

Recent Wildlife Sightings at Willamette Valley NWR Complex October- November 2011

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10/14- A Red-necked, Horned and Eared Grebe, 4 Black Phoebes and a Green Heron were all found at Eagle Marsh

10/22- A Northern Shrike was found where Buena Vista Road crosses the Railroad tracks.

There were also 6 Greater White-fronted Geese there. At Eagle Marsh, a Snow Goose, Bald Eagle and a Peregrine Falcon were present. Ring-necked and Ruddy Ducks added to the mix.

10/27- A NORTHERN SHRIKE was found in the snags at Pintail Marsh as well as a ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK hovering in the distance to the north.

At Eagle Marsh:

SNOW GOOSE - 1

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE - 22

TUNDRA SWAN - 7

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER - 8

DUNLIN - 4

LB DOWITCHER - 30

PEREGRINE FALCON - 1

BASKETT SLOUGH

10/27- 15,000 Cackling Geese

SNOW GOOSE - 1

TUNDRA SWAN - 3

LB DOWITCHER - 75

DUNLIN - 14

WILSON'S SNIPE - 1

11/11- A BLACK PHOEBE was found at Smithfield and Livermore road. A WHITE-THROATED SPARROW was heard near the parking lot at the Morgan Lake entrance.

A Snow Bunting and Short-Eared Owls were seen north of the refuge on Livermore Rd

11/12- Western Bluebirds were seen on Smithfield Rd and a Red-shouldered Hawk was found on Livermore Rd.

A Rough-legged Hawk and Least Sandpipers were observed at the narrows on Coville Rd and a BONAPARTE'S GULL was also seen there. 50-60 LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS were in the Narrows area with 1 GREATER YELLOWLEGS. About 25 COMMON MERGANSERS have arrived. The Green heron continues in Taverner's Marsh.

11/14- There was a White-Faced Ibis being seen from Coville Rd to the south in Taverner's Marsh



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W L FINLEY

10/6- A Short-Eared Owl was observed at the Prairie Overlook and later a Short-eared Owl was seen flying over Finley Rd.

10/9- A White-tailed kite was also seen from the Prairie Overlook

On Bruce Rd., a single Swainson's Thrush call was detected from the Overlook, as well as a Wilson's Snipe and a Greater Yellowlegs. On the way out 2 skunks were seen by the Port-a-Pot.

10/20- A Swamp Sparrow was at the northeast corner of Cabell Marsh

10/22- 24 Horned Larks were in a field along Bruce Road.

10/31- An immature Golden Eagle was seen towards Pigeon Butte from Bruce Rd.

11/9- A field trip to Finley found a Merlin on a snag perched due south of the N. Prairie platform. A Bald Eagle sent up huge flocks of noisy Canada Geese. Tundra Swans were on Cabell Marsh along with large numbers of Mallards and Pintails. The Lewis' Woodpecker continues near the red barn with another confirmed just south of Bald Top. A Kingfisher and Western Bluebirds were at HQ.

11/10- 2 Rough-legged Hawks were seen from Bruce Rd. A Golden Eagle was seen on a carcass. A Red-shouldered Hawk was found near Muddy Cr. A Barn Owl was found near the Bruce Rd overlook.

11/14- 2 REDHEADS at Cabell were seen on the same day as a Pacific Loon in an interior pond.

60 ELK are being seen in various locations around the south end of the refuge.

11/20- A BRANT along Bruce Rd among about 5000 CACKLING GEESE (16 had yellow neck collars) and 100 "Dusky" CANADA GEESE.



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