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Gene Kridler Tribute

by Pat and Jack Fletcher

Gene Kridler was born December 30, 1919 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and died May 14, 2007 in Sequim, Washington. Gene and Edna Ida Syring married May 27, 1947 in Wisconsin. Educated in Milwaukee schools, Gene was in the CCC from 1937 to 1939, after which he enlisted in the U.S. Army Horse Cavalry. Later converted to Field Artillery, Gene's regiment served in Europe for 2 ½ years, earning 4 battle stars. Discharged in 1945, Gene used the G.I. bill to attend the Universities of Wisconsin, Montana, and Utah State where he received his B.S. in Forestry and Wildlife Management in 1951.

Gene's career as a wildlife biologist placed him at National Wildlife Refuges all over the western United States. In 1964 he became Wildlife Administrator and Manager for the Hawaiian Islands of the central and western Pacific—over 3 million square miles and over 2,000 islands.

Groundwork for the 2006 Presidential proclamation creating the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument was initiated and carried out by Gene. Under his leadership and during his tenure, ten refuges had been established in the Pacific, creating preservation of critical habitat for many endangered species.

Realizing the importance of Hawaii's endemic wildlife, Gene chose an appointment as Director of Endangered Species, writing research grants and putting together teams of researchers to evaluate the status of the native forest birds, precursor to the GAP analysis.

Gene began his banding career for the USF&W with waterfowl studies and banded over 50,000 birds. Upon receipt of his personal license in 1959, #8485, Gene began to band songbirds for longevity and migration studies. By 2004, he had banded 100,000 additional birds.

Gene "retired" in 1979, receiving the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Meritorious Service Award, among others. The Kridlers moved to Diamond Point, and then Sequim in 1990. Throughout retirement, Gene continued to make himself available for baseline research, and to band 10,000 birds. He also continued as an activist on behalf of conservation.

Gene served as Conservation Chair for both Admiralty and Olympic Peninsula Audubon, and continued membership in Hawaii Audubon,

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Black-footed Albatrosses should be abundant on the pelagic field trips.
Photo September 24, 2005 off Westport, by Denny Granstrand.

2007 Aberdeen Conference September 14th-17th

The 19th Annual Conference of the Washington Ornithological Society will be centered at the Guest House and Suites located in Aberdeen, Washington just off US Highway 12 from Friday September 14th through Monday, September 17th, 2007. The Guest House will serve as a base for lodging (35 rooms reserved), and registration. Field trips will meet across the street in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The conference will feature banquet speaker Dennis Paulson speaking on one of his specialties, shorebirds of the Pacific Northwest on Saturday evening. Michael Donahue will offer an introduction to pelagic birding Friday evening. Daylight field trips, led by local and experienced birders, will be conducted on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday and leave at 6:30 AM; owling trips will be conducted on Friday evening and leave at 7:00 PM; pelagic trips are offered Saturday, Sunday and Monday from Westport departing from Westport at 6:30 AM.

The Aberdeen/Hoquiam area has numerous lodging options along US12 and US101 and all the way around Grays Harbor to Westport and Ocean Shores. Motel accommodations, campgrounds, and RV parks continue up and down the coast. Aberdeen is accessible from southbound 15 at Olympia via US101 and west on SR8 to US12. From northbound I-5 take US12 north of Centralia all the way into town. From the Olympic Peninsula take US101.

The 2007 Conference is timed to maximize opportunities for migrating shorebirds, seabirds, and songbirds. A large selection of trips are being offered; space is limited to 25 on each pelagic trip, 12 individuals in 3 autos for each daylight trip and 6 in 2 autos for each owling adventure—so be forewarned—register early!!! Regarding the REGISTRATION FORM, be sure to indicate alternative choices for trips and designate the menu item you prefer if attending the banquet. The Conference Committee hopes you enjoy your visit to the Grays Harbor area.

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WOS Meetings

Monday, June 4th: Photo Night - Bring your favorite slides to share with others. We will have both an old-fashioned slide projector and a digital projector. Digital photos may be brought on CD or flash.

July, August, September: No meetings. Have a good summer!

Monday, October 1st: Martha Jordan will present a program on swans.

Monthly Membership Meetings are held the first Monday of the month (except July, August, & September). They are held at the Center for Urban Horticulture on the University of Washington campus, 3501 NE 41st St., Seattle, and are open to all. The social begins at 7:00 p.m. and the program starts at 7:30 p.m.

WOS Field Trips

Saturday, June 9th and Sunday, June 10th Spring Okanogan — Cancelled.

Saturday, June 23rd Padilla Bay to Washington Pass — Kraig Kemper will lead a trip starting at Padilla Bay near sea level through the Middle and Upper Skagit Valley, heading east through Butler Flats to the Skagit/Whatcom County Line Ponds, and on up to 5,477-foot Washington Pass. Target birds include lazuli bunting, western and eastern kingbird, American redstart, red-eyed vireo, black swift, veery, three-toed woodpecker, Clark's nutcracker, gray jay, and pine grosbeak. Limited to (8) participants.

Contact Kraig at (206) 789-9255 or email k_kemper@msn.com.

Saturday, June 30th Whidbey Island, March Point, and Port Susan Bay — Steve Mlodinow will lead an all day trip to points in Island, Skagit, and Snohomish Counties. Areas covered to include Cultus Bay, Sunlight Beach, Crockett Lake, Hastie Lake Road boat launch, and Bos Lake on Whidbey Island; March Point in Skagit County; and Port Susan Bay in Snohomish County.

Returning shorebirds and lingering seabirds (loons, ducks, alcids, etc) will be the focus for the day. All participants should bring a scope, waterproof boots, and a lunch (lunch stop unpredictable). Contact Steve at (425) 514-5874 or email SGMlod@aol.com.

Sunday, July 1st through Wednesday, July 4th Blue Mountains of Washington — Ken Knittle will lead a trip covering much of the Blue Mountains in southeastern Washington. Target birds include black-backed and three-toed woodpecker, Williamson's sapsucker, cordilleran flycatcher, hummingbirds (3 to 4 species), the gray race of orange-crowned warbler, green-tailed towhee, grasshopper sparrow, and other more common birds of the mountains. This field trip involves camping each night at primitive camp sites. Be prepared for cold and hot weather. Areas to be covered include the Grande Ronde River, Grouse Flats up to Misery Springs, Field Springs State Park, Savage Ponds, Peola Road, Asotin Creek, the Tucannon River and Wenatchee Guard Station. Limited to (5) vehicles. Contact Ken at (360) 574-2590 or email at washingtonbirder@hotmail.com.

Saturday, July 21st Whidbey Island Fall Migration — Brian Bell will lead a trip in Island County to Whidbey Island. The focus for the day will be the fall migration of shorebirds, with stops at a number of locations (including Crockett Lake, Swantown, Penn Cove, and others). Target birds include plovers, small sandpipers, yellowlegs, and dowitchers, with an effort to look for more unusual shorebirds. However, he will also be alert for passerines, seabirds, woodpeckers, raptors, and any waterfowl that might be around.

This will be a rapidly paced trip and return early evening. Bring scope, boots, lunch, water, and money for ferry. Limit of (7) participants. For details contact Brian at (425) 485-8058 or email at bellasoc@isomedia.com.

The Society

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FROM THE BOARD

by Randy Hill

It seems like I just wrote one of these articles, and even thought I wrote about the same items I am about to discuss. Either I was dreaming or I deleted yet another file that I shouldn't have. I'm convinced that with age, time flies whether or not you're having fun. But I also know that Diann, Michael, Steve, Brian and other volunteers associated with WOS News production and mailing don't want to wait around for delayed items to arrive. Since the deadline for submission of articles and information is often a month ahead of when you get it in the mailbox, we occasionally have to guess what will have happened by the mailing date. But there are several in the works that might be out before this issue arrives.

First, and what many of you are waiting for, the registration information for the WOS Conference in Aberdeen September 14-17 should be ready either as an insert or mailed with another of the publications below. As usual, there will be a period in early June with a delayed cut-off date allowing all early entries the same opportunity for field trips. If you really want a certain field trip, get your registration in by the early deadline. Jack Stephens is responsible for putting this conference together almost by himself and deserves a round of applause (or something better) when you see him at the conference.

After more than three years, we are producing another membership directory. My own e-mail address changed just after the last directory was sent out in early 2004, but the old directory still sits by my computer for quick reference. I hope you all updated your contact information and renewed memberships in a timely manner.

Another long-awaited publication is Washington Birds 9. Because this is the technical publication of WOS and submissions go through extensive review and edit, the process slows considerably when an editorial board dwindles down to a single member. We need to thank Joe Buchanan for sticking with it through software incompatibility and endless paper re-writes to produce a professional product. Hopefully, Joe will have help putting together the next edition.

We also have web posting in the works for decisions from the Bird Records Committee. With digital photography, CDs, e-mail, and easier independent review among the Committee, decisions on most submittals are coming quicker without having to wait for an annual meeting of the minds that meets everybody's schedule. Eventually, the entire record of decisions from the Committee will be on the WOS website.

Finally, it's that time again to think about replacing retiring members of the Board. There are three term-limited members who have served well. If you are interested in helping run the organization, please contact retiring members Joyce Meyer or Bart Whelton. (Bob Flores remains difficult to contact during his move from Othello to Ridgefield.) And if you're asked to run, please consider saying yes.

Vulture's Roost by Diann MacRae

Spring is upon us as I write this, and by the time you read this it will be almost summer. Time to do all of the work put aside during the winter, and time to look for new birds and make new birding friends. We hope you will consider a trip to the WOS conference in Gray's Harbor this fall. What better place to hone your birding skills and meet your fellow birders. Look over the long list of field trips included in this issue—there should be something there for everyone.



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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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 10, 2007

Registrations postmarked after August 10, 2007 will be assessed a \$10 late fee.

Registration begins **June 16, 2007**. Registration materials postmarked as of June 16th will be processed in random order. Materials postmarked after June 16th will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Space on field trips is limited: 12 individuals in 3 autos for daylight trips and 6 in 2 autos for owling adventures. Pelagic boat tours have a limit of 25.

Registration at the Guest House—Applications for registration at the door of the 19th Annual Meeting will have no guarantee of participation in field trips or of the banquet meal. Additionally, there will be a \$10.00 late fee.

Cancellations received on or before August 10th will receive a refund, less a \$10.00 processing fee. Additionally, cancellations received after August 10th will not receive a refund for the banquet meal.

Lodging or campground fees are not included in Conference fees. Please refer to the information provided under ACCOMMODATIONS and make your own arrangements.

FIELD TRIPS:

In order to optimize the birding experience for participants, car-pooling will be utilized for all field trips. WOS will reimburse field trip drivers who carry **at least three people in addition to themselves** at the current federal government mileage rate. Unless noted in the description, all daylight land-based field trips will depart from the Wal-Mart parking lot (located across the street from the Guest House Inn & Suites) at 6:30 AM and both Friday evening owling trips will depart from the same location at 7:00 PM. The Westport Pelagic trips will not have a designated field trip leader (spotters are provided on the vessel), so participants will make their own arrangements to get to the designated float location at the Westport marina (or depart from the Wal-Mart parking lot at 5:45 AM in self-made carpools).

Trips and trip leaders may be subject to change. Please refer to the WOS website, www.wos.org, for updates. If you possess a National Parks pass, a National Wildlife Refuge pass, a Federal Duck Stamp, a WDFW pass, and/or Golden Age pass, please bring it/them. Also, if you have an FRS radio, please bring it/them. Most trip descriptions and information, to some degree, follow those described in Hal Opperman's, "A Birder's Guide to Washington" and Bob Morse's, "A Birder's Guide to Coastal Washington".

OCEAN SHORES NORTH—The coastal resort town of Ocean Shores hosts some of the best birding locations on the West Coast, with more species per location than possibly anywhere else in the state of Washington (close to 300 species of birds have been observed here). Ocean Shores is a thin six mile long peninsula laced with 23 miles of canals and lakes, bounded on the west by the Pacific Ocean and the south and east by the waters of Grays Harbor. The reason for the large variety of birds is its location along the coast and its wide range of habitats: long sandy beaches, tidal salt marshes, rock jetty, extensive mudflats, sand dunes, fresh water ponds, woodlots, a golf course, marina, and even a sewage treatment plant. No where else in Washington State do all these habitats coexist in one small place. Ocean Shores is also an excellent location for unusual and rare birds in Washington. It is one of the best locations in the lower forty-eight states to find Pacific golden-plover. Mottled petrel, Manx shearwater, Eurasian dotterel, bristle-thighed curlew, ivory gull, least tern, eastern yellow wagtail, and McKay's bunting have each put in an appearance. Ocean Shores is exciting birding at any time of year, but fall is particularly good when migrating shorebirds pass through. They do not appear in the vast numbers of the spring migration that sees more

shorebirds winging through Grays Harbor on their way to their nesting grounds in the arctic; but fall does provide a better variety at Ocean Shores.

The Ocean Shores North field trip will include possible stops at Bill's Spit, Chinook Park, the Ocean Shores Golf Course, Cyber Lake, Ocean City Sate Park, and Burrow's Road. The best birding site on the Grays Harbor North Bay, north of the marina is Bill's Spit. Geese, ducks, curlews, godwits, small sandpipers, and gulls congregate here, especially one to two hours before or after high tide. Bill's Spit and Tokeland are probably the two most reliable places in the Lower 48 for Bar-tailed Godwit in the fall. Chinook Park, accessed along Duck Lake Drive (north of Bill's Spit) provides an opportunity to view a variety of waterfowl, as well as fall migrating passerines (red crossbill) in nearby woodlands. If undisturbed by golfers, any of the grassy expanses of the Ocean Shores Golf Course may host flocks of Canada and occasional greater white-fronted and snow geese, ducks and shorebirds. Flocks of American wigeon, with an occasional Eurasian wigeon, winter here. Buff-breasted sandpiper may rest here during fall storms. Solitary and sharp-tailed sandpipers have been found in the ditch along the fairways behind Linde's Landing. Three of the better vantage points are along Brown Point Avenue, Ocean Shores Boulevard, and Minard Avenue south of West Chance A La Mer. Golf course birding is best early in the morning, during high tides, or during stormy weather. At these times, the golf course may be the best place to find golden-plovers, godwits, and curlews. Cyber Lake is accessed from behind the North Beach Middle and High School along SR-115, leaving Ocean Shores. This location can be especially good for roosting shorebirds during fall migration (greater and lesser yellowlegs, and long-billed and short-billed dowitchers), depending on appropriate water levels. Cyber Lake is also known for nesting olive-sided flycatcher and red crossbill, and for fall migrating passerines. Ocean City Park, on the west side of SR-115 just north of Ocean Shores, offers a good selection of typical Western Washington lowland songbirds. **FR-1 Scott Morrison; SA-1 Wilson Cady; SU-1 TBA; MO-1 Kathy Andrich**

OCEAN SHORES SOUTH—The Ocean Shores South field trip will include possible stops at Point Brown Jetty, Ocean Shores Sewage Treatment Plant, Cabana Pond, Oyhut Wildlife Area, Lake Minard, Damon Point, and the Ocean Shores Marina and Ocean Shores Environmental Interpretive Center.

The Point Brown Jetty is best visited in the morning to avoid the glare of the afternoon sun. From the beach on the north side, the breakwater rocks can be scanned for wandering tattler, black turnstone, surfbird, and early rock sandpiper. Brandt's, double-crested, and pelagic cormorants, mew, herring, western, and glaucous-winged gulls can be seen. The shorebirds are often seen on the rocks close to shore on an incoming tide. A scope is helpful. Scanning south and west across the channel and ocean we will look for passing birds mentioned for the ocean beach, plus cormorants, black-legged kittiwake, Caspian tern, common murre and rhinoceros auklet. Migrating flocks of common tern often attract a parasitic jaeger. Patient observers have been seeing Manx shearwaters (rare) from the jetty with increasing frequency. Harbor seals and California sea lions are common in the waters south of the jetty. The Ocean Shores Sewage Treatment Plant, located 0.8 mile farther along on Ocean Shores Boulevard, as it curves to the east, has three ponds which provide shelter during storms as well as a high-tide refuge for ducks and gulls. Sharp-tailed sandpiper have been seen here in fall. Red-necked phalaropes are regular in fall migration, and red phalaropes are possible after severe storms. Lapland longspurs can usually be found from mid-September to mid-November in the short grasses between the fence and the jetty wall. Paths along the side fences provide access

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to the tidal mudflats and marshes of the Oyhut Wildlife Area (known as the Game Range). Pectoral and the rarer sharp-tailed sandpiper are most often seen from mid-September to mid-October in the pickleweed marsh east and north of the entrance paths. Stilt and buff-breasted sandpiper, and ruff have also been observed this time of year at this location. Damon Point (aka Catala Spit, Protection Island) is a long sand spit extending east into Grays Harbor at the southeastern tip of Ocean Shores. The saltwater bay on the north side normally has common loon, western grebe, and other seabirds. In the fall, Baird's sandpiper may be found feeding along the kelp line. The Damon Point Road is subject to washouts by winter storms and high tides, so we may have to walk the 1.3 miles to the tip. A long, narrow pond attracts a variety of waterfowl and its edges host shorebirds at high tide. This is a good place to check for American and Pacific golden-plovers, Baird's and buff-breasted sandpipers in fall. At the Ocean Shores Marina, located along Marine View Drive just north of the base of Damon Point, it is possible to get close-range looks at loons (three records for yellow-billed), grebes, cormorants, turnstones, gulls, and sometimes common murre and other alcids. Birds may seek protection here from winter storms. The Scot's broom thickets around the intersection of Discovery Avenue and Point Brown Avenue, a couple of hundred yards north, are one of the best spots in the state to find palm warbler in the fall and winter. **FR-2 Michael Carmody; SA-2 Charlie Wright; SU-2 Matt Bartels; MO-2 Patrick & Ruth Sullivan**

POINT GRENVILLE—Point Grenville is a unique area for Grays Harbor County with seabird colonies and a scenic rocky coastline of cliffs that harbors black oystercatchers and peregrine falcons. This area provides great vantage points from which to observe seabirds over the open ocean. Point Grenville is located south of Taholah with its entrance at MP 37,7 on SR 109. Access to the paved, one-lane road is restricted by a locked gate. Point Grenville is on Quinalt Tribal Lands and we have made arrangements to gain access. Once through the gate, we follow the paved road to the spot where dilapidated buildings of the former Coast Guard station stand. During its use by the military, the area around the buildings was cleared and lawns planted. The facility was abandoned in the late 1970's, and the fields have reverted to tall grass interspersed with shrubby thickets. Sooty grouse nest in the narrow corridor of mixed coniferous and broadleaf forest habitat along the entrance road. Migrant songbirds use the California wax-myrtle, other bushes, and forest edges. The sooty fox sparrow has its southernmost known nesting location here, and is most abundant in the winter in bushes to the southwest of the buildings. Walking north from the buildings, then west on a dirt track across an open field will lead us to an overlook facing west. In the past, tufted puffin have nested in the bluff just below the cliff face across from the offshore sea-stack. Pigeon guillemots nest in the rock cliffs to the north and pelagic cormorant on the whitewashed, open cliff ledges to the south. On the off-shore rock formations, glaucous-winged and western gulls (and the more common hybrids of these two species) nest in the grassy areas near the top. Peregrine falcons may be visible on these rocks or hunting nearby. A second viewing area requires a short walk to the south side of the point. From the old buildings, we follow a dirt road to the southwest. Where it appears to end, a small trail leads through thickets of alder, huckleberry, and salal to a steep overlook. Black oystercatchers are often seen below, on the rocky shoreline. Cormorants, gulls, and puffins nest on the second islet to the south. The waters below often have loons, western grebes, surf and white-winged scoters, and common murre. **FR-3 Tim O'Brien; SA-3 Scott Downes & Bob Morse; SU-3 Ken Knittle**

LAKE QUINALT—Lake Quinalt, a four-mile-long freshwater lake fed by the Quinalt River and other mountain streams, lies in the southwest corner of Olympic National Park. The adjoining dense

conifers, lush broadleaf forests, and lakeside shrubby thickets provide a number of opportunities to sample the birds of this part of the Olympic Peninsula. Much of the better birding is along the south shore. The Quinalt Rain Forest Nature Trail, located along the Quinalt South Shore Road, is a walk through magnificent old-growth temperate rain forest with its rich association of ferns, lichens, mosses, and vine maples. Colossal specimens of Douglas-fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, and Sitka spruce dominate the trail and the gorge; you may see American dippers in the cascades. The Quinalt National Recreation Trail System, which starts across the road from the Lake Quinalt Lodge (built in 1926 in the heyday of the national-park style with its rustic lobby and expansive grounds overlooking the lake) offers a series of hiking trails through the towering coniferous forests. Birds of these habitats include sooty grouse, northern saw-whet and spotted owls, hairy and pileated woodpeckers, Steller's jay, common raven, chestnut-backed chickadee, red-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper, winter wren, golden-crowned kinglet, varied thrush, Townsend's warbler, and dark-eyed junco. Checking around the lodge, other lakeside buildings, gardens, and along the shoreline trail through broadleaf forests and shrubby thickets, you may find red-breasted sapsucker, downy woodpecker, northern flicker, olive-sided and Pacific-slope flycatcher, Hutton's and warbling vireos, swallows, American dipper (in streams entering the lake), Swainson's thrush, orange-crowned, yellow, black-throated gray, and Wilson's warblers, common yellowthroat, western tanager, song and white-crowned sparrows, and black-headed grosbeak. The lake hosts common loon, hooded and common mergansers, and occasional marbled murrelets, which nest in the old-growth trees in the hills. Around the lake, we will check for osprey nests in snags and bald eagles. **SA-4 Craig Kemper; SU-4 Wilson Cady**

ABERDEEN/HOQUIAM AREA—This field trip will feature a walk along the Sandpiper Trail to the Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge shorebird-viewing areas on Bowerman Basin with its 1,500 acres of salt marshes and mudflats. The Grays Harbor estuary is one of eight sites in North America to be designated a Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network site of hemispheric importance. The extensive mudflats and the high concentration of invertebrates they support provide a rich resource for the hundreds of thousands of shorebirds that stop here to feed and rest before continuing their 7,000-mile journey from South America to their nesting grounds in the Arctic. The peak of spring migration occurs in late April and early May. The annual Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival is timed to coincide with the peak of spring migration. The most prevalent species are western sandpiper, dunlin, and short-billed dowitcher. Black-bellied and semipalmated plovers, greater yellowlegs, red knot and least sandpiper are usually present but in smaller numbers. Merlins and peregrine falcons regularly hunt here, providing a fascinating spectacle as the shorebirds maneuver to elude them. In fall, migrating shorebirds and waterfowl (watch for greater white-fronted goose and Eurasian wigeon) are present in lesser numbers. American white pelican, snowy egret, snow and Ross's geese, and sandhill crane have put in appearances in the salt marsh here. Upon leaving the Grays Harbor NWR, we will check the north side of the Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant for grebes, ducks, phalaropes (red-necked during fall migration), gulls (glaucous and Franklin's), and other waterfowl. On the south side of the lagoon, the Chehalis River mudflats host ducks, shorebirds, gulls, and terns. Walking the grassy areas just to the south of the sewage lagoon we will check for sparrows and the occasional Lapland and chestnut-collared longspur (latter, one record). Palm warblers have been seen here as well. Time and tides permitting, other stops may include the "K" Street dike along the river and locations within Aberdeen. **FR-5 Ken Knittle; SA-5 Scott Morrison; SU-5 Kathy Andrich; MO-5 Michael Hobbs**

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GRAYS HARBOR SOUTH BAY AND WESTPORT—At the intersection with US-101 and SR-105 in Aberdeen, this field trip heads south toward Westport, crossing the high bridge over the Chehalis River and features stops at the Johns River Wildlife Area, Bottle Beach State Park, Ocosta Third Street, the Westport Marina, and Westport Jetty. Time permitting, additional stops can be made at the Twin Harbors State Park for fall migrating passerines, and returning to Aberdeen, a stop at the athletic fields along SR-105 to check for fall migrating geese (greater white-fronted possible). Just after the bridge, where the two highways divide, we stay right on SR-105 toward Westport. To bird the Johns River Wildlife Area it is necessary to continue southwest on SR-105, turning left onto Johns River Road just after the Johns River bridge. Bearing left at the fork, left at a stop sign, and right down the hill 200 yards brings us to a parking area. Habitats here consist of open farmlands, and fresh- and saltwater marshes, adjoining the Johns River. A half-mile walk along the paved river-dike path to a blind should produce ducks, hawks, and occasionally a short-eared owl (at dawn). The trail continues unpaved for another mile or so past the blind; shorebirds can be observed at high tide in a wetland from the end of the paved trail if water levels are good. Continuing west on SR-105, a stop will be made in 2.3 miles at Bottle Beach State Park on the Grays Harbor South Bay located to the right, opposite Ocosta Third Street. Shorebird viewing (including Pacific and American golden plovers, ruddy turnstone, red knot, buff-breasted sandpiper, and ruff) can be quite good in fall migration, especially an hour and a half on either side of high tide. The mudflats here are some of the last on the estuary to be covered by the incoming tide. An effort can be made to check the shrubby thickets bordering the trail and beach for fall migrating passerines. Across SR-105, checking the wetlands along Ocosta Third Street could produce additional waterfowl and shorebirds. Continuing west on SR-105, Brady's Oysters at the west end of the Elk River bridge is worth a stop to scan the river for loons, grebes, ducks, and if the tide is out, shorebirds. Great egret is regular in the fall. One mile further west, we will turn right and travel north on Montesano Street into Westport, the charter-boat fishing capital of the Pacific Northwest. At the Westport Marina, from the observation platform next to the public restrooms at the end of Neddie Rose Drive, common loon, red-necked and western grebes, cormorants, surf and white-winged scoters, gulls, and black-legged kittiwake can be seen. Parasitic jaeger have been seen here, chasing kittiwakes and common tern during fall migration. When strong winds blow in from the ocean, black turnstones, surfbirds, and rock sandpipers - normally out on the jetty - may seek protection on the leeward side of the rock groins to the west of the viewing platform. Wandering tattler is also present in fall. The nearby walkway next to the Harbor Resort leads to the docks of the Westport Marina and, at the end, to a fishing pier, which offers good views of grebes, cormorants, and gulls. The pier pilings sometimes host black turnstone and surfbirds. The Westport Marina can be good for roosting flocks of large shorebirds, including marbled godwit, especially from Float #21. Hudsonian and bar-tailed godwit have been observed among the more numerous marbled godwit at this location in fall migration. The Westport Jetty offers similar birding possibilities to the Ocean Shores jetty across the channel. It too is best visited in the morning to avoid the glare of the afternoon sun. The base of the jetty is accessible from Westhaven State Park. **FR-6 Ryan Merrill; SA-6 Marcus Roening; SU-6 Patrick & Ruth Sullivan; MO-6 Tim O'Brien**

GRAYLAND TO RAYMOND—This field trip itinerary begins south of Westport in Grayland and follows SR-105 to the Raymond area, featuring stops at Midway Beach, North Cove, Tokeland Marina and Graveyard Spit, the Raymond Airport, and the City of Raymond Waste Water Treatment Plant. Near the Beachcomer Market & Deli in the coastal town of Grayland, a stop can be made to check for a returning northern mockingbird. Continuing south on SR-105 into

Pacific County, a stop will be made at Midway Beach to check for snowy plover, Lapland longspur, and "streaked" horned lark amongst the shorebirds, gulls, and terns. The North Cove area is worth a stop for observing shorebirds, gulls and terns along the beach, as well as loons, grebes, cormorants and seabirds over the open water. Tokeland, at the mouth of the Willapa Bay south of Westport, is famous for its long-legged shorebirds such as greater yellowlegs, willet, long-billed curlew, and bar-tailed (rare in fall) and marbled godwit. From the sandy beach at Fisher Avenue and Seventh Street, we can search the offshore sand spit (Graveyard Spit) and nearby beaches for brown pelican, shorebirds, and gulls. In late summer and fall, huge flocks of sooty shearwaters sometimes enter Willapa Bay and can be seen from this and other vantage points. Continuing into Tokeland, taking a right at Emerson Avenue and following a short dirt road to its end at Toke Point, we can scan the beach, rocks, and pilings for cormorants, willet, black turnstone, glaucous-winged and western gulls. From the Public Fishing Pier, we will check the bay for seabirds. Stretching west from here, along Front Lane, the Tokeland Marina - and especially the long rock breakwater beyond the marina - are a favored high-tide godwit roost from late August through the winter. Very often one or more bar-tailed can be picked out among the 200-500 marbleds. Though much rarer, Hudsonian godwit has been seen here, too. Many rare land bird vagrants have appeared in Tokeland, among them white-winged dove, tropical kingbird, northern parula, black-and-white warbler, lark bunting, chestnut-collared longspur, and hooded oriole. Time permitting, we can walk the short, dead-end residential streets to see what is present. Returning to SR-105, we continue east along the north shore of Willapa Bay with its mudflats, salt marshes, and adjoining coniferous and broadleaf forests. The Cedar and North Rivers and the bay can be checked for migrating greater white-fronted and snow geese. The mouth of the North River can be a good spot for migrating shorebirds on a rising and falling tide. Turning west on Airport Road to the Raymond Airport (officially, Willapa Harbor Airport), the floodplain at the mouth of the Willapa River can be checked. Occasionally, large elk herds graze nearby. The fields and small freshwater ponds and sloughs along SR-105 near the airport support many wintering ducks and raptors. Roosting shorebirds at high tide, and palm warbler in dense brush are possible in fall. In the past, white-tailed kites nested here and were often seen on the tops of evergreen trees near the runway. Continuing east on SR-105 toward Raymond (just past MP 1) the City of Raymond Waste Water Treatment Plant is on the right and is a good spot to check for ducks, shorebirds, and gulls. Western scrub-jays are possible in the residential areas in the town of Raymond. **FR-7 Charlie Wright; SA-7 Patrick & Ruth Sullivan; SU-7 Marcus Roening; MO-7 Ken Knittle**

CHEHALIS RIVER VALLEY—East of Aberdeen traveling US-12, we will explore the wooded and wetland habitats of the Chehalis River valley from Montesano to Elma with stops in the Monte Brady Loop Road area, along the Middle Satsop Road north of Brady, the Chehalis Wildlife Area reached by Schouweiler Road, along the Wenzel Slough and Keys Road Loop, and Vance Creek Park. The Monte Brady Loop Road area is a seven mile itinerary south of US-12 that crosses open farmlands on the flood plain of the Chehalis River, where shallow ponds host migrating waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors. Checking the weeds, fenceposts and fencelines, brushy patches, and thickets with large stands of alder along the road can also yield owls, flycatchers, warblers and sparrows. Highlights could include white-tailed kite, American kestrel, short-eared owl, western scrub-jay, and western meadowlark. Mt. quail have been seen in limited numbers in clear cuts and short vegetation along the Middle Satsop Road north of Brady (as well as along forest roads above Newman Creek). The 527-acre Chehalis Wildlife Area is a haven for waterfowl, shorebirds, and passerines in a mosaic of open wetland, riparian shrub, and meadow/field habitats, with some open water. From the Schouweiler Road

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access gate, birding the paths along weedy edges and thickets can usually produce a good mixture of sparrows. Raptors hunt the fields, and American bitterns, geese, and Virginia rails can be found in the sloughs and ponds. Green herons favor two larger ponds reached by walking east from the access gate along a gravel berm. Returning to US-12, we continue east two miles and take the Third Street Elma exit, following county park and airport signs onto Wenzel Slough Road. This ten mile loop westward from here through more floodplain habitat is at its best in winter and early spring when fields are flooded, but can be good in fall. From the main parking lot of the Vance Creek County Park, birding the path across the foot-bridge, riparian habitat and the long pond west of the parking lot can yield grebes, waterfowl, and gulls, as well as passerines (especially in migration). Fields near the airport, just ahead, sometimes have shorebirds in migration. Stopping frequently anywhere along this route to check ponds, open fields, riparian vegetation, thickets, and brushy patches, we will keep watch for bald eagle, northern harrier, and red-tailed hawk. **FR-8 Patrick & Ruth Sullivan; SA-8 Tim O'Brien; SU-8 Kraig Kemper**

WYNOOCHEE VALLEY—The Wynoochee Valley extends north 35 miles along the Wynoochee River from Montesano through farmlands and managed forests of Douglas fir, western red cedar, and western hemlock to Wynoochee Lake and Wynoochee Falls. The upper part of the Wynoochee Valley Road allows access to some of the higher elevation birds. The first part of the Wynoochee Valley Road travels by open farmlands surrounded by broadleaf trees and shrubby thickets. There are a number of good places to stop and bird along the road, checking the river, bordering trees, and shrubby thickets for passerines. Continuing along the Wynoochee Valley Road, we will scan the freshwater marshes and ponds for great blue heron, Wilson's snipe, and a variety of ducks. Gradually, the valley narrows and open farmlands give way to hillsides of managed forests of Douglas fir, western red cedar, and western hemlock. At about 18 miles, the road becomes dirt as it enters the Olympic National Forest. Now FR 22, the road continues through stands of coniferous woods and occasional clear cuts. From here north, we will check for warbling vireo (along streams), and purple finch and red crossbill in the conifers. At 35 miles, FR 22 turns left. Continuing straight ahead on FR 2270, the road runs along the east side of Wynoochee Lake for nine miles to Wynoochee Falls. Along this road and at the north end near Wynoochee Falls, we will check for birds of the higher elevation (sooty grouse, band-tailed pigeon, western screech-owl, Hammond's and Pacific-slope flycatchers, warbling vireo, Swainson's, hermit, and varied thrush, and western tanager). Returning to FR 22, we turn right on FR2294 toward Wynoochee Dam and after passing the outflow of the dam we can view the river below from an outlook near the Visitor Center. Continuing further north on FR2294, stops can be made at the Wynoochee Lake Dam and Picnic Area into a day use site that offers lush coniferous forests and scenic views of Wynoochee Lake and neighboring mountains and/or the Coho Campground to search for northern pygmy-owl, Vaux's swift, pileated woodpecker, gray jay, white-crowned sparrow, and black-headed grosbeak. From the campground, we will return to FR 22, head west along FR 22 and then Donkey Creek Road about 22 miles to get to US 101 near Humptulips. Along FR22 heading west we will search for olive-sided and willow flycatcher, black-throated gray and Wilson's warblers.

SA-9 Matt Bartels; SU-9 Tim O'Brien

WESTPORT PELAGIC—Since the mid-1960's, the Westport Pelagic Trips have gone offshore to deep oceanic waters, looking for seabirds unlikely to be seen from shore. This pelagic trip to Grays Canyon leaves the Westport marina at 6:30 AM, going approximately 30 miles offshore to the edge of the continental shelf. The Westport trips are well-known among birders for the reliability to view black-footed albatross, northern fulmar, fork-tailed storm-petrel, pink-

footed, Buller's and sooty shearwaters, red-necked and red phalaropes, pomarine, parasitic, and long-tailed jaegers, Sabine's gull, black-legged kittiwake, California, western, and glaucous-winged gull, Arctic tern, common murre, pigeon guillemot, Cassin's and rhinoceros auklets. Laysan albatross, flesh-footed shearwater, Leach's storm-petrel, South Polar skua and tufted puffin are possible this time of year. Saturday's pelagic trip will leave from float #8 aboard Westport Seabirds' vessel the Monte Carlo. Sunday and Monday's trips will leave float #12 aboard Catchalot Tours' vessel the Discovery. Three expert spotters accompany each trip. Trips will return to the Westport Marina between 3:00 and 4:00 PM unless Grays Harbor bar conditions warrant an earlier time. Each trip is limited to 25 participants. Cost for each field trip is \$110.

In the event a pelagic trip is cancelled, participants will receive a full field trip refund and alternative land trips will be arranged.

Refer to the Westport Seabirds website for information on preparing for a pelagic trips, including tips for managing seasickness, www.westportseabirds.com

SA-PEL Westport Seabirds; SU-PEL Catchalot Tours; MO-PEL Catchalot Tours

OWLING QUINAULT RIDGE ROAD—Evening owling at or near Lake Quinalt is offered as a likely spot for various owl species, with the best coverage along Quinalt Ridge Road. Species of owl that will be sought can include spotted, barred, great horned, northern pygmy, northern saw-whet, and western screech- owl.

FR-O10 Patrick Sullivan & Ken Knittle

OWLING ELMA/MONTESANO AREA—Evening owling in the Elma/Montesano area will be offered with similar species as those sought for the Quinalt Ridge Road, with the exception of spotted owl. Owling areas may include the upper portion of Vance Creek (accessed along Calder Road), along the Cloquallum-Lost Lake Road (east of Elma), and /or along Wynoochee Road (between Hwy.12 to Wynoochee Lake). **FR-O11 Tim O'Brien & Kraig Kemper**

SPEAKERS:

Michael Donahue leads off with a presentation Friday evening about ocean birding experiences. His talk titled "Shearwaters, Storm-petrels, and Skuas: Pelagic Birding in Washington Waters" will be at the Nordic Inn at 1700 S Boone St. Take US101 south across the Chehalis River to South Aberdeen and follow SR105 about one mile to the Grays Harbor College turnoff. The talk begins at 7:00 p.m. and will include a no-host bar beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday evening's banquet speaker will be Dennis Paulson speaking on one of his many areas of expertise, shorebirds. Besides authoring the highly acclaimed books *Shorebirds of the Pacific Northwest* and *Shorebirds of North America: The Photographic Guide*, Dennis is a charter member of the WOS Bird Records Committee. From his talk you should learn what it takes to have that rare shorebird record accepted by the Committee. His program will follow the banquet meal at the Armory Museum; Dennis will not put you to sleep.

ACCOMMODATIONS IN ABERDEEN:

Two Aberdeen motels, the GuestHouse Inn and the Olympic Inn, have blocks of rooms reserved for the WOS Conference weekend Thursday through Sunday with special rates, and many others are available in the vicinity. Conference attendees must make their own reservations by personally contacting either of the facilities listed below, or other lodging. You must mention the WOS Conference

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room block to obtain the special rates or block reservation considerations. Book early before the block of rooms are gone. A sampling of other motels is listed but is not complete and has not been evaluated for quality.

GuestHouse International Inn & Suites

http://www.guesthouseintl.com/property.cfm?property_id=48
701 East Heron, Aberdeen, WA 98520,
Voice: 360-537-7460, Fax: 360-537-7462
Total Rooms: 87; Suites: 12; Floors: 3; Check In Time: 3:00 PM ;
Check Out Time: Noon

Amenities include: free deluxe continental breakfast, 25" color television with movie, sports and news channel, VCR, AM/FM clock radio, free daily paper, coffeemaker with coffee, dataport telephones, electronic room keys, free local calls, hair dryer, high speed Internet access, iron and ironing board, microwave oven, refrigerator, voice mail service, indoor heated pool.

Olympic Inn Motel

616 W Heron St (US101), Aberdeen, WA 98520. 360-533-4200
Payment Accepted: American Express, Diner's Club, Mastercard, Visa
Amenities: Cable TV, Coffee maker, Complimentary breakfast, Complimentary morning newspaper, Data line.
Suites: 5; Check In Time: 1:00 pm

Other Aberdeen motels listed at one web site include the following:

Central Park Motel, 6504 Olympic Hwy, Aberdeen, 360-533-1210
Manitou Motel, 2408 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, 360-532-8410
Nordic Inn, 1700 S Boone St, Aberdeen, 360-533-0100
Travelodge Aberdeen, 521 W. Wishkah, Aberdeen, 360-532-5210
Wishkah Motel, 1120 E. Wishkah St, Aberdeen, 360-532-4103

MEALS:

With the 6:30 start time for field trips and the many options available in the area, the Board decided that only the banquet meal will be organized in advance. Price of the banquet meal includes tax and gratuity. All other meals are left to the birder's choice from among local delis, markets, restaurants, etc. Both the GuestHouse Inn and the Olympic Inn serve continental breakfast and have microwaves and refrigerators.

Breakfast – The following restaurants open early for breakfast:

- Anne Marie's Café, 110 South I St, Aberdeen, 98520. Located within a few blocks of the GuestHouse Inn.
- Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave., Aberdeen 98520. This restaurant is located a mile or so from the GuestHouse Inn.
- Denny's Restaurant, W. Heron & Jefferson, Aberdeen, 98520. This too is located within a mile of the GuestHouse Inn.
- Sidney's Tropical Rainforest Rest., 512 W. Heron, Aberdeen, 98520 This is one block from Denny's Restaurant.

Lunch - Some field trips might have food stops along their routes, but it is suggested that all participants pack a lunch and beverages the evening before.

Dinner – Except for the banquet you are on your own to enjoy anything from fast food to elegant dining in the Grays Harbor area. The Saturday banquet will be at the Aberdeen Museum of History ("Armory Museum") 111 East Third Street in Aberdeen. The location is 5 blocks north of Heron St on North Broadway. A no-host bar will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by the banquet meal at 6:30. A buffet meal with choice of Herb Stuffed Chicken Breast or Vegetarian Pasta is provided by Anne Marie's catering.

SCHEDULE:

Thursday September 13:

Registration at the Guesthouse Inn and Suites. 7:00-9:00 PM

Friday September 14:

Registration at the Guesthouse Inn and Suites. 5:30-6:20 AM
Field trips leave from Wal-Mart parking lot 6:30 AM
Registration continues at the Guesthouse Inn and Suites. 4:30-5:30 PM
No-host social at the Nordic Inn 6:00-8:00 PM
Owling trips leave from Wal-Mart parking lot 7:00 PM
Michael Donahue's talk on pelagic birding in Washington—Nordic Inn 7:00-8:00 PM
Registration continues at the Guesthouse Inn and Suites. 8:00-9:00 PM

Saturday September 15:

Registration at the Guesthouse Inn and Suites. 5:30-6:20 AM
Carpools to pelagic trips leave from Wal-Mart parking lot 5:45 AM
Land-based field trips leave from Wal-Mart parking lot 6:30 AM
Pelagic trip leaves with Westport Seabirds from Float #8 Westport Marina 6:30 AM
No-host social at the Aberdeen Museum of History, 111 East Third Street 5:30-6:30 PM
Banquet Dinner with keynote speaker Dennis Paulson—Armory Museum 6:30-8:30 PM

Sunday September 16:

Carpools to pelagic trips leave from Wal-Mart parking lot 5:45 AM
Land-based field trips leave from Wal-Mart parking lot 6:30 AM
Pelagic trip leaves with Catchalot Tours, Float #12 Westport Marina 6:30 AM

Monday September 17:

Carpools to pelagic trips leave from Wal-Mart parking lot 5:45 AM
Land-based field trips leave from Wal-Mart parking lot 6:30 AM
Pelagic trip leaves with Catchalot Tours, Float #12 Westport Marina 6:30 AM

REGISTRATION FORM

19th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE WASHINGTON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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NOTICES

ONE FORM PER PERSON. Otherwise there may be delays in processing your registration. Download additional form(s) from www.wos.org, photocopy, or print all information on separate pieces of paper.

REGISTRATION POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 10 WILL BE ASSESSED A \$10 LATE FEE.

REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 16, 2007. Registration materials postmarked as of June 16 will be processed in random order. Materials postmarked after June 16 will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. SPACE ON FIELD TRIPS IS LIMITED. As a courtesy to the business people in Aberdeen, have your registration materials returned to WOS by July 21, 2007.

REGISTRATION AT DOOR (Guest House and Suites). Applications for registration at the door of the Annual Meeting will HAVE NO GUARANTEE OF PARTICIPATION in the field trips or of the Saturday banquet. In addition there will be a \$10 LATE FEE.

Cancellations received on or before August 10 will receive a refund, less a \$10 processing fee. Additionally, cancellations received after August 10 will not receive a refund for the banquet meal.

LODGING IS NOT INCLUDED in Conference fees. Please refer to information provided and make your own arrangements.

REMEMBER TO WRITE AND SIGN THE RELEASE.

Attendee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State/Province, ZIP: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

Field trip carpooling: check if you are willing to drive: _____

Conference Fee:

\$35 per person \$ _____

\$10 Late Fee if postmarked after August 10, 2007 \$ _____

Membership: (All attendees must be WOS members):

Current Member (\$0) \$ _____

Renew 12-month individual (\$25)/Family (\$30) \$ _____

New WOS Individual Member (\$25) \$ _____

New WOS Family Member (\$30) \$ _____

Upgrade from Individual to Family Member (\$5) \$ _____

Conference Fee/Membership Subtotal \$ _____

Meal Subtotal: (from next page) \$ _____

Field Trips Subtotal: (from next page) \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to:
WOS

Send Registration Form
and Payment to:

**Washington Ornithological
Society**
Attn: Treasurer
P. O. Box 31783
Seattle, WA 98103-3783

Field Trips:

Carpool trips are \$20 each. Pelagic trips are \$110.each

Day trips leave from the Wal-Mart parking lot at 6:30 AM (sunrise: ~6:50 AM PDT); owling trips leave from the same location at 7:00 PM (sundown: ~7:30 PM PDT). Pelagic trips will depart from the Westport Marina at 6:30 AM. Participants should meet at the respective floats at least 15 minutes early.

Please indicate 1st through 10th (where applicable) for choices of trips. Field trips will be assigned based on choices indicated and space available. If you absolutely do not want to go on a particular field trip, please cross it out completely (e.g., _____ FR-1 Ocean Shores North).

If you wish to be partnered with someone on field trips, write their name(s) here: _____

Note: registration will not be processed until your partner's registration form and fees are received. We cannot guarantee that we'll be able to pair you.

Friday, September 14:

- _____ FR-1 **Ocean Shores North**
- _____ FR-2 **Ocean Shores South**
- _____ FR-3 **Point Grenville**
- _____ FR-5 **Aberdeen /Hoquiam Area**
- _____ FR-6 **Grays Harbor South Bay and Westport**
- _____ FR-7 **Grayland to Raymond**
- _____ FR-8 **Chehalis River Valley**

- _____ FR-O10 **Owling Quinault Ridge Road**
- _____ FR-O11 **Owling Elma/Montesano Area**

Saturday, September 15:

- _____ SA-1 **Ocean Shores North**
- _____ SA-2 **Ocean Shores South**
- _____ SA-3 **Point Grenville**
- _____ SA-4 **Lake Quinault**
- _____ SA-5 **Aberdeen /Hoquiam Area**
- _____ SA-6 **Grays Harbor South Bay and Westport**
- _____ SA-7 **Grayland to Raymond**
- _____ SA-8 **Chehalis River Valley**
- _____ SA-9 **Wynoochee Valley**
- _____ SA-PEL **WESTPORT SEABIRDS**

Sunday, September 16:

- _____ SU-1 **Ocean Shores North**
- _____ SU-2 **Ocean Shores South**
- _____ SU-3 **Point Grenville**
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- _____ SU-9 **Wynoochee Valley**
- _____ SU-PEL **CATCHALOT TOURS**

Monday, June 17:

- _____ MO-1 **Ocean Shores North**
- _____ MO-2 **Ocean Shores South**
- _____ MO-5 **Aberdeen /Hoquiam Area**
- _____ MO-6 **Grays Harbor South Bay and Westport**
- _____ MO-7 **Grayland to Raymond**
- _____ MO-PEL **CATCHALOT TOURS**

Field Trips Subtotal: \$ _____

Meal:

Saturday Banquet Dinner (\$25.00) _____ (circle either Herb Stuffed Chicken Breast (C) or Vegetarian Pasta (V))

Meal Subtotal: \$ _____

Check here if you plan to attend the Friday evening talk. _____

Release Form:

Pertaining to the activities organized by the Washington Ornithological Society for September 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2007:

I, _____, as a member of WOS, understand the dangers involved in the activities in which I plan to participate.

I will be fully responsible for any personal injuries and my personal well-being and will hold harmless the Washington Ornithological Society and its Board of Directors, agents, and staff.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Washington Field Notes August-September 2006

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Greater White-fronted Goose High counts included 1061 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 9/20 and 500 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/30 (PS,RS).

Brant Early for WA. 1 at Dungeness Spit *Clallam* on 8/23 (fide BN).

Cackling Goose Early reports included 1 possible Aleutian at Hoquiam STP *Grays Harbor* on 8/11 (GuM), 1 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 8/26 (SM), 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 9/1 (MiH), and 1 at Swinomish Channel *Skagit* on 9/16 (GB).

“Lesser” Canada Goose Early for WA. 1 at Sun Lakes SP *Grant* on 9/1 (SM).

Tundra Swan Early for WA. 1 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 9/13 (GiS).

Trumpeter Swan Early for WA. 1 at Elma *Grays Harbor* from at least 9/7 (FO) to 9/16 (PS,RS), and 1 at Lyman *Skagit* from 9/9 to 9/30 (GB).

Green-winged Teal Rare at sea. 1 flying 30 mi out on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/30 (BS).

Eurasian Wigeon 1 apparent hybrid at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/11 (CCx), and 1 at Gorst *Kitsap* on 9/28 (BWg).

Redhead Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Swantown *Island* on 8/28 (CCx).

Greater Scaup Early reports included 7 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 8/3 (PS,RS), 2 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 8/5 (BLa,NLa), and 3 at Swantown *Island* on 8/28 (CCx).

Lesser Scaup Uncommon breeder in w WA. 1 female with a brood at Swantown *Island* on 8/6, 3 broods at Deer Lagoon *Island* on 8/13, 2 broods at Sunlight Beach *Island* on 8/13, and another at Stanwood STP *Snobomish* on 8/13 (SM).

STELLER'S EIDER Rare in WA. 1 female at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 9/28 (DD,GT).

Harlequin Duck High count: 60 at Elwha River Dike *Clallam* on 9/6 (BN).

Black Scoter Early reports included 3 at Oak Bay CP *Jefferson* on 8/1 (fide BN), 1 female at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/3 (PS,RS), and 4 at Clinton *Island* on 8/28 (CCx).

Bufflehead Early reports included 2 at Paterson Slough *Benton* on 8/5 (BLa,NLa), 1 at Confluence SP *Chelan* on 8/10 (HO), 3 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/27 (PS,RS), and 2 at Swinomish Channel *Skagit* on 9/2 (GB).

Hooded Merganser Local high count: 30 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 9/18 (JA).

Red-breasted Merganser Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Two Rivers HMU *Franklin* on 9/2 (MD,MLD).

Ruddy Duck Rare breeder locally. 2 adults with a juvenile near Sequim *Clallam* on 8/3 (BN).

Spruce Grouse Thought to be rare at such low elevation in WA. 1 female at ~3300' at Kalispell Creek *Pend Oreille* on 8/4 (WaW).

Sooty Grouse Near edge of range after the “Blue” Grouse species split. 1 male at Naneum Ridge *Kittitas* on 8/10 (HO).

White-tailed Ptarmigan Reports included 4 above Cascade Pass *Skagit* on 8/1 (ST), 8 at Table Mountain *Whatcom* on 8/20 (HFl) with 7 on 8/31 (HA) and 2 there on 9/2 (RL), 3 at Snoqualmie Mountain *King* on 8/22 (MiH,EH), and 4 north of Slate Peak *Whatcom* on 9/2 (RbS).

Wild Turkey Locally uncommon. 14 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/3 (RKO).

Mountain Quail Locally rare. 1 at Biscuit Ridge *Walla Walla* on 8/24 (MD).

Yellow-billed Loon Uncommon in WA. 1 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 9/17 (BWg,BL).

Pied-billed Grebe High count: 132 at Turnbull NWR *Spokane* on 9/26 (CrC).

Horned Grebe Early reports included 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/3 (PhK), 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 8/5 (BLa,NLa), 2 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 8/20 (DoW), 3 at Oak Bay CP *Jefferson* on 8/28 (fide BN), and 3 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/29 (RfI).

Red-necked Grebe Migrant reports included 2 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/29 (RfI), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 9/2 (NLa,DR), 2 at Wanapum *Kittitas* on 9/7 (JaW) to 9/12 (PS,RS), 1 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 9/15 (SJ), and 1 at Richland *Benton* on 9/18 (BW).

Eared Grebe Reports included 1 at Stanwood STP *Snobomish* on 8/28 (CCx), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 9/6 (NLa), 3 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 9/6 (RH), 1 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 9/7 (PS,RS), 2 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 9/12 (MWO), and 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* from 9/26 to 9/30 (PS,RS).

Western Grebe Unprecedented breeding in w WA. 2 were nest building at Juanita Bay *King* on 8/7 where 5 adults were seen with 3 young on 9/11 (MFM).

Black-footed Albatross Rarely reported from land. 1 at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 8/11 (CWTr).

Laysan Albatross Rare in WA. 1 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/12 (fide RSh) with 2 on the 9/8 trip (BL).

Northern Fulmar High count: 421 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/12 (BL).

Pink-footed Shearwater Rarely reported from land. 5 at Tatoosh Island *Clallam* on 9/11 (CCx), and 2 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 9/19 (MPa).

Flesh-footed Shearwater Uncommon in WA. 3 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/12 (BL) with 2 on the 9/30 trip (BS).

Buller's Shearwater Rarely reported from land. 2 claimed from Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 8/11 (CWTr).

GREATER SHEARWATER Rare in WA. 1 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/9 (SMi).

Sooty Shearwater High count: 160,000 reported at North Cove *Pacific* on 8/7 (CWTr).

Short-tailed Shearwater Early report. 1 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 9/19 (MPa).

MANX SHEARWATER Rare in WA. 1 “Manx type” at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 8/2 (JeB) and 8/11 (CWTr), and 1 identified to species on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/8 (BL) and 9/9 (fide RSh).

Leach's Storm-Petrel Reports included 48 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/12 (BL) with 5 on the 8/24 trip (fide RSh).

BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY Rare in WA. 1 immature photographed at Samish Island *Skagit* on 8/6 (RyM).

American White Pelican High count: 450 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/5 (MD,MLD).

Brown Pelican High count: 1000 near Hobuck Beach *Clallam* on 9/25 (CRi). Uncommon away from outer coast. 1 off Restoration Point *Kitsap* on 9/9 (BWg), 1 at Satellite Island *San Juan* on 9/13 (CF), 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 9/15 (DD), 1 off Point Jefferson *Kitsap* on 9/19 (BWg), 2 at Salsbury Point CP *Jefferson* on 9/20 (fide BN), 1 off Lummi Island *Whatcom* on 9/21 (fide ThA), and 1 at Nisqually Reach *Thurston* on 9/24 (PS,RS).

American Bittern Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 8/24 (SJ), and 2 at Turnbull NWR *Spokane* on 9/26 (CrC).

Great Blue Heron High count: 310 at Padilla Bay *Skagit* on 8/23 (RyM).

Great Egret Reports included 5 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 8/13 with 8 on 8/26 (PS,RS) and 2 there on 9/30 (MtD), 2 at Bay City *Grays Harbor* on 8/30 with 12 there on 9/23 (PS,RS), 13 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/30 (JE) with 6 there on 9/24 (RKO), 1 at Big Ditch *Snobomish* on 9/2 (SA), and 150 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/9 (MtD).

SNOWY EGRET Rare in WA. 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/13 (DSc) and 9/9 (MtD), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* from 8/11 (GuM) to 8/23 (MaB,GW), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/2 (MMi) and 9/3 (BiC).

Green Heron Rare in e WA. 1 at Greenacres *Spokane* from 8/7 to 9/21 (JRo,MWO), and 1 reported at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 9/8 (fide SJ).

Black-crowned Night-Heron Uncommon and local in w WA. 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/6 (RyM), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/9 (PS,RS), 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/13 (WC) and 9/6 (JE), and 1 at Swinomish Channel *Skagit* on 8/13 (MaB).

Turkey Vulture Locally uncommon. 12 at Table Rock *Columbia* on 8/27 with 21 on 9/22 and 1 there on 9/27 (MD), 62 east of Mazama *Okanogan* on 9/2 (RbS), 3 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/4 (FAv) with 2 there on 9/14 (PS,RS), 3 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/13 (fide DMA) with 1 there on 9/22 (RfI), 1 at the Dalles Dam *Klickitat* on 9/15, 13 near Goldendale *Klickitat* on 9/16 (SJ), 16 at Finley *Benton* on 9/18, 1 at

Pasco *Franklin* on 9/19 (fide BLA), and 10 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 9/21 (MD,MLD).

White-tailed Kite Uncommon and local in WA. 1 at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 8/26 (HJ) and 9/24 (KAN) with 2 there from 9/26 to 9/30 (PS,RS), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/27 (GW) and from 9/14 to 9/30 (PhK), 2 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wabkiakum* on 9/3, and 2 at Puget Island *Wabkiakum* on 9/3 (fide TAv), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 9/6 (JE) to 9/30 (WC), and 1 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 9/23 (PS,RS).

Northern Goshawk High count: 8 at Table Rock *Columbia* on 9/22 and 9/24 (MD).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK Rare in WA. 1 immature at Kent *King* on 8/27 (CWr), 1 immature at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 8/30 to 9/30 (JE) with a second bird there from 9/4 to 9/30 (WC), and 2 reportedly observed at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* from 9/5 to 9/14 (fide SJ).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK

Considered rare in WA. 4 migrants reported at Chelan Ridge *Chelan* from 9/8 to 9/22 (fide KeW).

Swainson's Hawk Locally rare. 7 reported south of Chinook Pass *Yakima/Pierce* on 9/24 (DaH).

Ferruginous Hawk Late report: 1 adult west of Odessa *Lincoln* on 8/20 (GiS).

Rough-legged Hawk Early reports included 3 at Table Rock *Columbia* on 9/18 with 1 there on 9/20 and 9/22 (MD).

Golden Eagle Uncommon in w WA. 2 adults north of Windy Gap *King* on 9/8 (MtB), 1 immature at Sibley Pass *Skagit* on 9/10 (GB), 1 immature at Slate Peak *Whatcom* on 9/10 (HFI), 1 near Easy Pass *Skagit* on 9/22 (PhP), and 1 at Table Mountain *Whatcom* on 9/25 (PLo,GiS).

Merlin Reports for e WA included 1 at Spangle *Spokane* on 9/1 (MWo), 1 at Washitucna *Adams* on 9/9 (PS,RS) and 9/22 (RFI), 1 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/14 (MWo,RoW), 2 at Table Rock *Columbia* on 9/23 (MD), and 1 at Corfu *Grant* on 9/29 (RH).

Peregrine Falcon Reports for e WA included 1 at Othello *Adams* on 8/1 (RFI), 2 at Palouse Falls *Franklin* on 9/8 (JaW), 1 at Table Rock *Columbia* on 9/8 with 1 there 9/22 to 9/24 (MD), 1 at Potholes *Grant* from 9/9 (MtD) to 9/16 (DSc), 1 at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 9/16 (fide SJ), 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/16 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 9/30 (DSc).

Prairie Falcon Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Paradise in Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 8/13 (PLo), 1 at Cutthroat Pass *Skagit* on 8/19 (HA,ThA), 2 at Slate Peak *Whatcom* on 9/2 (MiF) and 9/10 (HFI), 1 near Easy Pass *Skagit* on 9/22 (PhP), 1 at Table Mountain *Whatcom* on 9/25 (PLo,GiS), and 2 at Sunrise in Mount

Rainier NP *Pierce* 9/27 (TAv).

Sandhill Crane Reports included 40 over Brinnon *Jefferson* on 8/29 (fide BN), 9 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/11, 61 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 9/16 (JE), 7 at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 9/16 (PS,RS) with 1 there on 9/24 (KAN), 2 at Swinomish Channel *Skagit* on 9/16 (GB), 5 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 9/21 (BWg), 90 over Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 9/23 (SA), 7 over Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 9/23 (PS,RS), and 3 over Littlerock *Thurston* on 9/23 (GW).

Black-bellied Plover Uncommon in e WA. 3 at Soap Lake *Grant* from 9/22 to 9/25 (DSc), 3 north of Pasco *Franklin* on 9/27 and 9/28 (fide BLA), and 1 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 9/28 (JA).

American Golden-Plover Reports included 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/10 (SM) and 8/30 (GAL,RL), 1 flyover reported Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/3 (CWr), 2 juveniles at Westport

Semipalmated Plover Uncommon in e WA. 5 at Flying Goose Ranch *Pend Oreille* on 8/1 with 3 there on 9/30, 2 at Colville *Stevens* on 8/6 and 9/6, (GiS), 2 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/14 (BLA,NLA), 1 at Othello *Adams* from 8/18 (RFI) to 8/27 (RH), 5 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/18 (DSc) with 3 there on 8/20 (BLA,NLA), 1 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 8/19 and 9/9 (DSc), 1 at St Andrews *Douglas* on 9/1 (SM), and 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 8/19 (RFI) with 3 on 9/2 (SM) and 1 there on 9/16 (MD,MLD).

COMMON RINGED PLOVER Rare in WA. 1 reported near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/23 (JBr,CCx) would be the first state record if accepted by WBRC.

American Avocet Rare in w WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/19 (BIC). Late report: 3 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 9/29 (DaP).

Greater Yellowlegs High count: 200 reported at Ocean City SP *Grays Harbor* on 9/13 (CBy).

Lesser Yellowlegs High counts included 28 at Swinomish Channel *Skagit* on 8/6 (GB), and 39 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/16 (TAv).

Solitary Sandpiper Numbers possibly down with less than 40 reported included 2 at Hatton *Adams* on 8/1, 4 at Othello *Adams* on 8/19 (RFI), 4 at Turnbull NWR *Spokane* on 8/4 (CrC), 3 at Colville *Stevens* on 8/6 (GiS), 2 at Sammamish *King* on 8/20 (EH), 3 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/27 (NLA), 3 at Dodson Road *Grant* on 9/9 (MtD), and 1 at Silver Lake *Spokane* on 9/22 (JA).

Willet Uncommon and local in WA. 1 at Kennedy Creek *Mason* on 8/12 and 8/18 (JBU), 1 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 8/13 (PS,RS), and 11 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/11 (CCx).

Whimbrel Uncommon locally. 1 at Blyn Clallam on 8/4 (BN,JMU), 1 at Crockett Lake Island on 9/2 (HA,ThA), 1 at Spencer Island *Snobomish* on 9/4 (SA), and 1 at Samish Island *Skagit* on 9/11 (HA).

Long-billed Curlew Uncommon in w WA away from outer coast. 1 fly-by reported at Battle Ground *Clark* on 9/22 (JDz).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT Rare in WA. 1 juvenile at Warm Beach *Snobomish* on 8/13 (MR).

BAR-TAILED GODWIT Rare in WA. 1 adult at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 9/30 (MtD).

Marbled Godwit Rare in e WA. 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 8/20 (MD,MLD). Uncommon locally. 3 at Drayton Harbor *Whatcom* on 8/29 (HFI) with 1 there on 9/23 (MiF), 10 at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 9/12, and 2 at Dungeness Spit *Clallam* on 9/13 (SA). High count: 800 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/23 (PS,RS).

Ruddy Turnstone Uncommon in Puget Sound. 2 off Restoration Point *Kitsap* on 8/8



American Bittern, Nisqually NWR, *Thurston*, September 25, 2006.
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Grays Harbor on 9/12 (CCx), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 9/20 to 9/22 (JE), and 1 at Semiahmoo *Whatcom* on 9/23 (MiF).

Pacific Golden-Plover Reports included 1 at Swantown Island on 8/6 (SM,DSc), 1 adult at Blyn *Clallam* on 8/17 (BN), 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 8/26 (BoB), 1 juvenile at Blaine *Whatcom* on 8/29 (HFI), 1 juvenile at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 9/12 (BN), 2 juveniles at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 9/16 (PS,RS), and 3 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/16 (GFr) with 8 there on 9/26 (PS,RS).

Golden-Plover sp. Reports included 2 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/7 (KuG) with 6 on 9/6 (TO) and 9 reported there on 9/7 (PS,RS), 1 flying off Point Jefferson *Kitsap* on 9/27 (BWg), and 1 at Sequim Bay *Clallam* on 9/28 (BN).

Snowy Plover Uncommon and local in WA. 8 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 8/12 (MaB) with 1 there on 9/3 (DGr), and 5 at Grayland SP *Grays Harbor* on 9/18 (MR).

(BWg), and 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 8/21 (DD).

Surfbird Unusual for location. 2 at Discovery Park *King* on 8/13 (EH).

Red Knot Rare in e WA. 1 juvenile at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 9/30 (DSc). Reports for w WA included 7 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 8/28 (ST) with 9 there on 9/30 (MtD), 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/20 (MaB) and 8/30 (RL), 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 9/2, 1 at Port Townsend *Jefferson* on 9/22 (fide BN), and 6 at Semiahmoo *Whatcom* on 9/23 (MiF).

Sanderling Uncommon away from salt water. 2 at Paterson Slough *Benton* on 8/13 (BLa,NLa), 4 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/29 (RfI) with 3 there on 9/16 (DSc), 1 at Vancouver Lake *Clark* on 9/2, and 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/4 (WC).

Semipalmated Sandpiper Numbers down from last year but ~ 100 birds included notable reports of 5 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/2, 1 at Ocean Shores STP *Grays Harbor* on 8/3 (PS,RS) and 9/11 (CCx), 10 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/3 (TAv) with 8 there from 8/6 to 8/10, 6 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 8/6 (SM), 1 at Restoration Point *Kitsap* on 8/8 (BWg), 3 at Hobuck Beach *Clallam* on 8/11 (CWt), 5 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 8/19, 8 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/19 with 2 there on 9/9 (DSc), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/4 (WC), and 2 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 9/9 (DSc).

LITTLE STINT Rare in WA. 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/7 (NLa).

Western Sandpiper High count for e WA: 150 at Paterson Slough *Benton* on 8/20 (BLa,NLa).

Baird's Sandpiper Low numbers. High count only 25 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 9/9 (MtD). High elevation reports: 1 at Chinook Pass *Pierre* on 8/17 (CWt), and 3 on a snow bank at Mount Baker *Whatcom* on 8/20 (HfI).

Pectoral Sandpiper Low numbers. High count: 30 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/9 (MtD).

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Uncommon in WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 9/15 (GFr,WC) to 9/21 (JE,JDz).

Stilt Sandpiper Reports included 1 at Othello *Adams* on 8/4 (RfI), 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/13 with 5 on 8/25 (DSc) and 1 there on 9/9 (MtD), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/13 (WC), 3 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 8/15 (CWt) with 5 there on 8/26 (SM), 1 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 8/19 (DSc), 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/26 (MD,MLD), 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/30 (GAl,RL) and 9/30 (ENe), 1 at Crockett Lake *Island* 8/31 (BN), 1 at St Andrews *Douglas* on 9/1 (SM), 1 at Swantown *Island* on 9/2 (HA,ThA), 3 at Colville STP *Stevens* on 9/6 (GiS), 1 at Samish

Flats *Skagit* on 9/9 (HA), and 6 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 9/13 (MWo).

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER Rare in WA. 1 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 9/8 (BS).

RUFF Rare in WA. 1 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* from 9/2 to 9/4 (AS,DGr), 1 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 9/2, 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/2 (AS), 1 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 9/10 (PLo), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/12 (JE) with 2 there from 9/15 (fide WC) to 9/17 (RfI), and 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 9/21 (BN) with 3 reported on 9/22 and 1 there on 9/23 (BoB).

Short-billed Dowitcher Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Colville STP *Stevens* on 8/6 (GiS), 7 reported at Othello *Adams* on 8/18 (RfI), 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/19, 1 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 8/19 (DSc), 2 reported at Calispell Lake *Pend Oreille* on 8/24, and 1 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 9/13 (GiS).

9/16, and 9/22 (VN), 1 reported from the Keystone Ferry *Island/Jefferson* on 8/31 (BN), 1 off Restoration Point *Kitsap* on 9/9 (BWg), 1 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 9/19 (MPa), and 1 at Shoreline *King* on 9/22 (DD).

Parasitic Jaeger High counts included 18 at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 8/11 (CWt), and 12 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/16 (VN).

Long-tailed Jaeger High count: 26 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/9 (BL). Uncommon in Puget Sound. 1 adult at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/16 (VN).

South Polar Skua High count: 23 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/30 (BS,MtD).

Franklin's Gull Uncommon in WA. 3 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 8/5 (BLa,NLa), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 8/9 and 9/22 (VN), 1 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 8/19 (DSc), 1 at Eglon *Kitsap* on 8/19 (EH,BWg), 1 at Discovery Park

King on 8/29 (MaB), 1 at Blaine *Whatcom* on 8/29 (HfI), 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/2 (CWt), 1 at Vashon Island *King* on 9/7 (MiH) with 2 there on 9/24 (PK), 2 at Blyn *Clallam* on 9/8 (SA) with 5 on 9/9 and 3 there on 9/27 (BN, JM), 1 at Jensen Access *Skagit* on 9/9 (GB), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 9/16 and 9/28 (BWg), and 1 at John Wayne Marina *Clallam* on 9/23 (BN).

BLACK-HEADED GULL Rare in WA. 1 immature reported on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/24 (SMi,BL).

Bonaparte's Gull High count: 3000 at Richmond Beach *King* on 9/30 (EH).

Heermann's Gull High counts included 10,000 reported at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/3 (PS,RS), and 500 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/15 (VN).

Mew Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 9/29 (SJ).

California Gull High counts included 50,000 reported at North Cove *Pacific* on 8/7 (CWt), and 6000 at Port Angeles *Clallam* on 8/26 (BoB).

Western X Glaucous-winged Gull Uncommon in e WA. 2 at Wallula *Walla Walla* on 9/2 (SM).

Sabine's Gull High count: 600 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/10 (fide RSh). Uncommon away from open ocean. 1 immature at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 8/4 (VN), 2 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 9/2 (MD,MLD), 1 at Wanapum *Kittitas* on 9/7 (JaW), 2 at Edmonds *King* on 9/12 with 1 there on 9/14 (DD), 2 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/16 (DSc), and 1 at Sprague Lake *Adams* on 9/17 (GiS,MWo).

Common Tern Inland reports included 2 at Potholes *Grant* on 8/29 (RfI), 10 at Two Rivers HMU *Benton* on 9/2 (MD,MLD) with 1 there



Snowy Egret, Nisqually NWR, *Thurston*, September 21, 2006.
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Wilson's Phalarope Late reports included 1 at St Andrews *Douglas* on 9/1 (SM), and 1 at West Medical Lake *Spokane* on 9/2 (CrC).

Red-necked Phalarope High counts: 2000 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 8/19 (DSc), and 720 at Richmond Beach *King* on 9/1 (MtB). High elevation report: 3 at Mount Baker *Whatcom* on 8/31 (HA). Late report: 2 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 9/23 (PS,RS).

Red Phalarope Uncommon near shore. 1 reported at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 8/11 (CWt), 1 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 9/12 (CCx), and 1 off Point Jefferson *Kitsap* on 9/27 and 9/30 (BWg,EH).

Pomarine Jaeger High count: 29 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/30 (fide RSh). Nearly unprecedented numbers from shore included 8 reported at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 8/11 (CWt) with 1 there on 9/10 (JBr,CCx), 3 adults at Discovery Park *King* on 8/25 (MtB) with 1 subadult there later that day (EH), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 8/29 on

on 9/26 (DR), 2 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/3 (BW) with 3 there on 9/18 (NLa), 8 at Wanapum *Kittitas* on 9/7 (JaW) with 1 there on 9/17 (SDo), 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 9/15 (RfI), 7 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 9/15 (SJ), 1 at Flying Goose Ranch *Pend Oreille* on 9/15 (GiS), 2 at Roosevelt *Klickitat* on 9/16 (SJ), 3 at Sprague Lake *Adams* on 9/17 (GiS) with 2 there on 9/22 (JA), 1 at Eloika Lake *Spokane* on 9/17 (ILi), and 1 at Magnuson Park *King* on 9/18 (JB).

Forster's Tern Rare in w WA. 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 8/29 (MaB), and 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 9/20 (DD) with 2 on 9/28 (CWf) and 1 there on 9/30 (GB,HA). Late report for e WA: 6 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/24 (BW). High count: 50 at Paterson Slough *Benton* on 8/13 (BLa,NLa).

Black Tern Late reports included 1 at Turnbull NWR *Spokane* on 8/4 (CrC), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 8/4 (VN), and 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/5 (MD,MLD).

Marbled Murrelet High count: 101 from Jamestown to Protection Island *Clallam/Jefferson* on 9/25 (fide BN).

XANTUS'S MURRELET Rare in WA. 1 reported on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/30 (fide RSh). 2 *scrippsi* on the 8/24 trip (SMi,BL) were not conclusively separated from Craveri's Murrelet, although the latter has not been identified in WA.

Ancient Murrelet Early report: 1 at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 8/11 (CWf).

Tufted Puffin Reports included 4 at La Push *Clallam* on 8/5 (KuG), 100 estimated at Tatoosh Island *Clallam* on 8/11 (CWf) with 10 there on 9/11 (CCx), 4 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/12 (BL) with 1 on the 9/30 trip (BS), and 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 8/16 (KDi) and 8/26 (CCx).

HORNED PUFFIN Rare in WA. 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 8/12 (PR,ScH), and 1 reported at Tatoosh Island *Clallam* on 9/10 (JBr,CCx).

Band-tailed Pigeon Uncommon in e WA. 4 at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 8/26 with 9 there on 9/16, and 12 near White Salmon *Klickitat* on 9/16 (fide SJ). High elevation report: 5 flyovers at Burroughs Mountain *Pierce* on 9/27 (TAv).

Mourning Dove Rare at sea. 1 fourteen miles out on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/8 (BL).

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE Rare but increasing in WA. 8 at Desert Aire *Yakima* from 8/1 to 9/30 (DGr), 2 at Sequim *Clallam* from 8/16 to 8/23 (fide DSc), 8 at Washtucna *Adams* on 8/18 (RfI) and 9/2 (RH), 13 at Goldendale *Klickitat* on 8/21 (fide SJ), 1 at

Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/13 (GiS), and 7 at Fairfield *Spokane* on 9/17 (MWO,ROW).

Western Screech-Owl Locally uncommon. 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/12 (PS,RS), and 1 at North Richland *Benton* on 9/29 (BW).

Great Horned Owl High elevation report: 1 at 6200' on Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/27 (TAv).

Northern Pygmy-Owl High elevation report: 1 at 6250' on Table Rock *Columbia* on 9/28 (MD).

Long-eared Owl High elevation report: 7 at 6200' on Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/27 (TAv).

Short-eared Owl Early w WA reports included 1 at Crockett Lake *Island* 8/28 (fide ThA), 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* 8/30 (RL), and 1 near Carnation *King* 8/31 (fide TAv).

Boreal Owl Reports included 6 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/27 (TAv) with 2 there on 9/28 (JAc).



Sharp-tailed Sanpiper, River S Unit, Ridgefield NWR, *Clark*, September 18, 2006. Photo by Ruth Sullivan.

Common Nighthawk Reports from w WA included 5 at Glacier *Whatcom* on 8/2 (SI), 1 at Oak Bay CP *Jefferson* on 8/3 with 3 there on 8/22 (fide BN), 2 at Hoh River *Clallam* on 8/5 (KuG), 12 at Shine *Jefferson* on 8/6 (JAc), 1 at Markham *Grays Harbor* on 8/26, 5 at Raymond *Pacific* on 8/30 (PS,RS), 1 at Lake Sacajawea *Cowlitz* on 9/11 (RKO), 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 9/18 (fide TAv), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 9/23 (BWg), and 2 at Orting *Pierce* on 9/28 (PWe).

Common Poorwill Late reports included 1 at ALES *Benton* 8/31 (NLa,DR), and 7 west of Corfu *Grant* on 9/16 (RH).

Black Swift Locally uncommon. 25 at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 8/11 (CWf), 2 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 8/23 (BWg), 2 at Metaline Falls *Pend Oreille* on 8/24 (GiS,MaM), 10 at Jamestown *Clallam* on 9/9 (DoW), 2 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/16 (SM), and 1 at Yakima *Yakima* on 9/20 (DGr).

Vaux's Swift Migrant reports included 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/2 (RH,RfI), 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/9 (MD,MLD), and 2 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/12 (MWO). High counts included 500 near Auburn *King* on 8/5 (CWf), and 2000 at Monroe *Snobomish* on 9/16 (JB).

White-throated Swift High count: 185 at Table Rock *Columbia* on 9/23 (MD).

Black-chinned Hummingbird Rare in w WA. 1 at South Prairie *Skamania* on 8/3 (SJ). Late e WA reports included 1 at Tower Mountain *Spokane* on 9/10, 1 at Dalkena *Pend Oreille* on 9/15 (MWO), and 1 at North Richland *Benton* on 9/20 (BW).

Anna's Hummingbird Evidence of rapid expansion continues. 1 at Wapato *Yakima* on 8/11 (AS), 1 at Richland *Benton* from 9/5 to 9/30 (LHi), 1 at Morse Creek Bluff *Clallam* from 9/1 to 9/30 (JMu), 1 at Joyce *Clallam* from 9/7 to 9/20 (BN), 1 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 9/7 (PS,RS), 2 at South Prairie *Pierce* on 9/30 (CWf), and 3 at Anacortes *Skagit* on 9/30 (fide ThA).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD Rare in WA. 1 female type seen and heard at South Prairie *Pierce* on 9/30 (CWf).

Lewis's Woodpecker Migrant reports included 1 at Horn Rapids *Benton* on 8/24, 1 at ALES *Benton* on 8/31 (NLa), 1 juvenile reported at Tacoma *Pierce* on 9/1 (GnS), 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/17 (GiS,MWO), and 1 at 6250' on Table Rock *Columbia* on 9/17 (MD).

Acorn Woodpecker Rare in WA. 1 photographed at Cheney *Spokane* on 9/8 (fide CrC), and 2 near Lyle *Klickitat* on 9/16 and 9/26 (fide SJ).

Red-naped Sapsucker Uncommon in w WA. 1 at

Naches Pass *King* on 8/29 (MiH). Migrant reports for e WA included 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/12 (MWO), 1 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/14 (PS,RS), and 2 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/17 (GiS,MWO).

Red-breasted Sapsucker Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Catherine Creek *Klickitat* on 9/16, 1 near Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 9/16, 2 near Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 9/16, and 1 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 9/26 (fide SJ).

Williamson's Sapsucker Rare locally. Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/12 (MWO,JA).

Hairy Woodpecker Uncommon in Columbia Basin. 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/3 (CWf), 1 near Schwana *Grant* on 9/8 (PS,RS), and 1 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 9/16 (MD,MLD).

White-headed Woodpecker Reports included 1 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 9/16, and 3 near White Salmon *Klickitat* on 9/16 (SJ).

American Three-toed Woodpecker Reports included 1 female at Colockum Pass *Kittitas* on

8/10 (HO), and 1 female at Hart's Pass *Whatcom* on 9/2 (MiF) and 9/10 (HFI).

Black-backed Woodpecker Uncommon in WA. 1 along FR 4625 *Garfield* on 8/16 (MD,MLD), and 1 reported at Hart's Pass *Okanogan* on 9/2 (RbS).

"Yellow-shafted Flicker" Early for WA. 1 reported near Schwana *Grant* on 9/4 (RFL).

Olive-sided Flycatcher Columbia Plateau migrants included 1 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 8/18 (MD,MLD), 2 at Othello *Adams* on 8/20 (RFL), 3 at Washtucna *Adams* from 8/20 (BLa, NLa) to 9/12 (PS,RS) with 1 there on 9/23 (RFL), 3 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 8/26 (MD,MLD) with 1 there on 9/9 (SM), 1 at Horn Rapids *Benton* on 8/31 (BLa,NLa), 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* from 9/2 (RH) to 9/9 (MD,MLD), 1 at Palouse Falls *SP Franklin* on 9/8 (JaW), 1 near Schwana *Grant* on 9/10 (RFL), and 2 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/12 (MWo,RoW).

Western Wood-Pewee High count: 59 reported at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 8/3 (MD,MLD). Late reports included 1 at Cockreham Island *Skagit* on 9/22 (GB), and 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/23 (RFL).

Least Flycatcher Uncommon in WA. 1 nw of Elk *Spokane* on 8/1 (MWo), 1 adult banded at Turnbull NWR *Spokane* on 8/3 with a juvenile banded there on 8/17 (MF), 1 at Cheney *Spokane* on 8/13 (CrC), 1 reported at Washtucna *Adams* from 8/18 (RFL) to 9/8 (PS,RS), and 1 at St Andrews *Douglas* on 9/1 (SM).

Hammond's Flycatcher Early migrants included 1 at ALES *Benton* on 8/6 (BLa,NLa), and 2 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/16 (TAv).

Dusky Flycatcher Early migrants: 3 at ALES *Benton* on 8/6 (BLa,NLa).

Gray Flycatcher Migrant reports included 1 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 8/13 (BLa,NLa), and 1 at Washtucna *Adams* from 9/1 (SDo) to 9/8 (PS,RS).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher Late report: 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/30 (PS,RS).

Ash-throated Flycatcher Rare in w WA. 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/20 (SM).

Western Kingbird Uncommon in w WA. 1 near Tenino *Thurston* on 8/16 (LnS), and 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 9/3 (AK). Late e WA reports included 2 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/8 (PS,RS), and 1 east of Othello *Adams* on 9/21 (RFL).

Eastern Kingbird Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Northern State Reserve *Skagit* on 8/4 (GB), and 1 at Spencer Island *Snobomish* on 8/13 (JB). Late e WA reports included 4 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/2 (RFL,RH), 1 at Touchet Valley *Walla Walla* on 9/2 (RFL), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 9/5 (NLa), and 1 at Washtucna

Adams on 9/8 (JaW).

Cassin's Vireo High elevation report: 1 at 5500' south of Mt Adams *Yakima* on 8/6 (BT). **BLUE-HEADED VIREO** Rare in WA. 1 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 9/23 (JoR, SuR).

Hutton's Vireo Rare in e WA. 1 at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 8/3 with 3 there on 8/26, and 1 ne of White Salmon *Klickitat* on 9/14 (SJ).

Warbling Vireo Late reports included 1 at Richland *Benton* on 9/24 (BW), and 1 at St Cloud Ranch *Skamania* on 9/24 (SJ,CF).

Red-eyed Vireo High count: 30 from Marble to Boundary *Stevens* on 8/6 (GiS). Migrant reports included 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/17 (PhK) and 8/27 (PS,RS), 1 near Schwana *Grant* on 8/26 (SM) and 9/8 (PS,RS), 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 9/1 (MiH), 2 at Cockreham Island *Skagit* on 9/3 (GB), 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/4, 1 at Palouse Falls *Franklin* on 9/4 (TAv), 1 at Wapato *Yakima* on

(MtB), 2 at Foulweather Bluff *Kitsap* on 9/23, 2 at Kingston *Kitsap* on 9/23 (BWg), and 1 *alpina/articola* at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/26 (PS,RS).

Purple Martin Reports included 2 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 8/3, 3 at Goose Lake *Skamania* on 8/3 (SJ), 14 at Juanita Bay *King* on 8/7 (MFM), a pair with young at Tokeland *Pacific* on 8/13 (PS,RS), at least 2 at Lake Whatcom *Whatcom* on 8/17 (SK), 17 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 8/25 with 2 there on 9/7 (PS,RS), 53 at West Seattle *King* on 8/28 (ENE), 9 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 9/19 (fide TAv), and 4 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 9/21 (BN, JMu).

Bank Swallow Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/3 (RL) and 8/23 (PS,RS), 60 near Auburn *King* on 8/5 (CWt), 1 at Kent *King* on 8/5 (MtD), 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/19, 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 8/20 (SM) to 8/31 (TAv), 1 reported at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/25 (PS,RS), 1 near Clinton *Kitsap* on 8/28 (CCx), 1 at Big Ditch *Snobomish* on 9/2 (SA), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/4 (WC).

Barn Swallow High count: 1200 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/14 (JE).

Cliff Swallow Late reports included 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 8/31, 1 at Sprague Lake *Adams* on 9/4 (TAv), and 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/4 (RKO).

Mountain Chickadee Rare in lowlands. 1 reported at Tacoma *Pierce* on 8/28 (GnS).

Chestnut-backed Chickadee Unusual location. 5 at 7200' on Fremont Mountain *Pierce* on 9/27 (TAv).

Boreal Chickadee Only report: 1 at Bunchgrass Meadow *Pend Oreille* on 9/30 (GiS, PLo).

Red-breasted Nuthatch Early

Columbia Plateau reports included 2 at Othello *Adams* on 8/1 (RH), 1 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 8/13 (NLa), and 2 at Washtucna *Adams* on 8/18 (RFL).

Rock Wren Uncommon locally. A pair carrying food at Lake of the Woods *Pend Oreille* on 8/1 (GiS, MWo).

House Wren Locally uncommon. 1 at Sequim *Clallam* on 9/8 (SA).

Winter Wren Early reports included 1 near Schwana *Grant* on 9/2 (SM) and 9/4 (RFL), and 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/4 (TAv).

Marsh Wren Unusual location. 1 reported at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/8 (PS,RS).

Golden-crowned Kinglet Early migrant reports included 1 at Touchet Valley *Walla Walla* on 9/2, 1 near Schwana *Grant* on 9/3 (RFL), and 1 at Ralston *Adams* on 9/4 (TAv).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early migrant reports included 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/2 (RFL), and 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 9/4 (PS,RS).



Juvenile Ruff, Bottle Beach, Grays Harbor, September 2, 2006.
Photo by Denny Granstrand.

9/6 (AS), and 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/9 (MD,MLD) and 9/13 (PS,RS).

Gray Jay Uncommon at lower elevations. 2 at Rattlesnake Ledge *King* on 8/28 (fide TAv), at least 5 near Joyce *Clallam* on 8/29 (fide BN), 1 near Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 9/16, and 3 near White Salmon *Klickitat* on 9/16 (fide SJ).

Western Scrub-Jay Reports from expanding range included 1 at Morse Creek Bluff *Clallam* from 8/8 to 9/30 (JMu), 2 juveniles in Seattle's Central District *King* on 8/8 (ST), 1 at Everett *Snobomish* on 8/24 (SM), 1 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 8/24 (SJ), 1 east of Goldendale *Klickitat* on 9/13 (SJ), 1 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 9/16 (PS,RS), and 2 at Prosser *Benton* on 9/30 (fide TAv).

Horned Lark Migrant reports included 56 *alpina/articola* at Table Rock *Columbia* on 9/8 (MD), 12 at Discovery Park *King* on 9/20 (PR), 7 *alpina/articola* at Salmo Mountain *Pend Oreille* on 9/23 (MWo,RoW), 5 at Marymoor Park *King* on 9/21 (EH,MFM) with 2 there on 9/22

Western Bluebird Locally uncommon in w WA. 6 near Tenino *Thurston* on 8/16 (LnS), 1 near McCleary *Grays Harbor* on 8/25 (BN), and 3 at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 9/30 (PS,RS).

Mountain Bluebird Uncommon in w WA. 1 male at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 8/13 (WC), 2 north of Windy Gap *King* on 9/8 (MtB), and at least 2 at Slate Peak *Whatcom* on 9/10 (HfI).

Townsend's Solitaire Migrant reports included 1 at ALES *Benton* on 8/31 (DR), 3 at Discovery Park *King* on 9/3 (AK), and 12 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/22 (RfI).

Swainson's Thrush Migrants included 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/8 (PS,RS), 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/10 (MtD) and 9/22 (RfI), 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/12 (MwO), and 45 heard overhead at Battle Ground *Clark* on 9/22 (JDz).

Hermit Thrush Early reports included 2 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/8 (PS,RS), and 2 at Restoration Point *Kitsap* on 9/14 (BWg).

Gray Catbird Reports included 1 juvenile at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 8/10 (DR), 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/14 (BLa,NLa), 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 8/19 (RfI) and 9/12 (PS,RS), 4 near Schwana *Grant* on 8/26 (SM) with 1 there on 9/9 (MtD), 9 at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 8/26 with 2 there on 9/13 (Sj), 6 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 8/27 with 2 there on 9/5 (NLa), 8 at Confluence SP *Chelan* on 9/1, 1 at Douglas *Douglas* on 9/1 (SM), 1 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/4 (TAv), and 3 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/8 (JaW).

Northern Mockingbird

Uncommon in WA. 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* from 9/2 (RH,RfI) to 9/9 (MD,PS), 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/2 and 9/3 (CWt), and 1 at Marymoor Park *King* from 9/17 (fide MFM) to 9/22 (MtB).

Sage Thrasher High count: 75 at Wanapum SP *Kittitas* on 8/26 (SM,CWt).

American Pipit Early for lowlands. 6 at Fort Flagler *Jefferson* on 8/8 (JhH).

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER Rare in WA. 1 banded at McCarteney Creek *Douglas* on 8/1 (DS).

TENNESSEE WARBLER Rare in WA. 2 adults reported at Boundary *Stevens* on 8/6 (GiS), and 1 reported at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/10 (PS,RS) and 9/22 (RfI).

Nashville Warbler High count: 50 at 5500' south of Mt Adams *Yakima* on 8/6 (BT). Reports from w WA included 1 at Government Meadow *King* on 9/8 (MtB), and 1 at Naches Pass *King* on 9/11 (CWt).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER Rare in WA. 1 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/4 (TAv), and 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/9 (PS,RS).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER

Rare in WA. 1 female reported near Schwana *Grant* on 9/17 (SDo), and 1 female at Juanita Bay *King* on 9/17 (MFM).

Yellow-rumped Warbler Early e WA lowland report: 1 at Wanapum SP *Kittitas* on 8/26 (RfI). High counts: 350 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/13 (PS,RS), and 300 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/16 (DSc).

Black-throated Gray Warbler High count: 50 near South Prairie *Pierce* on 9/20 (MaB). Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Cle Elum *Kittitas* on 8/10 (HO), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* from 8/26 to 9/10 (fide BLA), 1 at Trout Lake *Kittitas* on 8/26 (Sj), 2 near Schwana *Grant* on 9/2 (SM), 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/16 (DSc), and 2 at White Salmon *Klickitat* on 9/16 (Sj).

Palm Warbler Uncommon in WA. 1 at Lake of the Woods *Pend Oreille* on 9/14 (MaM), and 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 9/30 (ENe).

Yarrow Bay *King* on 8/21 (fide MFM), 1 banded at St. Cloud Ranch *Skamania* on 8/25 (CF), and 1 at Steamboat Rock SP *Grant* on 9/11 (DSc).

Common Yellowthroat Uncommon locally. 1 near Schwana *Grant* on 8/26, 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 8/26 (SM), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 9/4 (RKO), 2 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/4 (TAv), 1 at Burbank *Walla Walla* on 9/10 (MtD), 2 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 9/16 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/23 (RfI).

Yellow-breasted Chat Rare in w WA. 1 at Kent *King* on 8/27 (CWt), and 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 9/9 (fide MtB). Late e WA report: 1 at Richland *Benton* on 9/6 (LHi).

Western Tanager High counts included 150 heard overhead at Battle Ground *Clark* on 8/27 (JDz), and 75 near Schwana *Grant* on 9/2 (SM).

Chipping Sparrow

Locally uncommon in w WA. 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/1 (PS,RS), 2 near Cutthroat Pass *Skagit* on 8/13 (GB), 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 9/13 (SA), and 2 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/27 (TAv). High migrant count: 100 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/2 (SM).

Clay-colored Sparrow

Uncommon in WA. 1 reported at Marble *Stevens* on 8/6 (GiS), 1 at St Andrews *Douglas* on 9/1 (SM), 2 at Steptoe Butte *Whitman* on 9/1 (DSc), 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/2 (SM) and 9/8 (PS,RS), 1 at Sperry *Franklin* on 9/2 (CWt), 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 9/3 (DSc), and 1 in juvenal plumage banded St. Cloud Ranch *Skamania* banded on 9/8 (CF).

Spizella sp. 1 at Windy Gap *King* on 9/24 thought to be a possible

"Timberline" Sparrow (EH).

Vesper Sparrow Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Johns River *Grays Harbor* on 9/24 (KAn,GuM). High elevation report: 2 at 6250' on Table Rock *Columbia* on 9/6 with 1 there on 9/23 and 9/25 (MD).

Lark Sparrow Late for WA: 1 reported at Ritzville *Adams* on 9/14 (PS,RS).

Sage Sparrow High count: 18 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 8/26 (CWt,SM). Late reports included 1 there on 9/12 (PS,RS), and 2 at Sand Ridge Road *Klickitat* on 9/16 (fide Sj).

Fox Sparrow Early lowland reports included 1 Slate-colored at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 8/26 (Sj), 1 Sooty at Tacoma *Pierce* on 8/28 (PS,RS), and 1 Slate-colored at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/4 (TAv).

Lincoln's Sparrow Early lowland reports included 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/19 (GB), 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/25 (DD), and 6 near Schwana *Grant* on 8/26. High count for e WA: 15 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/2 (SM).



White-tailed Ptarmigan on Snoqualmie Peak, *King*, August 22, 2006. A female with two young were found. Photo by Michael Hobbs.

BLACKPOLL WARBLER Rare in WA. 1 reported near Schwana *Grant* on 9/3 (RfI), 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 9/7 (DSc), 1 photographed at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/13 (PS,RS), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 9/17 (GFt) to 9/30 (WC).

American Redstart Migrant reports included 1 at Confluence SP *Chelan* on 8/10 (HO), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 8/22 (NLa), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 8/24 (PS,RS), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 8/26 (LHi), 5 at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 8/26 (Sj), 1 at Douglas *Douglas* on 9/1 (SM), 1 at County Line Ponds *Skagit/Whatcom* on 9/2 (MiF), 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 9/12 (MwO,RoW), and 1 reported at Tacoma *Pierce* on 9/22 and 9/29 (PS,RS).

Northern Waterthrush Migrants reports included 1 at Sun Lakes SP *Grant* on 8/15 (CWt), 1 at Little Spokane River *Spokane* on 8/16 (fide CrC), 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* from 8/19 (GAL,SAL) to 8/31 (RL), 1 at North Seattle *King* on 8/21 (DP), 1 photographed at

Swamp Sparrow Uncommon in WA. 1 hatch year reported at Umtanum Creek *Yakima* on 9/28 (DaP).

White-throated Sparrow Early reports included 1 at Colville *Stevens* on 9/6 (WCu), 3 reported at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/8 (PS,RS) with 1 there on 9/9 (SM,RFl), 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/11 and 9/16 (DSc), 1 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/14 (MWO,ROW), 3 at 3 Spokane locations *Spokane* from 9/22 to 9/30 (fide CrC), 1 at Northrup Point *Grant* on 9/23 (DSc), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 9/25 (NL), 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/24 (SGe), 1 at Mount Pleasant *Skamania* on 9/27 (WC), and 1 at Sequim *Clallam* on 9/29 (BN).

White-crowned Sparrow Early e WA migrants included 1 at Wanapum Dam *Kittitas* on 8/26 (SM), and 2 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 8/27 (NL).

Golden-crowned Sparrow Early reports included 1 at Samish Island *Skagit* on 8/18 (HA), 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/21 (HA,GB), 1 near Schwana *Grant* on 9/2 (SM), 1 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 9/4 (TAv), 3 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/8 (JaW), and 3 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/9 (SM).

“Slate-colored Junco” Early reports included 1 at Richland *Benton* on 9/3 (fide BL), and 1 at Joyce *Clallam* on 9/17 (BN).

Lapland Longspur Reports included 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/16 (GFr) with 40 reported there on 9/26 (PS,RS), 6 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 9/20 (DD), 3 at Discovery Park *King* on 9/21 (EH) with 2 there on 9/22 (KDi), and 1 at Foulweather Bluff *Kitsap* on 9/23 (BWg).

SMITH'S LONGSPUR Rare in WA. 1 photographed at Marymoor Park *King* on 8/30 (MiH,BJo) will be the first state record if accepted by WBRC.

Black-headed Grosbeak High elevation report: 4 at 6500' south of Mt Adams *Yakima* on 8/6 (BT).

Lazuli Bunting Late reports included 1 at Northern State Reserve *Skagit* on 8/16 (GB), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 8/21 (RFl), 4 at Wanapum SP *Grant* on 8/26 (RFl), 3 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/2 (CWt), 1 at Hatton *Adams* on 9/4 (TAv), and 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/8 (JaW).

INDIGO BUNTING Rare in WA. 1 female at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/2 (SM,BWg).

Bobolink High count. 120 near Usk *Pend Oreille* on 8/1 (GiS,MWO). Locally rare. 1 reported at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 9/8 (JaW).

Red-winged Blackbird Unusual location. 1 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/27 (TAv).

Tricolored Blackbird Uncommon in WA. 50 at Othello *Adams* on 9/8 (SM,RFl).

Western Meadowlark High elevation report: 1 at 5200' near Windy Gap *King* on 9/24 (EH).

Yellow-headed Blackbird Uncommon in w WA. 3 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/3 with 4 on 8/10 (TAv) and 2 there on 8/19 (SM), 7 at Jensen Access *Skagit* on 8/12 (GB), 2 at Swinomish Channel *Skagit* on 8/13 (MaB), 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 8/13 (PLo), and 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 9/7 (fide ThA).

Brewer's Blackbird Uncommon locally. 1 at Green Lake *King* on 8/19 (RT), and 7 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/27 (TAv).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch Reports included 16 at Sibley Pass *Skagit* on 9/10 (GB) with 10 there on 9/24 (HA,ThA), 24 at Table Rock *Columbia* on 9/22 with 59 there on 9/25 (MD), and 1 near Bunchgrass Meadow *Pend Oreille* on 9/30 (GiS,PLo).

Pine Grosbeak Uncommon in WA. 10 at Hart's Pass *Whatcom* on 9/10 (HFl), 3 at

Klickitat on 8/24 (SJ), and 2 at Camas *Clark* on 8/26 (WC).

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Northern Mockingbird, Marymoor Park, Redmond, *King*. Photo by Ollie Oliver, September 17, 2006.

Chinook Pass *Pierce/Yakima* on 9/24 (DaH), and 3 near Easy Pass *Skagit* on 9/30 (MiF).

Purple Finch Locally uncommon in e WA. 4 at Confluence SP *Chelan* on 9/1, 1 at Douglas *Douglas* on 9/1 (SM), 5 reported at Goldendale *Klickitat* on 9/16, 1 at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 9/16, and 1 at White Salmon *Klickitat* on 9/16 (fide SJ).

Cassin's Finch Reports for w WA included 1 at Government Meadow *King* on 9/8, 3 near Windy Gap *King* on 9/8 (MtB), and 2 at Slate Peak *Whatcom* on 9/10 (HFl).

White-winged Crossbill Rare in WA. 1 near Cutthroat Pass *Skagit* on 8/13 (GB), and 1 reported near Easy Pass *Skagit* on 9/22 (PhP).

Pine Siskin Columbia Plateau reports included 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/2 (SM) with 5 there on 9/23 (RFl), and 2 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 9/18 (NL).

Lesser Goldfinch Expanding from Klickitat core range. 1 female reported at Spencer Island *Snobomish* on 8/5 (SA), 2 at Conboy Lake NWR

Mlodinow, DMa Diann MacRae, MMi Mark Miller, SMi Scott Mills, JMU Judy Mullaly, BN Bob Norton, VN Vic Nelson, ENe Ed Newbold, HO Hal Opperman, TO Tim O'Brien, DP Dennis Paulson, DaP Dave Parent, PhP Phil Pickering, MPa Mike Patterson, DR Dennis Rockwell, JoR John Rogers, MR Marcus Roenig, PR Penny Rose, SuR Sue Rogers, MRE Maxine Reid, CRi Carol Riddell, JRo John Roberson, AS Andy Stepniewski, BS Bill Shelmerdine, DS Dan Stephens, GiS Gina Sheridan, GnS Gene Stagner, LnS Lonnie Somer, PS Patrick Sullivan, RS Ruth Sullivan, RbS Rob Sandelin, DSc Doug Schonewald, RSh Ryan Shaw, ESw Ed Swan, BT Bill Tweit, GT Greg Toffic, ST Sam Terry, BW Bob Woodley, DoW Doug Watkins, GW Gary Wiles, JaW Jay Withgott, KeW Kent Woodruff, RoW Roger Woodruff, WaW Warren Walker, PWe Paul Webster, BWg Brad Waggoner, MWO Michael Woodruff, CWr Charlie Wright.

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Gene and Reef Black-tipped Shark, 8' long. Taken off Tern Island, French Frigates Shoal, Hawaii, September 1969. Photo credited to Olsen.



Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, Washington Ornithological Society, Western Bird Banders, National Wildlife Society; the Light Horse Squadron, 32nd Army, and VFW. He was an Elk and a Mason.

Survivors include wife Edna, sons Gene in Hawaii and Jim in Virginia, and three grandsons.

A memorial service was held at the Dungeness Audubon Center at Railroad Bridge Park on Sunday, May 20. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to: River Center Foundation Endowment Fund, Dungeness River Audubon Center, P.O. Box 3007, Sequim, WA 98382.

Mr. Kridler was a long-time WOS member and a frequent contributor to WOSNews. His knowledge and perspective will be missed. Graciously, he allowed us to copy several of his historic photos, and we will share them in these pages in the future.— MCH.

Seattle Audubon Society Bird Classes offered:

Hummingbirds of Western Washington: Biology & Identification, with Dan Harville

We will discuss the biology and natural history of hummingbirds and work on our identification skills. The field trip will be at a hummingbird banding site with the opportunity to see hummingbirds in the hand. Dan Harville is one of a very small number of banders working with rufous hummingbirds on their breeding grounds.

Lecture: Thursday, June 7, 7-9PM

Location: CUH, Isaacson Classroom

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Choose one field trip; sign up at the lecture.

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To register for classes by credit card, call Seattle Audubon, 206-523-4483, Monday-Saturday, 10:00AM-4:00PM, or mail your check to Seattle Audubon, 8050 35th NE, Seattle WA 98115. To qualify for member rates, you must be a member of Seattle Audubon.

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***PEREGRINE QUEST, From A Naturalist's Field Notebooks* by Clayton M. White,** (ISBN-13: 978-1-888357-09-6, ISBN-10: 1-888357-09-7), \$32.95, Full color images throughout, 7 X 10, Hardbound, Dust Wrapper, 2006, 416 Pages.

This is the story of a naturalist who spent 50 some years studying the peregrine falcon in its various breeding locations around the world such as, Utah, Alaska, South America, Australia, Fiji, etc. The peregrine is a cosmopolitan species that really is only absent as a breeder from a few areas in the world. Because many populations of falcons are migratory, the species in reality probably occurs in over 80% of the globe at one time or another. The narrative is taken from Clayton White's field notes and relates experiences that took place during his 50 years of global travel. The story integrates the ethics of landscape stewardship along with information about the falcon itself in various geographic locations.

***ARCTIC WINGS, Birds of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge*, Steven C. Brown and Jimmy Carter, editors,** (ISBN 978-0-89886-975-0), \$39.95, Full color, Hardcover, 2006.

This is a spectacular tribute to the birds that have journeyed to the Arctic Refuge and back every year since time immemorial. Conceived by Stephen Brown, Director of Manomet's Shorebird Conservation Research Program, in collaboration with photographer Subhankar Banerjee (author of *Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Seasons of Life and Land* in 2003), *Arctic Wings* features a foreword by Jimmy Carter, and 200 color images from award-winning nature photographers Subhankar Banerjee, Steven Kazlowski, Michio Hoshino, Arthur Morris, Mark Wilson, and Hugh Rose. Chapters cover the life histories of bird species from every major group including loons and waterfowl, raptors, shorebirds, gulls and terns, owls, and songbirds, and highlight the vital importance of the Arctic Refuge for world bird populations that connect all of us, no matter where we live, to these northernmost breeders.

Report Your Sightings (updated May 2006)

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.

COOPER'S HAWKS: Color bands have been placed on over 850 nestling Cooper's hawks in Victoria, British Columbia since 1996. This is part of a long-term study on its urban-nesting ecology. Each color band is uniquely coded with two vertical, alphanumeric characters and is placed on the left leg; black bands are on males, red bands on females. Please note band code and color, date, time, and location. To date, five different birds have been reported from Washington. Report all sightings to Andy Stewart, BC Conservation Data Centre, Victoria, B.C. (250) 387-9780, or e-mail to: andy.stewart@gems6.gov.bc.ca.

MERLINS: The Merlin Falcon Foundation 501(c) (3) invites you to participate in a regional citizen-scientist investigation of the little known Coastal Forest Merlin. Please visit our evolving website at: www.merlinfalconfoundation.org We gratefully acknowledge your year around Merlin observations. Thank you for becoming a Merlin Steward and "Helping to Keep 'em Wild!"

NORTHERN HARRIERS: Patagial markers have been placed on northern harriers as part of a long-term study of populations on Whidbey Island and in the Kent Valley. Please note the color of the tag (yellow, blue, green, or white), which wing it is on, the letter or number printed (in black) on the tag, and if there is a black circle around the letter or number. Note date, time, and exact location. Report to Jack Bettesworth, 2569 12th Ave W, Seattle WA 98119, (206) 285-5276, jgbett@comcast.net.

BURROWING OWLS: Year-round sightings of banded burrowing owls in the Columbia Basin of eastern WA. Owls banded during 2000-2004 will have a larger colored band on either the left or right leg in addition to a smaller aluminum band. Owls banded as adults received a BLUE, GREEN, or RED band (males left leg, females right leg) while unsexed juveniles received a PURPLE or ORANGE band (left leg). All banded owls are now adults. The codes are unique, with two numbers and/or letters, next to or above and below each other, and with or without a horizontal or vertical bar separating. If you see a banded owl and can read even a portion of the code or determine color, please note the date and location, which leg, and report it to Randy Hill at work (488-2668 ext14) or home (509-488-9418), or by e-mail randy_hill@fws.gov.

SONGBIRD SURVEY; We have colormarked ~500 crows as well as many other songbirds in the area and would appreciate any sightings of these. Be on the lookout for banded robins, Wilson's warblers, Swainson's thrushes, song sparrows, spotted towhees, Oregon juncos, winter and Bewick's wrens, and Pacific-slope flycatchers. If possible please record the color and location (top/bottom left leg, top/bottom right leg) of bands. Please report any sightings to Dr. John Marzluff, corvid@u.washington.edu.

STREAKED HORNED LARK RESEARCH: We colormarked ~80 streaked horned larks in Washington and would appreciate any sightings of these birds (coast, Puget trough, Columbia River islands, Willamette Valley, etc.). Please record the color combination (e.g., red over USFWS on right and white over red on left - right and left are the bird's right and left), location and date observed and send to Dr. Scott F. Pearson, scott.pearson@wadnr.gov.

TURKEY VULTURES: The Olympic Vulture Study has been working on two concurrent studies: the fall migration at Salt Creek, and the demographics of our Pacific Northwest vultures. Any sightings from British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho will be welcomed. As always, date, location, and number of birds is needed. If possible, report weather, time, and any aspect of behavior. Please send to Diann MacRae, 22622 - 53rd Avenue S.E., Bothell, WA 98021, or to tvulture@vei.net.

CLARK'S NUTCRACKERS: Sightings are needed for a three year study of the distribution and timing of movements of nutcrackers throughout Washington, but especially in the Cascades, lowland western Washington, and Olympic Mountains. Year round sightings are important, but sightings outside of the late summer months would be most valuable (November through June). Send information on the exact location, date and a conservative estimate for number of birds observed (for flocks) to: Teresa Lorenz, teresalorenz@fs.fed.us or 360-956-2271.

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Please submit detailed descriptions and drawings or photographs, if possible, of unusual birds.

BAND RECOVERIES ("Avisé" leg bands) should be reported. Include the band number, along with how, when, and where the band was recovered, preferably with reference to the nearest town. Persons who report bands receive a Certificate of Appreciation telling when, where, and by whom the bird was banded, so be sure to include your full name and address with all reports.

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