

frequented Scoggins Valley Park 17 June+ (JE, DL). A female Tennessee Warbler drawn in by a lawn sprinkler in the middle of Portland 17 June was quite the lucky surprise (JG). An AMERICAN REDSTART was at Valley of the Rogue State Park (Jackson) 27 June (Fred Ramsey). No Northern Waterthrushes were reported away from Salt Crk. Falls this summer. Apparently this species is increasing and spreading in s. British Columbia and Washington, and should be sought out by birders in other areas of the Cascades. Yellow-breasted Chats were at the Chetco R. and Winchuck R. during June where they are regular in small numbers (JR).

A Lazuli Bunting at North Bend all June was of interest as this species is typically rare along the immediate coast (LT). A small colony of Grasshopper Sparrows was discovered e. of White City along Hwy. 140, 9 June+ (HS). Three singing males were also present during June at FRR, but no nesting evidence was obtained (SH). The Veneta Common Grackle was last noted 19 June (TM). For the 4th straight spring HOODED ORIOLES were reported. All have been found May and June. This year a pair visited a Hunter Crk. (Curry Co.) feeder all June (Dorothy Sevey). Two Rosy Finches were at Crater L. 3 July where they are always present but are always a nice find (DFi). A Lesser Goldfinch spent June in North Bend (LT).

OBSERVERS:

JA - Jon Anderson
FB - Florence Bell
WB - Wes Bell
BB - Barb Bellin
JE - Joe Evanich
DF - Darrel Faxon
DFi - David Fix
JG - Jeff Gilligan
RG - Roy Gerig
SH - Steve Heint
DI - Dave Irons
JJ - Jim Johnson
KL - Kathy Liska
TL - Tom Love
RL - Roy Lowe
BL - Bob Lucas
DL - Donna Lusthoff
AM - Allison Mickel
TM - Tom Mickel
MM - Marjorie Moore
PM - Pat Muller
HN - Harry Nehls
RO - Robert Olson

LO - Laimons Osis
PP - Phil Pickering
JR - Jim Rogers
HS - Howard Sands
OS - Owen Schmidt
FS - Floyd Schrock
PS - Paul Sherrill
BS - Bill Stotz
ZS - Zannah Stotz
OSw - Otis Swisher
LT - Larry Thornburgh
BT - Bob Tolle
LW - Linda Weiland

CHECKLIST: DOUGLAS COUNTY COAST

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This is the first in a series of 3 checklists of the birds of Douglas County. The second and third in the series will cover the Valley and the Cascade Mountain regions of the county. Included in this checklist are the managed forests of the Western Coast Range, approximately 18 miles of sandy coastline, the associated lakes, waterways and riparian areas, the Umpqua River estuary, and the adjacent open ocean.

A detailed site guide is not included in this article, but an Oregon state map, the article on Matt's Flats in OB 8(3): 122-125, and the following hints, will aid you in exploring the area.

Mudflats: The easiest mudflats to get to are the ones on the Smith River south of Gardiner. Turn east on Rd# 48 and then left near the weigh station. The pasture opposite the mudflats is also good at high tide. There are some small mud flats at the town of Gardiner which also can be productive at high tide when many shorebirds rest on the logs. This is the best place to scan for all three species of egrets. The area we call Matt's Flats is a little more difficult to reach but a pleasant walk. Go down Rd# 247 (Sparrow Park Road) north of Gardiner to its end at the ocean beach. Walk down the beach about a half mile looking for two posts marking a dune buggy road. Follow the posts to the Umpqua River, about 1.5 miles. During migration this walk can produce good passerine birding. The deflation plain can also be very good. The most extensive mudflats are only accessible by boat. You can depart from Gardiner and go down river about 1.5 miles. Be cautious about the wind as it can be very bad after noon. We have done this by canoe several times.

Rivers: The Umpqua River between Scottsburg and Reedsport is a wintering area for large rafts of scaup and scattered other duck species. Bald Eagles are seen here especially in the winter. Pastures on the south side of Hwy. 38 in the appropriate season have ducks, shorebirds and elk. The Smith River also has wet pastures in the winter for ducks and shorebirds. Up river there is a marsh that is good at all seasons; it is accessible by the first bridge on the right, Rd# 195.

Pelagic Birding: The only place you can see offshore birds is from the jetty. The south jetty is the easiest to get to and can be quite good if the weather cooperates. The middle jetty is a good vantage point for seeing birds that are moving up and down the river as well as pelagics that might hang around the mouth of the river.

Also don't overlook the pelagics you might see from the beaches, especially on the way into Matt's Flats.

Duck Ponds: There is one in Reedsport on the east side of Hwy 101, south of Hwy 38. The pond is just before you cross Schofield Creek. There are few if any "funny ducks" so the wild ducks are abundant.

Boat Basin: There is only one at Winchester Bay which gives you additional views of the river.

Garbage Dump: The Reedsport dump is east of town off Hwy 38 on Rd# 55. A Glaucous Gull usually winters here.

Passerines: The parks are the best place to go. Included are Umpqua Lighthouse, North Beach Overlook, and a private campground between Reedsport and Winchester Bay.

Coast Range: The best drive to take is a Forest Service road that runs between the Smith River and Umpqua River. Go up the Smith River to the first bridge, turn right on Rd# 195 crossing the river, then right on Rd# 119. Follow the signs to Hwy 38.

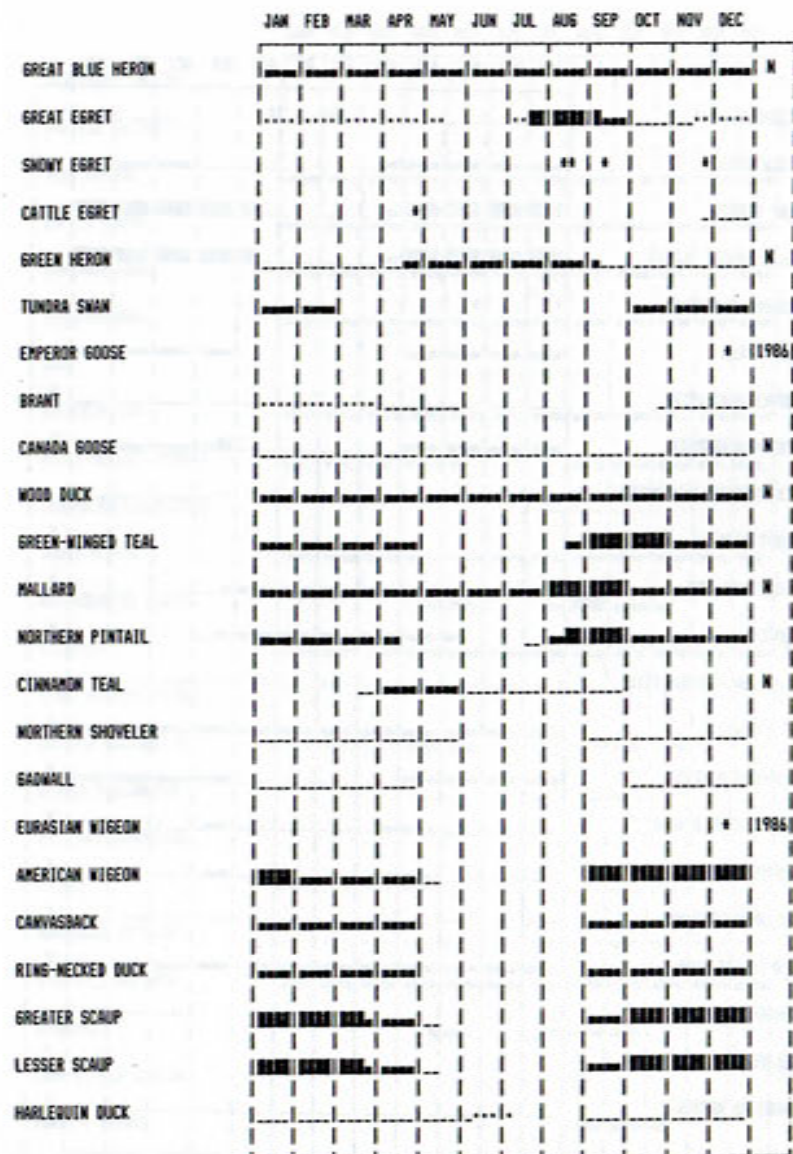
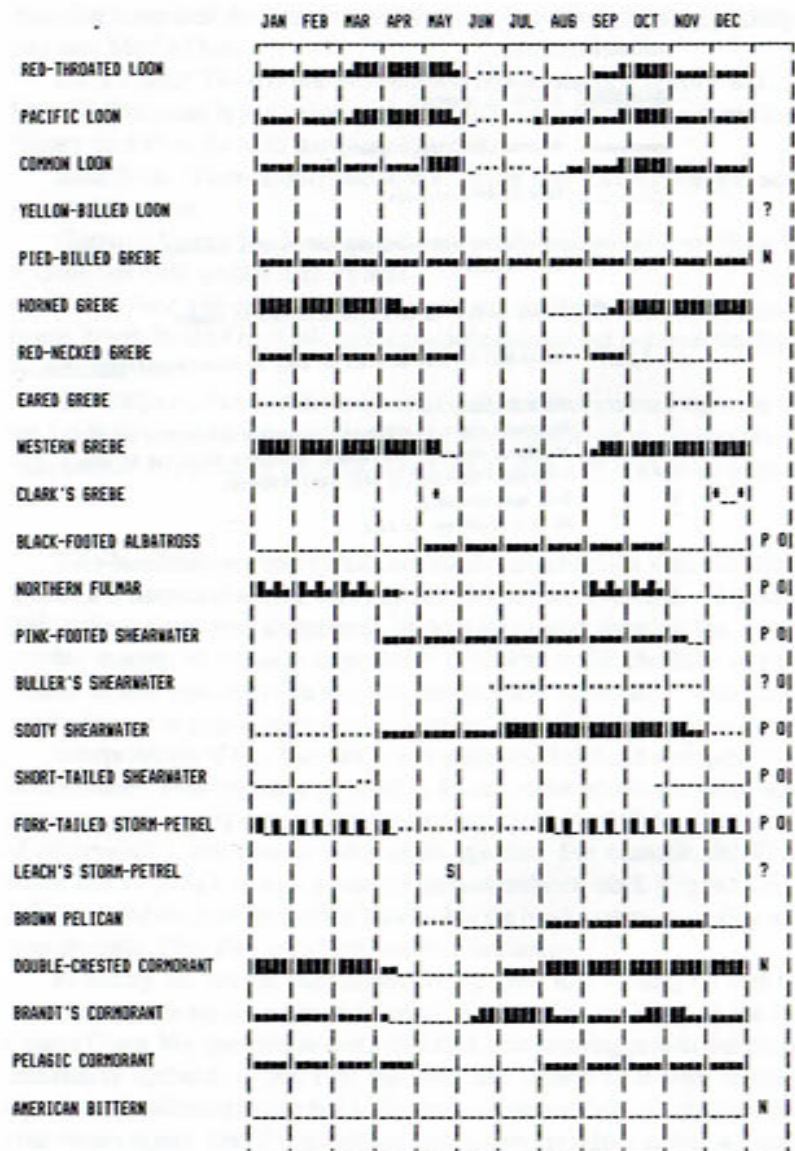
Two-hundred forty-two species are listed in the checklist. One-hundred fifteen species are suspected to nest, however not all have been verified. All species have their unique times and abundances of occurrence and showing this in a simple graphic manner is virtually impossible. Precision in the checklist is limited to quarter-month time intervals and five categories of abundance. Some small seasonal changes in populations therefore go undetected with these limitations.

Interpretation of the checklist is best understood through an explanation of its development. Two criteria were used to decide which abundance label was to be given to a particular species at a particular time: numbers of birds present regardless of observability, and observability of the species. For example, the Red-tailed Hawk and Virginia Rail were given the same abundance label. Virginia Rails occur in larger numbers than Red-tailed Hawks, but the hawks are more readily observed than the rails. Thus they are given similar abundances.

Realizing the annual fluctuations in numbers and timing, we feel that the checklist represents the average status of each species occurring on the Douglas County Coast. We also realize that a checklist is an ongoing project and needs to be continually updated. If you bird the area, and especially if your sightings are significantly different from what we have stated, please drop us a postcard detailing your observations. Also if you find any particularly good spot to bird, we would like to know its location. Thank you!

Abundance Categories

- common to abundant
- uncommon to fairly common
- rare to very uncommon
- casual, not seen every year but records too numerous to show individually
- status varies, in this case from rare to common
- * * * * * individual records of short or long duration respectively
- N Nests in the area
- P Abundance shown is presumed; inadequate coverage in habitat
- O Abundance shown is for pelagic locations; birds can be seen from shore but usually with less frequency.
- S Dead specimen only
- ? No live sightings to date



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
OLDSQUAM						**	*					
BLACK SCOTER	■	■	■	■	■					■	■	■
SURF SCOTER	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■	■	■
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■	■	■
COMMON GOLDENEYE	*		*		*							
BUFFLEHEAD	■	■	■	■						■	■	■
HOODED Merganser												N
COMMON Merganser	■	■	■	■					■	■	■	N
RED-BREASTED Merganser											
RUDDY DUCK												?
TURKEY VULTURE		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
OSPREY		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE
BALD EAGLE	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
NORTHERN HARRIER	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
COOPER'S HAWK		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
NORTHERN GOSHAWK	N
RED-TAILED HAWK	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK
GOLDEN EAGLE												?
AMERICAN KESTREL												N
MERLIN

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PEREGRINE FALCON		*										[1984]
PRAIRIE FALCON								*				[1985]
BLUE GROUSE	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
RUFFED GROUSE	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
MOUNTAIN QUAIL	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
VIRGINIA RAIL	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
SORA												N
AMERICAN COOT	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■
LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER							
SNOWY PLOVER	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER	*			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
KILLDEER	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
BLACK OYSTERCATCHER								■	■	■		[1984]
GREATER YELLOWLEGS
LESSER YELLOWLEGS								■	■	■		
SOLEITARY SANDPIPER					*							[1982]
WILLET
WANDERING TATTLER												
SPOTTED SANDPIPER	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	N
WHIMBREL				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
LONG-BILLED CURLEW								*	*			[1983]
HARBLED GODWIT								■	■	■	■	■

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RUDDY TURNSTONE												
BLACK TURNSTONE												
SURFBIRD												
RED KNOT												
SANDERLINS												
SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER												
WESTERN SANDPIPER												
LEAST SANDPIPER												
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER												
PECTORAL SANDPIPER												
DUNLIN												
STILT SANDPIPER												[1982]
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER												[1972]
RUFF												[1983]
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER												
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER												
COMMON SNIFE												
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE												0
RED PHALAROPE												0
POMARINE JAEGER												P,0
PARASITIC JAEGER												P,0
LONG-TAILED JAEGER												P,0
SOUTH POLAR SKUA												[1973]

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
FRANKLIN'S GULL												[1973]
BONAPARTE'S GULL												
HEERMANN'S GULL												
NEW GULL												
RING-BILLED GULL												
CALIFORNIA GULL												
HERRING GULL												
THAYER'S GULL												
WESTERN GULL												
GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL												
GLAUCOUS GULL												
BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE												P,0
SABINE'S GULL												P,0
CASPIAN TERN												
ELEGANT TERN												[1983]
COMMON TERN												
ARCTIC TERN												0
FORSTER'S TERN												[1984]
COMMON MURRE												
PIGEON GUILLEMOT												N
MARBLED MURRELET												N
ANCIENT MURRELET												P,0
CASSIN'S AUKLET												P,0

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RHINOCEROS AUKLET												0
TUFTED PUFFIN												0
ROCK DOVE												N
BAND-TAILED PIGEON												N
MOURNING DOVE												N
COMMON BARN-OWL												N
WESTERN SCREECH OWL												N
GREAT HORNED OWL												N
NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL												N
SPOTTED OWL												N
SHORT-EARED OWL												?
NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL												N
COMMON NIGHTHAWK												N
VAUX'S SWIFT												N
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD												N
RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD												N
BELTED KINGFISHER												N
RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER												N
DOWNY WOODPECKER												N
HAIRY WOODPECKER												N
NORTHERN FLICKER												N
PILEATED WOODPECKER												N
OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER												N

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WESTERN WOOD-PEECEE												N
WILLOW FLYCATCHER												N
HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER												N
DUSKY FLYCATCHER												[1982]
WESTERN FLYCATCHER												N
TROPICAL KINGBIRD												[1983]
PURPLE MARTIN												N
TREE SWALLOW												N
VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW												N
NORTH-ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW												N
BANK SWALLOW												[1984]
CLIFF SWALLOW												N
BARN SWALLOW												N
GRAY JAY												N
STELLER'S JAY												N
AMERICAN CROW												N
COMMON RAVEN												N
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE												N
MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE												[1983]
CHESTNUT-BACKED CHICKADEE												N
BUSHTIT												N
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH												N
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH												N

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BROWN CREEPER	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
BENICK'S WREN	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
HOUSE WREN				██	██	██	██	██	██				N
WINTER WREN	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
MARSH WREN			██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
AMERICAN DIPPER													N
GOLDEN-CROWN KINGSLET	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
RUBY-CROWNED KINGSLET	██	██	██	██	██				██	██	██	██	
WESTERN BLUEBIRD													N
TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE													N
SWAINSON'S THRUSH				██	██	██	██	██	██				N
HERMIT THRUSH	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
AMERICAN ROBIN	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
VARIED THRUSH	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
WRENTIT	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
WATER PIPIT			██	██				██	██	██			
CEDAR WAXING	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
NORTHERN SHRIKE												
EUROPEAN STARLING	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
SOLITARY VIREO				██	██	██	██	██	██				N
HUTTON'S VIREO	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
MARBLING VIREO				██	██	██	██	██	██				N
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER			██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N

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NASHVILLE WARBLER				██	██	██	██	██	██				N
YELLOW WARBLER				██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER				██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
TOWNSEND'S WARBLER	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
HERMIT WARBLER				██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER				██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT				██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
WILSON'S WARBLER				██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
YELLOW BREASTED CHAT													N
WESTERN Tanager				██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK				██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
RUFUS-SIDED TOWHEE	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
CHIPPING SPARROW				██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
LARK BUNTING								██					[1984]
SAVANNAH SPARROW				██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N?
FOX SPARROW	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	
SONG SPARROW	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
LINCOLN'S SPARROW													
WHITE-THROATED SPARROW													[1984]
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N
DARK-EYED JUNCO	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	██	N

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SNOW BUNTING	#	[1966]										# [1976]
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD												N
WESTERN MEADOWLARK												
BREWER'S BLACKBIRD												N
BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD												N
PURPLE FINCH												N
HOUSE FINCH												N
RED CROSSBILL												N
PINE SISKIN												N
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH												N
EVENING GROSBEAK												N
HOUSE SPARROW												N

