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Shorebirds and Gulls Scavenging on Dead Sail Jellyfish, *Verella verella*, at Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor, Washington

by Mike Denny

On the evening of 20 April 2005 between 1800 hrs and 1930 hrs while birding along the beach on the Ocean Shores Peninsula with Ginger and Rodger Shoemake and MerryLynn Denny, we noticed that the beach was littered with massive numbers of Sail Jellyfish *Verella verella*. These "wrecks" or beachings occur infrequently along the eastern Pacific Ocean north of California (McConnaughey & McConnaughey 1985). These unfortunate Cnidarian (nye-dare-e-an) jellyfish were washed ashore in vast numbers on the high tide, looking like a beached armada with their diagonally set, transparent, triangular sails and inky blue skirts. These animals are actually a colonial hydroid (Harbo 1980).

There were so many washed up on this oceanside beach that a strong odor of rotting tissue hung over the area. These very interesting invertebrates were present in all sizes, ranging from 5mm upwards to 6.5cm long. Standing in this rotting, gelatinous mass of dead jellyfish were dozens of glaucous-winged, western, and a few hybrid glaucous-winged X western gulls. This is when I noticed that many of these gulls were stripping off the rotting, soft tissue from the cartilaginous skeletons of these jellyfish and ingesting it. Most of the gulls were already full and would only pick when a new gull would arrive and began to feed on this dead mass of animals. Most of the gulls I observed feeding on these jellyfish were sub-adult birds. It seemed that the prevailing strong odor emitted by the rotting jellyfish may have attracted many of these gulls to this section of beach.

Also along this stretch of beach were mixed flocks of thousands of migrating shorebirds. The composition of these shorebird flocks were as follows: marbled godwit, short-billed dowitcher, dunlin, red knot, sanderling, black-bellied plover and western sandpiper. Lower down on the beach the jellyfish tended to be deposited in dense patches and not in the long continuous



Jaeger identification made....easy?

By Michael Donahue

Jaeger identification is complex. While identification of adults with their diagnostic central tail feathers is fairly straightforward, this field mark is not always evident. This is where practice with other field marks comes in handy. Here it is in a nutshell: jaeger identification is a process. It takes practice, patience, and persistence. If you're willing to do the former and have the latter two traits, then keep reading.

In this article I'm going to summarize key ID features and offer my perspective on the identification of jaegers, primarily the ID of adults. After a few comments and caveats on field marks, a summary in chart form is provided at the end of this article.

Distribution

All three jaegers are arctic tundra breeders, and are highly pelagic for the rest of the year. We see them off our coast during migration. They winter primarily in pelagic waters south of the equator.

Pomarine jaegers are found in our waters from March through October, with peak numbers in August and September. On boat trips offshore in late summer several dozen are typical, but if the timing is right you can hit a migration peak and see well over a hundred. They are rarely seen from shore or on inland waters

Parasitic jaegers are fairly common in May, then again in August and September. Parasitics are more common closer to shore than the other two jaegers. It is regularly seen from shore and on inland waters, generally associated with the common tern migration. Point No Point is a good place to see parasitics, but note that all three species of jaegers have been seen there.

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WOS Meetings

Just one more regular meeting left! October 3rd will be our first fall meeting.

Members slide night June 6th – This is the night everyone can bring their favorite or unusual slides to share with others.

Note: Meetings are held the first Monday of each month (except July, August, and September) at the Center for Urban Horticulture on the University of Washington campus, 3501 N.E. 41st Street, Seattle, and are open to all. The social begins at 7:00 pm, and the program starts at 7:30 pm.

Directions: From I-5 take SR520 East. Take the Montlake Blvd NE exit and turn North towards the University of Washington campus. Stay in right lane and drive North on Montlake Blvd (over the bridge and past the stadium). The road will curve to the right around the Montlake Fill and merges with NE 45th St. You will quickly approach a 5 way intersection. At the intersection turn right onto Mary Gates Memorial Drive. The Center for Urban Horticulture is 2 long blocks down on the right. There is plenty of free parking at the facility. We use the main meeting room, the backside of which faces the road. The following bus routes stop at NE 45th and Mary Gates Memorial Drive: #25, 65, & 75. See map at <http://depts.washington.edu/urbhort/html/info/contact.html>.

WOS Field Trips

Saturday, June 11th – Yakima County, middle fork of the Antanum Creek

Leader – John Hebert

This trip will be centered 25 miles west of Yakima with an aim for nesting birds. Target species include woodpeckers (downy, hairy, Lewis's, white-headed, and three-toed possible), sapsuckers (red-naped and Williamson's), nuthatches (pygmy and white-breasted), thrushes (Swainson's, hermit, varied, and veery), flycatchers and warblers. Limit of (10) participants. For details contact John at (509) 965-8235 or email at jhebert8235@charter.net.

Saturday, July 2nd – Whidbey Island, Island County

Leader – Steve Mlodinow

Emphasis will be on returning shorebirds. All participants should bring a spotting-scope, waterproof boots, and a lunch. Previous trips have found yellow-billed loon (two years!) and Hudsonian godwit. Semipalmated sandpiper is possible. Limited to (5) participants. To sign up or for further information, contact Steve at (425) 514-5874 or email at SGMlod@aol.com.

Saturday, July 9th – Middle and Upper Skagit Valley

Leader – Kraig Kemper

The trip will start at Padilla Bay State Park and head east through Butler Flats to the Skagit/Whatcom County Line Ponds. Time and weather permitting, Rainy Pass and Washington Pass are possible destinations. Target birds include lazuli bunting, western and eastern kingbird, American redstart, red-eyed vireo, three-toed woodpecker and pine grosbeak. Limited to (8) participants. Contact Kraig at (206) 789-9255 or email at K_Kemper@msn.com.

Saturday, August 6th – Whidbey Island, Island County

Leader – Brian Bell

The focus for the day will be the fall migration of shorebirds, with stops at Crockett Lake, Swantown, and Penn Cove. Target birds include plovers, peeps, yellowlegs, and dowitchers. Time will also be spent looking for waterbirds and passerines. All participants should bring scope, waterproof boots and lunch. Limited to (8) participants. Contact Brian at (425) 485-8058 or at bellasoc@isomedia.com.

WOS Field Trips allow members to explore places or revisit familiar haunts. Each trip is open to a limited number of participants. Each member may join up to four trips per year (excluding annual conference trips). Non-members may attend as a member's guest once per year. Questions about field trips should be directed to the trip leader(s). If you would like to lead a field trip, or would like to suggest a location for a field trip, send a note to Kraig Kemper and Ken Knittle at FieldTrips@wos.org.

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From the Board

by Brian Bell

Spring has come in wetter than usual, but the weather finally turned more seasonal and the returning migrating birds have been flooding in. I hope that all have made plenty of opportunity to get out and enjoy those warblers and flycatchers.

WOS attended the Othello Sandhill Crane Festival at the end of March and had a table in the exhibit hall. During the course of the day we had a chance to talk to many, many folks about WOS and what we do. Lots of those people had never heard of WOS before, including many Audubon members. The exposure was good and many of our membership brochures were handed out. We anticipate that we will add some new members. The Board discussed this at our last meeting, and decided that WOS should make the effort to be present at more of these festivals to let people know what a good organization we are.

We will be updating our membership brochure and will be seeing that they are distributed to meetings and festivals, as well as Audubon chapters around the state. When the brochures are available, please feel free to contact us to get a supply that you can make available to people who might be interested. Or, make it a point to see that they are interested.

We will also be sending out a survey to former members to get their feedback on WOS and to welcome them back.

The Washington Bird Records committee has a new Secretary, Doug Schonewald of Othello, and has a new member to replace Bob Boekelheide. Thanks for your service Bob. We would like to welcome Jessie Barry as the newest member of the WBRC. Jessie a graduate student at the University of Washington with excellent birding experience.

Look elsewhere in this issue for information about the upcoming election this summer. We also have information on our next conference in Bellingham in early September.

We have a good lineup of field trips for our members during the coming summer season, see elsewhere in the newsletter. Mike McKinstry, our program chair has done a great job on our programs for this year, remember Members Slide Night in June, and has some excellent ones for the coming year.

Vulture's Roost by Diann MacRae

In 1909, one of the country's most detailed books on a state's species was published. *Birds of Washington* by William L. Dawson and John Hooper Bowles became a classic. It was forty-four years later before another book was published defining the birds of Washington State: *Birds of Washington State* by Stanley Jewett, Walter Taylor, William Shaw, and John Aldrich. This book was also long-standing as the "bible" for Washington's avian species.

Now, fifty-two years later and almost a century since the first Washington book on birds, the *Birds of Washington: Status and Distribution* edited by Terry Wahl, Bill Tweit, and Steve Mlodinow, is published. The current book is primarily species accounts, written by close to fifty Washington ornithologists. A variety of other topics is included such as habitat and conservation, plus an extensive bibliography.

If you don't have your copy yet, don't miss this great addition to your Pacific Northwest birding bookshelf.



Membership News

Just a little reminder from your membership chair: if you have any changes to your address or email please pass them on to me via email or in writing. Send corrections to Membership@wos.org or to PO Box 31783 Seattle WA 98103-1783.

We are striving to improve our member support which will include publishing the directory on a regular basis. In 2002 we initiated a "Welcome to WOS" letter for new members that includes a complementary checklist and information about membership meetings. We appreciate your feedback. Send us your comments and especially any suggestions you might have to improve WOS.

Susan Fallat, Membership chair

Be Informed

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Interesting classes for summertime . . .

There are a number of bird-related offerings in the Cedar River Watershed Institute's 2005 catalog. CRW is located to the west of the Seattle metropolitan area, near North Bend. Many of the leaders of these offerings are WOS members. Please note that there are many other wonderful offerings in the catalog, many of which will be of interest to birders. Two samples are listed below. The catalog can be found at http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/util/stellent/groups/public/@spu/@rmb/@shedmgmt/@pubculted/documents/spu_informative/cos_004432.pdf

Sketching for Accuracy in the Field

Leader: Julie Myers
Saturday August 6, 8 AM - 3 PM
Audience: Adults (age 15+)
Cost: \$15

Learn to use basic principles of drawing with pen and ink, watercolor and pencil. Focus on scale and proportion in nature, how to utilize grid and perspective techniques for shorthand observations, and quick notations of birds, trees and plants, insects, and landscapes. Best suited for beginners learning field observations. Bring drawing supplies, lunch and drink.

Sky Hunters: Peregrines and Osprey

Leader: Sam Woods
Saturday June 25, 9 AM - 1 PM
Audience: Families/adults (age 8+)
Cost: \$5

Peregrines and osprey hunt the shores and waters of the Pacific Northwest. A brief lecture will illuminate both current and historical populations in Washington State, habitats, breeding range, hunting habits, and nesting requirements. Participants will then stroll the shores of Rattlesnake Lake to observe recently fledged (or soon to fledge) peregrine falcons and fishing osprey. Bring binoculars/spotting scopes, bird field guide, and drink/snack. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

WOS BOARD ELECTIONS ARE APPROACHING

by Randy Hill

It seems like the new board is just getting settled in, trying to get details finalized for the 2005 Conference and even starting planning for 2006. But it is already time to think about another election. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Positions 2, 3, and 4 will be on the ballot in the August/September issue of WOSNews. Officers are one-year terms with a three-term limit. Board members have two-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms.

Every year a committee is appointed to generate a slate of candidates, and with few exceptions there is only a single candidate for each position. Governance is best established by electing candidates willing to participate and express their ideas for the good of the membership and organization. The current officers plus eligible board members Bob Flores and Bart Whelton all agreed to have their names placed in nomination. A mixture of experience and "new blood" is the key to keeping an organization running efficiently. But that new blood needs to appear from somewhere.

New blood can be by "referral" or "recruitment" (sometimes known as arm-twisting) from a retiring member. Cindy McCormack is a "referred" candidate that is not only new blood, but also has the energy of youth (she probably gets carded at the brew pubs). The other opportunity is by an individual stepping forward and volunteering to participate. It is really easy to do as we are currently taking nominations for all seven positions.

All you need to do is contact Brian (president@wos.org) or me (VP@wos.org) and express your interest. While all of the currently eligible incumbents agreed to accept nomination if asked, I am not aware of any that wouldn't gladly step aside to allow new blood to help guide WOS through the next few years. I guarantee there will not be any mud-slinging. In fact I heard about an agenda item to double the pay for our newly-elected officials! So step out of the shadows and let us know if you'd like to get on the ballot.



Common nighthawks used to be a regular sight in downtown Seattle. These nighthawk sculptures, on the south side of Pine Street between First and Second Avenue, are probably the only nighthawks remaining in Seattle.

Photo by Michael Donohue who has been admiring these sculptures for years.

WOS 17th ANNUAL CONFERENCE—September 9-12, 2005

WOS will hold its 17th Annual Conference from September 9th through 12th in Bellingham. We will be meeting at the Best Western Lakeway Inn, and will be offering a full slate of field trips as well as speakers on Friday and Saturday nights. We want to continue to offer a speaker with an overview of the conference area on Friday, and a more focused speaker on Saturday. New this Conference will be field trips offered on Monday after the conclusion of the formal part of the meeting.

We have made arrangements with the Lakeway Inn for special rates for the Conference and you will need to make your own arrangement with them. These rates start at \$79. **The room reservation deadline for this rate is July 31, 2005**, and after this date you will not be guaranteed this rate. After this date the rooms will be released from the block and only available on a space basis. Call toll-free, 1-888-671-1011, or visit www.bellingham-hotel.com. Boxed breakfasts will be available for \$8.50, Box lunches for \$10, and the Banquet will be \$25. Watch for further details in the registration issue in WOSNews 98 (August/September).

FIELD TRIPS TO BE OFFERED AT OUR 2005 CONFERENCE

- Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- Point Roberts

Note: the above two trips involve a Canadian border crossing. Passports may be required so be sure and check. At this reading there should be plenty of time to acquire one before the conference.

- Pelagic trip in the San Juan Islands
- Mount Baker
- Drayton Harbor
- Tennant Lake and Lake Terrell
- Skagit and Samish Flats
- Whidbey Island
- Digiscoping

Detailed information will be in the registration packet in WOSNews 98.

Jellyfish Scavenging - continued from page 1

wide strands as on the upper beach. These mixed shorebird flocks were concentrated over the patches of dead jellyfish, save for birds loafing and asleep just at the high wash line. The only species of shorebirds we observed feeding in these dense, dead jellyfish patches were western sandpipers, sanderlings, red knots, dunlin, and black-bellied plovers. Each species seemed to have its own feeding strategy, picking small morsels of soft tissue off the jellyfish most observed. The dunlin, red knots, and sanderlings were the most aggressive feeders, picking small bits off the larger jellyfish, while black-bellied plovers and western sandpipers were taking whole 5 mm jellyfish and ingesting them. The dowitchers and godwits were not observed utilizing



the *Velella velella* as a food source or even picking at them.

Feeding on dead, rotting jellyfish by shorebirds and gulls was new to us.

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Photos by the author.

Jaeger Identification - continued from page 1

Long-tailed jaegers are the least common of the jaegers. It is a rare but regular offshore in May, and then uncommon in August and September. It is seen in smaller numbers (5-10 individuals) than the other jaegers, but numbers in the 20s have been recorded on some trips.

Seeing all three species on a single day offshore is not uncommon, and all three species have been recorded in eastern Washington (although not on the same day, at least to my knowledge!).

Behavior

Jaegers are kleptoparasites, chasing and harassing other birds in flight (generally gulls and terns) until they drop their food. Kleptoparasitism isn't restricted to jaegers—prey stealing by raptors on the Samish Flats is a good example—but jaegers have taken it to an extreme.

Jaegers generally do not sit around and allow leisurely study. Because of their foraging strategy, stealth is important. This means that jaegers often appear and disappear in an instant. However, if there's a lot of bird activity they may come by the boat to check out the action, which can allow for decent views.



Central Tail Feathers

The length and shape of the central tail feathers are diagnostic on adults. However, these feathers can break off, and will be absent when the birds are molting them. It can also be difficult to view these tail feathers, even if present, on jaegers seen in flight at a distance. We see many adults and sub-adults in Washington lacking these feathers, so it's good to get practice with the other field marks described below. The length that is given in the

SUMMARY OF FIELD MARKS of ADULT JAEGERS

	Pomarine	Parasitic	Long-tailed
Body Size	Large rounded head, thick neck; heavy-chested; wings broad at base	Not as big and bulky as pomarine; wings more slender	Longer, more narrow body; long, slender wings
Central Tail Feathers	Rounded and twisted, 3-4"	Pointed, 2-4"	Pointed, 6-9"
Head Pattern (light phase only)	Blackish cap; more extensively black than other jaegers, "hooded" look	Dark brown cap	Small black cap, sharply defined
Bill	Heavy, with hook at tip; bicolored	More slender than pomarine; dark	Shortish; dark
Upperparts	Blackish-brown	Dark brown	Grayish-brown; primaries blackish brown, making upper surface of wings two-toned
Underparts (light phase only)	Variable; usually with heavy, mottled dark (like upperparts) breast band, but breast band may be indistinct or lacking; barring on sides and flanks	Variable; breast band if present is grayish or brownish wash (paler than upperparts); no mottling or barring (exception: sub-adults)	No breast band; throat and breast creamy white, blending into grayish belly and under tail coverts; no mottling or barring (exception: sub-adults)
White in Wing	Most amount of white; under wing shows large white flash and second, paler flash at base of primaries	Less white than pomarine; both under wing flashes not as large as pomarine	Little white; no under wing flash
Flight	Powerful, slow and deep, like a large gull	Quicker wing beats, than pomarine, "falcon-like"	More buoyant, tern-like
Dark Phase	Approximately 10% of the population	Fairly common	Unknown in adults

Commencement Bay Yellow-billed Loon

This handsome albinistic loon has been admired by birders for close to five years. First reports place it at the mouth of the Hylebos on Commencement Bay in the Fall of either 1999 or 2000. Dennis Paulson confirmed the species identification as Yellow-billed after much discussion among local birders.

Annual reports have surfaced since the Fall of 2000, most often in the Commencement Bay area. The loon has been seen as far north as Redondo and Dash Point State Park. Luckily, Dan and Debra Russell were there at the right time with their new digital camera.

If anyone has more specific information, we'd like to know!

(Editor)

following table for these feathers is for the length of the central tail feathers *beyond* that of the other tail feathers, and is a median measurement. On some individuals they may be shorter or a bit longer.

Age

Identification of juveniles and sub-adults (which do not have the diagnostic central tail feathers) is difficult. It takes 3-4 years for jaegers to reach adult plumage and their plumage sequences are poorly understood. Adding to the complexity is that all jaegers are polymorphic, with light, dark, and intermediate phases at all ages. (Adult long-tailed jaegers have only a light phase, but juvenile and sub-adult long-taileds are polymorphic.)

Due to the similarity among the three species in sub-adult plumages, features such as flight style and shape, described below, are important field marks. When you see an adult with diagnostic tail feathers, observe their size, shape, and flight style. Learning these characters on adults will help when you see sub-adults (which we see many of in Washington) or even adults that are missing their central tail feathers. And you thought those immature gulls were hard!

Body Size and Shape

Relative body size and shape, as described in the following chart, can be useful field marks. However, it does take practice to learn the differences between each species.

Flight

Jaegers are most often seen in flight. Flight characteristics of each species can be useful, but as with body size, it takes practice to use as a field mark. Keep in mind that individual flight styles will vary with wind conditions and the bird's activity, depending on whether it is hunting, migrating, or inspecting a flock of gulls or terns.

Final Comments

To give some perspective on jaeger identification, let me share an experience that happened on a boat trip several years ago. We had a very quick view of a jaeger that flew high over the boat. One birder on the stern, who is a much better birder than I am, thought it was a pomarine, while another outstanding birder on the bow thought it was a long-tailed. I was on the port side of the boat and my impression was that it was a parasitic. (It went on the day's tally as "jaeger sp.") Don't get discouraged if you can't identify every jaeger, neither can the experts!

For additional material on how to approach jaeger identification see the chapter in *A Field Guide to Advanced Birding* by Kenn Kaufman, and in *Birding in the American West* by Kevin Zimmer. *Skuas and Jaegers*, by Olsen and Larrison will tell you everything you wanted to know about jaegers, and are now afraid to ask.



Dash Point State Park, King, March 3, 2005

Washington Field Notes August-September 2004

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“Washington Field Notes” are distilled from reports sent to Tom Aversa, 305NW 75th St. Seattle WA. 98117 (tom.aversa@zoo.org), Steve Mlodinow (Sgmlod@aol.com), and to a lesser extent from birding hotlines and listserves. For corrections or information contact the compiler at tom.aversa@zoo.org.

Greater White-fronted Goose Early reports included 2 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 8/16 (BSc), 162 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/24 (PS,RS) with 15 there on 8/26 (JE), 245 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 8/26 (HB), and 8 at Othello *Adams* on 9/1 (RFI).

Greater White-fronted X Canada Goose Rare in WA. 1 reported at Sequim *Clallam* on 8/27 (RH).

Snow Goose Early report: 700 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/28 (KW).

Ross's Goose Uncommon in WA. 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/30 (SM).

Brant Uncommon before late fall. 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* from July to 8/21 (SM).

Cackling Goose Early report: 30 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/27 (fide JE).

Mute Swan Rare in WA. 1 at Toppenish NWR *Yakima* on 9/3 (JHe).

Wood Duck High count: 330 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/22 (MD,MLD).

Green-winged Teal High count: 1050 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/15 (TAv).

Cinnamon Teal High count: 240 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/19 (TAv).

Northern Shoveler Uncommon at high elevation. 7 at Rogers Lake *Okanogan* on 8/28 (SDo).

Eurasian Wigeon Early for WA. 1 reported at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 9/17 (PS,RS).

Redhead Uncommon in w WA. 7 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from July to 8/19 (TAv) with 1 there to 9/11 (WC), and 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* from 9/17 to 9/24 (PS,RS).

Ring-necked Duck High count: 505 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/29 (JE).

Greater Scaup Uncommon in WA before late fall. 1 at Lake Lenore *Grant* on 9/3 (SM).

COMMON EIDER Rare in WA. 1 *S. m. v-nigrum* adult male at Port Angeles *Clallam* from 8/3 (MSH) to at least 8/11 (BT) will be the first state record if accepted by the WBRC.

Harlequin Duck High count: 75 at Port Angeles *Clallam* on 9/4 (BN).

Long-tailed Duck Early for WA. 1 at Hastic Lake Road Boat Landing *Island* on 8/14 (JoM).

Black Scoter Early reports included 5 at North Cove *Pacific* on 8/27 (RyM), and 1 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 8/27 (PS,RS).

Surf Scoter Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Banks Lake *Grant* on 9/24 (JA).

White-winged Scoter Uncommon in e WA. 5 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 9/16 (MHO).

Ruddy Duck High count: 805 at Everett STP

Snobomish on 9/30 (SM).

Spruce Grouse Reports included 2 at Tiffany Lake *Okanogan* on 8/29 (SDo), 5 at FR 39 *Okanogan* on 9/16 (MtB), 1 at Pasayten Wilderness *Okanogan* on 9/26 (AS), and 1 at Bunchgrass Meadow *Pend Oreille* on 9/26 (GiS).

White-tailed Ptarmigan Reports included 1 near Paradise at Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 8/1 (DR) with 6 there on 9/25 (MDo), 2 near Sunrise at Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 8/14 (EdK), and 14 at Armstrong Mountain *Okanogan* on 9/26 (AS).

Mountain Quail Uncommon and local in WA. 8 at Port Orchard *Kitsap* on 8/19 (BSc), 10 north of Elma *Grays Harbor* on 9/3 (TO) with 1 there on 9/24 (MtB), and 14 west of Seabeck



Osprey, Julia Butler Hansen NWR, *Wahkiakum*,
September 4, 2004.
Photo by Grace and Ollie Oliver.

Kitsap on 9/6 (BWg).

Common Loon Breeding location reports included a pair with 2 young at Ferry Lake *Ferry* on 8/23, a pair with 1 young at Swan Lake *Ferry* on 8/29, 2 at Bonaparte Lake *Okanogan* on 8/31, and 2 at Lost Lake *Okanogan* on 8/31 (VK). High counts for e WA: 10 at Blue Lake *Grant* on 9/16 (TAv), and for w WA: 50 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 9/26 (JPa).

Yellow-billed Loon Early for WA. 1 on the beach at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 9/18 (EH).

Horned Grebe High count: 160 at Tulip Bay *Snobomish* on 9/26 (SM).

Red-necked Grebe Early report for w WA. 12 at Port Angeles *Clallam* on 8/5 (TAv).

Eared Grebe Early migrant reports included 2 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/7 (KA), 1 at Othello

Adams on 9/18 (RFI), and 5 at Patterson Slough *Benton* on 9/19 (NLa).

Clark's Grebe Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 9/8 (DD), and 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/30 (SM).

MANX SHEARWATER Rare in WA. 1 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 9/1 (TGu).

American White Pelican Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 9/5 (TAv,GAL). High counts: 500 at Badger Island *Walla Walla* on 8/1, and 1000 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/6 (MD,MLD).

Brown Pelican Uncommon away from the outer coast. At least 1 in the Nisqually Reach *Thurston* from 8/20 (EK) to 9/17 (JPa), 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 8/30 (fide BoB), 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 9/4 (MtB), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 9/7 (BWg), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* from 9/7 to 9/11 (VN), and 1 at Olympia *Thurston* on 9/12 (BT). High count: 2100 reported at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 9/10 (CWt).

Frigatebird sp. Rare in WA. 1 imm male reported 50 miles sw of Westport *Grays Harbor* on 9/7 was not identified to species (fide BT).

American Bittern Uncommon in e WA. 2 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 9/9 (SJ), and 1 at Satus WMA *Yakima* on 9/26 (KI).

Great Egret Reports for w WA included 56 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/6 (BIC) with 112 reported there on 8/21 (PS,RS), 1 at Mud Bay *Thurston* from 8/7 (BS) to 8/24 (JPa), 1 near Chinook *Pacific* on 8/11 (JSR), 1 at Dugulla Lake *Island* on 8/26 (SeD), 10 at Bay City *Grays Harbor* on 9/5 (PS,RS) with 1 there on 9/18 (EH), 2 at North Cove *Pacific* on 8/27 (RyM), 1 near Rexville *Skagit* on 8/30 (WJ), 1 at Port Townsend *Jefferson* on 9/4 (fide BN), 2 at Johns River *Grays Harbor* on 9/7 (MtB), 1 north of Burlington *Skagit* on 9/8 (fide DiB), 4 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/25 (PH), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 9/9 (BWg), 1 at Skamania *Skamania* on 9/12 (SJ), and 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/19. High count: 302 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/12 (SM).

SNOWY EGRET Rare in WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/6 (BIC) with 2 there from 8/21 (PS,RS) to 9/26 (JE).

Green Heron Rare in e WA. 1 near Crystal Springs *Kittitas* on 8/16 (RyM,CWt).

Black-crowned Night-Heron Uncommon and local in w WA. 1 immature at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/1 (JoM) with 1 adult there on 8/28 (SM), and 1 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 8/15 (BSc).

White-faced Ibis Rare in WA. 2 immatures at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* from 8/1 (MRe) to 8/22 (MD,MLD).

Turkey Vulture Reports included 10 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/8 (TAv), 39 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 9/13 (SJ), 7 at Richland *Benton* on 9/16 (fide BLA), 15 at Detour Road *Walla Walla* on 9/25 (MD,MLD), 10 at Kennewick *Benton* on 9/27 (fide BLA), 75 south of Deception Pass *Island* on 9/19 (EK), 75 at Seattle *King* on 9/28

(RT), and 200 at Mima Mounds *Thurston* on 9/30 (SiC).

White-tailed Kite Uncommon and local in WA. 1 at Willow Grove *Conlitz* on 9/4 (RKO).

Northern Harrier Uncommon at high elevation. 7 at Horseshoe Basin *Okanogan* on 9/26 (AS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk Early report for the Columbia Basin: 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/4 (MWO).

Northern Goshawk Uncommon in the Columbia Basin. 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/30 (NLa).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK Rare in WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/23 (PH), 1 immature at Johns River *Grays Harbor* from 9/5 (PS,RS) to the end of the period (PH), and 1 immature at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 9/9 (SJ,KK) and 9/29 (JE).

Swainson's Hawk High count: 21 migrating at Frog Hollow *Walla Walla* on 9/6 (GW). Rare in w WA. 1 reported at Sunrise, Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 8/19 (CW).

Ferruginous Hawk Rare east of the Columbia River. 1 reported at Kittitas *Kittitas* on 9/19 (SM).

Rough-legged Hawk Early for WA. 2 reported in the Columbia Hills *Klickitat* on 9/17 (fide SJ), and 1 at Horseshoe Basin *Okanogan* on 9/26 (AS).

Merlin Reports from e WA included 1 at Alkali Lake *Grant* on 9/16 (TAv), 1 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 9/16 (SJ), 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/17 (DSc), 1 at Alderdale *Klickitat* on 9/18 (SJ), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 9/20 (NLa), 1 at Horseshoe Basin *Okanogan* on 9/26 (AS), and 1 at Nestor Peak *Klickitat* on 9/30 (SJ).

Peregrine Falcon Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/1 and 9/12, 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/5 (MD,MLD), 1 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 8/16 (DSc), 1 at Palouse Falls *Franklin* on 8/21 (RH), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 9/1, 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/6 (RFI), 1 at Goat Rocks Wilderness *Yakima* on 9/6 (AS), and 1 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 9/17 (DSc).

Prairie Falcon Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Paradise, Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 8/1 (DR) and 8/10 (BSc), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/31 (SN), and 1 at Mount St Helens *Skamania* on 9/26 (GW).

Sandhill Crane Reports from w WA included 14 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/5 (WC), 5 flyovers at Ryderwood *Conlitz* on 9/13 (KK), 9 flyovers at Point Whitney *Jefferson* on 9/14 (RR), 40 at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 9/18 (TO), and 3 at Crockett Lake *Island* from 9/21 (BMe) to the end of the period (fide SM). High count: 3000 west of Othello *Adams* on 9/20 (RH)

Black-bellied Plover Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/6 (RFI,SM) with 2 there on 9/17 (DSc), 10 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/18 (SM), 2 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 9/20 (DSc) and 9/24 (JA), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 9/21 (RFI) and on 9/24 (RH), 1 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 9/25 and 9/26 (JA), 1 at Columbia

NWR *Grant* on 9/28 (RH), and 1 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/28 (CW).

American Golden-Plover Rare in e WA. 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/7 (BW), 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/18 (SM) and 9/19 (BLa,NLa), and 1 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 9/25 and 9/26 (JA). Reports from w WA included 1 adult at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/30 (RyM,CW), 1 juvenile at Dungeness *Clallam* on 9/5 (BoB), 1 juvenile at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/5 (MR) with 5 there on 9/10 (CW) and 1 on 9/25 (PH).

Pacific Golden-Plover Reports included 2 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 8/5 (RyM) with 7 there on 9/25 (PS,RS), 2 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 8/16 (GiS) with 1 there on 9/23 (CW), 6 adults at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/30



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(RyM,CW), 15 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/5 (MR) with 14 there on 9/18, 1 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 9/15 (PS,RS), 1 juvenile at Kent *King* on 9/19 (CW), and 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/26 (SM).

Golden-Plover sp. Birds not identified to species included 8 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/21 (NB), 2 adults at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/30 (CW), 1 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 9/7 (JPa), 2 at Warm Beach *Snobomish* on 9/8 (MRE), and 5 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/28 (KW).

Snowy Plover Uncommon and local in WA. An adult with a chick at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 8/4 (SN) with 3 full-grown birds there on 9/12 (BS) and 30 on 9/18 (EH), 8 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/30 (CW), and 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/4 (GuM).

Semipalmated Plover Uncommon in e WA. 9 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/6 (MD,MLD) with 2 there on 9/7 (SM), 4 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/15 with 5 there on 9/2 (DSc) and 3 on 9/6 (SM), 4 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 8/18 (RFI) with 1 there on 8/21 (DSc), 3 at Othello *Adams* on 8/21 (RFI) with 1 there on 9/17 (RH) and 4 on 9/18 (RFI), and 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/4 (SM) and 9/7 (DSc).

Black Oystercatcher High count: 18 at Washington Park *Skagit* on 8/14 (DiB).

Black-necked Stilt Uncommon locally. 1 at Crow Butte SP *Benton* on 8/15, and 3 at Alderdale *Klickitat* on 8/15 (WC). Late report: 1 at Patterson Slough *Benton* on 9/22 (NLa).

American Avocet Uncommon locally. 2 at Ellensburg *Kittitas* on 8/16 (CW). Late reports included 25 at Patterson Slough *Benton* on 9/15 with 15 there on 9/19 (NLa), 2 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/15 (WW) and 2 at Othello *Adams* on 9/18 (RFI).

Greater Yellowlegs High counts included 126 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/15 (SM), 80 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/19 (TAv), 45 at Willapa Bay *Pacific* on 9/4 (JGi), and 43 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/6 (RFI).

Lesser Yellowlegs High counts included 92 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/19 (SM), 58 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/21, 35 at Johns River *Grays Harbor* on 9/4 (PS,RS), and 160 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/11 (SM).

Solitary Sandpiper Reports included 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/3 (NLa) and 8/6 (RFI), 2 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/6 with 1 there on 8/28 (DSc), 1 at 4000' elevation at Mount Adams *Skamania* on 8/8 (SMc), 1 at Cockreham Island *Skagit* on 8/9 (GB), 3 at Wenas Lake *Yakima* on 8/9 (BLE), 1 at Silvana *Snobomish* on 8/12 (SM), 1 at Reardan *Lincoln* on 8/13 (BT), 1 at Winthrop *Okanogan* on 8/13 (RgB), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 8/14 (KK) to 8/24 (PS,RS), 1 at Vashon Island *King* on 8/14 (ESw), 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 8/15 (TAv), 3 at Othello *Adams* on 8/21 (RFI), 1 at Kress Lake *Conlitz* on 8/21 (PS,RS), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 8/28 (DR), and 2 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/8 (TAv).

Willet Uncommon and local in WA. 12 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 8/4 (SN), with 20 there on 9/29 (TAv), 1 reported at Warm Beach *Snobomish* in mid-August (MRE), and 1 at Blakely Rocks Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 9/20 and 9/21 (BWg).

Wandering Tattler Locally uncommon. 1 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 8/27 (PS,RS), and 1 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/30 (CW).

Whimbrel Rare in e WA. 1 at Lind Coulee *Grant* from 9/2 (DSc) to at least 9/4 (MWO). Reports from w WA included 36 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 8/4 (SN) with 5 remaining there on 9/30 (fide PS), 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* from 8/23 to 8/26 (BN), and 2 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 8/30 and 8/31 (PS,RS).

Long-billed Curlew Very late for e WA. 2 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 9/2 (DSc). Uncommon

in w WA away from outer coast. 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* from 8/26 (BN) to at least 9/3 (SA), and 1 flying over Samish Flats *Skagit* on 8/29 (WW). High count: 58 at Tokeland *Pacific* from 9/4 to 9/30 (PS,RS).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT Rare in WA. 1 juvenile at Tokeland *Pacific* on 8/29 (BN) and 9/5 (CCh), 1 juvenile near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/29 (SGi,SM), and 1 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 8/30 (BSu).

BAR-TAILED GODWIT Rare but increasing in WA. 1 adult at Dungeness *Clallam* from 8/6 (PS,RS) to 8/8 (DGr), 1 adult at Tokeland *Pacific* from 8/11 (TAv,BS), to 8/16 (GiS) with a juvenile there from 9/25 (CSc) to 9/30 (fide TAv), and 1 adult at Blaine *Whitcom* on 9/6 (BK,LrM).

Marbled Godwit Rare in e WA. 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/1 (MD,MLD), and up to 4 at Yakima RD *Benton* from 8/23 to 9/6 (NLa). Reports from w WA included 273 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 8/4 (SN) with 800 there on 9/29 (TAv), 2 at Dungeness *Clallam* from 8/7 to 9/4 (BN), 230 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 8/14 (SM), 8 at Nisqually *Thurston* on 9/6 (BS) with 5 there on 9/17 (JPa), 1 at Blaine *Whitcom* on 9/6 (BK,LrM), and 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/13 with 5 there on 9/28 (KW).

Ruddy Turnstone Rare in e WA. 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/17 (DSc).

Black Turnstone High count: 250 at Blakely Rocks, Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 9/23 (BWg).

Surfbird Reports away from outer coast included 4 at Oak Bay CP *Jefferson* on 8/21 (JMu), 1 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 8/22 (JPa), 1 at Patos Island *San Juan* on 8/29 (DiB), 2 at Discovery Park *King* on 9/4 (MtB), and 150 at Blakely Rocks Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 9/23 (BWg).

Red Knot Rare in e WA. 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* from 9/11 (SM) to 9/15 (WW). Reports for w WA included 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 8/8 (SA) with 2 there on 9/25 (MaB), 5 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 8/15 (JPa) with 3 there on 9/24 (RL,PKo), 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/18 with 2 there on 9/15 (TAv), 11 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/27 (AR,AM), 3 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 9/1, and 18 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/11 (PS,RS).

Sanderling Uncommon in e WA in fall. 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/6 (MD,MLD) with 7 there on 9/7 (SM), 1 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 9/7 (RFI), 2 at Soap Lake *Grant* from 9/11 (DSc) to at least 9/24 (JA), 5 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/11 with 2 there on 9/18 (SM), 2 at Patterson Slough *Benton* on 9/15 with 1 there on 9/29 (NLa), 1 at the I-90 Rest Area STP *Grant* on 9/16 (TAv), 5 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/18 (DSc), and 1 at Satus WMA *Yakima* on 9/21 and 9/22 (JHe).

Semipalmated Sandpiper Reports included 8 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 8/3 (HO), 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/6 and 8/23 (DSc), 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/6 (MD,MLD), 1 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 8/7 (PS,RS), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 8/8 (BWg), 2 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 8/8 (SJ), 1 at Wenas Lake *Yakima* on 8/9 (BLe), 1 at Foulweather Bluff *Kitsap* on 8/10 (BWg), 12 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/12 with 5 there on 8/19 and 1 on 9/23 (SM), 2 at Reardan *Lincoln* on 8/13 (BT), 5 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 8/15 (SM), 1 at South Seattle *King* on 8/16 (DDe), 1 at Cockreham Island *Skagit* on 8/18 (GB), 3 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/21 (PS,RS) with 5 there on 8/27 (ST), 1 at Hatton *Adams* on 8/27 (BS), 1 at Fort Lewis *Pierce* on 8/30 (PS,RS), 1 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 9/5 (SM), and 1 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 9/6 (DiW,ToW).

Western Sandpiper High counts included 1000 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/4 (BLa,NLa),

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Uncommon in WA. 1 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/27 (AR,AM), 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/4 (GuM) and 9/18 (EH), 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 9/5 (BoB), 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/16 (SM) with 4 there on 9/30 (TAv), and 1 at Johns River *Grays Harbor* on 9/24 (RL).

Dunlin Early report: 1 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 8/7 (SM).

Stilt Sandpiper Uncommon in WA but well-reported this period. 3 including the only adult reported at Dungeness *Clallam* on 8/8 (SA) with 1 juvenile there on 8/31 (RR), 1 at Johns River *Grays Harbor* from 8/12 (SM) to 9/4 (PS,RS), 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/14 (NLa), 3 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/15 (SM) with 8 there on 8/19 (KW) and 1 on 8/29 (SM), 1 at Port Townsend *Jefferson* on 8/16 (RSi), 1 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 8/17 (RFI), 9 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 8/17 with 2 there on 8/28 (JA), 11 at Othello *Adams* on 8/21 (RFI) with 1



Willet, Tokeland, *Pacific*, August 28, 2004." Photo by Grace and Ollie Oliver.

5000 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/12 (SM), and 5000 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/19 (EH).

LITTLE STINT Rare in WA. 1 adult at Yakima RD *Benton* from 8/5 to at least 8/11 (NLa) will be the first state record if accepted by the WBRC.

Least Sandpiper High count: 450 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 8/15 (SM).

Baird's Sandpiper Widespread reports included high counts of 24 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 8/22 (MD,MLD), and 61 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 8/23 (DSc). High elevation reports included 1 near Sunrise at Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 8/19 (ED), and 1 at the Goat Rocks Wilderness *Yakima* on 9/6 (AS).

Pectoral Sandpiper Widespread reports included high counts of 25 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/27 (AR,AM), 15 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/18 (SM), 37 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/18 (PS,RS), and 23 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/28 (KW).

there on 9/6 (BT,CWr), 3 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/21 (SMc), 3 at Grandview STP *Yakima* on 8/24 (JHe), 16 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 8/26 (JA), 1 at Hatton *Adams* on 8/27 (BS), 2 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 8/28 (SM), 1 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/30 (CWr), 1 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 9/3 (DSc) and 9/14 (WW), 2 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 9/5 (MD,MLD), 4 near Cheney *Spokane* on 9/8 (JA), 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/11 (SM), and 1 reported at Everett *Snobomish* on 9/26 (MBg).

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SANDPIPER Rare in WA but well reported this fall. 6 reported at Crockett Lake *Island* on 8/28 (SM) with 1 there on 9/2 (BN), 2 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/29 (PS,RS) with 10 there from 9/4 (MiF,SSc) to 9/11 (PS,RS), 1 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/30

(RyM,CWr) with 8 there on 9/10 (CWr), and 1 reported at Fir Island *Skagit* on 9/19 (SA).

RUFF Rare in WA but well-reported this fall. 1 juvenile at Dungeness *Clallam* from 8/29 (RR) to 9/3 (SA), 1 juvenile at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/29 (PS,RS) and 9/10 (CWr) with 3 or 4 there 9/18 (PS,SSc) and 9/19 (KB) and 1 from 9/23 (CWr) to 9/29 (TAv), 1 juvenile at Johns River *Grays Harbor* from 9/4 (PS,RS) to 9/9 (BT), 1 juvenile at Willapa Bay *Pacific* on 9/5 (JGi), 2 adults in non-breeding plumage near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/5 (TAv,SGi), with a juvenile there on 9/12 and 9/13 (KW).

Short-billed Dowitcher Uncommon in e WA. 2 at Othello *Adams* on 8/4 (HO), and 1 at Grandview *Yakima* on 8/30 (DGr).

Long-billed Dowitcher High count: 1150 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/28 (KW).

Wilson's Phalarope Uncommon in w WA. 7 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/12 (TAv) with 5 there on 8/19 (KW), 1 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 8/15 (SM), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on

8/21 (PS,RS), and 1 at LaConner *Skagit* on 8/29 (WW).

Red-necked Phalarope Late report: 2 at Patterson Slough *Benton* on 9/29 (NLa). High count: 4000 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/11 (VN).

Pomerine Jaeger Uncommon near shore. 1 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 8/15 (CWt), 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/4 (PS,RS), 1 adult on the beach at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/5 (MR), and 1 adult at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 9/30 (DD).

Parasitic Jaeger Rare in e WA. 1 intermediate plumaged adult at Lyle *Klickitat* on 8/2 (SJ), 1 dark morph sub-adult at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/22 with 1 light plumaged adult there on 9/18 (MD,MLD), and 1 juvenile at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/17 (NLa).

Long-tailed Jaeger Rare near shore. 1 breeding plumaged adult reported at Stevenson *Skamania* on 8/20 (MtB), 1 breeding plumaged adult reported at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 8/26 (PS,RS), and 1 adult at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/10 (VN) and 9/11 (BWg).

Jaeger sp. Rarely reported over land. 1 reported at Cooper Mountain *Chelan* on 8/31 and 9/9 (fide MSP), and 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 9/8 (GiT).

BLACK-TAILED GULL Rare in WA. 1 molting to adult plumage at North Cove *Pacific* from 8/3 to the end of the period (CWt) will be the first state record if accepted by the WBRC.

Franklin's Gull Uncommon in WA. 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* from 8/4 (SN) to 8/8 (DGr), 2 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/10 (GiS) and 9/4 (SM), 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* from 8/14 (DR) to 8/22 (MD,MLD), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 8/15 (RH), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 8/19 (BWg), 1 at Discovery Bay *Jefferson* on 8/21 (SM) and 8/22 (DWg), 1 at Mud Bay *Thurston* on 8/24 (JPa), 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 8/26 (RH), 1 at Potholes *Grant* from 9/2 (DSc) to 9/18 (NLa), 1 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 9/2 (BSu), 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 9/7 and 9/30 (DD), 1 at Two Rivers *Stevens* on 9/15 (MHo), and 1 at Everett STP *Snobomish* on 9/22 (EH) and 9/30 (SM).

Bonaparte's Gull Uncommon in e WA. 13 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 8/2 (RH) with 11 there on 8/6, and 14 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/15 (DSc). High count: 2500 at Everett STP *Snobomish* on 9/22 (EH).

Mew Gull Rare in early fall in e WA. 1 at Colville STP *Stevens* on 9/15 (MHo).

California Gull High count: 7000 at Dungeness Bay *Clallam* on 8/21 (SM).

Herring Gull Early reports included 1 at North Cove *Pacific* on 8/6 (MPa), 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/15 (DSc), 1 at Schwana *Grant* on 9/5 (RFI), and 20 reported at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 9/19 (NB).

Sabine's Gull Uncommon away from open ocean. 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 9/4 (JHe), 2 adults at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/11 (VN,BWg), 1 juvenile at McNary Dam *Benton* from 9/11 to 9/18 (SM), 1 juvenile at Soap Lake *Grant* on 9/11 (DSc) with an adult there from 9/14 (WW) to 9/16 (MHo), 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/14 (SDo), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 9/20 and 9/21 (BWg), 1 juvenile at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/21 and 9/29 (BW), 1 adult and 1 juvenile at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 9/22 (RH), and 3 flying over Ocean Shores Marina *Grays Harbor* on 9/27 (BT).

Elegant Tern Rare and irregular in WA. 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 8/23 (DD).

Common Tern Reports away from coast included 8 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/22 with 42 there on 9/18 (MD,MLD), 2 at Marymoor Park *King* on 8/25 (MiH), 7 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 8/28 (JA), 10 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/4 (SM), 13 at Vantage *Kittitas* on

(KBd,JPa) to 8/30 (DaH).

Band-tailed Pigeon Locally uncommon. 1 near Sunrise at Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 8/19 (ED), and 9 west of Snowden *Klickitat* on 9/23 (SJ). High count: 200 at Lady Island *Clark* on 9/9 (WC).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE Rare in WA. 1 *Streptopelia* thought to be this species at Diamond Point *Clallam* from 8/3 to 8/26 (fide BN).

Aratinga sp. Introduced population continues. 6 Mitred or Red-fronted Conure at Seattle *King* on 9/19 (FB).

Burrowing Owl Locally uncommon. 3 north of Selah *Yakima* on 8/17 (JHe).

Barred Owl High elevation report: 1 at 6200' near Sunrise at Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/20 (TAv,ArG).

Long-eared Owl High elevation report: 1 at 6100' near Sunrise at Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/20 (TAv,ArG).

Short-eared Owl Early for w WA. 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/1 (SGi).

Boreal Owl Uncommon and local in WA. 1 reported at Darland Mountain *Yakima* on 8/31 (JHe), 9 reported on Salmo Mountain *Pend Oreille* on 9/25 (GiS) with 2 there on 9/30 (MHo).

Common Nighthawk Late reports from e WA included 94 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 9/22 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Othello *Adams* on 9/24 (RFI). Reports from w WA included 15 near Belfair SP *Mason* on 8/1, 2 at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 8/7 (PS,RS), 100 reported at Concrete *Skagit* on 8/8 (fide DiB), 1 at Elwha River *Clallam* on 8/21 (fide BN), 1 near Montlake Fill *King* on 8/27 (SMA), 1 at Mount St Helens *Cowlitz* on 8/29 (RKO), 1 north of Elma *Grays Harbor* on



Marbled Godwits, Tokeland, *Pacific*, August 28, 2004." Photo by Grace and Ollie Oliver.

9/5, 40 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 9/11 with 31 there on 9/18 (SM), 20 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/11 (DSc), 2 at Yakima *Yakima* on 9/14 (SDo) and 9/22 (DGr), 8 at Sprague Lake *Adams* on 9/17 (JA), 1 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 9/18, and 14 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 9/23 (MD,MLD). High count: 900 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 8/21 (SM).

Arctic Tern Rare in e WA. 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 9/18 (SM). Rare and local breeder in WA. A pair with a fledged juvenile at Everett *Snobomish* from July to 8/1 (JPa).

Forster's Tern Rare in w WA. 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 9/3 (DD) with 2 there on 9/4 (TP), and 1 on 9/23 (DD), 1 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 9/6 (PS,RS), and 1 reported at Graysmarsh *Clallam* on 9/7 (SA).

Black Tern Rare in w WA in fall. 1 at Nisqually *Thurston* on 8/23 (SN), and 1 at Lake Sammamish *King* from 8/25 (MiH) to 8/27 (SSc).

LONG-BILLED MURRELET Rare in WA. 1 reported at Luhr Beach *Thurston* from 8/27

9/7 (MtB), and 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 9/17 (fide MiH).

Common Poorwill Late report: 1 at Columbia NWR *Adams/Grant* on 9/15 (RH).

Black Swift Reports included 3 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 8/4 (TGu), 10 at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 8/9 (fide BN), 20 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/11 (BWg), 9 at Tacoma *Pierce* on 9/14 (PS,RS), 2 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/15 (TAv), 20 at Marymoor Park *King* on 9/15 (MiH), 3 at Luhr Beach *Thurston* on 9/17 (JPa), 1 west of Mabton *Yakima* on 9/17 (AS), 12 at Sequim *Clallam* on 9/18 (RR), and 3 at Steigerwald Lake NWR *Clark* on 9/29 (WC).

Vaux's Swift High counts included 500 entering a chimney at Olympia *Thurston* on 9/16 (GW), and 3000 entering a chimney at Monroe *Snobomish* on 9/19 (fide MiH).

White-throated Swift High count: 1000 from Soap Lake to Lake Lenore *Grant* on 9/11 (DSc).

Black-chinned Hummingbird Late reports included 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 9/22 (MiC), 1

at Spokane Valley *Spokane* on 9/27 (fide SM), and 1 at Pullman *Whitman* on 9/30 (DiW).

Rufous Hummingbird Late reports included 1 at Morse Creek Bluff *Clallam* on 9/23 (JMu), 1 east of Tenino *Thurston* on 9/23 (BSu), 1 at Mount Pleasant *Skamania* on 9/24 (WC), and 1 at Bonney Lake *Pierce* on 9/25 (CWTr).

Lewis's Woodpecker Migrant reports included 2 at North Bonneville *Skamania* on 9/9 (KK), 2 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 9/11 (CrC,JuC), and 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 9/28 (SJ).

Acorn Woodpecker Rare and local in WA. 4 near Lyle *Klickitat* on 8/15 (BT) with 5 there on 9/18 (JB).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER Rare in WA. 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 9/12 (DSc).

Red-naped Sapsucker Late reports: 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/28 (CWTr), and 1 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 9/28 (MD,MLD).

White-headed Woodpecker Reports included 2 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 8/16 (BSu) with 1 there on 8/20 (MtB).

American Three-toed Woodpecker Reports included 2 near Deep Creek *Yakima* on 8/10 (RyM), 3 at Rogers Lake *Okanogan* on 8/28 (SDo), 2 at Hart's Pass *Okanogan/Whatcom* on 9/4 (MiF,LrM), 2 at Forest Road 39 *Okanogan* on 9/16 (MtB), and 12 at Pasayten Wilderness *Okanogan* on 9/25 (AS).

Black-backed Woodpecker Uncommon in WA. 1 at Goat Rocks Wilderness *Yakima* on 9/5 (AS).

"Yellow-shafted" Flicker Reports included 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/12 (SM,PS), 1 at Federal Way *King* on 9/19 (DgC), 1 at Kent *King* on 9/19, and 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/23 (CWTr).

Olive-sided Flycatcher Columbia Basin reports included 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/23 (DSc), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 8/25 (IG), 3 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/4 (DSc), 1 at Palouse Falls *Franklin* on 9/4 (RH), 1 at ALES *Benton* on 9/6 (BLa,NLa), and 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 9/7 (KA).

Willow Flycatcher High count: 51 at South Prairie *Pierce* on 8/26 (CWTr).

Least Flycatcher Uncommon in WA. 3 reported at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/6 with 1 there on 9/18 (SM), 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/6 (BT,CWTr), 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Grant* on 9/7 (KA), 1 reported at Moses Lake *Grant* on 9/12 (PS,RS), and 1 singing at Central Ferry *Whitman* on 9/12 (DiW,ToW).

Hammond's Flycatcher High count: 20 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/6 (SM).

Dusky Flycatcher Late report: 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/28 (CWTr).

Gray Flycatcher Rare in w WA. 1 reported near Montlake Fill *King* on 8/27 (SMA).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher Late reports included 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 9/20 (NLa), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/30 (TAv,HO).

Say's Phoebe Rarely reported at high elevation. 1 at 6000' in Goat Rocks Wilderness *Yakima* on 9/6 (AS). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 8/30 (ST), and 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 9/16 and 9/17 (MiH).

Ash-throated Flycatcher Rare in w WA. 1 at Lynden *Whatcom* on 9/29 (PDb).

Western Kingbird Late for WA. 1 at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 9/19 (NB) and 1 at Frenchman Hills *Grant* on 9/25 (MiF).

Eastern Kingbird Late reports included 1 at Palouse Falls *Franklin* on 9/4 (RH), 2 at Douglas Creek *Douglas* on 9/8 (RKO), and 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 9/9 (RH). Uncommon in w WA. 3 at Spencer Island *Snohomish* on 8/1 (JfG).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER Rare in WA. 1 at Moses Lake airport *Grant* from 9/10

9/11 (PS,RS).

Blue Jay Uncommon in WA. 1 reported at Wenatchee *Chelan* throughout the period (LHa), 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 9/27 (WC), and 4 at Pullman *Whitman* on 9/30 (DiW,ToW).

Western Scrub-Jay Range expansion continues. 2 at Hansville *Kitsap* on 8/30 (PmP), 1 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 9/23 (TAv), and 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 9/23 (BWg).

Clark's Nutcracker Locally uncommon. 8 at Columbia Hills *Klickitat* on 9/4 (BT), 4 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 9/7, 4 southwest of Cleveland *Klickitat* on 9/8, 15 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 9/9, 1 near Centerville *Klickitat* on 9/20 (SJ), and 2 at Silver Star Mountain *Skamania* on 9/28 (KK).

Black-billed Magpie High elevation report: 1 at 6800' in the Pasayten Wilderness *Okanogan* on 9/25 (AS).

Common Raven Locally uncommon. 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 9/24 (RT), and 2 at Renton *King* on 9/30 (AG).

Horned Lark Locally uncommon. 3 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 9/6 (CCh), 1 at Marymoor Park *King* from 9/15 (MiH) to 9/17 (JiM), and 1 north of Elma *Grays Harbor* on 9/25 (TO).

Purple Martin Uncommon in e WA. 4 including young at Bingen *Klickitat* on 8/12 with 2 there on 9/7 (SJ). High counts included 56 at Seattle *King* on 8/5 (KL), 49 at Steigerwald Lake NWR *Clark* on 8/29 (WC), and 35 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wabkiakum* on 9/14 (BT). Migrant reports included 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 8/5 (RyM) with 2 there on 8/11 (JPa), and 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 8/7 (RyM) with 3 there on 8/12 (BN).

Bank Swallow Uncommon in w WA. 1 near Stanwood *Snohomish* on 8/18, with 25 there on 9/15

(TAv) and 3 on 9/16 (SM), 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/19 (TAv) with 1 there on 8/27 (ST), 3 at Spencer Island *Snohomish* on 8/23 (SSc), 1 at South Prairie *Pierce* on 8/25 (CWTr), 2 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/26 (PS,RS), and 1 at Graysmarsh *Clallam* on 9/7 (SA).

Barn Swallow High count: 1300 north of Othello *Adams* on 8/5 (RFI).

Cliff Swallow Late reports included 2 at Juanita Bay *King* on 9/2 (RyM), 1 at Toppenish NWR *Yakima* on 9/3 (JHe), 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 9/14 (RH), and 2 near Stanwood *Snohomish* on 9/15 (TAv).

Black-capped Chickadee Locally uncommon. 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/25 (RFI).

Mountain Chickadee Uncommon in lowlands. 1 at Walla Walla *Walla Walla* on 9/27 (JaG), 10 at Hatton *Adams* on 9/28, 1 at Sprague Lake *Adams/Lincoln* on 9/28 (CWTr), 1 at Crab Creek *Grant* on 9/28 (RH), 6 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/28, 5 at Harrington *Lincoln* on 9/28



Scissor-tailed flycatcher, Randolph Road, Moses Lake, Grant, September 12, 2004. Photo by Doug Schonewald

(SFz) to the end of the period (DSc).

Cassin's Vireo High elevation report: 1 at 5800' in Goat Rocks Wilderness *Yakima* on 8/30 (BT).

Hutton's Vireo High count: 10 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/30 (CWTr).

Warbling Vireo High count: 60 at South Prairie *Pierce* on 8/25 (CWTr). Late reports: 1 at Mercer Slough *King* on 9/26 (HO), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* 9/26 (SM).

Red-eyed Vireo Late migrant reports included 1 at Juanita Bay *King* on 9/2 (RyM), 2 near Schwana *Grant* on 9/5, 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/6 (SM), 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/6 (CWTr), and 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 9/12 (PS,RS).

Gray Jay Low elevation reports included 2 at southwest Olympia *Thurston* on 8/1 with 4 there on 8/16 (ESw), 2 near Green Point *Clallam* on 8/11 (JMu), 2 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 9/3 (SJ), and 2 west of Mud Bay *Thurston* on

(CW_r), and 1 at Reardan *Lincoln* on 9/30 (MtB).
Bored Chickadee Reports included 3 at Rogers Lake *Okanogan* on 8/28 (SDo), 4 at the Pasayten Wilderness *Okanogan* on 9/25 (AS), and 1 at Bunchgrass Meadow *Pend Oreille* on 9/30 (MHo).
Bush-tit Local and uncommon in e WA. 5 interior race birds at North Potholes *Grant* on 9/17 (DSc).
Red-breasted Nuthatch Widespread reports included 2 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 8/16, 50 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/30 (CW_r), 28 at Schwana *Grant* on 9/5 (SM), 20 at Maryhill *Klickitat* on 9/5 (BT), 36 at Graysmarsh *Clallam* on 9/7 (SA), 25 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/18, 19 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/19 (DSc), 55 at Sprague Lake Adams *Lincoln* on 9/28 (CW_r), and 60 at Harrington *Lincoln* on 9/28 (CW_r).
White-breasted Nuthatch High elevation reports included 1 at 6000' on the North Fork Ahtanum Creek *Yakima* on 9/5 (RH), 3 at 6800' in the Pasayten Wilderness *Okanogan* on 9/25 (AS). Locally rare. 1 at North Richland *Benton* on 9/7 (fide BLA). Most northerly w WA report: 1 at Kress Lake *Cowlitz* on 8/21 (PS,RS).
Bewick's Wren High elevation report: 2 at 4500' south of Bumping Lake *Yakima* on 8/13 (CW_r).
House Wren Locally uncommon. 1 reported at Montlake Fill *King* on 8/7 (CSi). Late for w WA. 1 at Steigerwald Lake NWR *Clark* on 9/30 (WC).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early reports for the lowlands included 1 at Kirkland *King* on 9/1 (MiH), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/3 (RyM).
NORTHERN WHEATEAR Rare in WA. 1 immature at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 9/4 (JiM,PKo) will be the first state record if accepted by the WBRC.
Western Bluebird High count for w WA: 50 at Fort Lewis *Pierce* on 9/26 (DE).
Townsend's Solitaire Migrant reports included 14 at Kennewick *Benton* on 9/14 (TG), 12 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/18 (SM), and 1 at Mount St Helens *Cowlitz* on 9/25 (RKO).
Swainson's Thrush Late reports included 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/6 (SM), 1 at Old Vantage Highway *Kittitas* on 9/16 (TAv), 6 at Tenino *Thurston* on 9/20 (PH), and 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 9/22 (MiH).
Hermit Thrush Early reports for lowlands included 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/5 (TAv), and 10 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/7 (KA).
Varied Thrush Early for urbanized lowlands: 1 at Bothell *Snobomish* on 8/2 (DMA).
Gray Catbird Migrant reports included 4 at Rooks Park *Walla Walla* on 9/4 (MD,MLD), 1 near Schwana *Grant* on 9/5 (SM,RFl), and 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/12 (PS,RS).

Sage Thrasher Late reports included 2 at Beezley Hills *Grant* on 9/8 (RKO), and 2 at Old Vantage Highway *Kittitas* on 9/16 (TAv).
American Pipit Early lowland reports included 100 at Sand Ridge Road *Klickitat* on 8/15 (WC), and 2 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 8/30 (CW_r).
Bohemian Waxwing Early report: 5 at Bunchgrass Meadow *Pend Oreille* on 9/26 (GiS).
TENNESSEE WARBLER Rare in WA. 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/5 (MD,MLD) and 9/6 (SM).
Orange-crowned Warbler High counts included 95 at Confluence SP *Chelan* on 9/3 (SM), and 62 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/5 (TAv).
Nashville Warbler Rare in w WA in fall. 1 reported at Graysmarsh *Clallam* on 9/3 (SA), and 1 reported at Tacoma *Pierce* on 9/14 (PS,RS).
NORTHERN PARULA Rare in WA. 1 adult male at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 8/11 (TAv,HO), and 8/21 (SSc).

on 8/12 (CW_r), 1 near Crystal Springs *Kittitas* on 8/16 (RyM), and 1 at Goat Rocks Wilderness *Yakima* on 9/5 (AS).
Palm Warbler Uncommon in WA. 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/28 (GiT).
BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER Rare in WA. 1 at Washtucna *Adams* from 9/4 (DSc,RFl) to 9/6 (CW_r,SM).
American Redstart Uncommon as a migrant in WA. 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/4 (RFl) with 2 on 9/5 (MD,MLD), and 1 there on 9/6 (RFl), and 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 9/7 (TAv).
Northern Waterthrush Uncommon as a migrant in WA. 2 at Moses Coulee *Douglas* on 8/17 (TeP), 1 at South Prairie *Pierce* on 8/25 (CW_r), 1 at Golden Gardens in Seattle *King* on 9/2 (DMv), 1 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 9/8 (CrC,JuC), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/8 (GiT) and 9/30 (TAv).
MacGillivray's Warbler Late migrant reports included 1 banded at St. Cloud Recreation Area *Klickitat* on 9/20 (SJ), 1 at Bunchgrass Meadow *Pend Oreille* on 9/26 (GiS), 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/28 (CW_r), and 3 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 9/28 (MD,MLD).
Common Yellowthroat Reports from e WA included 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/22 (MD,MLD), 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 9/7 (TAv), and 4 at Glenwood *Klickitat* on 9/26 (SJ). High count: 135 reported at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 9/23 (CW_r).
Wilson's Warbler High counts: 100 (SM), 70 (BT), and 80 (CW_r) all at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/6.
Yellow-breasted Chat Late for WA. 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/16 (TAv).
Western Tanager High counts included 35 near Lyle *Klickitat* on 8/15 (BT), and 48 at Bonney Lake *Pierce* on 9/4 (CW_r).
Chipping Sparrow Migrant reports included 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 8/18 (SMa), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 8/28 (BW), 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 9/3 (RyM), 1 at Schwana *Grant* on 9/5 (RFl), 4 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 9/6 (BLa), and 1 at Seattle *King* on 9/19 (JOs).
Clay-colored Sparrow Rare in WA in early fall. 1 at Sun Lakes SP *Grant* on 9/3, and 1 at Wind Dust Park *Franklin* on 9/4 (SM).
Lark Sparrow Rare in w WA. 1 adult at the Hayton Swan Preserve *Skagit* on 9/3 (RyM). Late reports for e WA included 1 at Beezley Hills *Grant* on 9/8 (RKO), and 1 at Yakima Indian Reservation *Yakima* on 9/17 (KT).
Sage Sparrow Late reports included 4 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 9/5 (SM,RFl), and 8 at Beezley Hills *Grant* on 9/8 (RKO).
LARK BUNTING Rare in WA. 4 reported at the I-82 rest area on Umtanum Ridge *Kittitas* on 9/12 (ME).



Hatch-year Rufous Hummingbird, College Place, Walla Walla, August 8, 2004. Photo by MerryLynn Denny

MAGNOLIA WARBLER Rare in WA. 1 immature at Davenport *Lincoln* from 9/28 (JA,CW_r) to 9/30 (MtB).
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER 1 male at Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/26 (JA,BW).
Yellow-rumped Warbler High count: 500 at Schwana *Grant* on 9/5 (SM).
Black-throated Gray Warbler Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 9/1 (NLa), 1 at Confluence SP *Chelan* on 9/3 (SM), 1 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 9/6 (CW_r), and 1 near Lyle *Klickitat* on 9/17 (GiS). High counts included 31 at South Prairie *Pierce* on 8/26 (CW_r) and 30 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wabkiakum* on 9/14 (BT).
Hermit Warbler Locally uncommon. 1 at Snowden *Klickitat* on 8/7 (SJ), 1 south of Bumping Lake *Yakima* on 8/12, and 1 at South Prairie *Pierce* on 8/26 (CW_r).
Hermit X Townsend's Warbler Locally uncommon. 3 south of Bumping Lake *Yakima*

Savannah Sparrow High counts included 500 at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 9/19 (NB), and 400 at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 9/23 (CW_r).

Lincoln Sparrow Early lowland reports included 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/23 (PH), 1 at Magnuson Park *King* on 8/28 (JB), and 2 at Steigerwald Lake NWR *Clark* on 8/29 (WC). High count for e WA: 20 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/8 (TAv).

White-throated Sparrow Early reports included 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 9/20 (JA) and on 9/29 (MWO), 1 at Othello *Adams* from 9/21 to 9/23 (RFI), 1 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 9/28 (MD,MLD), 1 at Sequim *Clallam* on 9/29 (BN), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/30 (TAv).

White-crowned Sparrow Early reports for e WA lowlands included 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 8/21 (TG), and 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 8/28 (DR).

Golden-crowned Sparrow Early for WA. 1 at Sun Lakes SP *Grant* on 8/23 (DSc), and 2 at Deception Pass SP *Island* on 8/28 (MD,MLD).

“Slate-colored” Junco Early report: 1 at Slate Peak *Whatcom* on 9/26 (JB).

Lapland Longspur Reports included 6 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 9/12 (BS), 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 9/17 (JiM), 28 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/23 (CW_r), 5 at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 9/19 (NB), 1 at Kingston *Kitsap* on 9/19 (BWg), 1 at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 9/23 (CW_r), and 25 at Horseshoe Basin *Okanogan* on 9/26 (AS).

ROSE-BREASTED

GROSBEAK Rare in WA. 1 female or immature male at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/6 (BT,CW_r).

Bobolink Locally uncommon. 1 at Calispell Lake *Pend Oreille* on 8/6 (GiS).

Tricolored Blackbird Rare but increasing in WA. 1 at Othello *Adams* on 9/19 (SM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird Uncommon in w WA. 3 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/5 (SM) with 12 there on 8/19 (KW), and 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/28 (BN).

Brown-headed Cowbird High count: 140 juveniles near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/12 (TAv).

ORCHARD ORIOLE Rare in WA. 1 in female plumage seen and heard calling at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 9/20 (KA).

Bullock’s Oriole Late reports included 1 at Bonney Lake *Pierce* on 9/2, and 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/6 (CW_r).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch First lowland report: 1 at Kiona *Benton* on 9/30 (fide BLA). High count: 100 at Melakwa Lake *King* on 8/1 (RyM).

Pine Grosbeak Reports included 1 near Sunrise at Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 8/19

(ED), 1 at Tiffany Mountain *Okanogan* on 8/28 (SDO), 7 below Hart’s Pass *Okanogan* on 9/4 (MiF,LrM) with 3 there on 9/18, 5 at Roger Lake *Okanogan* on 9/17 (MtB), 7 at Pasayten Wilderness *Okanogan* on 9/25 (AS), 1 at Bunchgrass Meadow *Pend Oreille* on 9/26 (GiS), 1 near Joyce *Clallam* on 9/26 (BeO), and 2 at Mount Townsend *Jefferson* on 9/26 (fide BoB).

Purple Finch Uncommon in the Columbia Basin. 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/19 (SM), and 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 9/28 (CW_r).

Cassin’s Finch Locally uncommon. 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/18 (SM), 1 near Lyle *Klickitat* on 9/22 (SJ), 1 at Harrington *Lincoln* on 9/28 (CW_r), and 2 at Mount St Helens *Skamania* on 9/26 (GW).

Lesser Goldfinch North of core WA range. 2 west of Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 8/16 (BSu).

Evening Grosbeak Uncommon on the Columbia Plateau. 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/7

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Nine Ross's Geese, McNary NWR, *Walla Walla*, 13 April 2005. Photo by Mike Denny

(TAv,KA) and 9/19 (SM), and 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/28 (CW_r).

Orange Bishop Increased reports of introduced species. 1 at Camas *Clark* on 8/25 (WC).

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Report Your Sightings (updated May 2005)

ACCIPITERS: Winter site fidelity study. Cooper's hawks: Blue VID bands (Note right or left leg and engraved number and letter on VID band). Sharp-shinned hawks: either one or two color (only) bands on the same leg (Note right or left leg and top/bottom color if two bands). Other leg has standard aluminum band. Note date, time and location. Report to Jack Bettesworth, 2569 12th Ave W, Seattle, WA 98119, 206-285-5276, jgbett@comcast.net.

AMERICAN CROWS wanted: dead or alive. We still want your observations of color-banded crows. If possible, please record the color and location (top/bottom left leg, top/bottom right leg) of bands. Recently banded crows now have TWO colors AND a metal (Fish & Wildlife) band on one leg, and two colors on the other. In addition, as part of our West Nile virus monitoring efforts in the Puget Sound area, we would like to know about any dead crows you observe. If they appear freshly dead, your county health agency may also want to test them for the virus. Report to: John Withey, jwithey@u.washington.edu, phone: 206-543-2764.

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