

Craters of the Moon National Monument
Arco, Idaho 83213

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Dr. Oliver K. Scott
437 East 13th St.
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Dear Dr. Scott:

I have the following information to report on the winter season (December 1 - March 31) for Audubon Field Notes.

Season in General: Some species that did not spend the winter here last year, overwintered this season. Migrants began arriving much ahead of last year's arrival dates.

Weather: December was cold and snowy (21 inches) - much like December of the previous year, but thereafter the weather became increasingly mild and dry. Precipitation at Craters of the Moon for the four-month period was 4.26 inches compared to 11.97 inches for the same period a year ago. On March 31, there was no snow at the snow indicator stick at the Craters Visitor Center compared to 28 inches on the level on the same date a year ago. The temperature reached 60°, March 29.

List of Records: All records were obtained at Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho and are my own unless otherwise indicated.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - one was seen flying over the residence area, March 29.
Say's Phoebe - one at the Visitor Center, March 29 was quite early for this elevation (5900').

Robin - single birds were observed in Cottonwood Canyon, December 6 and February 28; it probably wintered; individuals were singing each evening in the residence area by the end of the period.

Mountain Bluebird - two males were observed, February 29 compared to an arrival date of March 21 last year.

Golden-crowned Kinglet - a small flock was in Cottonwood Canyon throughout the period.

Bohemian Waxwing - a flock of 70 was seen in Cottonwood Canyon, December 26.

Brewer's Blackbird - two were seen in the residence area, March 29 (Floyd Standlee)

Pine Siskin - a flock of 30 or more was present throughout the winter

American Goldfinch - a flock of 12 was seen in Cottonwood Canyon, January 23 and February 28.

Oregon Junco - 6 were seen, February 28 - much earlier than last year.

Song Sparrow - 1 seen in Cottonwood Canyon, February 28 indicates that this species spent the winter there.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Carter