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, (Continued on page 18)

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 I5 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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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.

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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.

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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

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FIELD TRIPS:
In order to optimize the birding experience for participants, carpooling 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 owlimg 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 3:45 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, 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 passetines (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.  

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.
to the tidal mudflats and marshes of the Oyhtu 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. Silt 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, turnstiles, 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.

**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 Quinault 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 shrubbery thickets. Sooty grous 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 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.

**LAKE QUINALT**—Lake Quinault, a four-mile-long freshwater lake fed by the Quinault River and other mountain streams, lies in the southwest corner of Olympic National Park. The adjoining dense conifers, luff broadleaf forests, and lakeside shrubby thicket 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 Quinault Rain Forest Nature Trail, located along the Quinault 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 Quinault National Recreation Trail System, which starts across the road from the Lake Quinault 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 piledated 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.

**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 geese, 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.
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 waterfowl and shorebirds. Continuing south on SR-105 into 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 Seventieth 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 bay, 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-taileds 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 ravens. 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 Knitlce

CHEHELIS 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

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 Beachcomber 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
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 passernes (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; SU-8 Tim O’Brien; SA-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, hand-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, pilate 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 FR 22 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.westports seabirds.com **SA-PEL Westport Seabirds; SU-PEL Catchalot Tours; MO-PEL Catchalot Tours**

**OWLING QUINAUXT RIDGE ROAD**—Evening owling at or near Lake Quinault is offered as a likely spot for various owl species, with the best coverage along Quinault 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 Quinault 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.
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.

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REGISTRATION FORM
19th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE WASHINGTON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Aberdeen, WA    ~~~    September 14-17, 2007

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
___ SU-4 Lake Quinault
___ SU-5 Aberdeen /Hoquiam Area
___ SU-6 Grays Harbor South Bay and Westport
___ SU-7 Grayland to Raymond
___ SU-8 Chehalis River Valley
___ 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: __________________
Greater White-fronted Goose High counts included 1061 at McNary NWR Wallowa Wallowa 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 (TO) 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 Totten Pacific on 9/11 (CCx), and 1 at Gorst Kittap 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 Wallowa Wallowa on 8/5 (BLa,NaLa), 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 Swantown STP Snohomish on 8/13 (SM).

STELLER’S EIDER Rare in WA. 1 female at Edmonds Snohomish 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,NaLa), 1 at Confluence SP Chelan on 8/10 (HO), 3 at Nesqually 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 (JaA).

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 Pond Onrille on 8/4 (WaW).

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

White-tailed Pigeon 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,ElH), and 4 north of Slate Peak Whatcom on 9/2 (RbS).

Wild Turkey Locally uncommon. 14 at Washutena Adams on 9/3 (RkO).

Mountain Quail Locally rare. 1 at Biscuit Ridge Wallowa Wallowa 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 Nesqually NWR Thurston on 8/3 (PhK), 1 at Iowa Beef Wallowa Wallowa on 8/5 (BLa,NaLa), 2 at Bainbridge Island Kittap on 8/20 (DOw), 3 at Oak Bay CP Jefferson on 8/28 (fide BN), and 5 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 (NaLa,DR), 2 at Wanapum Kittitas from 9/7 (JaW) to 9/12 (PS,RS), 1 at Lyle Kittitas on 9/15 (Sj), and 1 at Richland Benton on 9/18 (BW).

Eared Grebe Reports included 1 at Stanwood STP Snohomish on 8/28 (CCx), 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 9/6 (NaLa), 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 (MiH), 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 (Cwr).

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 8/13 with 8 on 8/26 (PS,RS) and 2 there on 9/30 (MdD), 2 at Nineum Ridge 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 Snohomish on 9/2 (SfA), and 150 at Potholes Grant on 9/1 (MdD).

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

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 (Cwr), and 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 Wallowa Wallowa on 8/5 (MD,MLD).

Brown Pelican High count: 1000 near Hobuck Beach Clallam on 9/25 (CrC).

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 (MdD), 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 Snohomish on 9/2 (SfA), and 150 at Potholes Grant on 9/1 (MdD).

SNOWY EGRET Rare in WA. 1 at Potholes Grant on 8/13 (Dsc) and 9/9 (MdD), 1 at Nesqually NWR Thurston on 8/11 (GuM) to 8/23 (MaB,GW), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/2 (MM) and 9/3 (Bic).

Green Heron Rare in e WA. 1 at Greenacres Spokane from 8/7 to 9/21 (JoM,MoW), 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 Nesqually 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 (Rsh), 3 at Sprague Lincoln on 9/4 (TAv) with 2 there on 9/14 (PS,RS), 3 at Washutena 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 Wallowa 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 Whidbey on 9/3, and 2 at Puget Island NWR Whidbey on 9/3 (fide TA), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark from 8/30 to 9/30 (JE) with a second bird there from 9/4 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 9/29 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 (MBL), 1 immature at Sibley Pass Skagit on 9/10 (GB), 1 immature at Slate Peak Whatcom on 9/10 (HHF), 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 (MiW), 1 at Washsucena Adams on 9/9 (PS,RS) and 9/22 (RFI), 1 at Sprague Lake Lincoln on 9/14 (MiWo, RoW), 2 at Table Rock Columbia on 9/23 (MD), and 1 at Coort Grant Grant on 9/22 (RFI).

** Peregrine Falcon** Reports for e WA included 1 at Othello Adams on 8/1 (RFI), 2 at Palouse Falls Franklin on 9/8 (JW), 1 at Table Rock Columbia on 9/8 with 1 there 9/22 to 9/24 (MD), 1 at Potholes Grant from 9/9 (MiD) to 9/16 (fide SJ), 1 at Iowa Beef Wallowa on 9/16 (MD,MiD), and 1 at Lind Coulee Grant on 9/30 (DS).

**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 (MiD) and 9/10 (HHF), 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 on 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 Graves 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 Whidbey 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 8/15 (RFI) to 8/27 (RH), 5 at Potholes Grant on 8/16 (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 Wallowa on 9/18 (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 (BrCeC) 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 (ChB).

**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 (CRe), 3 at Colville Stevens on 8/6 (GiS), 2 at Sammamish King on 8/20 (EH), 3 at Yakima RD Benton on 8/27 (NL), 3 at Dodson Road Grant on 9/9 (MiD), and 1 at Silver Lake Spokane on 9/22 (JW).

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

**Whimbrel** Uncommon locally. 1 at Blyn Clallam on 8/4 (BN, MU), 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 9/2 (JDZ).

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

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

**Marbled Godwit** Rare in e WA. 1 Iowa Beef Wallowa on 8/20 (MD, MLD), Uncommon locally. 3 at Clayton Harbor Whatcom on 8/29 (HHF) with 1 there on 9/23 (MiF), 10 at Neha 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.

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**American Bittern, Nisqually NWR, Thurston, September 25, 2006. Photo by Ruth Sullivan.**
(BWg), and 1 at Edmonds Snowy Egret 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 Snowy Egret on 8/20 (MaB) and 8/30 (RL), 1 at Dungeness Clam 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 8/2, and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/4 (WC).

**Semipalmed 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 (CCs), 10 near Stanwood Snowy Egret 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 Kittap on 8/8 (BWg), 3 at Hobuck Beach Clam on 8/11 (CWr), 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 Piree on 8/17 (CWr), and 3 on a snow bank at Mount Baker Whatcom on 8/20 (HF).

**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 (EJ,Dze).

**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 (CWr) 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 Snowy Egret on 8/30 (GAi,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 Philo Lake Spokane on 9/13 (MVo).

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

**RUDD** Rare in WA. 1 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor from 9/2 to 9/4 (AS,DRG), 1 at Hoquiam 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 Clam 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 Philo Lake Spokane on 9/13 (GiS).

**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 reports: 2 at Hoquiam Grays Harbor on 9/23 (PS,RS).

**Red Phalarope** Uncommon near shore. 1 reported at Cape Flattery Clam on 8/11 (CWr), 1 at Westport Grays Harbor on 9/12 (CCs), and 1 off Point Jefferson Kittap 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 Clam on 8/11 (CWr) with 1 there on 9/10 (JBr,Cs), 3 adults at Discovery Park King on 8/25 (MtB) with 1 subadult there later that day (EH), 1 at Point No Point Kittap on 8/29 on 9/16, and 9/22 (VN), 1 reported from the Keystone Ferry Island Jefferson on 8/31 (BN), 1 off Restoration Point Kittap 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 Clam on 8/11 (CWr), and 12 at Point No Point Kittap on 9/16 (VN).


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

**Franklin’s Gull** Uncommon in WA. 3 at Iowa Beach Walla Walla on 8/5 (BLa,NLa), 1 at Point No Point Kittap on 8/9 and 9/22 (VN), 1 at Lind Coulee Grant on 8/19 (DSc), 1 at Eglon Kittap on 8/19 (EH,BWg), 1 at Discovery Park King on 8/29 (MaB), 1 at Blaine Whatcom on 8/29 (HF), 1 at Potholes Grant on 9/2 (CWr), 1 at Vashon Island King on 9/7 (MiH) with 2 there on 9/24 (PK), 2 at Blyn Clam on 9/8 (SA) with 5 on 9/9 and 3 there on 9/27 (BN,Mo), 1 at Jensen Access Skagit on 9/9 (GB), 1 at Bainbridge Island Kittap on 9/16 and 9/28 (BWg), and 1 at John Wayne Marina Clam on 9/23 (BN).

**BLACK-HEADED GULL** Rare in WA. 1 immature reported on the Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 8/24 (SM,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 Kittap 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 (CWr), and 6000 at Port Angeles Clam on 8/26 (BoB).

**Western X Glaucous-winged Gull** Uncommon in e WA. 2 at WAllula 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 Kittap on 8/4 (VN), 2 at Walla Walla RD WAllula WAllula Walla Walla on 9/2 (MD,Mld), 1 at Wapampus Kittitas on 9/7 (JW), 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,MVo).

**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.

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Snowy Egret, Nisqually NWR, Thurston, September 21, 2006. Photo by Ruth Sullivan
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 (RFl), 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 (Tli), and 1 at Magnuson Park King on 9/18 (Jb).

Forster’s Tern Rare in WA. 1 at Discovery Park King on 8/29 (MaB), and 1 at Edmonds Snobomish on 9/20 (DD) with 2 on 9/28 (Cwr) 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 (Bl,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 Walls 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 critters 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 (Cwr).

Tufted Puffin Reports included 4 at La Push Clallam on 8/5 (KuG), 100 estimated at Tatoosh Island Clallam on 8/11 (Cwr) 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 at Tatooosh 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).

EUROASIAN COLLARED DOVE Rare but increasing in WA. 8 at Desert Aire Yakima from 8/1 to 9/30 (DG), 2 at Sequim Clallam from 8/16 to 8/23 (fide Dsc), 8 at Washcutna Adams on 8/18 (RFl) 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 Washcutna 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).

Sharp-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).

Vaux’s Swift Migrant reports included 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/2 (Rh,RF), 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 (Cwr), 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 (LH), 1 at Morse Creek Bluff Clallam from 9/1 to 9/30 (Mju), 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 (Cwr), and 3 at Anacortes Skagit on 9/10 (fide Tha).

COSTA’S HUMMINGBIRD Rare in W WA. 1 female type seen and heard at South Prairie Pierce on 9/30 (Cwr).

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 Washcutna 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

Common Nighthawk Reports from w WA included 5 at Glacier Wbaton on 8/2 (ST), 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 Cowitz 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 Clallum on 8/11 (Cwr), 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).

Naches Pass King on 8/29 (MHi). 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 Washcutna 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. 1 at Davenport Lincoln on 9/12 (MWO,Ja).

Hairy Woodpecker Uncommon in Columbia Basin. 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 9/3 (Cwe), 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).

8/10 (HO), and 1 female at Hart’s Pass
Whitmore on 9/2 (MIf) and 9/10 (Hf).

Black-backed Woodpecker Uncommon in WA. A long FR 4625 Garfield on 8/16
(MD,MLD), and 1 reported at Hart’s Pass
Okanogan on 9/2 (RhS).

“Yellow-shafted Flicker” Early for WA. A
reported near Schwa Granta on 9/4 (RFi).

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 (RFi), 3 at Washtucna Adams from
8/20 (Bl,NA) to 9/12 (PS,RS) with 1 there on
9/23 (RFi), 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 (Bl,NA), 1 at
Lyons Ferry Franklin from 9/2 (RH) to 9/9
(MD,MLD), at 1 Palouse Falls SP Franklin on
9/8 (JaW), 1 near Schwa Granta on 9/10
(RFi), 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 (RFi).

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), at 1 Cherry Spokane
on 8/13 (CrO), 1 reported to
Washtucna Adams from 8/18 (RFi) to 9/5 (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 (Bl,NA), and 2 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 8/16
(TAv).

Dusky Flycatcher Early migrants: 3 at ALES Benton on
8/5 (Bl,NA).

Gray Flycatcher Migrant reports included 1 at
Two Rivers CP Benton on 8/13 (Bl,NA), 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
at Tenino Thurston on 8/16 (LeS), 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
(RFi).

Eastern Kingbird Uncommon in w WA. A
at Northern State Reserve Skagit on 8/4 (GB), and 1 at Spencer Island
Snowbush on 8/13 (JB). Late e WA reports included 4 at Lyons Ferry
Franklin on 9/2 (RF,RH), 1 at Touchet Valley
Walla Walla on 9/2 (RF), 1 at Bateman Island
Benton on 9/5 (NA), 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 Kittitas on 8/3 with 3 there on 8/26, and 1 ne of White Salmon
Kittitas 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 9/14 (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 (PK) and 8/27 (PS,RS), 1 near
Schwa Granta 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
(MR), 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
Kittitas 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
Snowbush on 9/19 (fide TAv), and 4 at
Dungeness Clallam on 9/21 (BN,JMa).

Bank Swallow Uncommon in w WA. A
reported at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 8/3
(RL) and 8/23 (PS,RS), 60 near Auburn King on 8/5 (CWr), 1 at Kent
King on 8/5 (MiD), 1 near Stanwood
Snowbush 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
Snowbush on 9/2 (SA), and 1 at
Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/4 (WC).

Barn Swallow High count: 12000 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on
9/14 (JE). 1

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 (GnB).

Chesnut-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 (NA), and 2 at Washtucna Adams on
8/18 (RFi).

Rock Wren Uncommon locally. A pair
feeding on birds 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 (RFi), 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
(RF), and 1 at Ralston Adams on 9/4 (TAv).

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

Juvenile Ruff, Bottle Beach, Grays Harbor, September 2, 2006. Photo by Denny Granstrand.
Western Bluebird  Locally uncommon in w WA. 6 near Tenino 8/16 (LoS), 1 near McCleary 8/25 (BN), and 3 at Brady Loop Road 9/30 (PS,RS).

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

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

Swainson's Thrush  Migrants included 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 9/8 (PS,RS), 1 at Washwuta Adams on 9/10 (MtD) and 9/22 (RF), 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 Washwuta Adams on 9/8 (PS,RS), and 2 at Restoration Point Kittitas 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 Washwuta Adams on 8/19 (RF) 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 9/11, 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 (JW).

Northern Mockingbird  Uncommon in WA. 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin from 9/2 (RH,RF) to 9/9 (MD,PS), 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 9/2 and 9/3 (CWr), 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,CWr).

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

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

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

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 (CWr).

MAGNOLIA WARBLER  Rare in WA. 1 at Sprague Lake Lincoln on 9/4 (TAv), and 1 at Washwuta 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 (FMF).

Yellow-rumped Warbler  Early e WA lowland report: 1 at Wanapum SP Kittitas on 8/26 (RF). 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).

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

BLACKBOLL WARBLER  Rare in WA. 1 reported near Schwana Grant on 9/3 (RF), and 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 (GF) 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 (RF), 1 at Davenport Lincoln on 9/12 (MWo,RoW), and 1 reported at Tacoma Piercer on 9/22 and 9/29 (PS,RS).

Northern Waterthrush  Migrants included 1 at Sun Lakes SP Grant on 8/15 (CWr), 1 at Little Spokane River Spokane on 8/16 (fide CrC), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit from 8/19 (GAI), 8 to 8/31 (RL), 1 near North Seattle King on 8/21 (DP), 1 photographed at 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 9/26, 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 8/26 (SM), 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 9/4 (RKn), 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 Washwuta Adams on 9/23 (RF).

Yellow-breasted Chat  Rare in w WA. 1 at Kent King on 8/27 (CWr), 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 Washwuta 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 Washwuta Adams on 9/2 (SM) and 9/8 (PS,RS), 1 at Sperry Franklin on 9/2 (CWr), 1 at Moses Lake Grant on 9/3 (DSc), and 1 in juvenile plumage banded St. Cloud Ranch Skamania 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 (CWr,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 Piercer 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 Snohomish on 8/25 (DD), and 6 near Schwana Grant on 9/26. High count for e WA: 15 at Washwuta Adams on 9/2 (SM).
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 there on 9/9 (SM,RiF), 1 at Potholes Grant on 9/11 and 9/16 (DS), 1 at Sprague Lake Lincoln on 9/14 (MiWo,RoW), 3 at Spokane locations. Spoken from 9/22 to 9/30 (fide CrC), 1 at Northrup Point Grant on 9/23 (DS), 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 (NLa).

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 (JhH), and 3 at Washhtucna Adams on 9/9 (SM).

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

Lapland Longspur Reports included 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 9/16 (GeF) with 40 reported there on 9/26 (PS,RS), 6 at Edmonds Snoboshis on 9/20 (MD), 3 at Discovery Park King on 9/21 (EH) with 2 there on 9/22 (KDi), and 1 at Foulweather Bluff Kittitas 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 (RF), 3 at Washhtucna Adams on 9/2 (CWi), 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 Washhtucna Adams on 9/2 (GB,BWg), Bobolink High count. 120 near Usk Pend Oreille on 8/31 (GB,SWg). 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,Rf).

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 Snoboshis 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 Snoboshis 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 9/9 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.
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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.

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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.


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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 Wirthey, jwirthey@u.washington.edu, phone: 206-543-2764.

COOPER'S HAWKS: Color bands have been placed on over 850 nesting 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: 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 harrriers 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, thrash songs, 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.ca.

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@is.fed.us or 360-956-2271.

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