NOTES ON PREY OF A GREEN HERON FROM OREGON

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I documented foraging by a Green Heron (Butorides virescens) in a backwater area at Fields Bridge Park along the Tualatin River in West Linn, Clackamas County, Oregon on 27 July 2008 from approximately 13:30 to 15:00 PDT. The area, which is shallow and located in a depression, occupies approximately 400 m² during summer and is connected to the Tualatin River main channel via a culvert. It is located approximately 2.3 river km from the confluence with the Willamette River (UTM Zone 10T, 525498E, 5021597N, NAD83). During the summer of 2008, the backwater area supported high densities of dace (Rhinichthys spp.), small native minnows, which were easily observed from above at close range through binoculars. The backwater area is characterized by a silty bottom with scattered boulders, and supported sparse submergent, emergent, and floating vegetation when observations were made. At