Proposed WOS Bylaws Amendment

At its March 1, 2008, meeting, the WOS Board voted to submit to the membership a bylaws amendment specifying term limits and appointment procedures for the Washington Bird Records Committee (WBRC), a standing committee of WOS. After consultation with the past Chair and current Co-chairs of the WBRC and consideration by a subcommittee of the WOS Board (Hunn, Lott, and Stephens), the revised wording for Article IX of the bylaws, that dealing with WOS committees, was proposed and approved for submission to the membership by the WOS Board at its June 7 meeting and via telephone conference June 22, 2008.

The Board believes that these bylaws changes will serve the membership of our organization as well as the wider ornithological and birding communities. The proposed changes are designed to bring the procedures of appointment and succession for the members of the WBRC in line with the procedures defined in the Bylaws of the American Birding Association (ABA) Checklist Committee (see Bill Pranty, “Inside the ABA Checklist Committee: Who, What, and Why? Birding, July/August 2006, pp. 20-22) and the California Bird Records Committee (http://www.wfo-cbrc.org/cbrc/bylaws.html). Membership on those committees is subject to defined term limits and members must rotate off the committee every few years before they may be reappointed.

The intent of such provisions is to encourage wider participation in the review process by qualified members of the organizations to which the records committees are ultimately accountable, to reduce the likelihood of “burnout” by committee members, and to enhance the accountability of the committee to its audience. We propose that members of the WBRC be appointed for two-year terms with a single reappointment allowed before being replaced. An individual may be reappointed after a single year off the committee. We propose to modify our existing bylaws so that both the WBRC Chair and

WOS Conference in Walla Walla by Carol Schulz

I attended the WOS Conference in early June, and I want to go back to Walla Walla County! Mike Denny’s talk explained that Walla Walla County rises from 340 ft. at Wallula Gap to almost 5,000 ft. in the mountains. There are rivers, deltas, and productive varied habitats. Its rivers include the Columbia, the Snake, and Walla Walla River. It is close to the TriCities, so we folks on the west side can travel on freeways almost the whole way. And we found out almost any bird is possible there!

Before the conference, the WOS board members were going crazy making arrangements and finding leaders for all the field trips. Then there was the problem of a cold, wet spring, too much snow in the mountains, and gas prices going up, up, up. Despite all that, there were 100 participants, and leaders for most of the trips. Once we struggled to find our way around the campus, we found the dorm which was to serve as conference headquarters. Many of us stayed in the dorm, and despite my trepidations, I found it to be quite nice, with facilities to fix food on every floor, and a lounge in the basement.

I went on three field trips and they were all very good. The leaders had scouted ahead of time and found us some great birds. On Friday, Jim Danzenbaker took us to an INDIGO BUNTING, breeding up on No. Fork Coppel Road, which he had found the day before while scouting. We saw lots of other birds too. Jim gave us helpful hints about identifying birds on the wing by their calls, and noting tail length of different birds perching. Wow. I put his hints into my field guide. Since we were leaving every morning at 5 AM, I skipped Saturday's trip, and birded on my own. A nap helped a lot.

On Sunday, I went on Scott Downes’ trip to Biscuit Ridge. He found us two close-up Green-tailed Towhees, which called and copulated! On
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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
From the Board—By Jack Stephens

There are lots of changes at WOS, as reflected in this issue of WOSNews. Our Annual Conference took place in June in Walla Walla and was a huge success; planning is already under way for our 2009 conference; stay tuned, as we expect to announce the location shortly. Input on where you would like the conference held should be sent to any Board member.

In this issue, you will also find a ballot for new members of the WOS Board. These are the individuals who have stepped forward to work for the continued operation of the organization. I can tell you that all the current Board members take their responsibility very seriously; those on the ballot deserve a vote of thanks from the membership for the generosity of their time and expertise.

Just as importantly, there is a vote for a reorganization of the Washington State Bird Records Committee. We thank the current members for their efforts over the years. There is a lot of work that goes into reviewing sightings submitted to the committee; many of the members of the WBRC have served tirelessly for years. The Board feels that the proposed revised structure of the committee will lead to better service to the birding community of the state, and allow an opportunity for those who have not yet served to become involved. Please read the review of this important subject, and cast your ballot thoughtfully.

Lastly, we have set a goal to establish the Patrick Sullivan Young Birders Fund as a self-sustaining fund. Currently, any grants reduce the principal of the fund, requiring further donations. If the fund could grow to a certain level, we would have the ability to award grants from the interest income, and the fund would continue into perpetuity. This is a fitting tribute to our lost friend and colleague Patrick Sullivan, and it will help guarantee the participation of a new generation of birders in our community. We currently are just over half-way to our goal. Any donation, $10, $25, or more, to the fund would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be included with your ballots. You all know birders are a great group; we care for each other and for the new birders coming into our ranks. Now is the opportunity to show how much we care. We will keep you posted as we approach our goal.

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Monday, I took Bob Flores' trip on the way home. Because there was too much high water down at the Walla Walla River delta, Bob changed the trip a bit. We backtracked east and I got to see the LEAST FLYCATCHER up very close. Then we went up the mountain to view the male Indigo Bunting. We had great looks at this bird, and heard it call. We did not see its mate, a female Lazuli! Then our group headed for home.

We stopped in the TriCities and walked out onto Bateman Island, where there were many birds to see. Most of the island is very green these days, since being planted in native plants after a couple of fires a few years ago. (I found out later that those fires were arson, and they found out who did it.) In the green bushes and roses, we found two Gray Catbirds that perched up and sang. Out in some huge locust trees, we found a Great Horned Owl, and a very large juvenile owl flying and perching. Bob thinks the island may become very productive during migration because of all the new vegetation.

Later that day, we cut the field trip short, as there were heavy snow warnings in the pass. It was June! Earlier in the conference, on Friday, Mike Denny's trip had encountered a blizzard! What a spring!

During the conference, the leaders were wonderful. They were very well-prepared, and some of them jumped in and substituted for other leaders whenever it was needed. Kathy Andrich was a substitute at the last minute, and her group found a GREAT GRAY OWL up on Biscuit Ridge! It was perched by the road near small pine trees in mid-afternoon. I want to thank Mike and Merry Lynn Denny, all the leaders, the members of the board who really sweated this one out, and the volunteers, especially Ron Friesz of Ephrata, who did extra special duty at the conference. It was a success. Great speakers, birds, people, food, and trips! Thanks so much to WOS. I want to return to Walla Walla County!

Assistance Needed for Nightjar Survey

In recent years, it has become evident that populations of nightjars are declining throughout North America. However, there have not been large-scale or long-term monitoring programs designed to survey this group of birds when they are active at night. It is critical to gain insight into the precise scale, location, and magnitude of population changes if we are to plot a course of conservation for these species.

The United States Nightjar Survey Network is a new survey program coordinated by the Center for Conservation Biology, but comprised of conservation-minded citizens working together to improve the general understanding of the status of nightjar populations. It relies on volunteer participation to adopt and conduct survey routes throughout the country. Nightjar surveys are easy to perform and will not take more than two hours to complete. Volunteers conduct roadside counts at night during a window of time specified by the Center for Conservation Biology, when the moon is ≥ 50 % illuminated, by driving and stopping at 10 points along a predetermined 9-mile route (BBS routes, but also including other possible route locations). At each point, the observer counts all nightjars seen or heard (by species) during a 6-minute period. Each route is visited once annually. No artificial broadcasts of the species' calls are used. Please visit the United States Nightjar Survey Website (www.ccb-wm.org/nightjars.htm) for more details including location of routes, instructions, and results from previous surveys.
Upcoming WOS Meetings

WOS Meetings are free and open to all. They are held the first Monday of each month at the Center for Urban Horticulture on the University of Washington campus, 3501 NE 41st St. in Seattle (directions below). Doors open at 7:00 PM and the program begins at 7:30 PM.

Please note: Monthly meetings are not scheduled in July, August, or September. Meetings resume in October.

Monday, October 6, 2008: The Status of Western Grebes in Washington - with Dr. Joe Gaydos

The Western Grebe population has declined 95% over the last decade. Dr. Gaydos will discuss what we know about the causes behind this decline, where we need more information, and where we can start with restoration. Dr. Gaydos obtained his veterinary medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania and completed a PhD at the University of Georgia, where he served as wildlife disease diagnostician in the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study program, gaining extensive knowledge and experience in wildlife health. He has recently been hired by the Marine Ecosystem Health Program, which coordinates research projects to assess, restore, and enhance the health of wildlife populations and habitat along the Pacific Coast. From a base of operations in the San Juan Islands, Dr. Gaydos will help the program achieve its mission of restoring ecosystem and wildlife health to the inner coastal waters of Washington and British Columbia, and will serve as a scientific resource available to individuals and organizations seeking vital information on ecosystem and wildlife health issues.

November 3, 2008: South Africa in Spring (actually Fall) - with Dr. Dennis Paulson

Dennis Paulson showed us a dazzling array of bird species from his two weeks in Namibia in April 2008, and now he's going to follow up with photos from another two weeks spent in South Africa on the same trip. He and his wife visited the highlands of that country for a few days, then dropped down to the coastal plain of KwaZulu-Natal all the way to the Indian Ocean. While visiting numerous game preserves, some of them among the most famous in the world, they observed and photographed many species of birds, as well as some of the charismatic mammals for which the continent is famous. And don't be surprised at photos of dragonflies and other smaller creatures they encountered.

Directions: From I-5, take SR 520 East. Take the Montlake Blvd. NE exit and turn north towards the University of Washington campus. Stay in right lane and go north on Montlake Blvd. over the bridge and past the stadium. The road will curve to the right around the Montlake Fill and merge with NE 45th St. You will quickly approach a five-way intersection. At the intersection, turn right onto Mary Gates Memorial Drive. The Center for Urban Horticulture is two long blocks down on the right. There is plenty of free parking at the facility. We use the main meeting room, the backside of which faces the road. Bus numbers 25, 65, and 75 all stop at NE 45th and Mary Gates Memorial Drive. A map can be found at http://depts.washington.edu/urbhort/html/info/contact.html.

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

Saturday, July 26—Whidbey Island Fall Migration

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

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

Saturday, August 16—Foothills of Yakima County

Scott Downes will lead a trip to explore the oak habitats, shorelines, and eastern slope of the Cascades in Yakima County. Likely places covered (depending on current conditions) include Fort Simcoe State Park, Oak Creek Wildlife Area, Wenas Lake, and the Ahtanum area. Target birds include Williamson’s Sapsucker, White-headed Woodpecker, Lewis’s Woodpecker, and Spruce Grouse, among the more common birds of these habitats. Be prepared to walk a couple of miles and dress for warm weather. Owling opportunities are possible if the group is interested, for Flammulated Owl and Common Poorwill. Limit of seven (7) participants. For details, contact Scott at (509) 469-7807 or email downness@charter.net.

Saturday-Sunday, August 23-24—Grant County - Neotropical Migrants and Shorebirds

On Saturday, Doug Schonewald will bird the upper Grand Coulee for neo-tropical migrants. Areas covered include Sun Lakes State Park, Steamboat Rock State Park, and Northrup Point. Time permitting, additional stops may include Cole’s Park in Grand Coulee and Hartline. Shorebirds are possible, but the focus on the first day will be passerines. On Sunday, Doug will bird Potholes State Park in early morning for passerines. The focus will shift mid-morning to migrant shorebirds, covering the Potholes State Park area, with additional stops at Perch Point and Lind Coulee. Expect early start times to beat the heat of the day and ample rest stops to cool down. Carpooling and limited to eight (8) participants. For details, contact Doug at (509) 766-0056 or email dschone8@donobi.net.
Monroe Swift Night Out
by Diann MacRae

Come join the Friends of the Vaux’s Swifts Committee for an educational and visual night of swift activities on Saturday, September 6, from 6 PM - 8 PM at the Frank Wagner Elementary School in Monroe. There will be a short lecture in the auditorium, docents to answer questions, an information booth, activities for children, a raffle, snacks and drinks, and the main event of the evening: thousands of Vaux’s Swifts swirling into the school’s 40-foot chimney.

Swifts into chimneys are a sight to see. Early on, there are swirling masses of chattering swifts, seemingly coming and going from all directions and joining a counter-clockwise circle around the chimney. When it’s time to enter, they dive towards the chimney, then immediately change from a head-first flight to enter tail first. In the chimney, they overlap each other in “shingle” fashion to save body heat and space. When they are finally roosting, their metabolism drops to near-dormancy, also to save energy.

The swifts are heading south on their fall migration from northwestern Canada and Washington state to Central America and Venezuela. The Wagner School swifts are, as far as is known, the second largest group in the world. Only the Chapman School in Portland, Oregon, has had higher numbers: 136,000 Vaux’s Swifts in 2000.

Vaux’s Swifts are tiny, four to five inches in length, and the smallest of Washington state’s three swift species. (The others are the Black Swift and the White-throated Swift.) Vaux’s spend most of their time in the air — eating, courting, mating, collecting nesting materials — all in flight. They prefer old hollow trees, but brick chimneys make a good substitute. Fall isn’t the only time these swifts use the Wagner’s brick chimney plus many other open chimneys. During the spring of 2008, a total of 121,250 Vaux’s Swifts were counted entering the Wagner School chimney. A first!

Counters will be needed in the fall, so if you can spare an hour or two in the evening, give Brian Blomster a call at (206) 790-9642 and become an official Swift Counter.

FAQ’s re Swift Watch

When will the swifts arrive?
Generally, they arrive in late August and stay through most of September. Best viewing is in the first weeks of September.

What time is best to see them?
They start gathering about an hour or more before sunset and are usually through by dusk.

How many will be there?
At the peak of migration, thousands will be seen.

How long will they be in Monroe?
Until late September/early October, but much lower numbers as time goes on.

How do I get to the Wagner School?
Take Hwy 2 to Monroe. It’s on Main St. between Kelsey and Dickinson Rd.

21st Annual Summer Lecture Series at Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

The 2008 Summer Lecture Series is entitled, "The Natural World Below and Above Us," and features a variety of talks on environmental topics ranging from astronomy to bison. The free lectures are held every Wednesday evening during July and August starting July 9. All lectures begin at 7:00 PM and are held at the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center auditorium. Lectures usually last approximately one hour and are followed by questions. Attendance is limited to 100 and seating will be issued starting at 6:00 PM on a first-come basis, and you must be present. The entrance fee is waived for those attending the lectures. On lecture nights, the Visitor Center will be open until 7:00 PM and again after the lecture. For more information, call the Refuge Office at (360) 753-9467.

July 9—In the Company of Crows and Ravens
Speaker: John Marzluff, Professor of Forest Resources
University of Washington

July 16—Dirt: The Erosion of Civilization
Speaker: David Montgomery, Professor of Earth Sciences
University of Washington

July 23—What Good Are Bugs? The Case for Invertebrate Conservation
Speaker: Scott Hoffman Black, Entomologist
Executive Director, Xerces Society

July 30—Puget Sound’s Shifting Resources
Speaker: Hugh Shipman, Coastal Geologist
Washington State Department of Ecology

August 6—Are We the Weathermakers?
Speaker: Richard Gammon, Professor of Oceanography and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Washington

August 13—Ups and Downs in Puget Sound
The Saga of the Dungeness Crab and Spot Prawn
Speaker: Greg Jensen, Professor of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences
University of Washington

August 20—Bison: Back from the Brink - A Native Story
Speaker: Kenneth Zontek, Author and Professor, Heritage University, Yakima Valley Community College

August 27—Night Skies Over Nisqually: Talking and Viewing
Viewing begins at 8:30 PM
Speaker: Paula Szkody, Professor, Department of Astronomy
University of Washington
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members are appointed by the WOS President with the approval of the WOS Board and the Chair(s) of the WBRC. This should assure that the WBRC membership reflects a consensus of the WOS Board and the WBRC.

According to Article X.1 of our bylaws, amendments require a “majority vote of the members voting at any annual or special meeting. New bylaws and amendments shall be published in WOSNews or by some other means, so that the general membership receives a copy of the changes at least 15 days before the vote.” We are therefore publishing the proposed Bylaws changes, as recommended by the Board, in WOSNews 116 (August-September 2008) and will hold the vote at the October 6, 2008, membership meeting in Seattle. Members unable to attend that meeting may submit a proxy vote in advance of the meeting by mail, using the form printed in this issue of WOSNews.

The WOS Board recommends approval of these proposed changes.

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WOS Membership Chair Position 2009

We are looking for a member who would like to learn how to navigate the Membership Chair position starting 2009. The current Chair will work with our new volunteer to acquaint him or her with the position and its responsibilities. This position involves the use of Excel database to update current membership and generate files for newsletter labels, email communication with members in regard to membership issues, and short Board reports detailing current membership numbers. Please help to keep the organization you value operating. We are a 100% volunteer organization; this is your opportunity to contribute! If you are interested, please contact Susan Fallat at sungrebe@mac.com, or Jack Stephens at jstephens62@comcast.net.
Greater White-fronted Goose  Reports of larger flocks included 850 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/2 (MaB), 300 McNary NWR Walla Walla on 10/3 (MD, MLD), 900 at Battle Ground Clark on 10/3 (JDz), 200 at Vancouver Lake Clark on 10/4 (WC), 40 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/20 (SM), and 31 at Renton King on 11/4 (EH). Subspecies rare in WA. 3 apparent “Tule Geese” A. a. elgasi at Fir Island Skagit on 10/20 (SM).

Snow Goose  Reports away from nw WA included 2 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 10/6 (fide BLa), 200 over Seattle King on 10/8 (CSi) with 40 there on 11/18 (JF), 4 at Richmond Beach King on 10/8 (EH), 240 over Juanita Bay King on 10/11 with 1 there from 11/21 to 11/30 (RYM), 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/12 (CW), 9 at Stratford Grant on 10/14 (RH) with 29 there on 11/3 (DS), 8 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/21 (PB), 32 at Sprague Lake Adams on 10/23 (JA), 19 near Redmond King on 10/23 (BrM), 40 at Comana Lake Lincoln on at least 10/24 to 11/25 (fide CrC), 2 at Nisqually NWR Thurston from at least 10/25 to 11/15 (PhK), 3 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 10/27 with 1 there on 11/7 (MD, MLD), 1 at Ellensburg Kittitas from 11/2 (TO) to 11/11 King on 11/4 (EH). Subspecies rare in WA. 3 apparent “Tule Geese” A. a. elgasi at Fir Island Skagit on 10/20 (SM).

“Blue” Goose Rare in WA. 1 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/18 with 2 there on 11/18, 4 at Fir Island Skagit from 10/20 (SM) to at least 11/5 (RyM).

Ross's Goose  Rare in WA. 2 reported at Comana Lake Lincoln on 10/24 (GiS), and 3 at Sprague Lake Adams/Lincoln on 10/26 (RH).

Brant  Uncommon away from coast. 1 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 11/24 (SM, RF). Early report: 6 at Samish Island Skagit on 10/4 (HA).

Cackling Goose  Notable reports included 9847 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/27 (RF), 250 at Marymoor Park King on 11/1 (MiH), 3000 at Kent Valley King on 11/4 (EH), 1 apparent “Aleutian” at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 11/24, and 190 at Everett STP Snohomish on 11/29 (SM).

Tundra Swan  Early reports included 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/14 (RF) with 14 there on 10/24 (RgW), 15 at Franz Lake NWR Skamania on 10/27 (CW), and 7 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 10/27 (MD, MLD). Uncommon locally. 5 at Bellevue King on 11/4 (HJ), 1 at Marymoor Park King from 11/15 to 11/30 (MiH), and 1 at Alderton Pierce on 11/29 (CW).

Trumpeter Swan  Reports away from nw WA included 3 at Lower Crab Creek Grant on 10/29 (RH), 5 at Turnbull NWR Spokane on 10/30 with 11 there on 11/13 (CrC), 4 at Grimes Lake Douglas on 11/3 (MD, MLD), 2

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at Montlake Fill King on 11/5 (NLr) with 1 there on 11/10 (JB), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/7 (TAv,RyM), 8 at Kent King from at least 11/9 (EH) to 11/12 (CWt), 24 at St Andrews Douglas on 11/10 (MaF), 10 near Ellensburg from at least 11/11 (GuM) to 11/17 (MiH), 2 at Comana Lake Lincoln on 11/15 (fide CrC), 2 at Bingen Klickitat on 11/23 (Sj), 9 at Bonney Lake Pierce on 11/25, and 36 at Alderton Pierce on 11/29 (CWt).

Mute Swan Introduced species. 1 at Steigerwald Lake NWR Clark from 11/10 to 11/30 (WC).

Swan sp. Uncommon locally. 10 over Woodland Park Zoo King on 11/18 (TAv).

Mandarin Duck Introduced species. 1 male at Sammamish King from at least 10/31 to 11/29 (LDa).

Green-winged Teal High count: 1610 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/27 (RF). 10/28 (RyM,BWg).

“Common” Teal Uncommon in WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/24 (SM,RFl).

Green-winged X “Common” Teal Uncommon in WA. 1 near Stanwood Snohomish on 11/18 (SM,BWg).

American Black Duck
Provenance unknown. 1 at Juanita Bay King from 10/1 to 11/14 (RyM,EH), and 1 at Stanwood STP Snohomish on 11/10 (RyM,SM). The Juanita bird appeared similar to the bird that was there in 2004.

Mallard High count: 24,392 at Lower Crab Creek Grant on 11/7 (fide RF).

Northern Pintail High count: 3000 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/23 (RF).

Blue-winged Teal Late reports included 4 at La Conner. Skagit on 10/4 (Ry,M,SM), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark from 10/10 (LoR) to 10/12 (Rq,W).

Cinnamon Teal Late reports included 3 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/14 (BIC), and 6 at Everett STP Snohomish on 11/29 (SM).

Gadwall High count: 300 at Montlake Fill King on 11/4 (Ry,M).

Eurasian Wigeon Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Calispell Lake Pend Oreille on 10/6 (TLi), 1 at Wanapum Kittitas from 11/5 (HO) to 11/18 (SDo), and 1 at Brewster Douglas on 11/10 (MaF).

American Wigeon High count: 3500 at Yukon Harbor Kitsap on 11/20 (BWG).

Canvasback High count: 575 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/7 (fide RH).

Redhead High count: 3560 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/7 (fide RH). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Hamilton Skagit from 10/1 to 10/5 (GB), 1 at Renton King on 10/21 (ASc), 1 at Lake Sammamish King on 10/22 (KnG), 2 at Douglas on 11/3, 1 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 11/10 (MD,MLD), 1 at Dry Falls Grant on 11/10 and 11/11 (BWg), 3 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/11 (GuM) with 4 on 11/17 (MiH) and 1 there on 11/28 (TAv,RyM), 1 at Moses Lake Grant on 11/16 (DSe), and 1 at Sprague Lake Adams on 11/18 (Ja).

Black Scoter Rare in e WA. 1 male at Wanapum Kittitas from 11/17 (MiH) to 11/28 (TAv,RyM). Reports for w WA included 25 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/27 (CWt), 20 at Discovery Park King from 11/3 (MD) to 11/8 (TAv), and 10 at Sinclair Inlet Kitsap on 11/10 (KB).

Surf Scoter Inland reports included 1 at Lake Sacajawea Coulee on 10/3 (RkO), 2 at Kennewick Benton on 10/4 (NLa), and 3 near Sprague Lincoln on 10/7 (MWO,GiS). 1 with 1 there on 10/14 (Ja), 1 at Granite Lake Spokane on 10/7 (MWO,GiS), 1 at Juanita Bay King from 10/9 (MMF) to 11/2 (Ry,M), 3 at Takhlakh Lake Skamania on 10/11 (WC,KK), 1 at Clarkston Assin on 10/11 (fide CrC), 10 at Deer Lake Stevens on 10/12 (TLi), 1 at Yakima Yakima on 10/12 (JO), 1 at Lake Lenore Grant on 10/13 (RSt) with 2 there on 10/22 (DSc), 1 at Chief Timothy SP Assin on 10/20 (GO), 9 at Bateman Island Benton on 10/23 (fide BlA), 1 at Goose Lake Skamania on 10/23 (Sj), 2 at Crawfish Lake Okanogan on 10/23 (RoF), 1 at Magnunson Park King on 10/25 (JB), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/27 (RFl), 1 at Clear Lake Yakima on 10/24 (RRe), 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/10 (fide CrC).

Lesser Scaup High count: 850 at Vancouver STP Clark 11/24 (SM). Scaup sp. High count: 4700 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/7 (fide RH). Ring-necked Duck X Scaup sp. Rarely reported. 1 at Renton King on 11/30 (CWr).

Harlequin Duck Rare locally. 1 male reported at Liberty Lake Spokane on 10/15 (fide CrC).

Long-tailed Duck High count: 130 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap on 10/28 (Ry,M,BWg). Uncommon in e WA. 15 south of Brewster from 10/9 (MMF) to 11/2 (Ry,M), 3 at Takhlakh Lake Skamania on 10/11 (WC,KK), 1 at Clarkston Assin on 10/11 (fide CrC), 10 at Deer Lake Stevens on 10/12 (TLi), 1 at Yakima Yakima on 10/12 (JO), 1 at Lake Lenore Grant on 10/13 (RSt) with 2 there on 10/22 (DSc), 1 at Chief Timothy SP Assin on 10/20 (GO), 9 at Bateman Island Benton on 10/23 (fide BlA), 1 at Goose Lake Skamania on 10/23 (Sj), 2 at Crawfish Lake Okanogan on 10/23 (RoF), 1 at Magnunson Park King on 10/25 (JB), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/27 (RFl), 1 at Clear Lake Yakima on 10/24 (RRe), 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/10 (TAv) with 6 on 11/11 (GuM) and 2 there on 11/18 (SDo), 2 at Soap Lake Grant on 11/6 (AS), 1 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 11/7 (MD,MLD), 1 at Dry Falls Grant on 11/10 (BWg), 1 at Rimrock Lake Yakima on 11/12 (AS), 1 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/15 (Ry,M,MD), and 3 north of Pasco Franklin on 11/20 (NLa).

White-winged Scoter
Uncommon away from salt water in WA. 2 at Juanita Bay King on 10/9 with 1 there on 10/14 (Ry,M), 1 at Coulee City Grant on 10/9 (GGm) to 10/22 (DSc), 10 at Deer Lake Stevens on 10/12 (TLi), 1 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 10/21 (MD,MLD), 3 at Vantage Kittitas from 11/11 (GuM) to 11/14 (TAv,HO) with 4 there on 11/15 (Ry,M,MD), 1 at Buchanan Lake Yakima on 11/12 (He), and 1 at Sprague Lake Adams from 11/14 to 11/18 (JL).

Barrow’s Goldeneye
Uncommon locally. 2 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/27 (CWr).

Bufflehead High count: 250 at Wallula HMU Walla Walla on 10/21 (MD,MLD).

Hooded Merganser
High count: 70 near Ancortes Skagit on 11/5 (Ry,M).

Red-breasted Merganser
Uncommon away from salt water. 1 at Davis Lake Pend Oreille on 10/9 (GiS), 2 at Liberty Lake Spokane on 10/11 (fide CrC), 1 at Cavanaugh Pond King on 10/22 (HJ), 4 at Sprague Lake Adams/Lincoln on 10/26, 1 at Lake Lenore Grant on 10/27 (Rt), 20 at Steamboat Rock Grant on 11/3 (SDo), 1 at woodland Coulee on 11/4 (RKo), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/7 (TAv,RyM), 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/14 (TAv,HO) and 11/15, 2 at Juanita Bay King on 11/22 (Ry,M), 2 near Maryhill Klickitat on 11/23, and 2 at Vancouver Lake Clark on 11/24 (SM).

Ruddy Duck
High counts for w WA: 1490 at Everett STP Snohomish on 10/14 (SM), and 1325 at Drayton Harbor Whatcom on 11/13 (Ry,M,MD).
Spruce Grouse Uncommon in WA. 3 at Gypsy Meadows Pend Oreille on 10/6 (TLi), 1 reported at Horseshoe Lake Skamania on 10/11 (WC,KK), 3 at Tiffany Spring Okanogan on 11/2 (MKM), and 1 at Chopaka Mountain Okanogan on 11/10 (KtH).

White-tailed Ptarmigan Only report: 1 in basic plumage at Chopaka Mountain Okanogan on 11/6 (fide KtH).

Ruffed Grouse Uncommon locally. 2 at Carnation King on 11/1 (RyM).

Red-throated Loon Rare in e WA. 1 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 11/7 (MD,MLD), 2 reported at Lake Chelan Chelan on 11/11 (GG), and 1 at John Day Dam Klickitat on 11/23 (SM).

Pacific Loon High count: 1200 at Bainbridge Island Kittap on 10/28 (RyM,BWg). Reports for e WA included 1 at Lake Lenore Grant on 10/9 (GGm), 1 at Coulee City Grant on 10/22 (DSc), 1 at Hood Park Walla Walla on 10/27 (MD,MLD), 1 at Pateros Okanogan on 11/2 (GB), 1 at Steamboat Rock Grant on 11/3 (SDo), 3 at Wanapum Dam Grant from 11/5 to 11/14 (HO), 1 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 11/7 with 3 there on 11/10 (MD,MLD), 1 at Rimrock Lake Yakima on 11/12 (AS), 1 at Clear Lake Spokane 11/17 (fide CrC), and 1 at Sprague Lake Adams on 11/18 (JA).

Yellow-billed Loon Uncommon in WA. 1 reported at Twanoh SP Mason on 11/29 (JD).

Horned Grebe Reports for e WA included 30 at Hawk Creek Lincoln on 10/20 (MWo), and 10 at Buchanan Lake Yakima on 11/12 (RRe).

Red-necked Grebe Locally uncommon in e WA. 2 at Kennewick Benton on 10/6 (NLa), 1 at Clarkston Austen from 10/20 (MD,KK) to 10/25 (GiS), 1 at Hawk Creek Lincoln on 10/20 (MWo), 3 at Columbia NWR Grant on 10/23 (RH), 1 at Dalles Dam Klickitat on 10/27 (Sj), 1 at Electric City Grant on 11/3, 1 at Northrup Point Grant on 11/3 (DSc), 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/15 with 3 there on 11/28, and 1 at Central Ferry SP Whitman on 11/17 (RyM).

Eared Grebe Reports included 1 at Columbia NWR Grant from September to 10/23 (RH), 1 at Samish Island Skagit from September to 10/30 (HA) with 2 there from 10/31 (TAv) to 11/17 (GB), 1 at Stanwood Snohomish from September to 11/10, 1 at Everett STP Snohomish from 10/7 to 10/11 (SM), 1 at Sullivan Lake Pend Oreille on 10/9 (GiS), 4 at Chief Timothy SP Austen on 10/20 (GO), 1 at Renton King from 10/21 (EH) to 11/3 (RyM), 1 at Hoquiam Grays Harbor on 10/25 (TO), 3 at Discovery Park King on 10/28 (EH), 3 Bainbridge Island Kittap on 10/28 (RyM,BWg), 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston from 11/7 to 11/15 (PhK), 1 at Kennewick Benton from 11/9 to 11/20 (NLa), 2 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/14 (TAv,HO) with 5 on 11/15 and 2 there on 11/28 (RyM), 22 at Utsalady Bay Island on 11/18 (SM,BWg), 1 at Neah Bay Clallam on 11/26 (AS), and 1 at Lyle Klickitat on 11/29 (Sj).

Western Grebe High count: 5000 at Bainbridge Island Kittap on 10/28 (RyM,BWg). Late e WA reports included 80 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 10/21 (MD,MLD), 5 at Linda Lake Adams on 11/4 (RH), and 255 at Bingen Klickitat on 11/23 (SM).

Western X Clark's Grebe Rarely reported. 1 Vancouver Lake Clark from September to 11/24 (SM), 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/14 on 11/11 (CWr,RSh).

Sooty Shearwater Late for WA. 1 dark shearwater thought to be this species at Discovery Park King on 11/5 (MtB).

Short-tailed Shearwater Reports included 200 at Fort Canby Pacific on 11/11 (CWr,RSh), and 1 at Edmonds Snohomish on 11/17 (DD).

American White Pelican Late reports included 2 at Calispell Lake Pend Oreille on 10/6 (TLi), 18 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 11/7 (MD,MLD), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/11 (BIC), and 7 at Wanapum Kittitas on 11/24 (fide TAv).

Brown Pelican Late reports included 15 at Westport Grays Harbor on 10/21 (BT), 1 at Clinton Island on 10/23 (fide EH), 1 at Port Orchard Kittap on 11/10 (KB), 20 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 11/11 (CWr,RSh), 1 at Edmonds Snohomish on 11/18 (DD), and 1 at Seattle King on 11/19 (JWo).

Brandt's Cormorant High count: 250 off Restoration Point Kittap on 10/6 (BWg).

FRIGATEBIRD sp. Any species rare in WA. 1 at West Richland Benton on 11/3 (MGr).

American Bittern Late e WA report: 1 at Corfu Grant on 11/7 (RH).

Great Egret Reports included 1 at Cow Lake Adams on 10/7 (MWo,GiS), 104 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/9 (JE) with 91 there on 11/8 (RFJ), 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 10/11 (PhK), 4 at Bay City Grays Harbor on 10/14 (KAn), 1 near La Conner Skagit on 10/15 (fide SM), 1 at Alkali Lake Grant from 10/22 to 11/3 (DSc), 1 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 11/6 (RyM,MtD), 1 near Kennewick Benton from 11/19 (NLa) to 11/24 (DR), 1 at Union Gap Yakima on 11/26 (DGr), and 1 at Scooteneck Reservoir Franklin on 11/30 (RH).

Cattle Egret Uncommon in WA. 1 at Montlake Fill King from 11/6 (NLz) to 11/9 (CPe), and 1 at Fir Island Skagit from 11/12 to 11/15 (fide SM).

Green Heron Late report: 1 at Lake Sacaajewea Cowitz on 11/6 (Rko).

Black-crowned Night-Heron Uncommon and local in w WA. 1 at Warm Beach Snohomish on 10/31 (TAv).

Turkey Vulture Reports included 142 at Ridgefield Clark on 10/4 (WC), 60 at Vashon Island King on 10/5, 89 at Burien King on 10/5 (fide DMa), 78 at Teanaway Kittitas on 10/10 (fide MtB), 57 at Port Angeles Clallam on 10/8, 6 at North Bend King on 10/23, and 1 at Hood Park Walla Walla on 10/23 (fide DMa).

Osprey Late reports included 1 at Hawk
Creek Lincoln on 10/20 (MWo), 1 at Pateros Okanogan on 10/25 (MBo), 1 at Othello Adams on 10/31 (RH), 1 at Montesano Grays Harbor on 11/2 (DJo), 1 at Lower Crab Creek Grant on 11/4 (CrW), 1 at Cle Elum Kittitas on 11/4 (JS), 1 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap on 11/21 (BWg), and 1 at Bridgeport SP Douglas on 11/23 (MSp).

**White-tailed Kite** Uncommon and local in WA. 1 at Centralia Lewis on 10/7 (TO), 1 at Adna Lewis on 10/14 (KB) with 10 in Lewis on 11/1 (KAn), 5 at Willow Grove Cowlitz on 10/27 with 6 there on 11/11 (RKo), 9 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR Wabakiukum on 11/3 (RKo) with 3 there on 11/23 (RMH), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark from 11/8 to 11/25 (BIC).

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** High count: 19 at Chinook Pass Pierce/Yakima on 10/28 (AS).

**Northern Goshawk** Uncommon in the Columbia Basin. 1 at Hood Park Walla Walla on 10/21, and 1 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla from 11/20 to 11/27 (MD,MLD).

**RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** Uncommon in WA. 1 adult at Cinebar Lewis on 10/1 (CIL), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark from 10/10 to 11/3 (BIC) with 2 there on 11/6 (RFI), 1 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 11/2 (BWg), and 1 adult at Kent King from at least 11/8 to 11/20 (KAn) to 11/20 (MaB).

**“Harlan’s” Hawk** Reports included 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark from at least 11/3 (BIC) to 11/24 (SM), and 1 at Kent King from 11/18 to 11/18 (KAn).

**Ferruginous Hawk** Late for WA. 1 reported at Havillah Okanogan on 11/3 (MkM).

**Rough-legged Hawk** High count: 12 at Waterville Plateau Douglas on 11/3 (MD,MLD).

**Golden Eagle** Uncommon in w WA. 3 at Chinook Pass Pierce/Yakima on 10/28 (AS).

**American Kestrel** High count: 41 in Lewis County Lewis on 11/1 (KAn,RO).

**Merlin** Reports for w WA included 1 at Iowa Beef Walla Walla on 10/2 (MD,MLD) to 11/16 (RyM,MeD), 1 at White Salmon Kittitas on 10/27 (fide SJ), 1 at Hanford Benton on 11/15 (fide BlA), 1 at Corfu Grant on 11/15 (RH), 1 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on 11/20 (MD,MLD), 1 at Bates Road Kittitas on 11/23 (fide SJ), 1 at Rattlesnake Mountain Benton on 11/24, 1 at Horn Rapids Benton on 11/27 (fide BlA), and 1 at Othello Adams on 11/27 (RH).

**Peregrine Falcon** Reports for w WA included 1 at Yakima RD Benton from September to 11/3 (fide BlA), 2 at Sun Lakes SP Grant on 10/1 with 1 there on 11/3 (DSc), 1 at Chief Timothy SP Austin on 10/20 (MD,KK), 2 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on 11/20 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Dallesport Kittitas on 11/24 (SJ).

**Gyrfalcon** Uncommon in WA. 1 immature near Sprague Lake Adams on 11/14 (JA).

**Prairie Falcon** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Paradise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 10/28 (KtH), 1 at Chinook Pass Pierce/Yakima on 10/28 (AS), 1 at Woodland Cowlitz from 11/2 (KK) to 11/4 (RKo), and 1 at Samish Flats Skagit on 11/24 (GB).

**Sora** Late reports included 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 10/18 (PhK), and 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 11/10 (GFr).

**American Coot** High count: 5000 at Kenmore King on 11/3 (EH).

**Sandhill Crane** Reports included 18 over Steamboat Island Thurston on 10/29, south of Fall City King on 10/3 (fide TA), 2 over Tenino Thurston on 10/3 (BSu), 12 at Centralia Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/13 (KB) with 2 there on 10/25 (JBU).

**Golden-Plover sp.** Reports included 11 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/14 (KAn) with 2 there on 11/10 (GFr).

**Semipalmed Plover** Late reports included 2 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/1 (NL), 50 at Aberdeen Grays Harbor on 10/2 with 20 there on 11/25 (TO), 4 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/3 (HA), 147 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/8 (JBU), 18 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 10/13 (RKo), and 15 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/27 (BMo).

**MOUNTAIN PLOVER** Rare in WA. 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/25 (JBU).

**Black Oystercatcher** High count: 19 at Deception Pass SP Island on 10/14 (CWr).

**Black-necked Stilt** Late for WA. 1 at Detour Road Walla Walla from 10/1 to 10/7 (MD,MLD).

**American Avocet** Late for WA. 1 at Othello Adams from 10/11 to 10/23 (RH).

**Lesser Yellowlegs** Late reports included 15 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/12 with 10 there on 10/14 (RFI), 1 at Randle Lincoln on 10/20 (MWo), 1 at Auburn King on 10/21 (EH), and 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 10/22 (DSc).

**Willet** Uncommon in WA. 15 at Tokeland Pacific on 11/11 (CWr,RSh).

**Spotted Sandpiper** Late reports included 2 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla from 10/27 to 11/17 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Magnuson Park King from 11/15 to 11/19 (JB).

**Whimbrel** Late report: 1 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor on 10/21 (GSaM).

**Long-billed Curlew** High count: 40 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/27 (BMo).

**BAR-TAILED GODWIT** Rare in WA. 1 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor on 10/2 (MBs).

**Marbled Godwit** High count: 900 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/27 (BMo).

**Ruddy Turnstone** Reports included at Bowerman Basin Grays Harbor on 10/13 (KB) with 1 there on 10/25 (TO).

**Black Turnstone** Reports included 40 at Sandy Point Whatcom on 10/9 (WW), 175 at Restoration Point Kitsap on 10/13 (BWg), and 25 at West Seattle King on 11/10 (EH).

**Surfbird** Reports included 10 Sandy Point Whatcom on 10/9 (WW), 100 at Restoration Point Kitsap on 10/13 (BWg), 100 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/27 (CWr), 110 at Westport Grays Harbor on 11/2 (TO), and 50 at West Seattle King on 11/10 (EH).

**Red Knot** Rare in WA. 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/1 (NL). Reports for w WA included 1 at Crockett Lake Island on 10/6
Dunlin on 11/10 (EH).

Least Sandpiper Late e WA reports included 16 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/31 (NLa), and 5 at Soap Lake Grant on 11/3 (DSc).

Baird's Sandpiper Late for WA: 4 reported at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/13 (KB).

Pectoral Sandpiper Late reports included 1 at Reardan Lincoln on 10/20 (MWo), 7 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/22 (NLa), and 2 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 11/10 (GFr).

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Uncommon in WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/3 (RFi), and 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 11/10 and 11/11 (GFr).

Rock Sandpiper Reports included 4 at Westport Grays Harbor on 10/21 (GuM), 3 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/27 (CWri) with 7 there on 11/11 (GFr), 2 off Restoration Point Kitap on 10/28 and 11/21 (BWg), and 1 at West Seattle King on 11/10 (EH).

Dunlin Reports for e WA included 1 Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 10/8, 1 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on 10/9 (MD,MLD), 15 at Bateman Island Benton on 10/21 (NLa), 2 at Reardan Lincoln on 10/24 (JLa), 11 at Soap Lake Grant on 10/27 (RFi) with 15 there on 11/6 (AS), 4 at Coulee City Grant on 11/3 (DSc), 9 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 11/4 (MD,MLD), and 48 at Moses Lake Grant on 11/23 (DSc).

RUFF Rare in WA. 1 at Bay City Grays Harbor from 11/27 (LoR) to 11/30 (GTz).

Short-billed Dowitcher Late for WA. 1 at Hansville Kitap on 10/26 (BWg).

Long-billed Dowitcher Reports included 189 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/3 (RFi), 300 near La Conner Skagit from 10/4 (SM) to 10/24 with 150 there on 11/5 (RyM), 59 at Turnbull NWR Spokun on 10/16 (CrC), 72 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/22 (NLa), and 2 at Coulee City Grant on 11/3 (DSc).

Wilson's Snipe High count: 60 at Kent King on 11/2 (EH).

Red-necked Phalarope Late for WA. 2 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla from 10/1 to 10/3 (MD,MLD), 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/20 (BW), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/26 (SC).

Red Phalarope Rare in WA. 1 at Lower Crab Creek Grant from 10/20 (RFi,RoF) to 10/25 (DSc). Uncommon inland. 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 11/11 (GFr).

Pomarine Jaeger Uncommon near shore. 1 at Kingston Kitap on 10/13 (RyM,SM), and 1 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 10/30 (TGu).

Parasitic Jaeger Late reports included 1 at Discovery Park King on 10/23 (RyM), 2 at Samish Island Skagit on 10/24 (TAv,RyM), 1 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 10/30 (TGu), and 1 at Dash Point King on 11/3 (RyM).

Jaeger sp. Either large species rare for date and location. 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 10/21 (DSc).

Franklin's Gull Uncommon in WA. 1 at Everett STP Snowbushom from 10/11 to 10/14 (SM).

Little Gull Rare in WA. 1 immature reported at Everett STP Snowbushom on 10/7 (SM).

Bonaparte's Gull Reports for e WA included 1 at Turnbull NWR Spokane on 10/20 (fide CrC), 7 at Wawawai CP Whitehat on 10/20 (GO), 2 Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 10/21 (MD,MLD), 25 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/22 (NLa), 130 at Soap Lake Grant on 10/22 with 2 there on 11/3 (DSc), 3 at Lyle Klickitat on 10/26 with 7 there on 11/5 (SJ), 16 at Ice Grant on 11/23 (GiS,MWo), and 6 at John Day Dam Klickitat on 11/23 (SM).

California Gull High count for e WA: 620 at John Day Dam Klickitat on 11/23 (SM).

Thayer's Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 10/21 (NLa), 2 at Grand Coulee Grant on 11/6 (AS) with 1 there on 11/23 (GiS,MWo), 1 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 11/16, and 1 at Wallula Walla Walla on 11/16 (RyM,MtD).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL Rare in WA. 1 at Alkali Lake Grant on 11/6 (DGr,AS).

Western Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 adult at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 11/17 (MD,MLD), 1 at Wallula Walla Walla on 11/18 (AS), and 1 at John Day Dam Klickitat on 11/23 (SM).

Glaucous Gull Early reports included 1 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla from 11/7 to 11/10 (MD,MLD), 1 at Ilwaco Pacific on 11/11 (CWri), 2 at Grand Coulee Grant on 11/23 (GiS,MWo), and 1 at John Day Dam Klickitat on 11/23 (SM).

Black-legged Kittiwake High count: 12 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/27 (CWri).

Sabine's Gull Late for WA. 1 basic adult at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/27 (CWri).

Caspian Tern Late for WA. 11 at Tokeland Pacifi on 10/21 (BT).

Marbled Murrelet High count: 82 at Washington Park Skagit on 11/5 (RyM).

Ancient Murrelet Reports included 2 at Deception Pass SP Island on 10/14 (CWri), 12 at Fort Flager Jefferson on 10/28 (RyM,BWg), 6 at Discovery Park King on 10/28 with 18 there on 11/7 and 2 there on 11/10 (EH), 12 at Point Roberts Whatcom on 10/30 with 200 there on 11/4 (fide WW), 8 at Bainbridge Island Kitap on 10/31 (BWg), and 47 at Washington Park Skagit on 11/5 (RYm).

Mourning Dove High count: 100 at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 10/21 (TO).

EUROASIAN COLLARED-DOVE Rapidly increasing in WA. 2 at Goldendale Klickitat from September to 11/30, 2 at Dallesport Klickitat from September with 4 there on 11/24 (fide SJ), 2 at Dungeness Clallam on 10/2 (fide BN), 6 at Woodland Cowitz on 10/7 (RKo) with 3 there on 11/24 (BT), 9 at Tousquet Walla Walla on 10/7 (MD,MLD) with 2 there on 11/16 (RyM,MtD), 8 near Mount Vernon Skagit on 10/14 (CWri), 1 at Pasco Franklin on 10/15 (NLa), 2 at Davenport Lincoln on 10/20 (MWo) with 28 there on 11/20 (JLa), 3 at Whidbey Island Adamis on 10/21 (GO), 1 at Northrup Point Grant on 10/22...
Red-naped Sapsucker Uncommon in w WA. 1 near Auburn King on 10/11 (SDn), and 1 at Kenmore King on 11/3 (LPh).

Red-breasted Sapsucker Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Yakima Yakima on 11/26 (RRe), and 1 at Wolfred Pend Oreille on 11/30 (fide SM).

White-headed Woodpecker Reports included 1 at Trout Lake Klickitat on 10/17 (fide SJ), 3 at Cameron Lake Road Okanogan on 11/4 (Mf), and 3 at Glennwood Klickitat on 11/10 (K).

American Three-toed Woodpecker Reports included 1 at Ahtanum Creek Yakima from 10/4 to 10/9 (RH), 1 at Salmon Meadows Okanogan on 10/13 (KfT), 3 near Mountian Okanogan on 11/2 (MM) and 11/11 (KfT), and 1 at Thunder Knob Whidbey on 11/2 (GB), and 2 below Hart's Pass Okanogan on 11/3 (Mf) with 1 there on 11/11 (MaF). “Yellow-shafted” Flicker Reports included 1 at Bucoda Thurston on 10/8 (PH), 1 at Bothell King on 11/12 (MMy), and 1 at Shoreline Snohomish on 11/17 (BfT).

Willow Flycatcher Late for WA. 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/3 (RMy).

Hammond’s Flycatcher Late for WA. 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/3 (RMy).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher Late for WA. 1 at Carkeek Park King on 10/6 (JB), and 1 at Little Spokane River Spokane on 10/8 (fide Cfr).

Say’s Phoebe Rare in fall in w WA. 1 at Montlake Fill King on 11/16 (EH). TROPICAL KINGBIRD Rare in WA. 1 at Kent King on 11/10 (KAn) with 2 from 11/11 (DSw) to 11/13 (MaB) and 1 there from 11/19 (BSu) to 11/24 (fide TAv). TROPICAL/COCHIN KINGBIRD Rare in WA. 1 at Marymoo Park King on 10/9 (MtrB,RMy), 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/12 (Cfr) and 11/10 (GFr), and 1 at Montlake Fill King on 10/27 (EH).

Northern Shrike Early reports included 1 at Marymoo Park King on 10/9 (Mf), 1 at Montlake Fill King on 10/13 (Mf), and 1 at Chopaka Mountain Okanogan on 10/14 (KfT).

Loggerhead Shrike Late reports included 1 at Old Vantage Highway Kittitas on 11/4 (MfM), and 1 at Columbia NWR Grant on 11/30 (RH).

Cassin’s Vireo Late report: 1 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on 10/4 (MD,MLD).

Gray Jay Uncommon locally. 1 near Brooklyn at 10/20 (TO), and 2 at Central Ferry Cascade Hills on 11/3 (MD,MLD).

Steller’s Jay Uncommon locally. 3 at Hawk Creek Lincoln on 10/20 (WMy), and 1 at College Place Walla Walla on 10/22 (MD,MLD).

Blue Jay Uncommon in WA. 1 reported at Yakima Yakima on 10/20, 1 reported near Yakima Yakima on 10/22 and 11/2 (fide DGr), and 2 at Walla Walla Walla Walla from 11/7 to 11/30 (fide MD).

Western Scrub-Jay Reports from expanded range included 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/12 (RMy), 1 at North Seattle King on 10/25 (fide TAv), and 1 at Monroe Snohomish on 11/10 (RMy,SM).

Clark’s Nutcracker Lower elevation reports included 3 at Hawk Creek Lincoln on 10/20 (WMy), and 2 at Robinson Canyon Kittitas from 11/1 to 11/5 (TAv).

Black-billed Magpie Reports from edge of range included 1 at Conboy Lake Klickitat on 11/10 (KK), and 2 at Cle Elum Kittitas on 11/14 (TAv).

American Crow High count for Columbia Basin. 700 at Strawberry Island Walla Walla on 10/27 (MD,MLD).

Common Raven Rare locally. 1 at Seward Park King on 10/4 (WY).

Horned Lark Uncommon in w WA lowlands. 1 at Everett STP Snohomish on 10/11 (SM), and 6 at Samish Flats Skagit on 11/24 (GB).

Tree Swallow Late for WA. 1 reported at Turnbull NWR Spokane on 10/8 (CrC).

Barn Swallow Late reports included 1 at Port Angeles Walla Walla on 10/27 (MD,MLD), 1 at Woodward Cowichan on 10/7 (RKo), 1 at Raymond Pacific on 11/11 (Cfr), 1 at Wanapum SP Kittitas on 11/15 (RMy,MD), 2 at Vancouver Lake Clark on 11/24 (SM), and 1 reported at Skagit WMF Skagit on 11/29 (fide SA).

Cliff Swallow Late for WA. 1 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/2 (Mf).

Mountain Chickadee Uncommon locally. 3 at Davenport Lincoln on 10/20 (WMy), 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 11/22 (BfA,MLD), and

1 at Maryhill Kllickitat on 11/23 (SM).

Boreal Chickadee Reports included 3 at Rogers Lake Okanogan on 11/2 (MkM), 2 at Tiffany Mountain Okanogan on 11/11, and 3 at Hart’s Pass Okanogan/Whatcom on 11/12 (KhlT).

Brown Creeper Columbia Plateau reports included 2 at Davenport Lincoln on 10/20 (MWO), and 1 at Kennewick Benton on 11/4 with 3 there on 11/5 (fide Bla).

Rock Wren Rare in w WA. 1 at Restoration Point Kitap on 10/6 (BWg).

Bewick’s Wren Locally uncommon in w WA. 1 at Cusick Pend Oreille on 10/6 (TLi), 12 at Chief Timothy SP Austin on 11/20 (MD,MLD), 1 at Chewelah Stevens on 10/20 (MWO), and 1 at Sun Lakes SP Grant on 10/22 (DSc).

Winter Wren High count for e WA. 9 at Robinson Canyon Kittitas on 11/28 (TAV,RyM).

Western Bluebird Late reports included 3 at Glenwood Kllickitat on 11/10 (KK), and 8 at Catherine Creek Kllickitat on 11/23 (SJ).

Mountain Bluebird Migrant reports included 1 at Turnbull NWR Spokan on 10/13 (CrC), and 1 at Pasco Franklin on 10/27 (NLa,PB).

Townsend’s Solitaire Uncommon in w WA lowlands. 1 at Discovery Park King on 10/31 (AMg).

Swainson’s Thrush Late reports included 12 at Battle Ground Clark on 10/4 (JDz), 2 at Bucoda Thurston on 10/8 (PH), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/11 (TAv), and 1 at Magnuson Park King on 10/28 (JB).

Gray Catbird Rare in w WA. 1 photographed at Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/20 (SM,BWg).

American Pipit Late e WA reports included 100 near Moses Lake Grant on 10/27 (RH), and 41 at Lyle Kllickitat on 11/20 (SJ).

Bohemian Waxwing Early reports included 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/15 (RyM,MrD), 1 at Magnuson Park King on 11/18 with 7 there on 11/25 (JB), 1 at Big Flat HMU Walla Walla on 11/18, and 10 at Wapato Yakima on 11/19 (AS).

Cedar Waxwing Late reports included 170 Magnuson Park King on 11/12 (JB), and 250 at Big Flat HMU Walla Walla on 11/18 (AS).

Nashville Warbler Late for WA. 1 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on 10/9 (MD,MLD), 1 at Two Rivers CP Benton on 10/13 (DR), and 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/16 (RyM).

Yellow Warbler Late report: 1 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor on 10/14 (KB).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER Rare in WA. 1 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla from 11/8 to 11/11 (MD,MLD).

Black-throated Gray Warbler Late reports included 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 10/1 (NLa), 1 at White Salmon Kllickitat on 10/6 (fide SJ), 8 at South Prairie Pierce on 10/7 (CrW), 1 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on 10/9 (MD,MLD), 1 at Mount Pleasant Skamania on 10/15 (WC), 1 at Nesqually NWR Thurston on 10/18 (PhK), and 1 at Kennewick Benton on 10/24 (fide Bla).

Townsend’s Warbler High count: 10 west of Hansville Kitap on 11/16 (BWg).

Palm Warbler Uncommon in WA. 1 at Kent King on 10/21 (EH).

Common Yellowthroat Late reports included 1 at River Bend Airport Pend Oreille on 10/9 (GiS), 1 at Nesqually NWR Thurston on 10/14 (BT), 1 at Elma Grays Harbor on 10/20 (TO), 1 at Montlake Fill King on 10/30 Kennewick Benton on 10/14 (NLa), 2 near Colville Stevens on 10/20 (MWO), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/28 (Rgw).

Vesper Sparrow Late report: 1 Biscuit Ridge Walla Walla on 10/5 (MD,MLD).

Fox Sparrow Uncommon locally. 1 “slate-colored” at Bateman Island Benton on 11/19 (NLa).

Song Sparrow High count: 600 at Wahluke Slope WMA Franklin on 11/23 (RH).

Swamp Sparrow Uncommon in WA. 1 at Nesqually NWR Thurston on 10/6 (CrW) and 10/18 (PhK), 1 at Carnation King from 11/11 (EH) to 11/23 (GuM) with 3 there on 11/24 (RyM), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 11/18 (SM,BWg), and 1 at Kent King on 11/30 (CrW).

Swamp X Song Sparrow Rarely reported. 1 photographed near Stanwood Snobonish on 10/20 (SM,BWg).

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White-throated Sparrow Reports included 1 at Pasco Franklin on 10/4 (NLa), 1 at Magnolia King on 10/5 (CaC), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark from 10/8 (RfF) to 10/28 (GuM), 1 at Bainbridge Island Kitap on 10/11 and 11/29 (BWg), 1 at Samish Island Skagit from 11/10 to 11/5, 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 11/10 (TAv) with 2 there on 11/10 (SM), 1 at Hoquiam Grays Harbor on 10/12 (CrW), 1 at Eastonville Pierce from 10/12 to 11/30 (DuB), 1 at Nesqually Pierce from 10/14 (BT), 1 at Renton King from 10/15 to 10/21 (GuM), 1 at Spokane Providence on 10/15 (JAJ), 1 at Point Defiance Pierce on 10/21 (Rhm), 1 at Tenino Thurston from 10/22 to 11/1 (PH), 1 at Union Gap Yakima on 10/23 (JHe), 1 at Kent King on 10/25 (GuM), 1 at Carnation King on 11/1, 2 at Juanita Bay King on 11/2 (RyM), 1 at Spencer Island Snobonish on 11/3 (JB), 2 at Woodland Cowlitz on 11/4 (Rko), 1 at San Juan Island San Juan on 11/6 (Bje), 1 at South Prairie Pierce on 11/10 (Cw), 3 at Monroe Snobonish on 11/10 (Ry MLM), 2 at Hansville Kitap on 11/16 (BWg), 1 at Yakima Yakima on 11/16 (Dgr), 2 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 11/24 (Bt), 1 at Marymoor Park King on 11/29 (Mih), 2 at Alderton Pierce on 11/29 (Cw), and 1 at Duval King on 11/30 (EH).

Harris’s Sparrow Uncommon in WA. 1 at Yakima Yakima on 10/12 (Joj), 1 at Kennewick Benton on 11/3 (Dr), and 1 at Big Flat HMU Walla Walla from 11/18 (AS) to 11/22 (BlA,NLa).

Golden-crowned Sparrow Reports from e WA included 1 at Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 10/1 (DSc), 2 near Richland Benton from 10/5 to 11/26 (fide Bla), 1 at Philco Lake Spokane on 10/11 (MWO), 2 at Fort Simcoe SP Yakima

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on 10/21, 2 at Yakima Indian Reservation
Yakima on 10/21 (KT), 1 at Sun Lakes SP
Grant on 10/22 (Dsc), 1 at Cle Elum Kittitas on
11/14, and 1 at Robinson Canyon Kittitas on
11/28 (TAv).

“Slate-colored” Junco Reports included 1 at
Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/11 (TAv) to
10/24 (RYM), 1 at Kent King on 10/14 (WVo)
with 2 there on 10/30 (MaB), 1 at Hamilton
Skagit on 10/28 (fide HA), 1 at Othello Adams
on 11/2 (RH), 1 at Kirkland Grant on 11/2, 1
at Wanapum Kittitas on 11/15, 1 at Central Ferry
Garfield on 11/17 (RYM), 1 at Spencer Island
Snomanish on 11/3 (JB, 3 at Maryhill Klickitat
on 11/23 (SM), 2 at Robinson Canyon Kittitas
on 11/28 (TAv), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR
Clark on 11/24 (SM).

Lapland Longspur Reports included 3
Lakewood Pierce on 10/5 (CWR), 1 at Montlake
Fill King from 10/6 (BrW) to 10/10 (MiH), 18
at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/12 (CWR),
4 at Cow Lake Adams on 10/7, 2 at Crooked
Knee Lake Whitman on 10/7, 8 at River Bend
Airport Pend Oreille on 10/9 (GiS), 22 at Sandy
Point Whatcom on 10/9 (WW), 8 at Midway
Beach Pacific on 10/14 (KB), 1 at Ridgefield
NWR Clark on 10/28 (GuM,RgW), 5 at Waterville
Plateau Douglass on 11/3 (MD,MLD), 1 at Ediz
Hook Clallam on 11/16 (BN), 2 at Klahotus
Franklin on 11/21 (SDo), and 1 at Carnation
King on 11/24 (RYM).

Snow Bunting Reports included 1 at Mount
Spokane Spokane on 10/26 (JA), 2 at Ocean
Shores Grays Harbor on 10/27, 4 at Saddle
Mountain NWR Grant on 10/29 (CrW), 1 at
Fort Lewis Pierce on 11/1 (RoG), 2 at Slate
Peak Whatcom on 11/1 (MiK), 10 at Tiffany
Mountain Okanogan from 11/5 to 11/11 (KhT),
20 at Soap Lake Grant on 11/16 (AS), 4 at
Potthoe Grant on 11/7 (RH), 1 at Steptoe
Butte Whitman on 11/16 (DaP), 1 at Ediz
Hook Clallam on 11/16 (BN) with 2 there on
11/18 (RB), 1 at Eureka Walla Walla on 11/21
(SDo), 51 at Westport Grays Harbor on 11/22
(AS), 2 at Rattlesnake Mountain Benton on
11/23 (fide Bla), and 4 at Horse Heaven Hills
Yakima on 11/26 (He).

Lazuli Bunting Late for WA. 1 male at
Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/4 (RyM,SM).

Tricolored Blackbird Uncommon in WA.
10 west of Othello Adams on 11/4 with 20
there on 11/15 (RH).

Western Meadowlark Unusual location: 1
at Diablo Lake Whatcom on 10/6 (MiF).

Yellow-headed Blackbird Uncommon in w
WA. 1 at Stanwood Snomanish on 10/20
(SM,BWg), and 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/26
(RyM).

Rusty Blackbird Uncommon in WA. 1 at
Iowa Beef Walla Walla on 11/16 (RyM,MDt),
and 1 at Alderton Pierce on 11/29 (CWR).

Brewer’s Blackbird High count: 1200
at Iowa Beef Walla Walla on 11/16 (RyM,MDt).

ORCHARD ORIOLE Rare in WA. 1 at
Samish Island Skagit on 11/6 (JBP,HA) and
11/7 (MD).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch Reports included
10 at Steptoe Butte Whitman on 11/16 (DaP), 3
at Klahotus Franklin on 11/21 (SDo), 4 at
Rattlesnake Mountain Benton on 11/22 (fide
Bla), 10 at Riverbank Benton on 11/22 (RH),
and 7 at Little Goose Dam Columbia on 11/22
(Bla,NA).

Pine Grosbeak Uncommon in WA. 4 at
Salmo Mountain Pend Oreille on 10/6 (TLi),
4 at Washington Pass Chelan/Okanogan on 10/15
(KhT), 4 at Salmon Meadows Okanogan on 10/25
(ROF), 5 at Tiffany Mountain Okanogan on
11/11 (KhT), and 10 near Hart’s Pass
Okanogan/Whitman on 11/3 (MiF) with 20
there on 11/12 (KhT).

Purple Finch High count: 85 at Skagit WMA
Skagit on 10/20 (SM). Locally uncommon in e
WA. 1 at Richland Benton on 11/12 and 11/19
(BW).

Cassin’s Finch Reports near crest included 1
at Washington Pass Chelan/Okanogan on
10/15, 2 at Paradise, Mount Rainier NP Pierce
on 10/26 (KhT), and 3 at Chinnook Pass Pierce/
Yakima on 10/28 (AS).

House Finch High count: 400 at Rice Bar
Garfield on 11/17 (RyM,MDi).

White-winged Crossbill Irregular in WA. 12
at Chopa Mountain Okanogan on 10/14 with
3 there on 11/10, and 4 at Hart’s Pass
Okanogan/Whitman on 11/12 (KhT).

Common Redpoll Reports included 8 at
Foster Creek Douglas on 10/26 (MBC), 10 at
Paradise, Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 10/28
(KhT), 1 at Hockinson Clark on 10/31 (fide
TAv), 10 at Chopa Mountain Okanogan on
11/10, 3 at Tiffany Mountain Okanogan on
11/11 (KhT), 8 at Spangle Spokane on 11/14
(MDo), 2 at Walla Walla Walla on 11/24
(fide MD), and 1 at Kennewick Benton on
11/29 (NLa).

Pine Siskin High count: 1400 at Chinoock
Pass Pierce/Yakima on 10/28 (AS). Columbia
Basin reports included 10 at Othello Adams
from 10/18 to 11/11, 12 at Hatton Adams
on 10/26 (RH), 1 at Kennewick Benton on
11/27 with 12 there on 11/5 (fide Bla), and 1 at
Finley Benton on 11/30 (NLa).

Lesser Goldfinch Reports included 3 at
Bingen Klickitat on 10/8 with 10 there on
11/28 (Sj).

Eurasian Goldfinch Introduced species. 1 at
Lynnwood Snomanish on 10/9 (fide TAv).

American Goldfinch High count: 300 at
Ellensburg Kittitas on 11/14 (TAv,HO).

Evening Grosbeak Uncommon in Columbia
Basin. 2 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on
10/4 (MD,MLD).

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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. Please report any sightings to Dr. John Marzluff, corvid@uwashington.edu.

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FERRUGINOUS and SWAINSON'S HAWKS Color bands were placed on nestling ferruginous and Swainson's Hawks in the general Arlington, Oregon area of the Columbia Basin in spring 2007. This is part of a wind-power funded monitoring effort. Banding may continue in the general area in 2008. All chicks were banded with a unique color band on one leg and a metal band on the other leg. Please note color band combination, date, and location. Report all sightings to Scott Downes, Northwest Wildlife Consultants (509) 833-8331 or s.downes@nw-wildlifeconsultants.com.

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TURKEY VULTURES The Olympic Vulture Study is 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 SE, Bothell, WA 98021, or to tvulture@vei.net.

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