at the Horse Creek Meadows monitoring station located at 2100 feet (640 meters) elevation, about 18 miles (29 kilometers) west of Grants Pass in Siskiyou National Forest, Josephine County, was recaptured on 21 May 2004 by Derek Matthews on Fromme Mountain at 1000 feet (305 meters) elevation in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The recapture location, about 495 miles (797 kilometers) north of Horse Creek Meadows, was likely only a short segment along this individual's semi-annual migration route. A distance of over 4,500 miles (7619 kilometers) is possible between the southern- and northern-most extensions of their range.

MacGillivray's Warblers are neotropical migrants that breed in North America, but spend a larger portion of the year on their non-breeding grounds between Mexico and western Panama. The banded "Mac" had made two trips to its non-breeding grounds, and had been returning to breed when captured in British Columbia. The recapture suggests this individual was in migration when banded in Oregon, and that Canada, possibly further north of North Vancouver, was its breeding destination. Also, when banded it had no cloacal protuberance, normally present with territorial passerines. The distance between the two captures, that were on the same day of different



MacGillivray's Warbler capture location, Horse Creek Meadows, Siskiyou National Forest, Josephine Co. Photo/D. Vroman



MacGillivray's Warbler recapture location, Fromme Mountain in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Photo/ D. Matthews

years, demonstrates the distance variation possible with this species during its annual spring migration. Migrating warblers are known to “fall out” during bad weather, and this may account for its presence at Horse Creek where it was banded.

The plant communities at both locations were compared. Prevalent tree and shrub species were identified at each. Trees at the banding site (Horse Creek Meadows) were: ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*), Douglas-fir

(*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), California black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*) and Pacific madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*). Shrubs included: bitter cherry (*Prunus emarginata*), mountain whitethorn (*Ceanothus cordulatus*), cascara (*Rhamnus purshiana*), willow spp. (*Salix* spp.), vine maple (*Acer circinatum*), dogwood sp. (*Cornus* sp.), choke cherry (*Prunus virginiana* var. *demissa*) and California Hazelnut (*Corlyus cornuta* var. *californica*). Trees at the recapture site (North Vancouver) were: Douglas-fir, western

hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*), western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*) and red alder (*Alnus rubra*). Shrubs included: salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*) and red huckleberry (*Vaccinium parviflorum*).

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The Quantum Mechanics of Swainson’s Thrushes

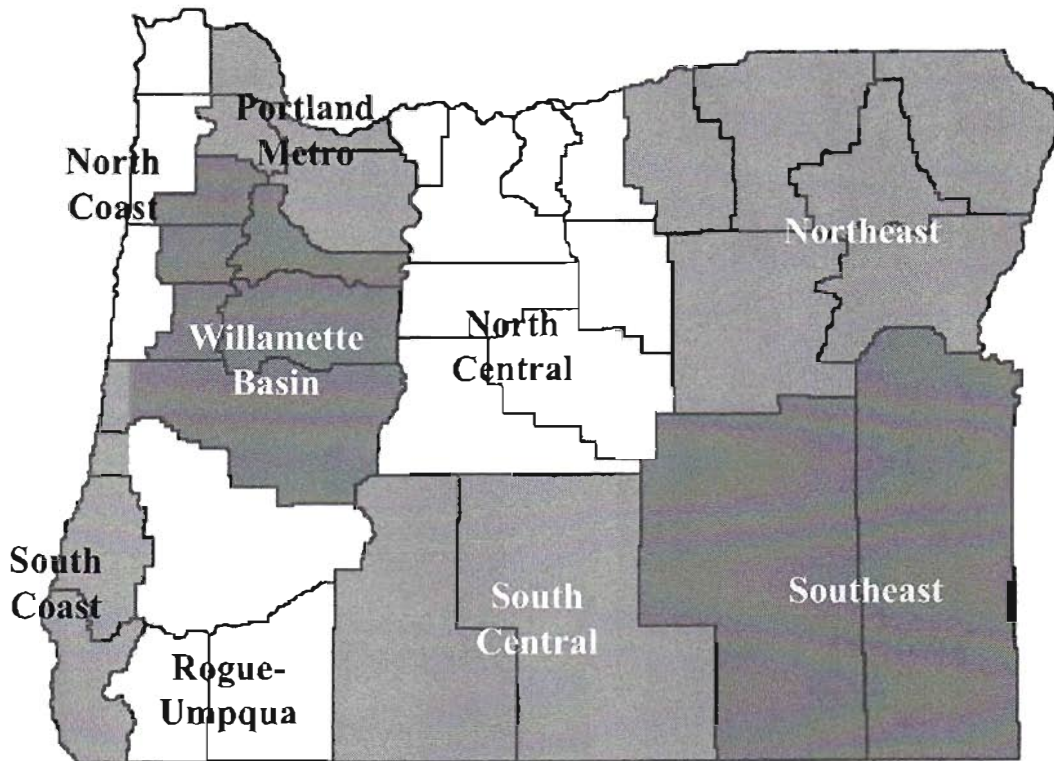
each single drop sound
like water in a saucepan
call notes sprinkled
in summer forests
under salmonberry canes

its song starts with particles
spectrums and waves follow
trills arrive close and early
dispersing notes ascend
then vanish into infinity

can’t see it move
maybe swift and silent?
does not fly nor walk
it fades from one spot
and arrives elsewhere

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Abbreviations:

FW	Fernhill Wetlands, Washington Co.
JB	Jackson Bottoms, Washington Co.
SI	Sauvie Island, Multnomah/Columbia Co.
TRNWR	Tualatin River NWR, Washington Co.
OB	Oaks Bottom, Multnomah Co.
VW	Vanport Wetlands, Multnomah Co.
MT	Mt. Tabor, Multnomah Co.
PM	Pittock Mansion, Multnomah Co.

Pacific Loon - 1 FW on Nov 1 (GG), 3 at Hagg Lake WASH on Nov 14 (GG)

Common Loon - 1 near I-205 MULT on Nov 19 (JT)

Red-throated Loon - 1 on Timothy Lake CLACK on Nov 5 (ES)

Western Grebe - 1 on Oct 4 FW WASH (LM)

Horned Grebe - imm FW WASH on Sept 6 (DI)

Eared Grebe - 1 Force Lk MULT on Oct 12 (JF), 1 Bybee Lk MULT on Oct 31 (DS), 1 on Timothy Lake CLACK on Nov 5 (ES), 2 at Col Blvd sewage treatment plant MULT on Oct 14 (EdM)

American White Pelican - 34 on SI MULT Aug 2 (GL)

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1 juvenile seen at FW WASH on Aug 18 (DMA), 1 seen along Columbia Slough MULT on Sept 7 (DMA)

Great Egret - 200 SI MULT on Aug 14 (HBN), 20 seen on Smith-Bybee on Aug 30 (JL)

WHITE-FACED IBIS 1 seen briefly at VW MULT on Sept 19 (JF, BS)

Greater White-fronted Goose - 1 at West Union WASH on Sept 6 (DMA) and 10 on Sept 10 at JB WASH (DMA), 1 bird of Tule race seen at TRNWR WASH on Aug 15 (PJ)

Ross's Goose - 1 at FW WASH on Nov 9 (MkM)

Snow Goose - juvenile WP MULT on Oct 29 (JF), first migrants noted on SI MULT on Nov 15 (SJ)

EURASIAN GREEN-WINGED

TEAL - 3 at FW WASH on Nov 26 (GG), 1 at JB WASH on Nov 20

(GG)

Eurasian Wigeon - 1 noted on Oct 12 OB MULT (MkM), 1 on Vernonia Lake COL Nov 17 (DCg)

Barrow's Goldeneye - 1 adult at FW WASH on Nov 1 (GG), 2 on Hayden Island MULT on Nov 21 (DB), 6 at Eagle Creek MULT on Nov 13 (JT, DM)

Long-tailed Duck - 2 females on Bybee Lake MULT on Nov 27 (LR)

Ruddy Duck - female FW WASH on Sept 7 (MkM)

Surf Scoter - 5 on Columbia River MULT on Nov 21 (RR)

White-winged Scoter - 4 on Timothy Lake CLACK on Aug 28 (ES, NW)

Turkey Vulture - 50 in NW Portland on Oct 10 (WG)

White-tailed Kite - pair nested near Portland Airport during summer 2 young seen near Portland Airport on Aug 27 (HBN)

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1 at Koll Center Wetlands WASH on Aug 17 (MkM), 1 seen at FW WASH on Aug 16 (GG), 1 seen at TRNWR WASH on Aug 21 (TL, PJ)

Rough-legged Hawk - 1 at FW WASH on Oct 25 (HBN) 1, SI MULT on Nov 1 (SJ), 1 JB WASH on Nov 7 (SP)

Merlin - 1 seen at JB WASH on Sept 1 (DMA)

Sandhill Crane - 6 seen on SI on Sept 8 (DMA)

American Golden-Plover - juvenile VW MULT on Sept 17 (GL, JG)

Semipalmated Plover - 3 at FW WASH on Aug 3 (MAS)

AMERICAN AVOCET - basic-plumaged bird seen at FW WASH on Nov 14 (WG, AF)

Solitary Sandpiper - 1 SI on Sept 23 (WG)

Marbled Godwit - 1 at OB MULT on Oct 7 (EK) Last seen on Oct 12

Baird's Sandpiper - 2 on SI MULT Aug 31 by (GL), 3 at FW WASH on Sept 4 (JR)

Pectoral Sandpiper - 1 on TRNWR WASH on Aug 8 (PJ), 1 SI on Aug 24 (MlaF), 17 seen there on Sept 6 (MiM)

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper - 1 at FW WASH on Oct 25 (GG)



Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, 25 October, Fernhill Wetlands, Forest Grove, Washington Co. Photo/G. Gillson

Short-billed Dowitcher - 1 seen on FW WASH on Aug 17 (TS)

STILT SANDPIPER - 2 on SI MULT on Aug 31 (GL), 1 juvenile there Sept 12 (TL)

Red-necked Phalarope - 2 at FW WASH on Aug 3 (MS), 8 seen at VW MULT Aug 22 (DS), 23 on SI Aug 24 (ML)

Red Phalarope - 1 seen at FW WASH on Oct 18 (MiM)

Wilson's Phalarope - 1 FW WASH on Sept 19 (JR)

Heermann's Gull - 1 seen at Broughton Beach MULT on Oct 13 (PJ)

Western Gull - 1 seen at FW WASH on Sept 17 (WG)

Bonaparte's Gull - 2 winter-plumaged birds SI MULT on Aug 25 (DS), 5 at FW WASH on Oct 30

(LM, HN), 13 on Smith Lake MULT on Nov 3 (IT)

Black Tern - 1 VW MULT on Sept 10 (JF)

Forster's Tern - 2 on TRNWR on Aug 8 (PJ)

Caspian Tern - 15 seen on SI on Aug 10 (WG)

Barn Owl - 1 in SE Portland on Oct 3 (LW) 1 at Blue Lake Park MULT on Nov 13 (IT, DM)

Short-eared Owl - 1 at Broughton Beach MULT on Nov 19 (IT)

Northern Saw-Whet Owl - 1 Smith-Bybee Lakes MULT on Nov 11 (IT, JF)

Common Nighthawk - 1 observed near Hagg Lake WASH on Aug 9 (DS)

White-headed Woodpecker 1 seen at Summit Lake CLACK on Aug 13 (ES)

Lewis's Woodpecker - 5 at PM MULT on Sept 28 (WG)

Red-naped Sapsucker 1 seen on MT MULT on Sept 19 (GL)

Pacific-slope Flycatcher - late date of Sept 1 MT MULT (GL)

Hammond's Flycatcher - 1 noted on Devil's Half Acre CLACK on Sept 14 (PJ)

Say's Phoebe - 1 on Bybee Lake MULT on Nov 25 (DC), 1 in Beaverton WASH on Sept 18 (DM)

Northern Shrike - juv seen at FW WASH on Oct 24 (GG), 1 on SI MULT on Nov 1 (SJ)

Warbling Vireo - late date of Aug 28 on Powell Butte MULT (PJ)

Red-eyed Vireo - 1 at PM MULT Aug 21 (WG)

Tree Swallow - 3 at FW WASH on Nov 22 (JB, DM)

Barn Swallow - 8 at FW WASH on Nov 1 (GG), 1 on Nov 22 (JB, DM)

Bank Swallow - 1 at Coon Point SI MULT on Aug 28 (DM, JF)

1 juvenile FW WASH on Sept 7 (MkM)

Golden-crowned Kinglet - first migrants noted MT MULT on Sept 28 (GL)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 noted on SI Sept 8 (DB)

Townsend's Solitaire - 1 at PM MULT on Sept 28 (WG)

Western Bluebird - 5 birds along Skyline Dr. MULT on Aug 10 (DS)

Varied Thrush - migrants noted on Mt Tabor on Oct 23 (PJ), Nov 6 at



Anna's Hummingbird, 9 Nov, Cedar Mill, Washington Co. Photo/K. Kopacek

PAS (DH)

American Pipit - first arrivals Sept 1 at FW WASH (LM)

Orange-crowned Warbler - 1 on Hayden Island MULT on Nov 21 (DB), 1 at OB MULT on Nov 26 (EK)

Hermit Warbler - 1 at PM MULT on Aug 21 (WG)

Blackpoll Warbler fall-plumaged bird seen MT MULT on Sept 19 (GL)

Yellow Warbler - HY bird seen at Smith-Bybee MULT on Nov 26 (MkM, Mma)

Western Tanager - 1 in SW Portland MULT on Oct 19 (Mma)

Fox Sparrow - 1 on MT MULT on Sept 1 (GL), 1 on Mike's Meadow CLACK on Sept 26 (PJ)

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1 first noted on Sept 6 in West Union WASH (DMa)

Vesper Sparrow - 1 VW MULT on Sept 15 (JF, DMa, BS)

Swamp Sparrow - 1 at FW WASH on Nov 1 (GG), 2 at OB MULT on Nov 12 (EK)

White-throated Sparrow - 2 noted on Oct 9 in Beaverton WASH (GG)

Golden-crowned Sparrow - first migrants noted on MT MULT Sept 15 (PJ)

SMITH'S LONGSPUR - 1 seen on Oct 17 along Marine Drive MULT (SJ)

Snow Bunting 2 at Broughton Beach MULT on Nov 3 (IT)

Tricolored Blackbird - 1 seen along

Marine Drive near 148th MULT on Nov 14 (DS)

Pine Siskin - migrants first noted in NE Portland on Nov 14 (SJ)

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GL	Gerard Lillie
HBN	Harry Nebbs
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JBl	Joe Blowers
JFi	John Fitcher
JG	Jeff Gilligan
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TS	Tim Shelmerdine
WG	Wink Gross

North Coast Field Notes: Winter 2003-2004

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Abbreviations:

AAMB	Astoria Airport Mitigation Bank, Clatsop County
ASCFT	Audubon Society of Corvallis field trip led by Paula Vanderheul
BARJ	Barview Jetty, Tillamook County
BBSW	Boiler Bay, Lincoln County
BCMWS	Beaver Creek Marsh Wetlands Conservancy Preserve, Lincoln County
BOSP	Bay Ocean Spit, Tillamook County
BROWN	Brownsmead, Clatsop County
CMNWR	Cape Meares NWR, Tillamook County
ECLK	Eckman Lake, Lincoln County – 2 mi east of Waldport along Hwy 34
ECSP	Ecola State Park, Clatsop County
HSCN	Hatfield Science Center, Newport Lincoln County
IDFL	Idaho Flats is large embayment just east of HSCN, Newport, Lincoln County
SBNWR	Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Lincoln County
SJCR	South Jetty Columbia River, Clatsop County
SRSP	Seal Rock State Park, Lincoln County
WASP	Warrenton Sewage Ponds, Clatsop County
WRCC	Wireless Road, Clatsop County
YBCBC	Yaquina Bay CBC 3 Jan, 2004
YBNFT	Yaquina Birders and Naturalists Field Trips led by Eric Horvath, Chuck Philo, and Laimons Osis.
YBSJ	Yaquina Bay South Jetty, Lincoln County
YHON	Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, Lincoln County

Red-throated Loon – 1 at SJCR on 13 Dec (MP), noted in CLAT 3 Jan (MP), noted at YHON 10 Jan (KF), 1 at San Marine, LINC 10 Jan (JeG).

ARTIC LOON – 1 possible noted at Yaquina Head, LINC on 5 Feb (MK).

Pacific Loon – 20 at SJCR 13 Dec (MP).

YELLOW-BILLED LOON – 1 off CMNWR 21 Dec (fide HN), 1 off Yaquina Bay, LINC 27 Feb (CP).

Red-necked Grebe –1 in CLAT 6 Dec (MP) and 22 Dec (MLaF), 2 at YBSJ 11 Jan (JeG) thru 29 Feb (RR).

Eared Grebe –2 at ECLK 8 Jan (DF) increasing to 3 at ECLK 10 Jan (JeG), 1 on Yaquina Bay, LINC 16 Jan (YBNFT), 1 at Netarts Bay, TILL 17 Feb (WG).

Northern Fulmar –4 at SJCR 13 Dec (MP). DLe counted 42 fulmars on 4.2

beach miles from Seal Rock to Alsea Bay on 16 Dec and sent the 6 best specimens to the USGS National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, WI. There, a pathologist found that all were emaciated females and that 1 or more had pale oral membranes (1), fractured ribs (1), pale kidneys (2), dilated and congested digestive tract (1), moderate (2) to heavy (1) louse infestations, numerous small roundworms (1), and negligible amounts (3) to about 20 grams (1) of plastic and wood chips. Lab test results as well as any conclusions about cause(s) of death are pending. Noted at Sunset Beach and from both north and south jetties during Columbia Estuary CBC 21 Dec (MP). Noted on 3 Jan (YBCBC). Evidence-of the die-off continued,

with 35 found in January along 4.6 miles of beach north of Ona Beach, this is 7 more than the previous high during 1978-2002 (BLo, ShL, LO). 1 dark phase noted at Tierra del Mar, TILL 15 Feb (WG).

MANX SHEARWATER – 1 off BBSW 1 Dec (PP).

Short-tailed Shearwater – 2 at BBSW 1 Dec (PP), 2 at SJCR 13 Dec (MP), noted 3 Jan (YBCBC).

Brandt's Cormorant – 20 at SRSP 11 Jan (JeG).

Great Egret - 3 in Astoria, CLAT on 7 Dec (MP), ECLK had between 1–3 from 27 Dec thru 10 Jan (m. ob.), 4 at Alsea Bay, LINC 15 Feb (KM), 1 at South Beaver Creek, LINC 15 Feb (KM), 1 at Beaver Creek, LINC 19 Feb (YBNFT).

Greater White-fronted Goose – 8 at Astoria Airport, CLAT 31 Jan (MP).

Snow Goose – 1 at BROWN 9 Jan (MP), 1 at SRSP 14 Feb (MAS, PBe).

ROSS' GOOSE - 2 at BROWN 9 Jan and seen again on 16 Jan (MP).

TRUMPETER SWAN - First seen at ECLK on 5 Jan (RLo), and first reported 8 Jan (DF). A debate ensued about whether it might be a Tundra, as it seemed to have some characteristics not typical of Trumpeters, but the consensus seems to be that it was a Trumpeter, based particularly on calls that DF heard. It continued to be seen by m.ob. thru 14 Jan. Another was reported just north of the Salmon River Bridge, LINC 10 Jan (WH, RC, WN).

Blue-winged Teal – 2 at Camp Rilea, CLAT 21 Dec (MP).

Eurasian Wigeon – 1 at ECLK 11 Dec (SaL), 7 near Tillamook, TILL 30 Jan (DoA), 1 WRCC 15 Feb (MP), 2 at Sallys Bend, LINC 21 Feb (ASCFT), 1 at Yaquina Bay, LINC 29 Feb (RR).

Redhead – several at Boone Slough, LINC during the 3 Jan (YBCBC)

which is very unusual for that site but are seen at Sally's Bend, LINC, 1 at BOSP 3 Feb (IT, DvM).

Harlequin Duck – 1 at SRSP 11 Dec (DiP), 2 off SRSP 4 Jan (JFo, SDi), 2 at SRSP 11 Jan (JeG), 6 at Yaquina Bay Bridge, LINC 11 Feb (SKu, PR), 2 at the YBSJ 17 Feb (PD) and 21 Feb (ASCFT), 5 males and 1 female at SRSP 15 Feb (KM), 9 at SRSP 19 Feb (YBNFT), 6 at SRSP 29 Feb (RR), 8 at YBSJ 29 Feb (RR), 3 at Cannon Beach, CLAT 29 Feb (MP).

Long-tailed Duck – 1 west of the Yaquina Bay Bridge, LINC in early Feb (CP) thru 27 Feb (m.ob.).

Black Scoter – 5 at San Marine, LINC 10 Jan (JeG).

Common Goldeneye – 10 at Waldport, LINC 29 Feb (RR).

Barrow's Goldeneye – 1 in CLAT noted on 6 Dec, 1 Jan, 3 Jan (MP).

Osprey – 1 at Oregon Coast Aquarium, LINC hunting over east log pond 15 Dec (JLa), 1 at Newport Bay front, LINC 14 Feb (PD).

White-tailed Kite – 2 at IDFL 15 Dec (JLa), over 20 seen during Tillamook CBC 20 Dec (OS), 1-2 at the HSCN 26 Dec thru 11 Jan (m. ob.), 1- 2 at Logsdan, LINC 29 Dec thru 3 Jan (BLe), 2 near Yaquina Bay, LINC 4 Jan (JFo, SDi), 1 at Waldport, LINC on 10 Jan (JeG), 1 at HSCN 5 Feb (JLa), 4 at BROWN 7 Feb (MP).

Bald Eagle – 1 at IDFL 2 Dec (TWa), 1 at Tidewater, LINC 20 Dec (PBW), 1 at Sally's Bend, LINC 15 Feb (KM), 1 over Yaquina Bay, LINC 19 Feb (RO), 1 at OBSP 19 Feb (YBNFT) thru 21 Feb (AFCFT), 2 near Boone Slough, LINC 21 Feb (AFCFT), 2 at IDFL 21 Feb (AFCFT).

Red-Shouldered Hawk – 1 juvenile at ECLK 5 Dec (MC), 1 located during Astoria CBC 21 Dec (MP) and seen throughout the area into Feb, 1 adult at ECLK 10 Jan (JeG) thru 15 Jan (DRo).

Rough-legged Hawk – 1 at WRCC 5 Dec (MP), 1 at BROWN 16 Jan (MP). A light-phase adult male at YBSJ 18 Jan (DF), they are not found every year.

American Kestrel – 1 was at North

Beaver Creek, LINC 27 Dec (JS), 1 Logsdan, LINC 30 Dec (BLe), 1 at Toledo, LINC 1 Feb (PD).

Peregrine Falcon – 1 at IDFL 2 Dec (TWa), 2 at BROWN 12 Dec (MP), 1 at BROWN 21 Dec (MLaF), 1 at Astoria Sewage Ponds, CLAT 22 Dec (MLaF). 1 along the Nestucca River Road, TILL a couple miles west of Blaine 2 Jan (DoA), being the first one reported during a CBC for 21 years. 1 at Waldport Docks, LINC 10 Jan (RC, WH, WN). 1 at IDFL 30 Jan (JLa), noted at Cannon Beach, CLAT 2 Feb (SaP), noted at ECSP 2 Feb (SaP), 1 at HSCN on 6 Feb (HSt), 2 at BROWN 6 thru 7 Feb (MP), 1 at the east end of Newport, LINC 13 Feb (CP).

Gyr Falcon – 1 brown at Sunset Beach, CLAT 16 Feb (IS) found eating gull. Watched for at least 30 minutes.

Pacific Golden-Plover – 1 in CLAT 6 Dec (MP).

Semipalmated Plover – 1 at OBSP 21 Feb (ASCFT).

Black Oystercatcher – 1 at Yaquina Bay, LINC 30 Dec (WH), 4 at SRSP 11 Jan (JeG), 2 at Oceanside, TILL 14 Feb (IS).

Greater Yellowlegs – 25 at BROWN 12 Dec (MP), 24 at BROWN 27 Feb (MP).

Spotted Sandpiper – 2 in CLAT 6 Dec (MP), 2 at Astoria Sewage Ponds, CLAT 22 Dec (MLaF).

Long-billed Curlew – 1 at SBNWR 1 Dec (PP). 1 SBNWR 11 Jan (JHa, BT).

Surfbird – 6 at BARJ 14 Feb (IS).

Least Sandpiper – 243 in CLAT 11 Jan (LC).

Rock Sandpiper – 2 at Depoe Bay, LINC on 11 Jan (JHa, BT), 3 at Depoe Bay, LINC 3 Feb (CK), 1 at SRSP 19 Feb (YBNFT).

Long-billed Dowitcher – 6 at BROWN 12 Dec (MP).

Wilson's Snipe – 11 at WRCC 6 Jan (LC), 6 at Logsdan Store Pond, LINC 18 Jan (BLe).

California Gull – peak number was 600 at SBNWR 1 Dec (PP).

Herring Gull – 1 juvenile at D parking lot, Lincoln City, LINC 5 Dec (PP).

Thayer's Gull – peak number was 30

at SBNWR 1 Dec (PP). 1 juvenile at D parking lot, Lincoln City, LINC 5 Dec (PP), flock of 240 adults at the Yachats River mouth, LINC 29 Dec (WH).

SLATY-BACKED GULL – 1 at Fenk Road, TILL 3 Feb (IT, DvM), 1 on WRCC 8 Feb (MP) and seen again on 12 Feb (MP).

Glaucous Gull – noted 3 Jan (YBCBC), noted at BARJ 3 Feb (SaP), 1 at Pacific City, TILL 31 Jan (JoH), 1 at BROWN 6 thru 7 Feb (MP), 1 at WRCC 8 Feb and 12 Feb (MP).

Black-legged Kittiwake – noted in CLAT 6 Dec (MP), 1 at SJCR 13 Dec (MP), 8 off Seaside, CLAT 4 Feb (fide HN), 1 at SRSP 15 Feb (KM), 2 at Tierra del Mar, TILL 15 Feb (WG).

Red-legged Kittiwake – found injured near Jewell, CLAT 28 Dec (fide HN).

Pigeon Guillemot – 2 at Yaquina Bay, LINC 4 Jan (JFo, SD), 1 west of Yaquina Bay Bridge, LINC 14 Feb thru 29 Feb (m.ob.).

Marbled Murrelet – noted at YHON 10 Jan (KF).

Ancient Murrelet – single pairs off BBSW 1 Dec and 6 Dec (PP).

Rhinoceros Auklet – noted 3 Jan (YBCBC).

Rock Dove – 50 at OBSP 19 Feb (YBNFT).

Band-tailed Pigeon – noted 4 miles E of Waldport, LINC 8 Feb (JKC).

Great Horned Owl – 1 heard in Toledo, LINC 6 Feb (CP).

Northern Pygmy-Owl – 1 in Pacific City, TILL 15 Feb (WG).

Barred Owl – heard in Beaver Creek, LINC 23 Feb (LO).

Long-eared Owl – 1 heard in Warrenton, CLAT 15 Jan (MP).

Anna's Hummingbird – Several continued in Yachats yard through at least 15 Dec (BB), 1 to 2 were collecting cotton, presumably for a nest 4 miles east of Waldport, LINC 20 Jan and 27 Jan (JKC), 1 at Rockaway Beach, TILL 13 Feb thru 15 Feb (IS).

Rufous Hummingbird – 1 in Astoria, CLAT 24 Jan (fide MP), first male detected at the mouth of Alsea Bay, LINC 10 Feb (LL) and the next day 4 miles east of Waldport (JKC),

1 in Newport, LINC 25 Feb (RF), 1 in Siletz, LINC 2 Mar (fide MP), 1 Astoria, CLAT 5 Mar (MP), noted at Warrenton, CLAT (MP).

Red-breasted Sapsucker - 1 at Logsdan, LINC 30 Dec (BLE), 1 at BROWN 9 Jan and 30 Jan (MP), 1 in Toledo, LINC 5 Feb (SKU), 1 at Beaver Creek, LINC 19 Feb (YBNFT).

Hairy Woodpecker - pair at Rockaway Beach, TILL 13 Feb thru 15 Feb (IS).

Pileated Woodpecker - 2 at Tidewater, LINC 19 Dec (PBW), 2 at BROWN 21 Dec (MLaF), noted 3 Jan (YBCBC), 1 at BROWN 23 Jan and 7 Feb (MP), 2 at Rockaway Beach, TILL 13 Feb thru 15 Feb (IS).

BLACK PHOEBE - 1 during Tillamook CBC 20 Dec (WH, BT).

TROPICAL KINGBIRD - 1 at Gearhart, CLAT 29 Nov thru 6 Dec (MP).

Northern Shrike - 1 at IDFL 11 Dec (JLa), 1 at Yaquina Bay, LINC 16 Jan (YBNFT), 1 at BROWN 6 thru 7 Feb (MP), 1 at Airport Road, CLAT 8 Feb (LC), 1 immature at BOSP 17 Feb (WG).

Hutton's Vireo - 5 at WASP 26 Feb (MP).

Gray Jay - noted 3 Jan (YBCBC).

Western Scrub-Jay - 1 at Logsdan, LINC 20 Dec (BLE).

Horned Lark - 1 at Tillamook CBC 20 Dec (JHa, JP), 1 at YBSJ 24 Jan (DF) thru 18 Feb (m.ob.).

Tree Swallow - 3 tree or violet-green swallows flew over a ridge east of Siletz Bay, LINC 11 Jan (JHa, BT) are several weeks early compared to records compiled through 1992. 1 at BROWN 23 Jan (MP), noted tree or violet-greens at YBSJ 4 Feb (fide BLE), 2 at BROWN 7 Feb (MP).

Barn Swallow - 1 over BCWM 10 Jan (WH, RC, WN), 2 at BROWN 23 Jan (MP), 2 at AAMB 24 Jan (MP), 20 at BROWN 7 Feb (MP).

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1 at Gearheart, CLAT 3 Dec (MP), heard in Rockaway Beach, TILL 13 Feb (IS), noted in TILL 14 Feb (AnF).

Brown Creeper - 1 at ECLK 27 Dec (JaS).

Marsh Wren - 1 along Moon Creek, TILL 2 Jan (DoA).

American Dipper - 1 along North Beaver Creek Road, LINC on 20 Feb (EH).

Townsend's Solitaire - 1 in Astoria, CLAT 1 Feb (MP).

Hermit Thrush - 33 observed on count day for Upper Nestucca CBC 2 Jan (DoA) compared to the largest number of 7 in latest years.

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD - 1 at South Beach, LINC near the gravel alley connecting Ferry Slip Road and Idaho Point Road on 18 Jan (DF) thru 22 Jan (EH).

WHITE WAGTAIL - 1 probable was heard calling as it flew south over Clatsop Beach, CLAT north of Gearhart 9 Dec (MP).

Cedar Waxwing - noted in CLAT 18 Dec (MP).

Orange-crowned Warbler - 1 at BROWN 21 Dec (MLaF), 1 at WASP 26 Feb (MP), 1 at Toledo, LINC 5 Feb (CP).

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 200 at SJCR 13 Dec (MP).

Townsend's Warbler - 1 in Gearheart, CLAT 3 Dec (MP), 1 in CLAT 6 Dec (MP), 1 at Hammond, CLAT 6 thru 7 Dec (MP), 1 in LINC 11 Feb (JKC).

Palm Warbler - 1 at Hammond, CLAT 6 Dec (LC), 1 noted during Columbia Estuary CBC 21 Dec (MP), 1 at HSCN

4 Jan (JFo, SD).

Savannah Sparrow - 1 noted in CLAT 3 Jan (MP), noted at YHON 10 Jan (KF).

Lincoln Sparrow - noted in CLAT 6 Dec, 18 Dec, 1 Jan (MP), 1 at BROWN 21 Dec (MLaF), 5 along Moon Creek, TILL 2 Jan (DoA), 1 at Warrenton, CLAT 15 Jan (MP), 1 at AAMB 19 Jan (MP), noted at BROWN on 27 Feb (MP).

White-throated Sparrow - 1 at Wandemere, LINC yard from late Nov through at least 12 Dec (RC, WN), 1 at feeder in Toledo, LINC 8 Dec (CP), 1 at BROWN 12 Dec (MP), 1 at Warrenton, CLAT 14 Dec (MP), 2 tan-type at Toledo, LINC 30 Dec (DS), noted 3 Jan (YBCBC).

SnowBunting - 22 at Sunset Beach, CLAT 4 Dec (MP), 1 at YBSJ on 14 Feb (CP).

MCKAY'S BUNTING - 1 at Depoe Bay, LINC 3 Jan (KAM). Photos reported on OBOL. KAM reported it on 8 Jan but it was not seen again.

Western Meadowlark - 1 at YBSJ 24 Dec (JaS), 1 made daily visits to Wandemere yard, LINC from mid-Dec thru 12 Jan (RC, WN), 1 at WRCC 6 Jan (LC), 1 at HSCN 16 Jan (YBNFT), 1 at BROWN 30 Jan (MP), 30 at Nehalem Meadows, TILL 22 Feb (DB), 2-6 at HSCN on 4 days in early Feb (JLa), 1 at the Yachats 804 Trail, LINC on 9 Feb (SaL).

Bullock's Oriole - 1 in residential Astoria, CLAT 26 Jan (fide MP).

Common Redpoll - 25 near Astoria Airport, CLAT 21 Dec (LC), 4 at north Alsea Bay Road, LINC near the junction with South Beaver Creek on 4 Jan (JFo, SD).

Lesser Goldfinch - noted 3 Jan (YBCBC).



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- Eared Grebe** – 6, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)
- Clark's Grebe** – 6, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *highest Coos CBC total* (TR fide)
- Northern Fulmar** – 4, North Jetty Coos Bay, COOS, 9 Dec., (TR); 44, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *seen from shore, second highest Coos CBC total ever* (TR fide); 1, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide); 25, Port Orford, CURR, 26 Feb., (LMi)
- Sooty Shearwater** – 2, Port Orford, CURR, 26 Feb., (LMi) *Seen from shore*
- Buller's Shearwater** – 1, Port Orford, CURR, 26 Feb., (LMi) *Seen from shore*
- Short-tailed Shearwater** – 2, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide) *Seen from shore*
- Black-crowned Night-heron** – 1, North Bend, COOS, 10 Feb, *this species was missed on the Coos Bay CBC for the first time in many years*, (TR)
- American Bittern** – 1, Henderson Marsh, COOS, 18 Dec., (TR); 1, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide); 1, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide)
- Snowy Egret** – 4, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)
- Green Heron** – 1, Mingus Park, COOS, 9 Dec., *overwintered* (TR)
- Turkey Vulture** – 1, S. of Gold Beach, CURR, 20 Jan., (TJ CM MM)
- Brant** – 3, N. Jetty Coos Bay, COOS, 18 Dec., *up to 6 birds through end of period*, (TR)
- Snow Goose** – 1, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *2nd Coos CBC record* (TR fide)
- Canada Goose** – 777, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *highest Coos CBC count ever*, (TR fide)
- Tundra Swan** – 5, Weyerhaeuser Ponds, COOS, 18 Dec., (TR); 24, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide); 18, S. Jetty Deflation Plain Florence, LANE, 2 Jan., (DiP); 34, Winter Lake, Coquille, COOS, 21 Feb., (TR)
- Greater Scaup** – 1200, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide)
- Lesser Scaup** – 600, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide)
- Eurasian Wigeon** – 3, Johnson Mill Pond, Coquille, COOS, 8 Jan., (TR)
- American Wigeon** – 2000, Winter Lake, Coquille, COOS, 21 Feb., (TR)
- Northern Pintail** – 1500, Winter Lake, Coquille, COOS, 21 Feb., (TR)
- Canvasback** – 75, Boy Scout Rd. Florence, LANE, 15 Jan., (DiP)
- Redhead** – 1, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *has become a "good" find on Coos CBC's in recent years* (TR fide)
- Cinnamon Teal** – 1, North Spit of Coos Bay, COOS, 3 Dec., (TR)
- Barrow's Goldeneye** – 1, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *through end of period, the 3rd Coos CBC record* (TR fide)
- Common Goldeneye** – 1, Fiddle Cr. Rd. Canary, LANE, 17 Dec., (BSt, ZS)
- TUFTED DUCK** – 1, Siltcoos Lake, LANE, 30 Jan., (DiP)
- Harlequin Duck** – 6, North Jetty Coos Bay, COOS, 9 Dec., (TR); 26, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *highest Coos CBC count ever* (TR fide); 2, Tokatee Klootchman Pullout, LANE, 28 Jan, (DiP); 5, Ocean Haven, LANE, 22 Feb., (DDe)
- Black Scoter** – 10, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *hard to find species in Coos Bay in recent winters* (TR fide); 1, Bray's Point, LANE, 22 Feb., (DDe)
- Long-tailed Duck** – 4, Coos Bay, COOS, 9 Dec., *these birds seen through end of period* (TR); 1, S. Jetty Rd. Florence, LANE, 17 Dec., (DiP); 1, S. Jetty Siuslaw, LANE, 2 Feb., (BBe)
- Ruddy Duck** – 600, Siltcoos Lake, LANE, 3 Feb., (DI, DiP)
- Osprey** – 1, Empire, COOS, 25 Dec., (BW JWo); 2, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *these birds overwintered* (TR fide)
- White-tailed Kite** – 1, S. Jetty Rd. Florence, LANE, 17 Dec., (DiP); 3, Henderson Marsh, COOS, 18 Dec., (TR); 6, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)
- Northern Goshawk** – 1, Florence, LANE, 22 Feb., (DDe)
- Red-shouldered Hawk** – 1, Florence, LANE, 2 Jan., (DiP); 7, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)
- Rough-legged Hawk** – 1, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide)
- Merlin** – 1, Florence, LANE, 22 Dec., (DiP); 1, S. Jetty Siuslaw R., LANE, 27 Dec., (JCa); 3, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide); 1, Brookings, CURR, 19 Jan., (TJ DI)
- GYRFALCON** – 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, COOS, 16 Dec. through end of period, 4th county record (TR, DL, KC)
- Ring-necked Pheasant** – 2, N. Spit Coos Bay, COOS, 7 Dec., (TR)
- Virginia Rail** – 10, Henderson Marsh, COOS, 18 Dec., (TR); 1, Winchuck R., CURR, 7 Feb., (RR)
- Sora** – 3, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec. (TR fide); 5, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide); 1, Siltcoos Station Rd. Florence, LANE, 15 Jan., (DiP)
- Black Oystercatcher** – 20, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec. (TR fide); 2, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide); 13, Near Rock Cr. Florence, COOS, 19 Jan., (SGo); 1, Tokatee Klootchman Pullout, LANE, 28 Jan, (DiP); 12, Bob Cr., LANE, 22 Feb., (DDe)
- Marbled Godwit** – 43, Empire, COOS, 3 Dec., (TR); 7, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)
- Ruddy Turnstone** – 1, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)
- Surfbird** – 2, S. Jetty Rd. Florence, LANE, 17 Dec., (DiP); 25, S. Jetty Siuslaw, LANE, 19 Jan., (SGo); 16, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)
- Red Knot** – 1-4, Empire, COOS, 28 Nov.-6 Dec., (TR et. al)
- Dunlin** – 1500, Empire, COOS, 7 Dec., (TR)
- Rock Sandpiper** – 1, S. Jetty Siuslaw, LANE, 19 Jan., (SGo); 1, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)
- Long-billed Curlew** – 1, Empire, COOS, 7 Dec., (TR); 1, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec. (TR fide); 1, Pony Slough, COOS, 12 Feb., *these records are probably the same overwintering bird*, (TR)
- Willet** – 4-5, downtown Coos Bay, COOS, *overwintering birds present throughout period*, (TR)
- Red Phalarope** – 1, S. Jetty Siuslaw R., LANE, 27 Dec., (JCa); 7, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide); 3, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide)
- Bonaparte's Gull** – 1, S. Jetty Siuslaw, LANE, 12 Dec., (DiP); 20, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide); 44, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide)
- Herring Gull** – 1247, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide)

Glaucous Gull – 1, Floras Lake, PO CBC, CURR, 29 Dec., (TR)

Glaucous-winged x Glaucous Gull Hybrid – 2, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)

Black-legged Kittiwake – 32, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec. (TR fide); 2, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide); 1, S. Jetty Siuslaw, LANE, 21 Jan., (RR); 1, N. Jetty Brookings, CURR, 7 Feb., (RR)

Marbled Murrelet – 1, N. Jetty Coos Bay, COOS, 18 Dec., (TR)

Ancient Murrelet – 2, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)

Rhinoceros Auklet – 1, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)

Cassin's Auklet – 8, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide)

Burrowing Owl – 1, N. Spit Coos Bay, COOS, 1 Feb., (TR)

Short-eared Owl – 1, N. Jetty Coos Bay, COOS, 18 Dec., (TR)

Anna's Hummingbird – 20, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *highest total ever on this CBC*, (TR fide)

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD – 1, North Bend, COOS, 21 Nov.-through end of period, *only the 2nd county record* (BGr et. al)

Rufous Hummingbird – 1, Harbor, CURR, 1 Feb., (M&MLD); 1, Florence, LANE, 21 Feb., (DiP fide)

Allen's Hummingbird – 1, Brookings, CURR, 24 Dec., (DCa) *Male*

Selasphorus sp. – 1, New River, COOS, 13 Feb., one green-backed male seen doing Rufous type displays? (TR)

Acorn Woodpecker – 1, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide)

Lewis' Woodpecker – 1, North Bend, COOS, 12 Feb., 7th county record (MW)

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER – 1, Florence, LANE, 19 Dec., (GHa) *Last reported on 15 Jan.*

Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted) – 1, Pony Slough, COOS, 1 Jan., (VSt)

Black Phoebe – 1, Fiddle Cr. Rd. Canary, LANE, 17 Dec., (BSt ZS)

Say's Phoebe – 1, Myrtle Point, COOS, 19 Feb., *earliest spring record for Coos by three weeks- perhaps an overwintering bird?* (TR)

Northern Shrike – 1, Weyerhaeuser Ponds, COOS, 9 Dec., *two overwintered here* (TR); 1, S. Jetty Rd. Florence, LANE, 17 Dec., (DiP); 1, Millicoma Marsh, COOS, 2 Jan.,



Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 22 December 22, Florence, Lane County. Photo/D. Pelley



Adult male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; 11 January, Florence, Lane County. Photo/N. Strycker

this bird overwintered (TR); 1, N. Spit Coquille R., COOS, 21 Dec., (DL KC)

Tree Swallow – 1, Weyerhaeuser Pond, COOS, 25 Dec., *count week bird and first Coos CBC record* (BW JWo); 1, Winter Lake, Coquille, COOS, 30 Jan., (TR); 1, Myrtle Point, COOS, 19 Feb., *a more typical arrival time for this species* (TR)

Barn Swallow – 2-30, N. Spit Coos Bay, COOS, 24 Dec-31 Jan., (TR); 3, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *first Coos CBC record*, (TR fide); 21, New River, COOS, 13 Jan. (JiH); 9, Siltcoos, LANE, 21 Jan., (RR); 40, Winter Lake, Coquille, COOS, 30 Jan., (TR)
Bank Swallow – 1, Brookings, CURR, 7 Feb., *unprecedented winter record*, (RR)



Partial albino American Robin, 27 December; Coos Bay CBC, Coos County. Photo/N. Strycker.

Western Bluebird – 6, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)

Brown Creeper – 3, Gallagher Park, LANE, 15 Jan., (DiP)

Northern Mockingbird – 1, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., (JiR fide)

American Pipit – 20, N. Spit of Coos Bay, COOS, 12 Dec., *several birds overwintered here as usual* (TR)

Orange-crowned Warbler – 1, Coos Bay, COOS, 14 Dec., *this celata subsp.*

overwintered in TR's backyard (TR); 2, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec. (TR fide); 1, Millicoma Marsh, COOS, 30 Jan., *this lutescens subsp. overwintered*, (TR)

LUCY'S WARBLER – 1, Brookings, CURR, 17 Jan. through end of period, *2nd Oregon Record* (ShC et. al)

Black-throated Gray Warbler – 1, Pistol R., CURR, 8 Feb., (RR)

Palm Warbler – 5, Weyerhaeuser Pond, COOS, 4 Dec., *one of these birds overwintered* (TR); 1, Charleston, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)

Common Yellowthroat – 1, Millicoma Marsh, COOS, 4 Dec., (TR); 1, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *only the 2nd CBC record* (TR fide)

Lapland Longspur – 1, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., *a low total for this species probably due to heavy rain and wind all day*, (JiR fide)

Savannah Sparrow – 20, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *highest Coos CBC total ever*, (TR fide)

American Tree Sparrow – 1, N. Spit

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Coquille R., COOS, 21 Dec., (DL KC)

Clay-colored Sparrow - 1, Gold Beach, CURR, 27 Jan. and Feb. 1., (*this bird may have been overwintering*) (TR, BGr)

Brewer's Sparrow - 1, Fiddle Cr. Rd. Canary, LANE, 17 Dec., *very rare coastal sighting* (BSt, ZS)

White-throated Sparrow - 15, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)

Swamp Sparrow - 7, Millicoma

Marsh, COOS, 4 Dec., *typical winter numbers at this site* (TR); 2, Bullard's Beach S.P., COOS, 21 Dec., (DL, KC)

Western Meadowlark - 72, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., (TR fide)

Brown-headed Cowbird - 8, PO CBC, CURR, 28 Dec., *highest number ever for this species* (JiR fide)

Lesser Goldfinch - 8, CBC, COOS, 27 Dec., *always a "good find" on this CBC*, (TR fide)



24 Feb (IT)

Short-eared Owl - 12 SB COLU 22 Dec (KB), 1 SL MULT 6 Feb (GM), 1 PDX MULT 15 Feb (DB)

Long-eared Owl - 1 WASH 21 Feb (GG)

Northern Flicker "Yellow-shafted" - 1 female SW Portland MULT 25 Dec (DHZ)

Say's Phoebe - 1 JB WASH 14 Feb (DMa)

Northern Shrike - 1 JB WASH 20 Dec (DMa), 1 SBL MULT 30 Dec (IT)

Horned Lark - 100 RL MULT 10 Jan (JFi)

Violet-green Swallow - 20 CLAC 28 Feb (BE)

Tree Swallow - 3 JB WASH 18 Jan (DMa)

Barn Swallow - 1 FW WASH 19 Dec (CB)

Canyon Wren - 1 CLAC 26 Dec (HBN)

Mountain Bluebird - 1 N Portland MULT 1 Jan (DB)

Townsend's Solitaire - 1 NW Portland MULT 19 Dec (WG)

MacGillivray's Warbler - 1HY female JB WASH 20 Dec-3 Jan (DMa)

White-throated Sparrow - 2 S.E. Portland MULT 1 Dec (TM), 1 NE Portland MULT 27 Dec (DB)

Harris's Sparrow - 1 first-winter VP MULT 29 Dec - 3 Jan (MlaF)

Dark-eyed Junco "Slate-colored" - VP MULT 4 Jan (MkM), 1 OB MULT 28 Jan (EK)

Swamp Sparrow - 1 OB MULT 10 Dec (EK), 1 FW WASH 1 Jan (GG)

Red Crossbill - 8 PM MULT 10 Feb (WG)

Lesser Goldfinch - 8 Beaverton WASH 28 Dec (AJ)

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Abbreviations:

FW	Fernhill Wetlands Washington Co.
SI	Sauvie Island Multnomah/Columbia counties
VP	Vanport Wetlands Multnomah Co.
PM	Pittock Mansion Multnomah Co.
BL	Bybee Lake Multnomah Co.
SB	Scappoose Bottoms Columbia Co.
JB	Jackson Bottoms Washington Co.
KW	Killin Wetlands Washington Co.
OB	Oaks Bottom Multnomah Co.
HL	Hagg Lake Washington Co.
RL	Ramsay Lake, Multnomah Co.

Pacific Loon - 1 Marine Dr MULT 17 Dec (RK)

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1 JB WASH 1 Dec- 10 Jan (m ob.)

Great Egret - 144 SB COLU 7 Dec (HBN)

Trumpeter Swan - 7 SI MULT 5 Dec (DHZ), 1 FW WASH 1 Jan (GG)

Greater White-fronted Goose - 1 WP MULT 12 Feb (JR)

Ross's Goose - 1 SI MULT 16 Feb (DHZ)

Barrow's Goldeneye - 2 females SBL MULT 1 Dec (AF), male FW WASH 30 Dec (JB), 6 Eagle Creek MULT 31 Jan (JFi)

Common Goldeneye - 1 FW WASH 12 Dec (JR)

Canvasback - 3 FW WASH 19 Dec (CB)

Redhead - 1 JB WASH 9 Dec (SP), 1 FW WASH 12 Dec (JR), 3 N Portland MULT 1 Jan (DB)

Greater Scaup - 3 BL MULT 1 Jan

(DB)

Eurasian Wigeon - 1 JB WASH 9 Dec (SP), 1 FW WASH 12 Dec (JR), 1 WP MULT 12 Feb (JR), 3 SI MULT 28 Feb (MAS)

Blue-winged Teal - male BB COLU 22 Dec (KB)

Red-breasted Merganser - 1 HL WASH 16 Feb (GG)

Eurasian Green-winged Teal - 1 FW WASH 11 Jan (GG), 1 VP MULT 16 Jan (JW)

Osprey - 1 JB WASH 30 Dec (SP)

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1 SL MULT 30 Dec (IT)

Red-tailed Hawk "Harlan's" race - 1 Laurelhurst Park MULT 1 Feb (JG)

Rough-legged Hawk - 4 SB COLU 22 Dec (KB)

Prairie Falcon - 1 SI COLU 22 Dec (KB), 1 CLAC 9 Feb 9 (NW)

Western Gull - 2 FW WASH 2 Jan (GG)

Glaucous Gull - 1 Marine Dr MULT

Willamette Basin Field Notes: Winter 2003-2004

Edited by Alan Contreras

Except for a vicious ice storm accompanied by several inches of snow in the first week of Jan, the winter was quite mild in the valley, with only brief local freezing. By mid-February, daytime temperatures were often in the mid-50s and overnight freezing was rare except at higher elevations of the Coast Range and Cascades. Montane snowpack was excellent this year, with a regional average of about 125% of normal reported—quite a change from last year's 32%. The most exciting bird of the season was the three-hour wonder **Falcated Duck**, Oregon's first, at Fern Ridge Dam on 14 Feb. It disappeared for three weeks, returning in a more cooperative manner on 3 Mar. Oregon's first winter **Solitary Sandpiper** was photographed near Stayton and a **Sage Sparrow** reached Yamhill Co.

Abbreviations:

ANWR	Ankeny NWR, MARI
BSNWR	Baskett Slough NWR, POLK
CBC	Christmas Bird Count
DF	Detroit Flats, e. MARI
DHW	Duckflat Rd. wetlands near Marion, MARI
EEW	E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, BENT
FNWR	Wm. L. Finley NWR, BENT
FRR	Fern Ridge Reservoir, LANE
LCC	Lane Community College, LANE
STP	Sewage treatment ponds

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* OBRC review species

** OBRC review species not yet proven to occur in Oregon by specimen, photo or recording

† Description submitted to OBRC

Eared Grebe — Two were at the Creswell STP 5 Dec (NKS); one was still there 15 Jan (RR) and remained through the season.

Clark's Grebe — At least one and possibly as many as three birds wintered on FRR (m. obs.).

Double-crested Cormorant — Significant numbers were present at FRR, with a peak count of 300 on 27 Jan (RR).

American Bittern — A few reports, mostly singles at FRR (m. obs.).

Great Egret — The largest concentration was the 55 at a FRR roost 13 Feb (SGo); 60 were found in the FRR area on 25 Feb (KLa). Numbers dropped to 30 or so there by the end of the season. Smaller numbers were found at wetlands throughout the region. Becoming more regular in marginal habitat in winter, e.g., 3 near Lafayette, YAMH 14 Jan for a week (DoA), and one at Walterville in the McKenzie valley LANE (AR).

Green Heron — Sometimes all but absent in winter; this year there were reports from Willamina YAMH on 16 Dec (RR), Dallas POLK on 28 Dec

(DoA), Cottage Grove LANE on 9 Feb (SGo) and 11 Feb (RR), 9 Jan and 11 Feb at Eugene (Sam Fox, DHe) and at EEW all season.

Great Blue Heron — A "Great White Heron" was seen a couple of times near Corvallis in Dec and again 22 Jan (BBu et al.). I do not recall hearing of other Oregon reports of this rare form.

Black-crowned Night-Heron — Wintering patterns poorly known in w. Oregon; a roost site has only to move a quarter-mile to be lost for years. One was at Willamina YAMH 13 Dec-3 Feb (RR, QN et al.).

Turkey Vulture — Several wintered near Eugene as has been true in recent years; a peak count of 15 near FRR on 29 Dec (VA) suggests that this group was about twice the previous maximum. By mid-Feb a few early migrants had been reported as usual.

Greater White-fronted Goose — The migration route of this species appears to take it mainly up the west side of the valley (perhaps owing to the larger wetlands available). Early spring migrants were found nw. of Eugene 3 Feb (22) and 22 Feb (35)

(RR).

Snow Goose — A few singles were in the valley all winter, mainly in the Baskett Slough-Ankeny complex, with reports south to FNWR and FRR and a peak count of 6 in the c. valley on 8 Jan (SD).

Ross's Goose — At least one drifted around the s. valley all winter. It is not clear whether more than one bird was involved in sightings from FNWR south to FRR. Another single, probably a different bird, was seen at ANWR on 2 Feb (MD&MLD).

"Black" Brant — One was found in a flock of Canada Geese near FRR on 15 Dec (PSh) and remained in the s. valley through the season (JCa et al.).

Trumpeter Swan — The peak count was 24 on the POLK-BENT line along Independence Rd. on 26 Jan (JeG). 8 were along Airlie Rd. POLK on 19 Jan (RR). Small numbers were reported in Feb from multiple sites s. to FNWR, with 1 or 2 reaching the Eugene airport area on 28 Jan (DA), not seen thereafter.

Tundra Swan — The south valley assemblage was quite large this winter, with 800-1200 birds in the sw. LINN-c. LANE fields in midwinter, sometimes breaking into smaller flocks around the region. This flock builds slowly from early Dec to mid-Feb, then dwindles in Mar. MNI's counts around Brownsville LINN peaked at 1,275 19 and 28 Jan.

Gadwall — Numbers were high in the s. valley this year, with 200 at FRR on 4 Feb (KLa et al.) and 21 Feb (ALC).

Eurasian Wigeon — A peak year, with a record ten birds on the pond at Kirk Park below FRR dam in late Feb. Groups of 3-5 males were noted with wigeon flocks elsewhere in the s. valley.

****FALCATED DUCK** — The bird of the season was Oregon's first, a male



Falcated Duck, 4 March, Kirk Pond, Lane County. Photo/ O. Schmidt

found by John Houle and Daphne Turner on 14 Feb at the pond below FRR dam. It flew out over the lake that afternoon, seemingly gone for good, but returned March 3 (see spring field notes). It was eventually seen by perhaps 150 observers. Falcated Ducks are kept in captivity and there will always be uncertainty about the provenance of this bird, although the record number of Eurasian Wigeon that appeared at the same time on the same pond suggests that the bird may in fact have come from Asia. It occurs occasionally as a vagrant to western Alaska and has been recorded in British Columbia, Washington and California, the latter bird returning a second year to the same lake.

Cinnamon Teal — Several wintered this year. Peak counts were 6 on 21 Dec at ANWR (EK et al.) and 4 there 3 Jan (JFo, SDi). Reports possibly relating to migrants were a pair 21 Jan near the Eugene airport (LaM et al.), one 9 Feb at Toketie Marsh near Corvallis, a pair at FRR 21 Feb (ALC) and a male at Villa Wetlands LINN 23 Feb (MNi).

"Common" Teal - An up year statewide, perhaps related to the record influx of Eurasian Wigeon. Strangely, all reports in the valley came from LANE, where at least three birds were present, one found by NKS at the Creswell STP (the most regular site in Oregon in recent years), one that remained in the se. part of the FRR complex and one near Junction

City. As usual, these birds were unreported until midwinter: all reports were from Feb, beginning early in the month, the same time that Eurasian Wigeon numbers peaked and the Falcated Duck appeared.

Canvasback — Widespread in small numbers, with peaks of 12 at Stewart Lake BENT 21 Jan through the end of the season (JaS), 10 at Dexter Res. 23 Jan (RR) and 10 in w. Eugene 27 Jan (m.obs), both LANE. 13 were on a small pond near Dundee, YAMH on 14 Jan (DoA).

Redhead — Always patchy and in small numbers in the valley, thus a pair on 22-23 Jan on the Chehalem Creek ponds between Newberg and Gaston YAMH is worth noting (DoA). Singles were at Creswell STP 5 Dec (NKS) and a few others were reported, mainly at ANWR (EK, MD, BY).

***Tufted Duck** — An imm. male was at FNWR 10 Feb (HH) and remained through at least 27 Feb (MNi, RR, JCa et al.).

Greater Scaup — A couple of dozen wintered around FRR (ALC), with a peak single-site count of 11 at Kirk Park pond on 3 Feb (RR). A few appeared at scattered ponds throughout the s. valley, perhaps unusual, though the true status of this species is obscured by identification issues.

Common Goldeneye — The largest concentration, apparently rather brief, was 22 on Dexter Res. LANE on 2 Feb

(DFa). The usual scattered singletons appeared in the lowlands, mainly in mid-winter; the earliest was 5 Dec at Creswell STP (NKS). The flock below Foster Dam LINN contained 7 males and some females mixed with Barrow's on 31 Dec (JeG). Otherwise the peak count away from montane lakes was 3 at Dexter Res. LANE on 23 Jan (RR).

Barrow's Goldeneye — 12 below Foster Dam LINN on 31 Dec was the highest number reported (JeG). One on the Willamette R. near Springfield 20 Feb (PSh) was an odd location for w. Oregon, though this species often winters on rivers east of the Cascades. Uncommon on the valley floor, thus one on the Willamina pond much of the season (QN, LFi et al.) and one at Salem 17 Jan (JoM) were of note.

Common Merganser — Counts at FRR were high this winter, with 800 off Orchard Point 27 Jan and 500 there 3 Feb (LaM, RR et al.).

Hooded Merganser — 31 at Willamina YAMH on 16 Dec was a high count for a single site in the interior (RR), as was 27 along W. Perrydale Rd. POLK-YAMH on 14 Dec (MiR).

Ruddy Duck — Oddly local as usual; very small numbers were at FRR, the LCC STP, and singles at Waverly Pond in Albany and at Stewart Lake BENT. The only sizable flocks were at ANWR, where 98 were found 1 Feb (EK).

Osprey — 2-3 birds wintered in c. LANE as has been true for several years. One was near Albany on 4 Dec (JLu).

White-tailed Kite — Widespread in good numbers this year, with the peak count 24 around FRR on 20 Dec (JSu, LJ).

Bald Eagle — An all-time record count of 67 birds was made at FRR the last week of Feb. (ODFW). Numbers built all winter at FRR owing to a dieoff of carp, but numbers were high elsewhere in the valley as well, with flocks of half a dozen or more around sheep carcasses in the c. valley.

Northern Goshawk — Rare on the valley floor at any season, an imm. was at FNWR on 24 Feb (RMO, JFo).

Red-shouldered Hawk — At least four and probably more wintered near FRR, where the species is

now resident. Singles were seen throughout the region, mainly on the w. side of the valley.

Red-tailed Hawk— A “Harlan’s Hawk” wintered again near Suver, POLK, where one has wintered for 13 of the past 15 years (BTi, LFi et al.). Another was at FNWR on 11 Jan (HH) and a third was sw of Eugene on 7 Jan (*fide* BN).

Rough-legged Hawk — It was something of an off year, with a few birds scattered throughout the region. The only significant concentration was the 5-7 birds that wintered around FNWR (HH, JFo et al.).

Golden Eagle — Numbers seemed up this year, with singles in multiple locations throughout the valley all

season (unusually far northwest near McMinnville - FSc) and three together at Indian Head Hills, LINN on 27 Jan (JF).

***Gyr Falcon** — Two different birds apparently wintered in the valley, one around BSNWR after 21 Dec (ScJ et al.) and one around FNWR (SG, m. obs.).

Prairie Falcon — Several wintered in the valley this year.

Sora — One at FNWR 22 Feb may have been an early migrant or have wintered locally (MiR).

American Coot — The peak single-site count was 1300 at Dexter Res. LANE on 23 Jan (RR).

Sandhill Crane — A single straggler wandered about the s. valley, with

reports from 6 Dec through 25 Feb, all in west-c. LANE. 45 over Pleasant Hill LANE on 30 Dec was very late for a fall migratory group (DFa). Five near Lebanon on 15 Jan (JF) could have been local winterers or early migrants. The first small flocks were noted northbound along the eastern side of the valley (their usual route) in the last ten days of Feb, with some as far west as Chehalem Mtn. YAMH on 21 Feb (DoA).

Black-bellied Plover — A few wintered at FRR as usual; the peak counts at FRR were 27 on 22 Feb (RR) and 45 on 25 Feb (DFa). A few were seen elsewhere in the valley.

Pacific Golden-Plover — One presumably wintered again w of Tangent, LINN, the 4th winter one has been found in the same field. It was reported 19 Jan (MNI) and 23 Jan (HH).

Semipalmated Plover — 2 were at FRR on 4 Feb (LaM, RR), where it is not annual in winter.

Killdeer — 50 hunkered down at dawn on 2 Jan in the snowy parking lot at Hoodoo ski area LINN (elev. 4,800 ft) undoubtedly wished they were somewhere else, but where had they come *from* in such a place on such a date? See also the Central Oregon report.

Greater Yellowlegs — The peak count, quite high, was 51 at Meadowlark Prairie between Eugene and FRR on 18 Jan (RR). At that date these were probably winterers in the general area, not migrants.

Lesser Yellowlegs — One apparently wintered between Eugene and FRR again this year, with reports from 10 Dec (LaM, DDe, DA) and 10 Jan (DA). Single birds have become almost annual in the greater FRR area.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER — The first winter record for Oregon was found by Paul Pisano, RHo and Bill Holland on 18 Jan near Stayton, MARI. There are fewer than ten winter records for California.

Western Sandpiper — A few wintered at FRR as usual.

Dunlin — The peak count at FRR this winter was 10,000 4 Feb at FRR (RR). Small flocks were seen throughout the region in wetlands.

Red Phalarope — One was at ANWR



Gyr Falcon, 23 February, along Hwy 99 just north of Llewellyn Rd just north of Finley NWR, Benton County. Photo/S. Maulding



Solitary Sandpiper, 18 January, Stayton, Marion County. Photo/R. Hoyer

on 28 Dec with Dunlin (RMO).

Gulls: Gull numbers and variety were higher than usual all season, with flocks of hundreds, even thousands, seen away from usual roost sites at FRR. At least 2,000, probably Ring-bills and Mews, were in pastures near Bond Butte Rd LINN on 3 Feb (ALC).

Bonaparte's Gull — Four at the Monroe STP BENT on 11 Feb (MC, KMa) were a surprise. One was still there on 12 Feb (MNI). What made that unlikely location so attractive at such an odd time of year?

Mew Gull — 71 were at McMinnville YAMH 16 Dec (RR).

Herring Gull — The valley hosted remarkable numbers, perhaps the highest since the closure of Salem's Minto-Brown landfill in the 1980s. 2 were at McMinnville 16 Dec (RR). A remarkable 8 were seen 28 Jan at the Harrisburg STP LINN (MNI). The observer notes that singles are normal, often at sheep carcasses. Equally noteworthy were 10 near EEW on 24 Feb (*Chat*) and 12 on 28 Jan near the Eugene airport (LaM et al.). These numbers were dwarfed by the *fifty* near Lebanon on 27 Dec (RMO).

Thayer's Gull — More than usual were reported in the valley, with a record count of *forty* in flooded pastures in n. POLK on 25 Jan (HH)

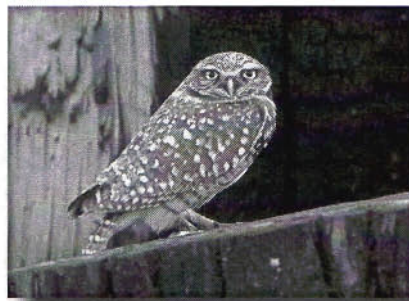
and singles in many locations.

Western Gull — at least two wintered in the Eugene-FRR area.

Glaucous-winged Gull — The peak count away from FRR was a very high 50 near EEW on 11 Feb (MC, KMa)

Band-tailed Pigeon — Outrider migrants were noted at 22 Feb south of Eugene (MSo) and 2 near Scio MARI 27-28 Feb (PWa).

Burrowing Owl — It was a record year if the five reported birds in the s. valley were different, as seems likely. Birds wintered near Junction City LANE (RR et al.) and on Fayetteville Rd., Blueberry Ln. (banded), Davis Rd. and Potter Rd. near Peoria, all LINN (MNI, RCa et al.). The Junction City bird was found dead of unknown



Burrowing Owl, 3 January, near Junction City, Lane County. Photo/N. Strycker

causes (no apparent injuries) on 18 Jan (LS). In addition, one was found by RD on November 25, 2003 in YAMH, the same place as the first county record in 2002-03. It was last seen 16 Feb. This owl used two sites a quarter-mile apart in extreme s. YAMH along Salt Creek Road and North Perrydale Road (CK et al.).

Barred Owl — One was in a wooded area above s. Eugene on 12 Dec (DiH), perhaps a first for the valley lowlands of LANE.

Long-eared Owl — One was found dead near Corvallis 28 Feb.

Short-eared Owl — At least three could be found fairly regularly through the winter at FRR; one was hit by an airplane at the Eugene airport and taken to rehab.

N. Saw-whet Owl — Three were on Mt. Pisgah LANE on 11 Feb (JSu). Started calling in Eugene 29 Feb (MNI).

Costa's Hummingbird — One was south of Salem on 5, 15 and 23 Jan (*fide* JLu).

Rufous Hummingbird — An early migrant or possible wintering bird was in Glenwood LANE on 26 Jan (MaM). The first outriders seen in the valley were 25 Feb.

Lewis's Woodpecker — One was s. of Corvallis on 14 Dec (*fide* MC).

Three-toed Woodpecker — One was seen along the Fuji Mtn. Trail near Waldo Lake LANE on 29 Feb by observers on snowshoes (JSu & LJ). Although the species is resident, it is rarely reported in winter owing to access problems at high elevations.

Black Phoebe — The slow seepage of this bird into the valley continues—when will it suddenly be a regular bird? One was south of FRR on 10 Dec (DFa); perhaps the same bird was relocated half a mile away on 21 Feb (ALC). One was in Cottage Grove on 11 Feb. (RR, LaM et al.). One wintered at the Monroe city park BENT since Nov (TB, RR, MNI et al.), another was at the Willamina pond YAMH on 16 Jan (TB) and was reported occasionally thereafter; at least one of the birds that bred at Dayton YAMH last year remained in the area. Another was at Snagboat Bend wildlife area LINN from 29 Nov through the end of the period.

Say's Phoebe — A few wintered,

mainly in the northern and central valley, with a few late-season reports perhaps related to spring movements.

Loggerhead Shrike — One was at FRR mid-winter (JRo). One first found 11 Nov wintered at Ward Butte, LINN (MNi). Rare in the valley in winter, most records being in spring.

Northern Shrike — It was an up year for shrikes in most of w. Oregon. Singles were fairly easy to come by in brushy open areas, and reports of 3-4 birds in a day were received.

Gray Jay — Three on Vineyard Mtn. BENT 11 Jan remained for a few days (E&E Eltzroth), pushed low by the ice storms?

Horned Lark — After being nearly invisible for much of the 1970s through 1990s, they have become regular in some numbers in the region in recent years. Peak counts were 86 in the Tangent Rd LINN flock (RMO, Doug Robinson), 48 on 22 Dec on the POLK-BENT line (JeG) — this flock dropped to 38 after the Jan snow and ice — 44 on 29 Jan near the Eugene airport and 45 on 19 Jan on Davis Rd, LINN (both MNi). 2 were along Livermore Rd, POLK, 19 Jan (RR). 2 at Hills Creek Dam above Oakridge LANE on 12 Jan (DFa) were unexpected, as was a small flock on Mt. Pisgah LANE, a site more commonly used in fall migration, on 11 Jan (DWa). It is possible that the latter two reports were related to severe weather conditions throughout the region a few days earlier. By 10 Feb, flocks were beginning to break up (RMO); two were still present on Mt. Pisgah 14 Feb (JSu).

Tree Swallow — The first migrants are becoming hard to detect because of the tendency of a few birds to winter in recent years. At least a few wintered at FRR; it is not clear whether they survived the ice storm in late Dec-Jan. 17 early migrants were at Jackson-Frazier Wetland BENT on 17 Jan (DTh), 5 were at BSNWR on 5 Feb (SGo). The first sizable flocks appeared as usual in late Feb.

Barn Swallow — The so far unexplained winter movements of this species into and around western Oregon continued this year. 1 was near Eugene 15 Dec and 10 at FRR 22 Dec (DDe), 5 there on 2 Feb (DFa). 1, perhaps a late migrant,

was at the Brigittine Monastery near Amity, YAMH 16 Dec (RR), 1 adult and 2 immatures were at DHW on 1-13 (JLu), 4 were at the Chehalem Creek wetlands between Newberg and Gaston, YAMH on 1 Feb (DoA). 2 were at Snagboat Bend LINN on 28 Jan (MNi).

Western Bluebird — 4 on Skinner Butte in the center of Eugene 26 Jan were the first there in local memory; the observer has covered the butte regularly for 30 years (SGo). 10 in nearby Alton Baker Park on 12 Feb was high for that area (RR).

American Robin — A significant movement was detected during mid-Feb, with 900 at FNWR 13 Feb (RR), and small numbers in yards throughout the region.

Wrentit — Multiple reports from the floor of the Willamette valley in LANE, LINN and BENT suggest continued expansion.

Sage Thrasher — Very rare west of the high Cascades, one was south of FRR on 20-21 Dec (JSu, LJ, DDe, DA, DFa, MNi). All previous LANE records were Apr-Jul, with most in Apr.

American Pipit — Peak counts were 200 on 5 Feb e. of the Eugene airport and 150 on 23 Feb along Linn Cty.

Rd. 211 (both MNi).

Orange-crowned Warbler — A few wintered in the valley as usual.

Hermit Warbler — One was in a flock of wintering Townsend's Warblers at FNWR on 9 Feb (HH). They are not annual in winter.

Palm Warbler — The bird found in Nov at FRR was still there through 6 Dec (NKS, DDe, MNi et al.).

Common Yellowthroat — One on the Airlie CBC (*vide* PA) was unexpected, as was one 5 Dec at Hills Cr. dam LANE (DFa).

Savannah Sparrow — The icy weather of January seemed to cause significant mortality in the s. valley, where JeG noted the disappearance of all but a few of the 70 that had been wintering on his farm in n. BENT. One was actually observed foraging *underneath* a sheet of ice during the freeze.

American Tree Sparrow — At least three began the winter in the big sparrow swarm on the s. side of FRR; singles continued to be seen into Feb (m.obs).

Chipping Sparrow — One was in w. Eugene on 15 Jan (DI) and probably the same bird spent much of the winter coming to a nearby feeder (DA). One was near the Eugene airport on 21 Jan



Sage Thrasher, 21 December, west Eugene, Lane County. Photo/N. Strycker

(LaM).

Clay-colored Sparrow — One was found south of FRR on 26 Dec (AP, BH) and was also seen 28 Dec (DFa), after which it could not be found.

Sage Sparrow — One was at LFi's farm in the Grande Ronde area YAMH on 21-25 Feb.

Vesper Sparrow — Very rare in winter, one was found in the FRR sparrow patch on 10-11 Jan (m. obs.)

Grasshopper Sparrow — One was found in the FRR sparrow patch on 10 Jan (SM et al.); there are at least two previous winter records in LANE.

Lincoln's Sparrow — Numbers were very high this year, with perhaps as many as 50 concentrated in the FRR sparrow patch in midwinter (LaM et al.) and over 100 on the Airlie CBC.

Swamp Sparrow — It was a very good year for interior birds, with at least four at FRR all season. Three wintered at EEW (HH, JeG et al.) and one was at Snagboat Bend LINN on 20 Feb (TB). One was s. of Corvallis



Mountain Quail at the Dowlan feeder on 6 December, Mehama, Marion County. This was the first day that a covey of up to 12 birds visited the yard through the winter and early spring. Photo/S. Dowlan

on 14 Dec (J, K&K Fairchild).

Lapland Longspur — Singles were found in Horned Lark flocks in LINN on 30 Dec and 10 Jan (RMO, Doug Robinson).

Snow Bunting — One was w. of Lebanon on 27 Dec (RMO).

Western Meadowlark — numbers were high in LANE, with flocks of 50 in two locations.

Brown-headed Cowbird — Hard to come by in winter, the 25 near Mt. Pisgah LANE on 25 Feb (NKS) could have been an overlooked wintering group (they were with blackbirds around a barn) or perhaps an early spring movement. One was near FRR on 10 Jan (PSh).

Purple Finch — A slight movement was apparent in mid-Feb, with singles and pairs appearing where they had not wintered.

Pine Siskin — Movements into the lowlands were small and late, with most observers noting a small surge beginning in mid-Jan and fading by late Feb. They were common at higher elevations (TM).

Exotics: a Chukar spent the winter at the Eugene airport (MNI)

Rogue-Umpqua Field Notes: Winter 2003-2004

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In general we have not mentioned reports of typical numbers at typical locations, focusing rather on notable high and low numbers, early arriving or late to leave individuals, unusual locations, rarities and others that may interest readers of Oregon Birds. OBRC review species are noted; we do not discuss their status by county. We otherwise indicate rare county records when known, up to the 10th record for a county.

Abbreviations:

AL Agate Lake, JACK
FHP Fish Hatchery County Park, JOSE
KSP Kirtland Road sewage ponds, JACK
EL Emigrant Lake, JACK
LCR Lost Creek Res., JACK
LS Lake Selmac, JOSE
LRR Lower River Road area (west of Grants Pass), JOSE
MMP Merlin Mill Ponds, east of Merlin, JOSE
OCNM Oregon Caves National Monument, JOSE
PACI Pacifica (north of Williams) JOSE
REP Roguelea Estates ponds (w. Grants Pass), JOSE
WHP Whitehorse Park, JOSE

County names are given in 4-letter format for sites other than cities.

Horned Grebe— 1 at LCR 20 Feb (NB).

Red-necked Grebe— 1 at EL 28 Dec (PeT); 1 at LS until 30 Dec (DV, JaS, RR), second known county sighting.

Eared Grebe— 1 at LCR 26 Jan, over 12 near the end of period (NB).

Western Grebe— 1 at LCR 26 Jan, remain through period (NB).

Clark's Grebe— 1 at EL 28 Dec (PeT).

Double-crested Cormorant— 41 on Grants Pass CBC 20 Dec was a count high (DV); 24 (all immature) at REP 27 Dec (DV).

Great Egret— 27 along LRR 3 Feb (DV).

Green Heron— 1 at REP 23 Dec & 27 Jan (DV).

Black-crowned Night-Heron — immature bird at LS 8 Dec (DV); 1

at REP 27 Dec (DV).

Turkey Vulture— sightings near Ashland 11 Dec (ESe) & 14 Dec (KGe); 1 near east end of Leonard Rd. JOSE 15 Dec (DV); 1 along LRR 27 Jan (DV); 2-3 near Roseburg 23 Feb (KG, DV).

Greater White-fronted Goose — 6 along LRR from 3 Dec to 16 Jan (DV): 1 at KSP 29 Dec (DC); 13 at Hammel Rd. pond (off Highway 62) JACK 13 Jan (NB); 3 at ODFW headquarters (E.Gregory Rd.) JACK 25 Jan (NB).

Snow Goose— 1 at KSP 10 Jan (NB); 3 at Hammel Rd. pond (off Highway 62) JACK 2 Feb (NB); 1 at AL 27 Feb (NB).

Tundra Swan— 7 on 17 Jan along Brophy Rd (near Eagle Point) JACK (NB).

Gadwall— 5 at LS 8 Dec (DV); 4 at REP 9 Dec (DV).

Eurasian Wigeon— 1 at Lynn-Newbry Park (near Talent) 28 Dec (PeT) & 17 Jan (DV); 1 male 13 Jan at Hammel Rd. pond (off Highway 62) JACK (NB).

Cinnamon Teal — 1 male along Bear Cr. Greenway near Talent JACK 17 Jan (DV); 1 male near Myrtle Creek DOUG 23 Feb (KG, DV).

Eurasian (Common) Teal— 1 male at MMP 14 Jan (DV), likely first documented sighting for Josephine Co.

Canvasback — 1 in small pond off Tolo Rd. (west of Central Point) JACK 18 Jan (RKe); 7 at AL 25 Jan (NB)

Redhead— sighting at AL 2 Jan (DN); pair in pond along Bear Cr. near Ashland JACK 17 Jan (KPh).

Greater Scaup— 1 female at gravel extraction pond near mouth of Applegate R. JOSE 23 Dec (DV), 6 at same location 30 Dec (DV); sighting at KSP 29 Dec (DC).

Lesser Scaup— 1 at PACI (first documented sighting for location) 31 Dec (DV).

Barrow's Goldeneye— 2-3 birds on Umpqua R. along Whistler's Bend Rd (northeast of Roseburg) DOUG 23 Feb (KG, DV).

Red-breasted Merganser— 1 female at gravel extraction pond near mouth of Applegate R. JOSE 15 Dec (DV), previous county sightings not well documented.

Osprey — 1 at KSP 2 Dec (CKi); 1

along LRR 27 Dec, 23 & 29 Jan & 3 Feb (DV).

White-tailed Kite— 12 on Grants Pass CBC 20 Dec was a count high (DV).

Northern Harrier— 1 male at PACI 31 Dec (DV).

Red-shouldered Hawk — 19 on Grants Pass CBC 20 Dec was a count high (DV).

Ferruginous Hawk— 1 at AL 5 Dec (JiH), 25 Jan & 7 Feb (NB).

Rough-legged Hawk— 1 along Emigrant Cr. Rd. JACK 2 Jan (PeT); 1 at AL 7 & 27 Feb (NB).

Golden Eagle— 1 near Myrtle Creek DOUG 31 Dec (KG); 1 at end of Nelson Way (east of Merlin I-5 exit) JOSE 1 Feb (DV); 1 at AL 7 Feb (NB); 1 at Lincoln School wetlands (n. Medford) JACK 28 Feb (RKe).

Merlin— 2 at AL 7 Feb (NB).

Prairie Falcon— 1 near Medford airport 4 Dec (DC); 1 along Newland Rd. JACK 4 Dec (DC); 1 along Brophy (near Eagle Point) JACK 17 Jan (NB); 2 at AL 7 Feb (NB).

Sandhill Crane— 20 or more in flight over Siskiyou summit (east of Mt. Ashland) JACK 20 Feb, another flock 25 Feb (FLo).

Greater Yellowlegs— 1 near WHP 20 Dec (DM); 11 at KSP 1 Feb (NB).

Least Sandpiper— 6 at KSP 28 Jan (JiH).

Dunlin— 12 at KSP 28 Jan (JiH).

Wilson's Snipe— 12 at PACI 12 Dec (DV).

Glaucous-winged Gull— 1 at pond in Roseburg DOUG 23 Feb (KG, DV).

Band-tailed Pigeon — 3 near I-5 (north of Grants Pass) JOSE 11 Dec (DV).

Burrowing Owl— 2 sighted during period off Vilas Rd. near Medford airport JACK (SJ, NB).

Short-eared Owl— 1 off Industry Way (near White City) JACK 14 Jan (NB).

Anna's Hummingbird— 10 or more at residence east of Merlin I-5 exit JOSE 24 Feb (DV).

Lewis's Woodpecker— 1 nw. OCNM 21 Dec (RN, DV); 1 along road to Pilot Rock JACK on 26 & 30 Jan and 28 Feb (FLo).

Black Phoebe— 62 on Grants Pass CBC 20 Dec was a count high (DV); 1 at AL 17 Jan (NB).

Say's Phoebe— 1 near gravel extraction pond near mouth of

Applegate R. JOSE 15 Dec (DV); 1 along LRR 17 Dec (DV); 1 south of Kerby (Finch Rd.) JOSE 21 Dec (JaS, CCo); 1 along Emigrant Cr. Rd. 28 Dec (PeT); 2 along LRR 23 Jan (DV); 1 at Lincoln Elem. School (Medford) JACK 5 Feb (NB).

Northern Shrike— 1 near Medford Mall JACK 8 Dec (DC); 1 juv. 10 Jan at KSP (NB); 1 juv. 17 Jan at AL (NB);

Tree Swallow— sightings late in Dec at KSP & AL (DC, DN); 1 at Cave Junction treatment ponds JOSE 21 Dec (RoC); 6 at Tou Velle S.P. JACK 28 Jan (JiH); 20 at LCR 20 Feb (NB); first seen near Provolt JOSE 24 Feb (DV).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow— 2 at MMP 14 Jan (DV), an unusual winter sighting.

Barn Swallow— 4 at Mingus marsh (Bear Cr.) JACK (JSh) & 3 at KSP (DC) 14 Dec; at least 1 at MMP 19 Jan (DV), an unusual winter sighting.

Marsh Wren— 2 between Murphy & Provolt (Applegate R.) JOSE 1 & 3 Dec (DV).

Wrentit— 57 on Grants Pass CBC 20 Dec was a count high (DV).

Northern Mockingbird — 1 at Denman W.A. (off Agate Rd.) JACK 29 Jan (RKe), possibly first sighting for this location.

Orange-crowned Warbler— 1 at WHP 2 Dec (RR) & 20 Dec (DM); 1 found at All Sports Park (Grants Pass) JOSE 24 Jan (CC); 2 along Bear Cr. (north of Central Point) JACK 1 Feb (NB).

Yellow-rumped Warbler— at least 30 near gravel extraction pond (mouth of Applegate R.) JOSE 8 Dec (DV).

Townsend's Warbler— 1 at FHP 21 Feb (DV).

Wilson's Warbler— 1 male seen 20 & 23 Dec (west end of Redwood Ave.) JOSE (DV).

Western Tanager— 1 at a feeder 9 & 10 Dec at residence north of Roseburg DOUG (LBA).

California Towhee— 2 north of Myrtle Creek DOUG 23 Feb (KG, DV).

Chipping Sparrow— sighting 14 Dec (Medford CBC) near Jacksonville (GRa, JAl).

Lark Sparrow— 1 on Grants Pass CBC 20 Dec (RoC).

Swamp Sparrow — 1 at WHP 2 Dec (RR), sighted again 4 Dec (DV), 4th

County sighting.

White-throated Sparrow – 1 along Bear Cr. (north of Central Point) JACK 1 Feb (NB).

Tricolored Blackbird– sighting near Jacksonville JACK 28 Dec (LN); 2 in large Blackbird flock 17 Jan at AL (NB).

Western Meadowlark– at least 20 on LRR 3 Dec & 23 Jan (DV); about 90 south of Kerby (Finch Rd.) JOSE 8 Dec (DV).

Purple Finch– flock of about 50 at LS 2 Dec (RR).

Red Crossbill– flock of 34 foraging in Douglas-fir along the road to Pilot Rock JACK 7 Feb (FLo).



North Central Field Notes: Winter 2003-2004

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Abbreviations

CPM = Camp Polk Meadow
DRSP = Deschutes River State Park
NAMC = North American Migratory Count
CRR = Crooked River Ranch
T.P. = Treatment Plant

Horned Grebe – 1, Black Butte, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh fide); 2, Lk. Billy Chinook, JEFF, 13 Jan, (MM CM RMa)

Western Grebe – 1, Powell Butte, CROO, 21 Dec, (JM CG); 35, Lk. Billy Chinook, JEFF, 13 Jan, (MM CM RMa); 6, Lk Billy Chinook, JEFF, 22 Feb, (Jim Johnson)

Snow Goose – 8, Redmond, DESC, 17 Jan, (KO); 9, Houston Lk., CROO, 18 Jan, (MM CM)

Canada Goose (Cackling) – 23, Hatfield Lk., DESC, 10 Jan, (MM CM) *Unusually large number of this sub-species*

Greater White-fronted Goose – 5, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh fide); 10, Powell Butte, CROO, 21 Feb, (CG JB KHa LBr)

Trumpeter Swan – 2, S. of Prineville, CROO, 31 Dec, (CG SN)

Eurasian Wigeon – 1, Eby Rd. Terrebonne, DESC, 7 Feb, (KO); 2, Hatfield Lk., DESC, 9 Feb, (CM MM); 1, Meadow Lakes Prineville, CROO, 24 Feb, (CG)

Eurasian Green-winged Teal – 1, Bend, DESC, 28 Dec, (MM)

Redhead – 1, Redmond T.P., DESC, 2

Dec, (KO)

Greater Scaup – 2, Paulina Lk., DESC, 3 Feb, (DH); 800, Celilo Pool, SHER, 1 Feb, (JeG)

Harlequin Duck – 1, DRSP, SHER, 30 Jan, (RR) *Seen throughout the season by multiple observers.*

White-winged Scoter – 1, Black Butte, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh)

Long-tailed Duck – 1, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi); 1, Lk. Billy Chinook, JEFF, 13 Jan, (MM CM RMa)

OSPREY – 1, Bend, DESC, 1 Jan, (PL) *Rare winter record*

Ferruginous Hawk – 1, Paulina Hwy, CROO, 6 Jan, (CG); 1, Alfalfa, DESC, 11 Jan (PL CG DeH); 1, Paulina, CROO, 7 Feb, (JBe KHa); 2, Paulina Hwy, CROO, 29 Feb, (CG JJo MLo)

Peregrine Falcon – 1, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (?)

GYRFALCON– 1 reported, Redmond T.P., DESC, 24 Dec, (KO)

Chukar – 20, Antone Rd., WHEE, 15 Dec, (JeG); 12, SE of Arlington, GILL, 18 Jan, (CC)

Blue Grouse – 1, Tumalo Mnt., DESC, 30 Dec, (DT)

Wild Turkey – 12, Sisters CBC, DESC,

14 Dec, (SSh fide); 6, Antone Rd., WHEE, 16 Dec, (JeG); 15, Bend CBC, DESC, 28 Dec, (KBo); 3, Tumalo, DESC, 25 Feb, (JMe)

Mountain Quail – 7, Antone Rd., WHEE, 16 Dec, (JeG); 2, Camp Sherman, JEFF, 29 Dec (RDy); 8, Freemont Canyon, JEFF, 9 Jan, (ST); 8, N. of Sisters, JEFF, 9 Jan, (ST); 12, Rimrock Ranch Sisters, DESC, 16 Jan, (GBa)

Sora – 1, Prineville CBC, CROO, 31 Dec, (CG SN)

Sandhill Crane – 8, Houston Lk., CROO, 10 Jan, (SN); 1, Reif Rd. Powell Butte, CROO, 14 Feb, (JJo)

Killdeer – 163, Suttle Lk and Hoodoo, JEFF, 2 Jan, (SSh) *Unusually large number for winter*

Dunlin – 2, Redmond T.P., DESC, 1 Dec, (KO)

Spotted Sandpiper – 2, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi)

Long-billed Dowitcher – 1, Redmond T.P., DESC, 1 Dec, (KO)

Mew Gull – 1, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi)

Glaucous-winged Gull – 12, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi)

WESTERN GULL – 1, Redmond T.P., DESC, 29 Jan, (KO) *Rare inland sighting*

Band-tailed Pigeon – 16, Bend CBC, DESC, 28 Dec, (KBo)

Barn Owl – 1, Prineville CBC, CROO, 31 Dec, (CG DG SN)

Western Screech Owl – 2, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh)

Pygmy Owl – 5, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14



Barred Owl, 28 January, Deschutes River State Park, Sherman County. Photo/M. Denny

Dec, (SSh fide); 1, Bend, DESC, 19 Dec, (JMe)

BARRED OWL - 1, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi) *First County Record. This bird was seen throughout the season by multiple observers.*

Long-eared Owl - 1, Redmond T.P., DESC, 15 Dec, (KO)

Short-eared Owl - 1, Williams Rd. Powell Butte, CROO, 4 Dec, (CG); 6, Powell Butte, CROO, 21 Dec, (JM CG); 1, Knott Landfill, DESC, 7 Jan, (MM)

Saw-whet Owl - 1, DeMoss S.P., SHER, 27 Feb, (IT DaM)

Anna's Hummingbird - 4, Bend CBC, DESC, 28 Dec, (DeH fide); 3, Bend, DESC, 25 Feb, (DT)

Lewis' Woodpecker - 1, Bend, DESC, 1 Dec, (JMe)

ACORN WOODPECKER - 1, Bend, DESC, 1 Dec, (JMe)

Williamson's Sapsucker - 3, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh fide)

Red-breasted Sapsucker - 1, Bend CBC, DESC, 28 Dec, (PL)

White-headed Woodpecker - 9, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh fide); 2, Prineville CBC, CROO, 31 Dec, (KS CM); 2, Metolius Preserve, JEFF, 2 Jan, (SSh)

Black-backed Woodpecker - 1, Tumalo Mnt., DESC, 30 Dec, (DT)

Say's Phoebe - 1, Bend CBC, DESC, 28 Dec, (CM MM PL); 1, Hatfield Lk, DESC, 13 Feb, (MM CM MH); 1, Lk Billy Chinook, JEFF, 24 Feb, (KS); 3, Paulina Hwy, CROO, 29 Feb, (CG MLo JJo)

Tree Swallow - 1, DRSP, WASC, 16 Feb, (JGa)

Violet-green Swallow - 2, Wickiup Res., DESC, 29 Feb, (DeH PL)

Barn Swallow - 1, Redmond T.P., DESC,

19 Dec, (KO); 1, DRSP, WASC, 16 Feb, (JGa); 1, The Dalles, WASC, 16 Feb, (JGa)

Black-capped Chickadee - 2, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh fide)

Chestnut-backed Chickadee - 2, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh fide)

Rock Wren - 4, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi); 1, Bend, DESC, 3 Jan, (MM CM); 1, DRSP, SHER, 22 Feb, (DaM)

Canyon Wren - 1, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi); 4, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh fide); 1, Antone Rd., WHEE, 15 Dec, (JeG); 1, Bend CBC, DESC, 28 Dec, (CM fide); 3, Utopia CBC, JEFF, 4 Jan, (Multiple Surveyors); 1, Lk Billy Chinook, JEFF, 13 Jan, (MM CM RMA); 1, Paulina Hwy, CROO, 29 Feb, (CG MLo JJo)

Bewick's Wren - 6, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi); 1, Clarno, WHEE, 27 Feb, (MBe)

Marsh Wren - 4, Bend CBC, DESC, 28 Dec.; 2, Prineville CBC, CROO, 31 Dec, (CG)

American Dipper - 4, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (MDa); 4, Bend CBC, DESC, 28 Dec, (KBo MM CM PL LRe KTh); 2, Paulina Lk., DESC, 3 Feb, (DeH); 1, DRSP, WASC, 16 Feb, (JGa)

Hermit Thrush - 3, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi); 1, Black Butte, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh fide); 1, Smith Rock, DESC, 30 Dec, (SL)

Varied Thrush - 2, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi); 1, Mayer S.P., WASC, 29 Jan, (RR); 1, Memaloose S.P., WASC, 30 Jan, (RR); 1, Viento S.P., HOOD, 30 Jan, (RR); 1, Cloverdale, DESC, 1 Feb, (JeG)

American Pipit - 1, Prineville CBC, CROO, 31 Dec, (DHa JMe SPo); 8, Utopia CBC, JEFF, 4 Jan, (Multiple Surveyors); 2, Alfalfa, DESC, 20 Feb, (PL)

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1, Bend CBC, DESC, 28 Dec, (CM fide); 4, Prineville CBC, CROO, 31 Dec, (DRe); 1, Utopia CBC, JEFF, 4 Jan, (SSh fide)

Green-tailed Towhee - 1, Sisters, DESC, 12 Dec, (NoF) *May be Oregon's 2nd winter record*

Savannah Sparrow - 1, S. of Madras, JEFF, 4 Jan, (CG SHo); 3, Prineville CBC, CROO, 31 Dec, (CG fide); 1, Utopia CBC, JEFF, 4 Jan, (SSh fide)

Lincoln's Sparrow - 2, Powell Butte, CROO, 21 Dec, (JM CG); 2, Bend CBC, DESC, 28 Dec, (CM fide); 5, Prineville CBC, CROO, 31 Dec, (CG fide)

Zonotrichia Hybrid - 1, Bend, DESC, 1 Jan, (DT) *Probably WCSP X WTSP*

Lapland Longspur - 1, Culver, JEFF, 4 Jan, (CM MHo); 15, Bear Dr., JEFF, 4 Jan, (CG SHo); 2, S. of Madras, JEFF, 4 Jan, (CG SHo); 3, S. of Madras, JEFF,

10 Jan, (JMe PL); 2, Holly Ln., JEFF, 10 Jan, (CG JMe DeH PL SSh KFa KS SHo MHo); 7, Near Haystack, JEFF, 10 Jan, (CG JMe DeH PL KS SHo MHo MM CM); 13, Shumway Rd., CROO, 10 Jan, (CG KO) *The Crook Co. birds were first county records*

SNOW BUNTING - 1, Grizzly Rd., CROO, 6 Dec, (SL); 1, Lower Davis Rd, CROO, 29 Dec, (Patti Van Vlack) *The Lower Davis bird was the 3rd county record*

Tri-colored Blackbird - 80, Houston Lk., CROO, 18 Jan, (MM CM); 20, Powell Butte, CROO, 21 Feb, (CG KHa JBe)

Brown-headed Cowbird - 1, Powell Butte, CROO, 21 Dec, (JM CG); 1, Plainview, DESC, 5 Jan, (LPe); 4, South of The Dalles, WASC, 29 Jan, (RR); 8, Hatfield Lk., DESC, 9 Feb, (CM MM)

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch - 14, Grizzly Butte, CROO, 9 Dec, (KS SH MH) *Seen through the 19th of Dec.*

Cassin's Finch - 12, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (SSh fide); 2, Conestoga Hills Bend, DESC, 19 Feb, (CM MM)

Common Redpoll - 8, Antone Rd., WHEE, 16 Dec, (JeG); 40, Tumalo Mnt., DESC, 30 Dec, (DT); Eagle Crest, DESC, (Larry and Mary Thornburgh); 6, Romaine Village, DESC, 7 Feb, (JMe)

Lesser Goldfinch - 2, DRSP, SHER, 13 Dec, (MD JoG MWi); 11, Redmond, DESC, 10 Jan, (DHa); 9, Prineville, CROO, 30 Jan, (CG)

Evening Grosbeak - 55, Sisters CBC, DESC, 14 Dec, (Multiple Observers)



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Horned Grebe -1, Lower Klamath NWR, 28-29 Feb., KLAM (MaR); 2, Klamath Falls, 6 Dec., KLAM (KTS); 1, Lk. Ewauna, 17 Jan., KLAM (KTS)

American White Pelican - 1, Pelican Marina, Klamath Falls, throughout season, KLAM (many obs.) *injured bird*

Double-crested Cormorant - 10, near Pelican Marina, Upper Klamath Lk., 4 Jan 04, KLAM (DHt)

Great Egret - 80, A Canal, Klamath Falls, 5 Dec., KLAM (KTS) *feasting on stranded fish*

Black-crowned Night Heron - 337, Link River, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (WS, RHd, DHt) *usual location*; 272, roost at Link R./Lk. Ewauna, Klamath Falls, 21 Feb., (KBo, COAS)

Turkey Vulture - 5, Lakeshore Dr., Klamath Falls, 28 Feb., KLAM (MaR) *none known to have wintered; probably first migrants*

Trumpeter Swan - 2 family groups, 15 Feb., Lower Klamath NWR, KLAM (WH); 1, Langell Valley, near Bonanza, 28 Feb., KLAM (FM, PSn) *with 150 Tundras*

Tundra Swan - 578, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Feb., LAKE (C&MM); many 100s heard overhead, flying north nightly, Klamath Falls, 3rd and 4th week Feb., KLAM (KTS)

"Blue" Snow Goose - 4, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Feb., LAKE (C&MM) *among 4,000 Snows*

American Wigeon - 320, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Feb., LAKE (C&MM)

Eurasian Wigeon - 12 (mostly males), Straits Drain, Lower Klamath NWR, 29 Feb., KLAM (KTS) *yearly presence in small numbers*

Canvasback - 80, Lk. Ewauna, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (WS, RHd); 155, Summer Lk. WMA, 14 Feb., LAKE (C&MM)

Common Goldeneye - 80, Lk. Ewauna, 17 Jan., KLAM (KTS)

Barrow's Goldeneye - 55, Lk. Ewauna, 17 Jan., KLAM (KTS)

Bald Eagle - 55, S of Klamath Falls, 4 Jan 04 KLAM (Klamath Falls CBC, KTS); 93, in one field, Straits Drain unit of Lower Klamath NWR, 27 Jan., KLAM (FM); 182, at flyout, Bear Valley, S. of Klamath Falls, 22 Feb.,

KLAM (KBo, COAS); 5, 9, 10, & 18 Fort Rock/Christmas Valley raptor surveys, 27 Nov., 9 Jan., 8 Feb., 29 Feb., LAKE (C&MM)

Northern Harrier - 72, Summer Lk. CBC, 16 Dec 03, LAKE (MSL)

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 9, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (KTS)

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1, Stateline Rd., Lower Klamath NWR, 10 Feb., KLAM (Steve Seibel)

Red-tailed Hawk - 32, 30, 37, & 40, Fort Rock/Christmas Valley raptor surveys, 27 Nov., 9 Jan., 8 Feb., & 29 Feb., LAKE (C&MM)

Ferruginous Hawk - 6, 8, 10, & 11, Fort Rock/Christmas Valley raptor surveys, 27 Nov., 9 Jan., 8 Feb., & 29 Feb., LAKE (C&MM); 12, Beusing and Chin Rds., near Merrill, 21 Feb., KLAM (KTS) *feeding on recently emerged ground squirrels*; 5-6, Klamath Falls, through period, KLAM (KTS)

Rough-legged Hawk - 15, Lower Klamath NWR, 20 Feb., KLAM (KBo, COAS); 22, 15, 20, & 20, Fort Rock/Christmas Valley raptor surveys, 27 Nov., 9 Jan., 8 Feb., 29 Feb., LAKE (C&MM)

Golden Eagle - 21, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (KTS); 8, 9, & 8, Fort Rock/Christmas Valley raptor surveys, 9 Jan., 8 Feb., & 29 Feb., LAKE (C&MM)

Merlin - 4, 15 Feb., Lower Klamath NWR, KLAM (WH)

American Kestrel - 48, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (KTS)

Mountain Quail - up to 50 along roads in Moore Pk. and Lakeshore Dr., Klamath Falls, Jan-Feb. KLAM (m.ob. KTS) *snowpack forced numbers to lower elevations*; noted, Miller Island WMA, 21 Feb., KLAM (KBo, COAS) *unusual location*

Virginia Rail - 5, Summer Lk. CBC, 16 Dec 03, LAKE (MSL)

Sandhill Crane - 5, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Feb., LAKE (C&MM); 150, Langell Valley near Bonanza, 28 Feb., KLAM (FM, PSn)

American Avocet - 1, Old Midland Rd., S of Klamath Falls, 28 Feb., KLAM (MaR) *first report; increased numbers following week*

Greater Yellowlegs - 16, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (KTS) *geothermal outlets along canals provided open water*

Bonaparte's Gull - 13, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (Ralph Opp)

Mew Gull - 1, Lk. Ewauna, Klamath Falls, 24 Jan, KLAM (FM)

Herring Gull - 53, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (KTS)

Thayer's Gull - 1, Lk. Ewauna, Klamath Falls, 24 Jan, KLAM (DHt)

Glaucous-winged Gull - 1, Lk. Ewauna, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (RHd, WS); 4, (1-3rd winter, 3-1st winter), Lk. Ewauna, Klamath Falls, 24 Jan, KLAM (KTS)

GLAUCOUS GULL, 1, 1st winter, Lk. Ewauna, Klamath Fall, 19-24 Jan, KLAM (KTS) photo, 2nd county record

Mourning Dove - 358, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan, KLAM (KTS) *well above ave. numbers through season*

Great Gray Owl - 1, Langell Valley near Bonanza, 28 Feb., KLAM (FM, PSn) *found dead along road*;

Long-eared Owl - 1, Hill Rd., S of Klamath Falls, 28 Feb., KLAM (FM, PSn) *juniper habitat below Stukel Mtn.*

Williamson's Sapsucker - 1, near Bonanza, 2 Jan., KLAM (fide MD); 5, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (DoL, Dave Larsen, FM,) *notable number for season*

Red-breasted Sapsucker - 7, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (KTS)

Northern Flicker - 85, Summer Lk. CBC, 16 Dec 03, LAKE (MSL)

BLACK PHOEBE, 3, along Klamath and Lost Rivers, 4 Jan 04, Klamath Falls CBC, KLAM (DoL, BJM); 1, Miller Island WMA, Klamath Falls, 7 Feb., KLAM (KLa) *possibly one still present/seen earlier on local CBC; rarely winter in Basin*

Say's Phoebe - 1, Lost R. 19 Feb, KLAM (FM); 2, Straits Drain, Lower Klamath NWR, 21 Feb., KLAM (KTS) *probable first migrants*

Northern Shrike - 2 & 5, Fort Rock/Christmas Valley raptor survey, 9 Jan., & 8 Feb., LAKE (C&MM); 3, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Feb., LAKE (C&MM); 1, Klamath Falls CBC, 4

Jan 04, KLAM (KTS)
Common Raven - 131, 139, & 139, Fort Rock/Christmas Valley raptor surveys, 9 Jan., 8 Feb., 29 Feb., LAKE (C&MM)
Horned Lark - about 2500, Fort Rock/Christmas Valley area, 8 Feb., LAKE (C&MM); 200, Straits Drain units, Lower Klamath NWR, 31 Jan., KLAM (FM)
Black-capped Chickadee - 5, Link R. trail, Klamath Falls, 6 Dec., KLAM (KTS) *usual location*; 1, Wood R. Wetlands, 21 Feb., KLAM (KBo)
Oak Titmouse - 2, Moore Pk., 22 Dec., KLAM (KTS) *usual location*
Marsh Wren - 79, Summer Lk. CBC, 16 Dec 03, LAKE (MSL)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 20, Moore Pk., Klamath Falls, 22 Dec., KLAM (KTS)
Western Bluebird - 34, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (KTS);

5, Harpold Rd., N of Malin, 28 Feb., KLAM (MaR)
Mountain Bluebird - 8, Summer Lk. WMA, 15 Feb., LAKE (C&MM)
Hermit Thrush - 4, Summer Lk. CBC, 16 Dec 03, LAKE (MSL)
American Pipit - 2, Summer Lk. CBC, 16 Dec 03, LAKE (MSL); 1, Lost R. 19 Feb, KLAM (FM)
Cedar Waxwing - 35, Chiloquin, 28 Dec., KLAM (WS)
Orange-crowned Warbler - 2, Klamath Falls CBC, 4 Jan 04, KLAM (WS, RHd)
Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1, Moore Pk., Klamath Falls, 22 Dec., KLAM (KTS); 1, Chiloquin, 10 Jan., KLAM (WS)
American Tree Sparrow - 12, Summer Lk. CBC, 16 Dec 03, LAKE (MSL)
McCown's Longspur, 2-6, Straits Drain units, Lower Klamath NWR,

27-31 Jan., KLAM (FM, PSn)
Lapland Longspur - at least 2, Fort Rock/Christmas Valley area, 8 Feb., LAKE (C&MM) *heard mixed with Horned Larks in flight*; several-10, Straits Drain units, Lower Klamath NWR, 27-31 Jan., KLAM (FM)
Tricolored Blackbird - several, Lower Klamath NWR, 21 Feb., KLAM (KBo, COAS) *with mixed flock of blackbirds*
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 1, Lower Klamath NWR, 15 Feb., KLAM (WH) *increased scarcity during winter in recent years*
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL - 1, Crater Lk. NP, 22 Feb., KLAM (fide DV) *no other details provided*
Pine Siskin - 82, Chiloquin, 14 Dec., KLAM (WS)

Northeast Field Notes: Winter 2003-2004

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Abbreviations:

CG = Camp Ground
 FR = Forest Road
 NWR = National Wildlife Refuge
 SP = State Park
 WMA = Wildlife Management Area
 WP = Wildlife Park

Pied-billed Grebe - 3, below McNary Dam, UMAT, 22 Dec (MD, ND & GJ); 2, Hat Rock SP, UMAT, 18 Jan (CC).

Horned Grebe - 1, below McNary Dam, UMAT, 22 Dec (MD, ND & GJ); 4 at McNary WP, UMAT, 23 Dec (PBC).

American White Pelican - 2, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC & JvC).

Double-crested Cormorant - 10, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC); 10, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Great Blue Heron - 21, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 6 McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 30, McNary WP, UMAT, 30 Jan (CC & JvC).

Tundra Swan - 38, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC); Several along Peach Rd. in Ladd Marsh WMA, UNIO, 23 Feb (KA).

Trumpeter Swan - Mt. Vernon, GRAN, Jan (GCBC).

Greater White-fronted Goose - 10, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 8 along Peach Rd. in Ladd Marsh WMA, UNIO, Feb (KA & TrB).

Ross's Goose - 1 near the intersection of HWY 82 & Booth Rd., UNIO, 26 Feb to the end of the period (TrB & MRH).

Snow Goose - Baker City, BAKE, Jan (GCBC).

Canada Goose - 500, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC).

Wood Duck - 65 +, below McNary Dam, UMAT, 22 Dec (MD, ND & GJ); 40, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Mallard - 500, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC); 500, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Northern Pintail - 25, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC).

Northern Shoveler - 6, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC).

Gadwall - 2, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 20, Hat Rock SP, UMAT, 4 Jan

(CC).

Eurasian Wigeon - 2, Hat Rock SP, UMAT, 18 Jan (CC); 1 pair in a flooded field along Gray's Corner Rd., UNIO, 26 Feb (TrB).

American Wigeon - 800, Hat Rock SP, UMAT, 18 Jan (CC).

Redhead - 3, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Ring-necked Duck - 300, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC); 6 near the corner of Booth Rd. and HWY 82, UNIO, 26 Feb (TrB).

Greater Scaup - 36, below McNary Dam, UMAT, 22 Dec (MD, ND & GJ); 1, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Common Goldeneye - 17, below McNary Dam, UMAT, 22 Dec (MD, ND & GJ); 1, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Barrow's Goldeneye - 1 mixed in with Commons near the grain elevator above McNary Dam, 4 Jan - 16 Feb (PBC, CC & JvC).

Bufflehead - 2, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 20, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Hooded Merganser - Holiday SP, GRAN, 29 Feb (GCBC).

Common Merganser – 5, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 12 in a flooded field along Gray's Corner Rd., UNIO, 26 Feb (TrB).

Ruddy Duck – 2, Hat Rock SP, UMAT, 18 Jan (CC); 1 at McNary WP, UMAT, 31 Jan (PBC).

Bald Eagle – 1, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC); 6 adults along FR 2100, Spring Creek, UNIO, 30 Dec (TrB); 16 adults & 9 imm., WALL, 12 Jan (FC); 15 along HWY 82 near Wallowa, WALL, 17 Jan (PTS et al.); 4 along Hunter Rd. between Island City & Summerville, UNIO, 2 Feb (GP & PPa); 7 near Cove, UNIO, 12 Feb (NAC et al.).

Northern Harrier – 76, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 4, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC).

Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC).

Cooper's Hawk – 1, Dog Crk, GRAN, Feb (GCBC).

Northern Goshawk – 1 along FR 2100, Spring Creek, UNIO, 30 Dec (TrB); 1, John Day, GRAN, Dec (GCBC).

Red-tailed Hawk – 101, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 10, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC); a Krider's individual was seen near Lostine, WALL, 17 Jan (PTS et al.); a single Harlan's individual was seen at Cold Springs Res., UMAT, 22 Feb (PBC).

Rough-legged Hawk – 4, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC); 33, UMAT, Jan (UMAT CBC).

Golden Eagle – 3, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1 adult along the south fork of the Walla Walla River, UMAT, 12 Jan (MD & MLD).

American Kestrel – 35, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 20, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC).

Merlin – 1 perched in a Douglas Fir Tree near the corner of Island & Washington St. in La Grande, UNIO, 1 Feb (MRH); 1 chasing House Sparrows along Washington Ave. in La Grande, UNIO, 28 Feb (TrB & MRH).

Peregrine Falcon – 1, Dog Crk, GRAN, 7 Dec (GCBC); 1 along Golf Course Rd. N. of Enterprise, WALL, 2 Jan (FC); 1, at McNary WA, UMAT, 19 Jan (PBC); 1 flying over a Cove neighborhood, UNIO, 15 Feb (SCo).

Prairie Falcon – 5, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 2 were at a known

nesting site near Battle Mt. SP, UMAT, 28 Feb (PBC).

Ring-necked Pheasant – 3 at a downtown La Grande feeder, UNIO, 1 Feb (TrB & MRH).

Gray Partridge – 9 in Enterprise, WALL, 8 Dec (RAn); 17, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 8, UMAT, Jan (UMAT CBC).

Chukar – Several, Canyon Crk, GRAN, 15 Dec (GCBC).

Ruffed Grouse – 2, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 5, UMAT, Jan (UMAT CBC).

Sharp-tailed Grouse – Several along Golf Course Rd. N of Enterprise, WALL, 2 Jan (FC).

Gray Partridge – 9 in Enterprise, WALL, 8 Dec (RAn); 17, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 8, UMAT, Jan (UMAT CBC).

California Quail – 1 female at a downtown La Grande feeder, UNIO, 1 - 14 Jan (TrB & MRH); 10, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Mountain Quail – 1, WALL, 8 Dec (RAn); Several, Antone CBC, GRAN,

16 Dec (GCBC).

California Quail – 10, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Virginia Rail – 1, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1, GRAN, Dec (GCBC).

American Coot – 30, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Sandhill Crane – 1. WALL, Dec (FC); 1 along Foothill Rd. in Ladd Marsh WMA, UNIO, 26 Feb (TrB & MRH).

Killdeer – 22, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC).

Greater Yellowlegs – 4 along McKay Crk in Pendleton, UMAT, 10 Dec, at least one of these birds was seen until late February (PBC).

Spotted Sandpiper – 1 at McNary WA, UMAT, 23 Dec (PBC).

Least Sandpiper – 37, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC).

Dunlin – 160, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC).

Wilson's Snipe – 1, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC); 1, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1 along the Umatilla R. east of Pendleton,



Northern Pygmy-Owl, 7 February, hiding behind some Astro Turf in Ronnie Allen's seed shed, La Grande, Union County. Photo/T. Bray.

UMAT, 31 Dec (PBC).

Glaucous-winged Gull – 1 along the Columbia R. above the McNary Dam, 22 Feb (PBC).

Ring-billed Gull – 50, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC); several along the Columbia R. above the McNary Dam, 22 Feb (PBC).

California Gull – Several along the Columbia R. above the McNary Dam, 22 Feb (PBC).

Herring Gull – Several along the Columbia R. above the McNary Dam, 22 Feb (PBC).

Mourning Dove – 142, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 70, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC); 200 at a single Pendleton feeder, 6 Jan (PBC).

Barn Owl – 2, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC).

Western Screech-Owl – 1, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1, Mt. Vernon, GRAN, Feb (GCBC).

Great Horned Owl – 5, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC).

Northern Pygmy-Owl – 2, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1, Joseph, WALL, 2 Jan (FC); 1 along Modelaire Dr. in La Grande, UNIO, 15 Jan – 21 Feb (RAI & TrB).

Burrowing Owl – 1 injured individual, Irrigon, MORR, 16 Dec (PBC).

Great Gray Owl – Several pairs, Spring Crk, UNIO, late Feb (fide TrB).

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Short-eared Owl – 13 along Phys Rd., UNIO, 20 Dec (TrB & MRH).

Boreal Owl – 1 calling near the Homestead Mine above the Snake R, BAKE, 20 Feb (MPM & DSh).

Northern Saw-whet Owl – 1 heard along Bazine Crk, UNIO, 7 Dec (TrB & OFO).

Belted Kingfisher – 12, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 2, UMAT, 20 Dec (CC).

Red-breasted Sapsucker – 1, Canyon Crk, GRAN, 3 Jan – 26 Feb (GCBC).

Williamson's Sapsucker – 1 female, UMAT, Jan (UMAT CBC); 1, Mt. Vernon, GRAN, Jan (GCBC).

Downy Woodpecker – 12, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1, UMAT, 20 Dec (CC).

Hairy Woodpecker – 1 female at a La Grande feeder, UNIO, 2 Jan (TrB).

White-headed Woodpecker – 1, Bear Valley, GRAN, Feb (GCBC); 4 at Deadman's Pass Rest Area, UMAT, 29 Feb (JWa).

Northern Flicker – 63, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1 hybrid & 1 yellow shafted, La Grande, UNIO, Dec (BD & CD); 24, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC).

Pileated Woodpecker – 2, Mt. Fanny, UNIO, 7 Dec (TrB & OFO); 1, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1 at Battle Mt. SP, UMAT, 1 Feb (PBC).

Loggerhead Shrike – 1, GRAN, 16 Dec (GCBC).

Northern Shrike – 3, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1 in a field near the top of Bushnell Rd. in La Grande, UNIO, 31 Jan (TrB).

Say's Phoebe – 1 along Peach Rd., Ladd Marsh WMA, UNIO, 3 Dec (TrB); 1, NW. of Helix on Dorran Rd., UMAT, 25 Dec (CC).

Horned Lark – 300, UMAT, Jan (UMAT CBC).

Tree Swallow – Dog Crk, GRAN, 17 Feb (GCBC).

Gray Jay – Tipton, GRAN, 29 Feb (GCBC).

Steller's Jay – 29, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 5, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC).

Blue Jay – 1, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 2 near Thornhollow, east of Pendleton, UMAT, 1 Dec – 14 Feb (CC).

Clark's Nutcracker – 1, John Day CBC, GRAN, 14 Dec (GCBC); 1 at Battle Mt. SP, UMAT, 1 Feb (PBC).

Black-billed Magpie – 436, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC).

American Crow – 9, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC).

Common Raven – 4, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC).

Black-capped Chickadee – 4, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC); 70, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC).

Bushtit – 1, Enterprise, WALL, 14 Dec – 17 Jan (WALL CBC & PTS); 2, GRAN, 16 Dec (GCBC).

Red-breasted Nuthatch – 8, GRAN, 16 Dec (GCBC).

White-breasted Nuthatch – 2, GRAN, 16 Dec (GCBC).

Pygmy Nuthatch – 26, GRAN, 14 Dec (GCBC).

Rock Wren – 3, UMAT, 30 Dec (CC).

Bewick's Wren – 12, UMAT, 20 Dec (CC); 1 singing along the Grande Ronde R. near Philberg Rd., UNIO, 7 Feb (TrB).

Winter Wren – 1 near Bird Track Springs CG, UNIO, 30 Dec (TrB).

American Dipper – John Day, GRAN, late Feb (GCBC).

Marsh Wren – 3, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC), a first for the UCOR CBC; 3, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 3, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC).

Western Bluebird – 1 near Battle Mt. SP, UMAT, 28 Feb (PBC).

Mountain Bluebird – Fox Valley, GRAN, 15 Jan (GCBC).

Townsend's Solitaire – 3 in Mountain Ash Trees near Cris Ct. in La Grande, UNIO, 3 Feb (TrB).

Hermit Thrush – 1 near Morgan Lk, UNIO, 29 Dec (DFe); 3, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC); 1 near a Walnut St. residence in La Grande, UNIO, 23 Jan (BD & CD).

American Robin – 100, Cold Springs NWR, UMAT, 10 Dec (CC).

Varied Thrush – 1 feeding on Mountain Ash Berries near the base of the Oak St. Sled Hill in La Grande, UNIO, 27 Jan (MPM); 1 heard singing along Spring Rd. in La Grande, UNIO, 4 Feb (JAM).

American Pipit – 1 on spilt grain near McNary Dam, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC & JvC).

Bohemian Waxwing – 37, Enterprise, WALL, 8 Dec (RAN); 40 near the summit of High Valley, UNIO, 9 Jan (CBe); 1 with Cedars along Alder St. near O Ave. in La Grande, UNIO, 13 Jan (TrB).

Cedar Waxwing – 70, below McNary Dam, UMAT, 22 Dec (MD, ND & GJ); 25, Walnut St. in La Grande, UNIO, 12 Feb (BD & CD).

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 6, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

Spotted Towhee – 4, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC).

American Tree Sparrow – 43, Enterprise, WALL, 8 Dec (RAN); 16, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 1 near Pilot Rock, UMAT, 15 Feb (PBC).

Savannah Sparrow – 9, UMAT, 20 Dec (CC).

Fox Sparrow – 1, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC); 2, at McNary WA, UMAT, 19 Jan (PBC).

Song Sparrow – 110, UMAT, 20 Dec (CC).

Lincoln's Sparrow – 1 at McNary WP, UMAT, 23 Dec (PBC); 8, UMAT, Jan (UMAT CBC).

Swamp Sparrow – 1, below McNary



Blue Jay, 28 November, visiting black oil sunflower feeders at Nancy Combs' yard, Cove, Union County. Photo/T.Bray Note that the date of the picture of the Blue Jay was taken in November, but this bird stayed around until Jan 2004. No other pictures were taken to my knowledge during the winter period.

Dam, UMAT, 22 Dec (MD, ND & GJ); 3, McNary WP, UMAT, 4 Jan (CC); 1 near the grain elevator above McNary Dam, 22 Feb (PBC).

White-throated Sparrow – 2, at McNary WA, UMAT, 2 - 19 Jan (PBC & CC).

Golden-crowned Sparrow – 12, UMAT, 20 Dec (CC); 6, at McNary WA, UMAT, 19 Jan (PBC).

White-crowned Sparrow – 1000, UMAT, 20 Dec (CC); Numerous at McNary WA, UMAT, 19 Jan (PBC).

Harris's Sparrow – 1 individual seen along Buchanan Rd., UNIO, 15 Dec - throughout the period (MMC, TrB, MRH, MPM, RHu & KCr); 1, UMAT, 20 Dec (CC); 2 along the Umatilla R. west of Pendleton, UMAT, 1 Feb (PBC).

Dark-eyed Junco – 30, UMAT, 20 Dec (CC).

Snow Bunting – 1 along Peach Rd., in Ladd Marsh WMA, UNIO, 1 Jan (TrB & MRH).

Red-winged Blackbird – 206, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 200 at a Pendleton feeder, 30 Dec (PBC).

Western Meadowlark – 80, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 30, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC).

Yellow-headed Blackbird – 3, UNIO, Dec (TrB & UCOR CBC), rare in OR in Winter.

Brewer's Blackbird – 150, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC).

Brown-headed Cowbird – 2, UNIO, Dec (TrB & UCOR CBC), rare in OR in Winter.

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch – 300

+ *littoralis* along Leap Rd. N of Enterprise, WALL, 22 Dec (FC).

Purple Finch – 1, John Day, GRAN, Dec - Feb (GCBC).

Cassin's Finch – 10, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC).

House Finch – 200 at a Pendleton feeder, 30 Dec (PBC).

Red Crossbill – 10, Mt. Fanny, UNIO, 7 Dec (TrB & OFO); 2, GRAN, 16 Dec (GCBC).

Common Redpoll – 20 along Leap Rd. N of Enterprise, WALL, 22 Dec – 2 Jan (FC); 4, UMAT, Jan (UMAT CBC); 1 at a Pendleton feeder, UMAT, 8 Jan (PBC).

Pine Siskin – 4, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC).

American Goldfinch – 316, UNIO, Dec (UCOR CBC); 25, UMAT, 25 Dec (CC).

Lesser Goldfinch – 1, UNIO, Dec (SF & UCOR CBC), a first for the UCOR CBC and a second Union County record; 5, GRAN, 16 Dec (GCBC); 1 at a Cove feeder, UNIO, 29 Jan (JMc), a third Union County record; 3 at a Pendleton feeder, UMAT, Dec - Jan (PBC).

Evening Grosbeak – Prairie City, GRAN, Jan (GCBC).



Sharp-shinned Hawk, January 2004, Salem, Marion County. Photo/AJ Vaughan

Southeast Field Notes: Winter 2003-2004

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Abbreviations:

CBC Christmas Bird Count
MNWR Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Harney County

Trumpeter Swan – 5, MNWR, 20 Dec (SL).

Snow Goose – a “large flock” was using alfalfa fields between Crane and Princeton, HARN, in a snowstorm on 25 Feb (LHa).

Eurasian Wigeon – 1 male, Snake River at confluence of Moore’s Hollow Creek, MALH, 8 Feb (DHa).

Barrow’s Goldeneye – 16, MNWR, 20 Dec (SL).

Hooded Merganser – 7, MNWR, 20 Dec (SL).

Northern Goshawk – 1, 5 miles west of Hines, HARN, throughout period (PBo); also 1 in Burns, HARN, throughout period (LHa).

Ferruginous Hawk – 3, near Princeton, HARN, 20 Dec (SL).

Merlin – 1, Burns, HARN, 3-13 Jan (LHa).

GYRFALCON – 1 reported near Hwy 205 and 78, HARN, on 27 Feb could not be confirmed later (RV).

Sage Grouse – reported on the Burns

CBC, HARN, 14 Dec (RV).

Mountain Quail – 3, mouth of Devine Canyon, 5 miles north of Burns, HARN, 5 Jan (PBo).

Short-eared Owl – 1, near Princeton, HARN, 20 Dec (SL).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER – 1, Burns, HARN, 17 Dec – 4 Jan (RV).

Northern Shrike – 3, MNWR, 20 Dec (SL).

Western Scrub-Jay – 1-3 birds were reported in Burns, HARN, throughout the period (RV, LHa).

Barn Swallow – 1 was at Frenchglen on the P Ranch CBC, HARN, 16 Dec (RV).

Golden-crowned Kinglet – 1, Burns, HARN, 27-30 Dec (LHa).

Sage Thrasher – 1, 5 miles west of Hines, HARN, on 2 Dec was the latest date (PBo).

Bohemian Waxwing – 9, 5 miles west of Hines, HARN, 4 Dec (PBo).

Spotted Towhee – First of the season



Immature Harris' Sparrow, 28 November, Malheur NWR HQ, Harney County. Photo/N. Strycker

was one 5 miles west of Hines, HARN, on 15 Feb (PBo).

Harris' Sparrow – 1 was at Malheur Field Station, on the Sod House CBC, HARN, 15 Dec (RV).

Red-winged Blackbird – Migrant arrival dates were one 5 miles west of Hines, HARN, on 6 Feb (PBo) and 1 in Burns, HARN, 12 Feb (LHa).

Yellow-headed Blackbird – 1 was with a flock of 35 Red-winged Blackbirds at Hyline Road, Oregon Slope, MALH, on 8 Feb (DHa).

Pine Siskin – 1, Burns, HARN, 20 Dec (LHa).



One of up to 12 suet-eating Varied Thrush at the Dowlan feeder on 1 January, Mehama, Marion County. Photo/S. Dowlan

Observers :

AA	Al Ahlgrim	CH	Christine Hodges	DvM	David Mandell
AB	Angela Baylink	ChC	Char Corkran	DN	Denny Niebuhr
ACr	Andy Crabtree	CK	Carol Karlen	DiP	Diane Pettey
ADa	Andy Dale	CL	Carol Ledford	DP	Dave Pitkin
AF	Aaron Fischer	CIB	Clint Brummit	DPa	Dael Parsons
AnF	Andy Frank	CKi	Charlotte Kisling	DPe	Don Pederson
AFr	Ann Frost	CM	Craig Miller	DoR	Donna Rainboth
AG	Anne Gerke	CMB	Craig Born	DR	Dennis Reinhart
AHe	Anne Heyerly	COAS	Central Oregon Audubon Society	DR	Doug Robberson
AJ	Alvaro Jaramillo			Dro	David Robinson
AbJ	Abby Jaworski	CP	Chuck Philo	DSH	Doug Shorey
AK	Abe Karam	CR	Craig Roberts	DS	David Smith
AL	Andrew Laughlin	CS	Carrie Stevenson	DSu	Don Sutherland
ALC	Alan Contreras	CV	Cort Vaughan	DTh	Darrah Thomas
AM	Andrew Marshall	CWa	Clare Watson	DT	Dave Tracy
AMa	Anne MacDonald	DA	Dennis Arendt	DuW	Duane Whitman
AMc	Alan McGie	DaM	David Mandell	DV	Dennis Vroman
AMi	Alison Mickel	DAn	David Anderson	DW	Davey Wendt
AP	Allen Prigge	DaB	Dan Bowers	DWe	Dave Westerfield
AR	Alan Reid	DB	David Bailey	DWh	Dave Whistler
AS	Anne Sexton	DBo	Don Boucher	EdM	Ed McVicker
ASh	Ann Shales	DBr	Dave Brown	ECA	Ellen Cantor
ASk	Aaron Skirven	DBu	Dave Budeau	EE	Elsie Eltzroth
BA	Bob Altman	DC	Dick Cronberg	EH	Eric Horvath
BAM	Bill Monda	DCa	Diane Cavaness	EHa	Emily Hancock
BB	Betty Bahn	DCg	Donald Coggsell	EHe	Eric Henze
BrB	Brett Baumann	DCo	Dave Copeland	EK	Erik Knight
BBe	Bob Bender	DdC	Debby de Carlo	EIE	Elias Elias
BBu	Bill Burton	DLe	Dave Ledig	EM	Esther Marple
BC	Bob Carlton	DDe	Don DeWitt	EMg	Elizabeth Magnus
BiC	Bill Clemons	DE	Dennis Edge	EMV	Ed McVicker
BD	Bill Dowdy	DeH	Dean Hale	EP	Eleanor Pugh
BE	Bill Evans	DeJ	Den Johnson	ES	Elmer Specht
BG	Bill Gray	DEv	Duncan Everud	ESe	Eric Setterberg
BGl	Barbara Gleason	DF	Darrel Faxon	FC	Frank Conley
BGP	Bird Guide Pelagics	DFa	Daniel Farrar	FF	Fran Ferro
BGr	Barb Griffin	DFe	Dave Felly	FLM	Friends of Ladd Marsh
BH	Bill Hunter	DFi	David Fix	FLo	Frank Lospalluto
BJM	BJ Matzen	DG	Dorothy Gates	FM	Frank Mayer
BLE	Bob Llewellyn	DGr	Don Grafe	FP	Fred Pratt
BLo	Bill Looney	DHa	Dave Hazelton	FSc	Floyd Schrock
BLo	Bob Loeffel	DHe	Dan Heyerly	GA	George Armistead
BM	Barry McKenzie	DHl	Don Haller	GCBC	Grant County Bird Club
BMa	Betty Main	DHr	Dave Herr	GF	Gary Fredricks
BMo	Berk Moss	DHt	Dave Haupt	GG	Greg Gillson
BN	Bruce Newhouse	DHz	Dave Helzer	GHa	Greg Hammon
BoS	Bob Stubblefield	DI	Dave Irons	GJ	George Jamison
BS	Bob Stites	DiH	Diane Horgan	GK	Greg Krutzikowsky
BSt	Bill Stotz	DJ	Dave Johnson	GL	Gerard Lillie
BT	Bill Thackaberry	DJo	Dave Jones	GN	Ginger Nielson
BTa	Brandy Taylor	DK	Doris Kasper	GP	Gordon Patchin
BTi	Bill Tice	DKi	Douglas Kirkpatrick	GRa	Gwyneth Ragsone
BTw	Bill Tweit	DL	Dave Lauten	GS	Gary Schaffer
BV	Brian Vaughn	DLa	Dave Lawrence	GSh	Ginger Shoemake
BW	Barbara Woodhouse	DoL	Doug Laye	HB	Howard Browsers
BWi	Barbara Winter	DiL	Diane Low	HBN	Harry Nehls
BY	Ben Young	DLu	Donna Lustoff	HG	Hank Gross
CB	Carolyn Bird	DM	Don Munson	HH	Hendrik Herlyn
CBu	Chris Butler	DMa	Dennis Manzer	HHo	Howard Horvath
CC	Craig Corder	DMc	Don McCartney	HHr	Hans Hemstetler
CD	Chris Dowdy	DMo	Dennis Moore	HLo	Hydie Lown
CcG	Cecil Gagnon	DoA	Don Albright	HR	Holly Reinhard
CCo	Cliff Cordy	DoH	Don Haller	HS	Howard Sands
CG	Chuck Gates	DoM	Don MacDonald	HSm	Horton Smith

HSt	Heather Stout	KA	Karen Antell	MG	Mike Greenberg
IS	Ilene Samowitz	KaS	Karen Sharples	MRH	Mariah Hey
IT	Iain Tomlinson	KBo	Kim Boddie	MaH	Marjorie Hipp
JLa	Janet Lamberson	KBO	Klamath Bird Observatory	MHo	Mel Holt
JA	Jim Anderson	KC	Kathy Castelein	MH	Matt Hunter
JiA	Jim Arneson	KCl	Kelsey Claudson	MI	Marshall Iliff
JB	JoAnne Bernt	KCr	Karen Cradler	MiM	Mike Marsh
JBl	Joe Blowers	KF	Karan Fairchild	MJ	Marlin Jones
JC	Joe Corvino	KIF	Karl Fairchild	MhK	Mahesh Ketkar
JCa	Jim Carlson	KG	Kevin Goldwater	MK	Michel Kleinbaum
JKC	Jorrie (& Ken) Ciotti	KHa	Kay Hartmann	MaK	Mark Kramer
JeC	Jeff Cooney	KH	Kelli Hoffman	MLaF	Margaret LaFaive
JuC	Judy Corder	KJ	Ken Jones	MLi	Mike Lippsmeyer
JoC	John Crowell	KL	Kevin Lair	MLO	Mike Lowen
JDe	Jennifer DeLuca	KLa	Kit Larson	MaM	Marcia Maffei
JeG	Joel Geier	KLu	Kristin Luke	MPM	Mike Mahoney
JF	Jeff Fleischer	KAM	Kenneth A. Mahouski	MiM	Mike Marsh
JFi	John Fitchen	KMa	Kate Matthews	MMa	Marcia Marvin
JFo	Joe Fontaine	KM	Kathy Merrifield	MMC	Mary McCracken
JG	Jeff Gilligan	KO	Kimdel Owen	MMc	Michael McMains
JGa	John Gatchet	KP	Kay Patrick	MM	Marilyn Miller
JGk	John Gerke	KPh	Karen Phillips	MkM	Mark Miller
JGr	Jeff Grass	KRo	Kent Rodecap	MMi	Meredith Millman
JH	Jill Hubbard	KS	Kevin Smith	MMo	Marjorie Moore
JHa	Jeff Harding	KSh	Karen Shaw	MkN	Mark Nebeker
JHe	Jim Hein	KTS	Kevin T. Spencer	MNi	Mark Nikas
JiH	Jim Heaney	KTh	Karen Theodore	MN	Michael Noack
JHo	Jerry Honl	KVS	Karen Viste-Sparkman	MiN	Michael Nomina
JoH	John Houle	LaM	Larry McQueen	MoG	Marilyn O'Grady
JiH	Jim Harleman	LBa	Lou Balaban	MOp	Mary Oppenheimer
JiF	Jim Fairchild	LBl	Luke Bloch	MaP	Margie Paris
JJ	Jarod Jerousek	LBr	Lacy Bristow	MP	Mike Patterson
JJo	Jim Johnson	LBU	Lansing Bulgin	MPe	Mark Penninger
JK	John Kemper	LC	Lee Cain	MiR	Mitch Ratzlaff
JL	Jen Lair	LFi	Linda Fink	MR	Mike Rodegerdts
JLi	Jim Livaudais	LGi	Linda Gilbert	MaR	Mark Rudolph
JLu	John Lundsten	LH	Linda Heinze	MaS	Matt Smith
JM	Jim Moodie	LHa	Larry Hammond	MAS	Mary Anne Sohlstrom
JMa	John Matthews	LHe	Linda Hendrix	MSo	Maeve Sowles
JMc	Jim McIver	LJ	Laura Johnson	MSL	Marty St. Louis
JMe	Judy Meredith	LKN	Laina Nedrow	MSt	Margaret Stephens
JAM	Joanne Mahoney	LM	Leslie Meserve	MT	Margaret Tweelinckx
JMo	Jerry Moresello	LN	Liz Northrup	MW	Mike Wihler
JO	Jim Olson	LO	Laimons Osis	MWe	Matt Wells
JoM	John Mathews	LP	Lea Peeters	MWi	Michael Willison
JP	Jonathan Pleissner	LPe	Larry Pecenka	NA	Ned Austin
JiR	Jim Rogers	LR	Luke Redmond	NB	Norm Barrett
JR	John Rakestraw	LRe	Lew Rems	NaC	Nancy Combs
JRi	John Riutta	LS	Lars Skålnes	ND	Nat Drumheller
JRo	Jonathan Robertson	LSm	Larry Small	NE	Norman Edelen
JSc	James Schultz	LTh	Lance Thurman	NF	Nancy Findholt
JimS	Jim Shaw	M	Maitreya	NFu	Norma Funai
JSi	Jack Simmons	MA	Matt Adamson	NKS	Noah K. Strycker
JaS	Jamie Simmons	MAi	Mike Aizpitarte	NM	Nancy MacDonald
JSr	Jim Souper	MBa	Marshall Beretta	NW	Nancy Wallwork
JoS	Joan Suther	MBe	Mark Berry	OFO	Oregon Field Ornithologists
JSu	John Sullivan	MB	Mike Bogar		Field Trip
JT	Julia Tracy	MiC	Michelle Cannon	O'L	Clarence & Marilyn O'Leary
JTh	Jim Thielen	MkC	Mark Colley	ON	Otis Nelson
JWa	Jan Watson	MaC	Marv Cooper	OS	Owen Schmidt
JuW	June Whitten	MC	Marcia F. Cutler	PA	Paul Adamus
JVH	Jean Van Hulzen	MDa	Marion Davidson	PAS	Portland Audubon
JW	John Williams	MLD	MerryLynn Denny	PB	Phil Bartley
JWi	Jay Withgott	MD	Mike Denny	PBa	Phil Bartley
JWo	John Woodhouse	ME	Merlin Eltzroth	PBe	Patty Bernardi
JWr	Justin Wrinn	MGo	Maggie Gould	PBC	Pendleton Bird Club

PBW	Pat and Bunny Wright	RM	Rick McKenzie	ScS	Scott Staats
PeB	Peg Boulay	RMa	Rick Maulding	SSh	Steve Shunk
PBo	Patty Bowers	RoM	Ron Maertz	ST	Sue Tank
PC	Pete Carr	RMo	Randy Moore	StBu	Steve Burock
PD	Pat Dickey	RN	Rich Nawa	STh	Shirley Thielen
PG	Pam Gray	RO	Robert Olsen	StJ	Stuart Johnston
PH	Patricia Harding	RoS	Ron Sehman	StS	Stuart Sparkman
PaH	Pat Heron	RP	Richard Pomeroy	SW	Steve Warner
Phi	Phil Hicks	RR	Roger Robb	SWr	Sheran Wright
PJ	Pamela Johnston	RS	Richard Smith	TB	Tanya Bray
PJa	Paul Jacobsen	RSG	Rebecca Geier	TC	Tom Crabtree
PL	Peter Low	RSh	Rodger Shoemake	TCo	Tabbie Coulter
PM	Patti Mehan	RT	Richard Thomasetti	TE	Tom Ewert
PO	Paul Osborn	RuS	Ruth Sullivan	TeJ	Terry Johnson
PPa	Patricia Patchin	RV	Rick Vetter	TeM	Terrie Murray
PP	Phil Pickering	RW	Ralph Wodtli	TG	Troy Guy
PR	Polly Rankin	SaB	Sara Brown	TH	Tom Hunt
PSn	Paula Shannon	SaL	Sally Lockyear	TiS	Timothy Sellers
PSh	Paul Sherrell	SB	Steve Berliner	TJ	Tim Janzen
PSt	Peter Stoel	SBr	Sandy Bryce	TJW	Terry J. Wahl
PaS	Patrick Sullivan	SBU	Sean Burgett	TL	Tom Love
PTS	Paul T. Sullivan	SC	Sue Carr	TM	Tom Mickel
PT	Pat Tilley	SCo	Sandy Coulson	ToB	Todd Baylink
PeT	Pepper Trail	SDi	Steve Dinsmore	TP	Tom Phillips
PV	Paula Vanderheul	SD	Steve Dowlan	TRo	Tom Rodhouse
PVV	Patti VanVlack	SDo	Steve Dougill	TR	Tim Rodenkirk
PWa	Pat Waldron	SF	Scott Findholt	TrB	Trent Bray
QN	Quinton Nice	SG	Sandy Greenberg	TrS	Tracy Stainbrook
RAI	Ronnie Allen	SGo	Steve Gordon	TS	Tim Shelmerdine
RAn	Ralph Anderson	SH	Sharon Haller	TSe	Trent Seager
RB	Range Bayer	SHg	Sherry Hagen	TSn	Tom Snetsinger
RC	Rebecca Cheek	ShC	Sheila Chambers	TT	Todd Thornton
RCa	Randy Campbell	ShL	Shirley Loeffel	TTA	Tony Taylor
RCh	Roger Chou	ShS	Shawn Steinberg	TW	Tom Winters
RoC	Romain Cooper	SHo	Susan Holt	TWa	Tom Wainwright
RCo	Robb Coulter	SJ	Stewart Janes	UCOR	Union County CBC
RD	Ron Day	SJa	Steve Jagers	UMAT	Umatilla County CBC
RDy	Rad Dyer	ScJ	Scott Johnson	VA	Vjera Arnold
RF	Ray Filby	SK	Steve Kornfeld	VE	Virgil Evans
RGe	Roy Gerig	SKu	Steve Kuppillas	VH	Vicki Hoover
RHa	Ron Halvorson	SL	Steve Lay	VSt	Voyla Steves
RHd	Rick Hardy	SLo	Shirley Loeffel	WALL	Wallowa County CBC
RH	Richard Holland	SM	Sylvia Maulding	WB	Wayne Bowers
RHo	Rich Hoyer	SMc	Steve McDonald	WE	William Evans
RHu	Ross Hubbard	SML	Steve Mlodinow	WG	Wink Gross
RJ	Rod Johnson	SN	Stephanie Niewinski	WH	Wayne Hoffman
RKe	Ron Ketchum	SNe	Sally Nelson	WLo	Wendell Long
RK	Ray Korpi	SOE	Sally Olson Edge	WN	Walt Nelson
RL	Robert Lockett	SP	Stacy Peterson	WS	Wesley Stone
RLo	Roy Lowe	SPi	Sarah Pinnock	WT	Wren Tracy
RLa	Renee LaChance	SaP	Samuel Pointer	WW	Wyatt Whitten
RLe	Ralph Lewis	SPo	Stephanie Powers	ZS	Zanah Stotz
RMA	Robert Marheine	SR	Sara Robson		
RLR	RL Rowland	SSe	Steve Seibel		



Field Notes Addendum - Birds of Prey

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An effort was again made during winter 2003-2004 to census birds of prey throughout the Willamette Valley from McMinnville south to Eugene. Each winter raptors migrate into the valley to join resident birds. During the past two winters, Albany resident Jeff Fleischer has methodically counted raptors in Linn County (see OB 29: 4) using four established census routes. This effort was expanded into five additional counties that include the majority of

the floor of the valley. A total of eight new routes were established in Lane (3), Benton (1), Polk (2), Yamhill (1), and Marion (1) Counties.

Birds were counted along these routes during the first half of December, January, February, and March. **Table 4** reflects the total number of each species that resulted from this effort. **Table 5** reflects the distribution, by county, of the birds observed during the four months. It is obvious that

not all birds in the valley could be accounted for with this project, but the majority of raptor habitat in counters' respective areas was covered so that the numbers are thought to reflect the majority of birds in the area during the census days. Using postings (included in this report) to Oregon Birders On Line (OBOL) from many other people during this period to supplement the findings of the project, it is hoped that a more complete picture of population numbers can be portrayed.

OSPREY

Two were seen on 12/07 along the Willamette River in Lane Co. (DB). Sightings of what was probably one bird were made at Alton Baker Park in Eugene on 1/23 (PG) and 2/12 (RR) with 1 additional sighting at Delta Ponds on 2/20 (SG).

WHITE-TAILED KITE

Seen throughout the period, the majority of birds were located in the southern part of the valley in a half dozen locations near Fern Ridge Reservoir (FRR). A one day peak of 24 birds was seen on the two census project routes west of Eugene on 12/20 (JS and LJ). Peak census route count of 33 birds occurred in mid January, with 30 seen in Lane Co. (JS, LJ, DH, AH, DDe, LDe), 2 in Benton Co. (JF) and 1 in southern Polk Co. (JF). A noticeable departure of birds occurred by the February counts, when only 12 birds were observed (9 in Lane, 1 in Benton, and 2 in Polk Counties). Two birds were seen on Finley NWR on a non-count day, 2/07 (TB). In addition to the census route birds, single birds were seen in the Grand Ronde area of Yamhill Co. from 12/6-10 (LF), along Hwy 22/18 near Spirit Mountain Casino in Yamhill Co. from 12/22-25 (AM), and the Lake Labish area in Marion Co on 2/18 (SG).

BALD EAGLE

Eagles were present throughout the entire valley during the period. Most birds were associated with sheep flocks scattered throughout the valley, with smaller numbers observed associated with waterfowl on the three valley NWRs and in other parts of the southern valley. Instances of waterfowl hazing by eagles were reported on 12/16 at Brigittine Monastery in Yamhill Co. (RR), 1/01 at the Washburn/High Pass Rd area west of Eugene (DH, AH), 1/04 on Finley NWR (JiF, KF, KaF), 2/01 on Ankeny NWR (EK), and 2/02 at Dexter Reservoir in Lane Co. (DF). Results of the census project reflect the gradual winter build up of birds with peak numbers occurring in March. Monthly total counts on all 12 census routes totaled 27 (Dec), 59 (Jan), 81 (Feb), and 93 (Mar). The majority of these birds occurred in Lane and Linn Counties, with peak numbers in the combined counties for the respective months at 18, 46, 66, and 81.

An astonishing concentration of eagles occurred at FRR from 2/25 through 3/2 when 62 and 67 birds respectively were counted by Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) personnel on those dates. These birds were attracted to a die-off of goldfish, a carplike fish, and remained concentrated in the area during that week-long period

before finally dispersing. On 3/2 BOR personnel counted 50 adults, 16 subadults and 1 of unknown age. On the same day 23 additional birds (14 adults, 9 subadults) were counted on the southernmost Linn Co. census route (JF), for a total of at least 90 birds observed that day. A valley peak of well over 100 birds could easily have occurred that day if the other census routes had been counted.

NORTHERN HARRIER

Harriers were present throughout the period. They were present in all six counties for each of the four months that census routes were counted. The majority of birds were seen in Polk, Lane, Linn, and Benton Counties. The FRR area in Lane Co., the Baskett Slough NWR/Farmer Rd. marsh area (east of Baskett Slough NWR) in Polk Co., and the Finley NWR are primary nighttime roosting areas for these birds in the Valley.

In addition to census route numbers, other significant sightings included five on 12/29 (JG) in the Camp Adair/E.E. Wilson WA, 15-20 coming to roost in the Farmer Rd. marsh on 1/12 (MLa and EH), and five at Ankeny NWR on 2/01 (EK).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

The secretive nature of this species

dictates chance sightings. Birds were observed throughout the period. In addition to those portrayed in the census route charts, single birds were also observed soaring in the Corvallis area on 12/15 (DB), at the E.E. Wilson WA on 12/29 (JG), 1/07 (HH), and 2/23 (JG), at Willamette Park near Corvallis on 1/02 (HH), in the Falls City area on 1/08 (SB), along Smithfield Rd north of Baskett Slough NWR on 1/18 (MR), and at the Fisher Butte Unit of FRR on 2/04 (LMq et. al.)

COOPER'S HAWK

Like the Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawks are also secretive, allowing for chance sightings only. During the census project, this species was observed in all six counties and during each of the four months. In addition to census route sightings, single birds were also observed at the E.E. Wilson WA on 12/29 (JG), along the Upper Berlin Rd. area in Linn County on 12/31 (JF), at the Ankeny NWR on 1/19 (TSh), along K.R. Nielson Rd near FRR on 1/18 (RR), west of Sheridan in Polk Co. on 2/05 (BM), and the Lewisburg area north of Corvallis on 2/08 (PA). Two birds (1 adult and 1 juvenile) were seen on 1/07 (HH) at E.E. Wilson WA.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK

One probable sighting 1/02 (FS) along Meadowlake Rd in the Upper Nestucca area of Yamhill County. One positive sighting on 2/24 (RM and Jfo) of a juvenile female at the prairie overlook on Finley NWR. This bird was observed perch/pounce hunting for at least 10 minutes while being continually harassed by two Northern Harriers, which she dwarfed in size.

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK

This species was present throughout the period and observed on the census routes from December through February. A peak of five were observed in several areas around FRR on 12/6 (JS) with four birds consistently seen in the same areas on 12/26 (JS), 1/03 (DH, AH), and 1/17 (JS). Several single bird sightings were made in

Benton County on 1/03 (DB and LM) near the OSU Dairy Barn in Corvallis, 1/04 at Finley NWR (JiF, KaF, KF), 1/16 at Irish Bend Rd SE of Corvallis (JF) during a census count, and 1/18 and 2/03 (MC) between Harrison and Circle in Corvallis. One adult bird was seen 12/23 on Baskett Slough NWR (CB, KB).

RED-TAILED HAWK

This species is one of the two most prominent raptors in the Valley. They are common nesters, increase in population size during the winter, and are spread throughout the entire valley. Continually seeing these birds, and a desire to find out their wintering population size, was one of the main reasons for initiating the census project three winters ago. The charts reveal that this species, by sheer numbers, is most prevalent in Linn County. However, an interesting fact was revealed through the census work. The highest overall population density was actually in Polk County (Table 1). It will be interesting to see how this pattern holds over the course of future years of census work.

In addition to the numbers in Table 1, sightings of this species include three Harlan's Red-tailed Hawks - one seen on 1/07 SW of Eugene (BN), one on 1/11 at Finley NWR (HH), and one in the Suver area of Polk Co. on 1/18 (BT). A possible fourth bird was seen in Linn Co. on 1/11 (RC). A partial albino was seen near FRR on 12/26 (JS). One other sighting along Peoria Rd in Linn Co. on 12/21 (JS, LJ) involved a Red-tail repeatedly attacking a Glaucous-

winged Gull, grappling with it on the ground as it tried to kill it for a meal (see OB 30:1, Short Notes). It was eventually unsuccessful in its efforts. Nest-material gathering activity was observed 2/05 near the Creswell Sewage Ponds (DH, JH), and several active nests were located in early March (JF).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

Individuals were seen throughout the period. The peak valley population occurred in February, when 35 birds were found during the census work. The best place to search for this species was in Polk Co. where numbers were the highest in each of the four census months. February's peak of 13 birds represented 37 percent of all birds counted that month.

Outside of the census project figures, birds were reported throughout the valley, and represented all of the different color morphs associated with this species. Of special interest was one bird observed 2/01 (JS) chasing a Short-eared Owl that was carrying a vole. The hawk chased the owl for several minutes, which continued to fly higher with its prey, until the hawk finally gave up the chase.

GOLDEN EAGLE

Several sightings throughout the valley occurred during the period. One was seen on 12/14 during count week for the Corvallis CBC (MC). One adult seen 1/03 in Linn Co. (Jfo et al.). One juvenile seen 1/25 (TS) at Baskett Slough NWR in the process of killing a duck. Three (2 adults,

Table 1: Red-tailed Hawks per mile by county

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Polk Co.	0.53	0.53	0.64	0.66
Lane Co.	0.32	0.54	0.56	0.35
Benton Co.	0.40	0.50	0.49	0.43
Linn Co.	0.30	0.41	0.42	0.33
Yamhill Co.	0.54	0.33	0.27	0.44
Marion Co.	--	0.36	0.38	0.23

1 juvenile – assumed to be a family group) were observed on 1/27 (JF) flying and closely interacting over Indian Head Hills (several miles south of Brownsville) in Linn Co. The same group of birds was observed 10/28 behaving in the same manner over Ward Butte several miles north of Brownsville (JF). One subadult was observed on 2/01 in the McMinnville area of Yamhill Co. (FS). One was observed chasing gulls on 2/03 along Hwy 18 near Erratic Rock in Yamhill Co. (BM, fide LF). One adult was seen on 2/15 eating a duck at Baskett Slough NWR (LG).

AMERICAN KESTREL

This species is the second most prominent raptor in the valley. Like the Red-tails, the species is a common nester, and populations increase noticeably during the winter. The census project revealed a peak population of 529 birds in January. During the previous two winters of census work in Linn Co., the population peaked in February. This year seemed a bit different, when numbers started to decrease in February. The highest numbers were found in Linn Co., but as with Red-tailed Hawks, numbers can be deceiving (Table 2). The highest one-day census counts are summarized in Table 3.

Table 2. American Kestrels per mile by county

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Yamhill Co.	0.71	0.71	0.51	0.43
Polk Co.	0.45	0.57	0.47	0.37
Linn Co.	0.37	0.44	0.46	0.35
Benton Co.	0.35	0.49	0.44	0.32
Lane Co.	0.29	0.34	0.41	0.34
Marion Co.	--	0.29	0.20	0.25

MERLIN

Birds were seen throughout the valley during the entire period, with most observations recorded in Linn, Lane, and Benton Counties. During census project counts, a peak number of seven birds were observed in both January

Table 3: Highest one-day census counts of American Kestrels

Date	Birds	Location
1/13	98	Linn Co. Unit 4 (south of Hwy 228) – 151 miles
2/03	74	Linn Co. Unit 4 – 155 miles
12/06	73	Linn Co. Unit 4 – 162 miles
1/11	72	Linn Co. Unit 3 (between Hwy 34 and Hwy 228) – 170 miles
2/07	71	Linn Co. Unit 3 – 174 miles
3/02	69	Linn Co. Unit 4 – 151 miles
1/20	60	Polk Co. North (north of Monmouth) – 92 miles
1/22	60	Yamhill Co. (south of McMinnville) – 85 miles

and February. Merlins were observed chasing Starlings 12/06 (JS) along KR Neilsen Rd. west of Eugene, a Belted Kingfisher on 12/07 (AC) in Eugene, a flock of birds on 1/08 (DDe) in the Fisher Butte Unit of FRR, and a flock of Starlings 1/30 (RC) at Snagboat Bend NWR. One was seen perched near a sparrow flock on 1/03 in the Camp Adair area north of Corvallis (JG). Another was seen flying while clutching a small bird 2/03 (DB) in Corvallis. Two were observed on two separate occasions during census project counts in Benton Co. on 1/16 and 2/9 (JF).

GYRFALCON

A total of two or perhaps three Gyrfalcons wintered in the valley. Most

notable was a gray phase juvenile bird that was observed by a lot of birders on and around Baskett Slough NWR from 12/21 to the end of the winter period. It was still present in the area as of 3/17. A second bird was seen along Hwy 99W just north of Finley NWR on 1/16 (SG) and then again in the same general area (primarily along

Llewellyn Rd off of 99W) from 2/22-25 (SM, LF, CW, et.al.) A possible third bird, an immature female, was seen on Priceboro Rd on 2/04 (DF, pers. com.). The timing and relative proximity to the 99W bird makes it possible that these sightings were of the same bird - no proof though either way.

PEREGRINE FALCON

Individuals were seen throughout the period. During census project counts in February, a total of seven birds were observed in Lane, Linn, and Benton Counties. Baskett Slough NWR had birds present on 12/22 (SS), 12/23 (CB, KB), 12/29 (BC), 1/03 (Jfo), 1/18 (MR), 1/19 (RR), and 1/20 (JF). One bird killed a Wilson's Snipe at a pond west of Perrydale in Yamhill Co on 12/03 by grabbing it and then entering the water to drown it before flying off with its meal (CK, MvDyk). Another Yamhill Co sighting was of one bird east of Carlton on 1/14 (DA). Two birds (1 adult and 1 immature) were observed in a field along Alvadore Rd west of Eugene on 12/26 (JS). Two (a pair) were also seen together at the Philomath sewage ponds on 1/03 (Jfo SD). Single birds were seen at Finley NWR on 1/16 chasing geese (SG), 2/10 (RC), and 2/14 (JH, DT). Ankeny NWR hosted one adult on 2/01 (EK) and one subadult on 2/22 (MR, BY). One adult was also seen along I-5 near Albany on 2/22 (MR, BY).

PRAIRIE FALCON

Individuals were present throughout

the period. A peak of seven were counted on the census routes in February. Of special note were three birds seen in Linn Co Unit 4 on 1/13 (JF). The same Unit yielded 2 birds on 2/03 (JF, JT). One bird in the area of the Eugene airport was observed on 1/09 (SM), 1/19 (NS), 1/21 (LMq), 1/24 (DI, NS), and 2/1 (JS). Sightings of a single bird (most likely) north of

Baskett Slough NWR along Perrydale and Smithfield Roads were made on 1/18 (MR), 1/19 (RR), and 2/06 (DH). Another single bird used the Finley NWR area, being seen at the north refuge entrance area on 1/10 (SJ), 2/10 (HH) and 2/26 (HH). The same bird was most likely seen on 2/09 (JF) a few miles north of the refuge during the February census project count.

A single bird was seen in the Camp Adair area north of Corvallis on 1/03 (JG). Single birds were also seen on Glaser Rd west of Lebanon on 12/27 (RM), between Sheridan and Amity in Yamhill Co on 12/30 (QN), and along N. Perrydale Rd in Yamhill Co on 12/03 (CK, MvD).

Table 4

RAPTOR RUN SPECIES TOTALS				
WINTER 2003-2004				
<i>EXPANDED PROJECT - WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON</i>				
Project area - Lane, Linn, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, and Marion Counties				
	<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	389	516	545	450
American Kestrel	412	525	504	399
Northern Harrier	70	127	97	87
Bald Eagle	27	59	81	93
Rough-legged Hawk	13	23	35	11
Red-shouldered Hawk	5	5	3	
White-tailed Kite	23	33	12	11
Peregrine Falcon	3	4	7	3
Prairie Falcon	2	3	6	
Merlin	3	7	7	2
Gyr Falcon			1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	1	4	4
Cooper's Hawk	1	8	7	5
accipiter sp.		2		1
Burrowing Owl	2	1	2	1
Short-eared Owl				
Barn Owl				
Great Horned Owl			2	5
Osprey				1
TOTALS	954	1314	1313	1073

Observers

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AH	Anne Heyerly	DB	Don Boucher
AM	Andrew Marshall	DB	Dave Brown
BC	Barbara Combs	DDe	Don DeWitt
BM	Barbara Millikan	DF	Dan Fenske
BN	Bruce Newhouse	DFa	Daniel Farrar
BT	Bill Tice	DH	Dave Helzer
BY	Ben Young	DH	Diane Horgan
CB	Chris Butler	DI	Dave Irons
CK	Carol Karlen	DT	Daphne Turner
CW	Clarice Watson	EH	Eric Henze

EK	Eric Knight
FS	Floyd Schrock
HH	Hendrk Herlyn
JF	Jeff Fleischer
JiF	Jim Fairchild
Jfo	Joe Fontaine
JG	Joel Geier
JH	Jill Hubbard
JH	John Houle
JT	Jack Turner
JS	John Sullivan
KaF	Karl Fairchild
KB	Kristie Butler
KF	Karan Fairchild
LDe	Linda DeWitt
LF	Linda Fink
LG	Linda Gilbert
LJ	Laura Johnson
LM	Lisa Millbanks
LMq	Larry McQueen
MC	Marcia Cutler
ML	Margaret LaFaive
MR	Mitch Ratzlaff
MvD	Marilyn van Dyk
NS	Noah Strycker
PA	Paul Adamus
PG	Phyllis Gaebel
QN	Quinton Nice
RC	Randy Campbell
RM	Randy Moore
RR	Roger Robb
SB	Sean Burgett
SD	Steve Dinsmore
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SJ	Scott Johnson
SM	Sylvia Maulding
SS	Stuart Sparkman
TB	Tanya Bray
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Table 5 - Species Totals by County and Month

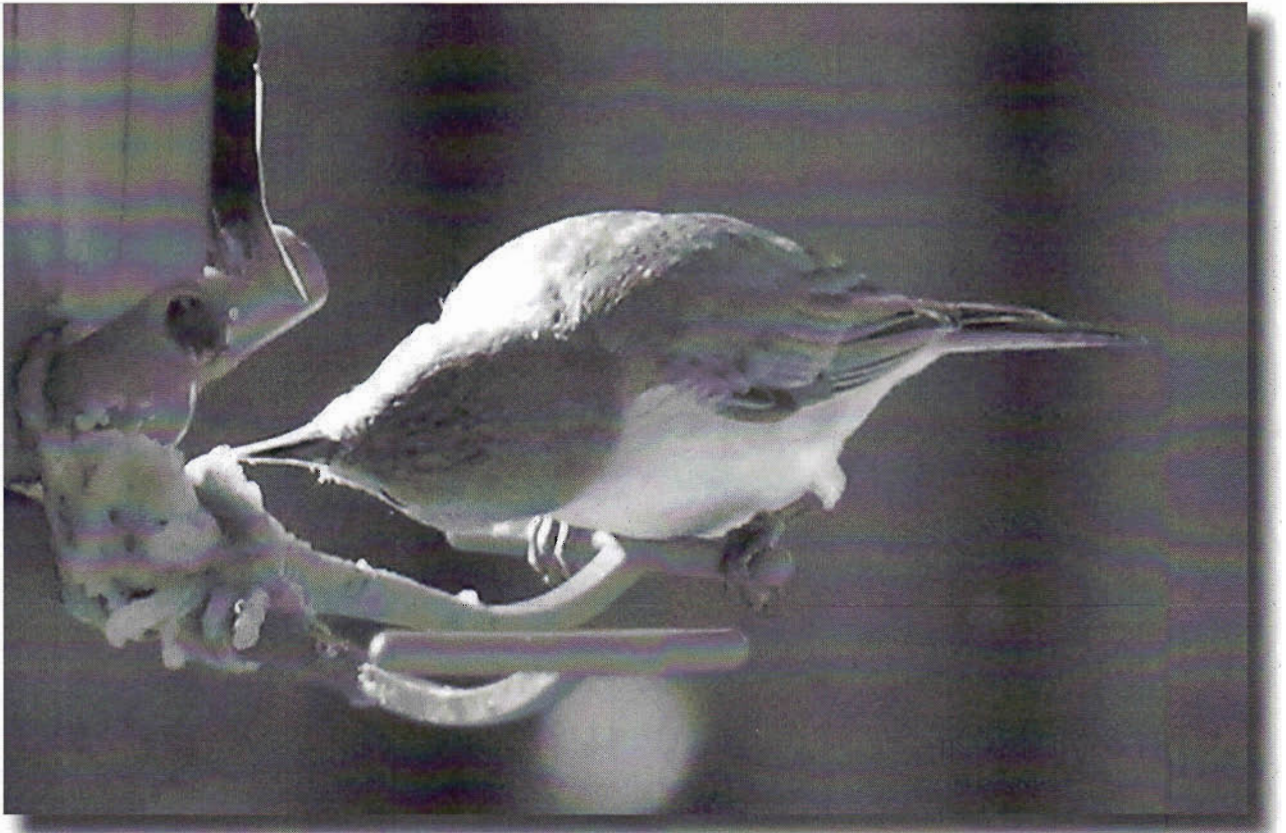
December						
	<i>Lane</i>	<i>Linn</i>	<i>Benton</i>	<i>Polk</i>	<i>Yamhill</i>	<i>Marion</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	65	151	37	94	42	N
American Kestrel	58	185	33	80	56	O
Northern Harrier	20	17	11	21	1	
Bald Eagle	9	9	4	4	1	
Rough-legged Hawk		2	1	10		C
Red-shouldered Hawk	5					O
White-tailed Kite	18		4	1		U
Peregrine Falcon	1	1			1	N
Prairie Falcon		1		1		T
Merlin	2		1			S
Gyr Falcon						
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	1	1	M
Cooper's Hawk	1					A
accipiter sp.						D
Burrowing Owl		1			1	E
Short-eared Owl						
Barn Owl						
Great Horned Owl						
Osprey						
TOTALS	180	367	92	212	103	0
January						
	<i>Lane</i>	<i>Linn</i>	<i>Benton</i>	<i>Polk</i>	<i>Yamhill</i>	<i>Marion</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	104	209	45	99	28	31
American Kestrel	65	224	44	107	60	25
Northern Harrier	43	31	15	33	2	3
Bald Eagle	12	34	6	3	1	3
Rough-legged Hawk	4	4	3	6	5	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	4		1			
White-tailed Kite	30		2	1		
Peregrine Falcon	2		1	1		
Prairie Falcon		3				
Merlin	3	1	2			1
Gyr Falcon						
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1			
Cooper's Hawk	2	1		3	1	1
accipiter sp.	2					
Burrowing Owl	1					
Short-eared Owl						
Barn Owl						
Great Horned Owl						
Osprey						
TOTALS	272	507	120	253	97	65

February

	<i>Lane</i>	<i>Linn</i>	<i>Benton</i>	<i>Polk</i>	<i>Yamhill</i>	<i>Marion</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	111	215	45	121	21	32
American Kestrel	82	238	40	88	39	17
Northern Harrier	23	12	19	32	7	4
Bald Eagle	23	43	8	1	2	4
Rough-legged Hawk	6	2	9	13	5	
Red-shouldered Hawk	3					
White-tailed Kite	9		1	2		
Peregrine Falcon	2	3	2			
Prairie Falcon		3	1		2	
Merlin	3	1	2	1		
Gyr Falcon				1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2	1		1	
Cooper's Hawk	4	3				
accipiter sp.						
Burrowing Owl		1			1	
Short-eared Owl						
Barn Owl						
Great Horned Owl				1		1
Osprey						
TOTALS	266	523	128	260	78	58

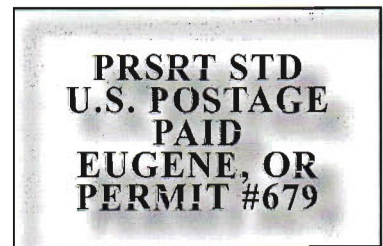
March

	<i>Lane</i>	<i>Linn</i>	<i>Benton</i>	<i>Polk</i>	<i>Yamhill</i>	<i>Marion</i>
Red-tailed Hawk	69	170	40	119	33	19
American Kestrel	67	182	30	67	32	21
Northern Harrier	11	24	18	26	6	2
Bald Eagle	27	54	6	3	1	2
Rough-legged Hawk		1	4	5		1
Red-shouldered Hawk						
White-tailed Kite	8		3			
Peregrine Falcon		2	1			
Prairie Falcon						
Merlin		1	1			
Gyr Falcon						
Sharp-shinned Hawk				3	1	
Cooper's Hawk	1	2	1	1		
accipiter sp.				1		
Burrowing Owl		1				
Short-eared Owl						
Barn Owl						
Great Horned Owl		2	1	2		
Osprey		1				
TOTALS	183	440	105	227	73	45



This hungry visitor to the Chambers feeder in Harbor, Curry County, drew many birders to share its company. See page 78 for details! Photo/S. Chambers

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