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A Bluebird Story from Sequim by Bob Boekelheide

Sara Blake, a life-long Sequim resident, had always wanted bluebirds nesting in her yard on the east side of Sequim. She had two nest boxes in place for 17 years, but only swallows nested in them - until 2008.

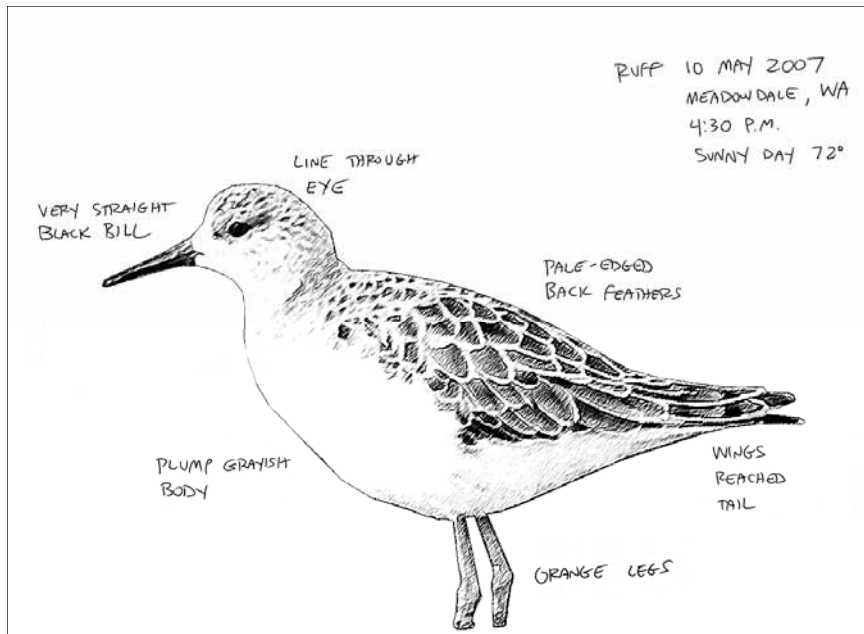
In February 2008, a male Western Bluebird showed up. Sara was so excited, she put out some mealworms from the pet store to entice him to stick around. Soon after, a female appeared, and Sara continued the mealworms for her as well. One other adult male appeared early in the spring, but the resident male quickly chased him off. Unfortunately the birds weren't banded, but Sara kept close tabs on them and is convinced that only one male and one female nested in her yard through the rest of the spring and summer.

To gain more information about bluebirds, Sara joined the North American Bluebird Society, became a certified NestWatch monitor for Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and communicated with a Western Bluebird expert in California about the types of birdhouse most successful to thwart House Sparrows. She then built a third bluebird box called the "Bluebird Mansion" and placed it in her nearby orchard.

With the help of lots of mealworms, these two bluebirds proceeded to lay four clutches over the next five months, eventually laying 20 total eggs and fledging 19 chicks. Sara says she put out about 1,000 mealworms per week, setting the worms in a special guard by her back door because other birds such as Spotted Towhees and White-crowned Sparrows also started eating them. The male bluebird even kicked at the back window at times if the mealworm supply ran out. The female bluebird, being shy, never kicked the window, but just sneaked on the porch to pick worms from the bowl, then flew off to feed the chicks.

After buying up all the mealworms she could find on the north Olympic Peninsula, Sara resorted to mail order. Being a NABS member, Sunshine Mealworms in Silverton, OR gave her a 15% discount on her weekly

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If you have no camera or the bird is too active for good photos, make a quick sketch, as clear and complete as possible, while still observing the bird in the field.

Documenting Rarities By Steven G. Mlodinow

When I started birding, lo' many years ago, camera-carrying birders were not common, and most of us had to depend on our abilities to carefully describe any rarity that we were lucky enough to stumble onto. During the last decade, the advent of digital cameras has made quality photographs of rarities common instead of the exception. Nonetheless, not all rare birds are found by camera-toting birders or kind enough to pose for their image to be captured. Consequently, in my duties as a regional editor for *North American Birds* and a member of the Washington Bird Records Committee, I have often had to ask birders to supply a description of some rare bird or other. Though I have read many excellent descriptions, I have also noted that many folks struggle when trying to describe a rarity they have seen. Though online forms offer an outline for describing a rarity, they do not instruct the observer on how to do so well. For those inexperienced in producing a detailed written description, I offer the primer below.

Before the description can be written, the bird must first be well observed. We all have a tendency to focus on the "key marks," at times to the exclusion of the rest of the bird. Resist this. Sometimes, little known characteristics are very important, and ignoring the bird beyond one or two well-known identification points can make the difference between a view being definitive or not.

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From the Board – By John Tubbs

As a new Board member, I'm looking forward to meeting and working with WOS members. When I was asked by Kathy Andrich to run for a Board seat, I wasn't at all sure I should do so, being relatively new to the serious birding community in Washington and in awe of the level of experience and expertise represented in this organization. I will do my best to contribute to the organization.



The Board held its quarterly meeting in Ellensburg at Central Washington University on December 6th. There was good discussion and good news regarding the Patrick Sullivan Young Birders Fund (PSYBF). The consensus of the Board was to make the fund an endowment, utilizing the earnings to make grants, while not touching principal – and hopefully continuing to grow the fund over the years. As a result of contributions from many people, and particularly generous individual contributions from several WOS members, the fund was close to reaching the \$10,000 level prior to the recent Board meeting. It was decided that WOS would contribute the needed amount to bring the fund to \$10,000 and also provide an additional \$400 to be available for a first year grant. The PSYBF will be maintained as a separate account and managed with this approach. In order to make ongoing annual donations easy for members who wish to donate, we will soon be instituting online membership renewal and fund donations, as well as placing a reminder on the paper renewal forms. Thanks to all members who contributed to this very worthwhile cause!

Jack Stephens reported good progress on the September 2009 Kelso annual conference arrangements. We hope to have field trip leaders identified and conference attendees notified with more lead time than at last year's conference. Preliminary discussion of a location for the late May/early June 2010 annual conference was started as well, with Wenatchee emerging as the location of most interest, pending review of available facilities and other considerations. Locations for conferences are being considered in light of previous conference locations in the interest of providing as much variety of birding experiences as possible. Michael Hobbs prepared a useful state map showing dates and locations of previous conferences, which quickly highlighted areas that have not been utilized.

There are some questions about the actual WOS membership size, due to process issues. The Board also believes there are opportunities to expand membership. Jack Stephens will chair the membership retention and expansion committee, which also includes Grace Oliver and Brien Meilleur. Michael Hobbs will be asked to participate on this committee as well.

The organization's policies and procedures will be reviewed and updated by a committee chaired by Scott Downes.

Although the Board meeting took the better part of a beautiful Saturday and was a significant drive for many members to attend, the post-meeting birding in Cle Elum provided a nice highlight for the west-side Board members. We drove around Cle Elum looking for feeders or flocks of birds flying over. Many of the reliable feeders were empty unfortunately, but as we were just about finished and ready to head back, a flock of sixty waxwings flew over and conveniently landed on a bare tree within walking distance. Five of the flock members were beautiful Bohemian Waxwings, and provided wonderful side-by-side comparisons with the Cedars in gorgeous late-afternoon sun.

Good birding to everyone!

New Volunteer Opportunity

Responsible for WOS Sales

We are seeking a volunteer with retail experience to assume responsibility for the marketing and sales of WOS bird-related products, under the oversight of the Board of Directors. At the moment, our merchandise includes T-shirts, decals, publications, and the Field Card of Washington Birds. The WOS Board would like the new Sales Coordinator to develop a marketing plan that would put into place an up-to-date pricing structure, production and distribution strategies, and conceptualization of new products. Please contact Brien Meilleur at treasurer@wos.org if interested.

Hey, can we do this, too?

Minnesota Votes for Wildlife and Wild Places

While the country was watching voting returns on the fate of Presidential tickets and Congressional seats, birds and wildlife were winning big in the state of Minnesota.

For at least a decade, wildlife supporters in that state have been talking about securing a portion of the state's sales taxes to support wildlife. This year, after the blending of a very broad coalition of conservation, environmental, and arts groups, a constitutional amendment was offered to the voters of Minnesota. The proposed clean water, land, and legacy constitutional amendment would hike the state's sales tax by 3/8 of 1 percent for 25 years, distributing an estimated \$240 million to \$300 million a year among four areas: clean water, wildlife habitat, arts and culture, and parks and trails.

Despite opposition from a number of groups, including the state's Chamber of Commerce, the Minnesota Farm Bureau, and the National Taxpayers Union, 56 percent of Minnesota voters backed the clean water, land and legacy amendment.

The funds are to be divided four ways: 33 percent to clean water, 33 percent to wildlife habitat, 19.75 percent to cultural heritage and 14.25 percent to parks and trails. Each of four separate funds will likely use a governance model that calls for a council of citizens, state employees, and elected officials with demonstrated expertise to choose between proposed projects for funding. The Minnesota legislature will make final funding decisions on the proposed projects.

Minnesota now joins a small group of states (Missouri and Arkansas) where a portion of the state sales tax will go to wildlife. What's best about the Minnesota model is that because the measure was on the ballot and is now an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, the state legislature cannot overturn it.

Bird and wildlife supporters hail the amendment as a way to meet critical needs after years of chronic underfunding.

From the Birding Community eBulletin for December 2008, www.refugenet.org

WOS Field Trips

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 FieldTrips@wos.org.

Saturday, February 14

Owls By Day - FULL, but waiting list available

Leaders: Mike and MerryLynn Denny

The Dennys will lead this ever-popular annual trip to look for roosting owls in the Snake River area. Target birds include: Barn, Western Screech-, Great Horned, Long-eared, and Northern Saw-whet owls. Other winter birds won't be ignored. No dogs, please. This is an all-day trip so have the car full of gas, bring food and water, and layers of clothing. Must be able to walk two miles over uneven terrain - boots are needed. Meet at Hood Park at 7:30 AM. Trip is limited to 12 folks. For details, contact Mike at (509) 529-0080 or email m.denny@charter.net.

Saturday through Monday, February 14–16 **Waterville Plateau and Okanogan Highlands**

Leaders: Ruth Sullivan and Stefan Schlick

Ruth and Stefan will lead this popular winter trip to the Okanogan Highlands and the Waterville Plateau. On last year's trip, they had a high count of 41 Sharp-tailed Grouse in Conconully and many other species in the town of Conconully. Target birds include: Northern Goshawk, Greater Sage- and Sharp-tailed grouse, Long-eared and Northern Saw-whet owl, Pygmy Nuthatch, Bohemian Waxwing, American Tree Sparrow, Lapland Longspur, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, Common Redpoll, and Snow Bunting. Areas covered will include the Conconully area, Havillah, Chesaw, Tonasket, Bridgeport Hill Road, Bridgeport State Park, Leahy Junction, the town of Bridgeport, Central Ferry Canyon, and the Bridgeport and Cassimer Bars. They will also visit Cameron Lake Road, where they had their trip highlight last year - a McKay's Bunting. All overnights will be in Omak. Limited to 15 participants. For details, contact Ruth at (253) 564-7419 (leave a message, please) or by email godwit513@msn.com.

Saturday, March 7

Port Townsend / Marrowstone Island

Leader: Brian H. Bell

We will work our way up the Kitsap Peninsula, making several stops. From Oak Bay, we will cross to Indian Island and Marrowstone Island, making stops at Mystery Bay and Fort Flagler State Park. From there, we will go to Port Townsend and Point Wilson in Fort Worden State Park. We will expect loons, grebes, alcids, waterfowl, perhaps some raptors, shorebirds, and passerines. Scopes are a plus. Bring lunch, money for ferry, and gas. Dress for short walks in possible blustery weather. Return early evening. This trip is limited to seven participants. Meet at 6:30 AM at North Jackson Park (north of NE 145th St) Park & Ride. For details, contact Brian at (425) 485-8058.

Saturday, March 14

Kittitas County

Leader: Kraig Kemper

Kraig will lead a trip in Kittitas County, starting in the Cle Elum area, traveling east through Ellensburg, and then through the shrub-steppe to Vantage. The focus will be on lingering winter birds and breeding birds that have arrived. Target birds include Sage Sparrow, Loggerhead Shrike, Sage Thrasher, Brewer's Sparrow, Mountain Bluebird, Long-billed Curlew, and Sandhill Crane. Limit of eight participants. For details, contact Kraig at (206) 789-9255 or email k_kemper@msn.com.

Saturday, March 21

Mason County

Leaders: Tim O'Brien and Matt Bartels

Come explore the under-birded Mason County. We'll bird the parks along Hood Canal, the Skokomish River estuary, and other corners. Target birds will include waterfowl, raptors, gulls, and returning spring migrants. Limited to 12 participants. For details, contact Tim at (509) 863-9656 or by email at kertim7179@yahoo.com, or Matt at mattxyz@earthlink.net.

2009 Local Birding Festivals

Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival
January 24 – 25
Concrete/Rockport/Marblemount
www.skagiteagle.org

Port Susan Snow Goose Festival
February 29 and March 1
Stanwood
www.snowgoosefest.org

Othello Sandhill Crane Festival
March 20 – 22
Othello
www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org

Olympic Peninsula BirdFest
April 3 – 5
Sequim
www.olympicbirdfest.org

Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival
April 24 – 26
Hoquiam
www.shorebirdfestival.com

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.

February 2, 2009: Biological and Political Impacts of Barred Owls in the Pacific Northwest **Lisa Hayward**

Dr. Hayward has been studying Spotted Owls in Northern California for four years as a post-doctoral research associate in the Center for Conservation Biology at the University of Washington. At the February WOS Meeting, she will talk about the recent spread of Barred Owls through the range of the Spotted Owl, how Barred Owls affect Spotted Owls, and how managers and policymakers are responding.

March 2, 2009: The Owl and The Woodpecker: Encounters with North America's Most Iconic Birds **Paul Bannick**

Award-winning photographer Paul Bannick will take you on a visual journey of 11 key North American habitats through the needs of all 41 of North America's owl and woodpecker species. This stunning photographic study will be accompanied by field stories, and rich natural history derived from thousands of hours in the field. His talk will look at the way owls and woodpeckers define and enrich their habitat and how their life histories are intertwined.

Mr. Bannick specializes in the natural history of North America, with a special focus on his beloved Pacific Northwest. He has coupled his love of the outdoors with his skill as a photographer to create images intended to foster intimacy between the viewer and subject in order to inspire education and conservation.

April 6, 2009: Wildlife Recovery **Dr. John Huckabee**

In 2008, PAWS Wildlife Center reached the milestone of having cared for over 100,000 animals since it began wildlife rehabilitation activities in 1981. The center works with wild species found in the Pacific Northwest with the aim of restoring their health and returning them to the wild. Dr. John Huckabee is a wildlife veterinarian who has worked for PAWS Wildlife Center since 1998, seeing on average about 175 species of wildlife annually. His presentation will focus on what is involved in treating and rehabilitating wild birds and mammals, illustrated with examples of both commonly encountered and very unusual cases. One such case is that of a Laysan Albatross found in downtown Seattle in April 2005.

Dr. Huckabee graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University in 1985. He practiced in small animal hospitals and veterinary emergency clinics in the Houston, Texas, area for several years. He has been actively involved with wildlife rehabilitation and has worked closely with wildlife rehabilitators throughout his professional career. Since 1991, he has worked exclusively as a wildlife rehabilitation veterinarian. Dr. Huckabee moved to this area to work with PAWS in 1998, and has served on several nonprofit boards of directors, advisory boards, steering committees, task forces, and editorial boards since the late 1980s. He has made presentations at numerous wildlife and veterinary conferences.

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orders, but due to a nationwide mealworm shortage, Sara eventually had to order worms from Ohio.

Sara kept close tabs on the timing of nesting and fledging:

Clutch 1: Four eggs laid in late March; fledged four chicks in early May.

Clutch 2: Four eggs laid in mid-May, fledged four chicks in mid-June.

Clutch 3: Six eggs laid in mid-June, fledged five chicks in early August.

Clutch 4: Six eggs laid in late July, fledged six chicks in early September.

Interestingly, the bluebirds shifted their clutches among the three different nest boxes, which explains the overlap between the chicks of clutches three and four. Sara says the male continued to feed the big chicks of clutch three in one box, while the female moved next door and started a new clutch. Since the adults easily fed mealworms to the big chicks in the boxes, there was apparently no need for the chicks to leave the boxes any earlier than their choosing. Consequently the chicks stayed longer in the boxes, getting fat and sassy.

In the end, the male bluebird took off before the female, leaving her to finish feeding the last chicks to fledging in September. By the Sequim-Dungeness Christmas Bird Count on December 15, eight fledgling bluebirds continued to hang around Sara's home, having learned to pick up mealworms from the back door. It is the first record of Western Bluebirds on the SDCBC.

Sara's project turned into a wonderful experiment about the potential productivity wild birds could have if their food is unlimited. Imagine all the songbirds there might be if wild caterpillar populations continued at high levels for months at a time, rather than spiking in spring for just a few days or weeks. We'd be knee-deep in warblers! It's also curious that Sara's bluebirds continued to lay the last clutch well after the summer solstice, suggesting that in this case, food availability was more important than day-length in determining the timing of the birds' nesting.

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Start by looking at the whole bird from shape and size to as many plumage details as possible. Try to memorize any calls or songs given. Also think about the lighting conditions and distance, as these can affect the bird's appearance. Then, take notes as soon as possible, preferably while viewing the bird. Even if you have a camera, observe the bird well. Too often, a bird is seen briefly and escapes during attempts to photograph it, leaving the frustrated birder without photographs and with a view that is inadequate to convincingly establish the bird's identification.

Now you're home, or at least at your laptop, after having closely observed and taken notes on a fine rarity. How should you document that bird? The beginning is straightforward. List species, number, location, date, and observers. Specify the lighting conditions, distance of observation, and optics used.

The challenge becomes greater when it comes to describing the bird itself. I suggest you envision yourself as painting a picture with words. Begin with an outline – shape and size, including relative proportions such as long-necked, flat-headed, or short-legged. Any direct size or shape comparisons with similar species nearby are particularly helpful. Then fill in the picture. I often start with the front of the bird, giving bill size, shape, and color. Then I describe the head plumage, the back, the wings, the underparts, the tail, etc. The more detail the better. For instance, “brown wing with wingbars and some rust” is not nearly as useful as “dull brown wing with two narrow white wingbars and bright rusty edging on the greater coverts and tertials.” If the anatomy jargon is confusing, try studying *The Sibley Guide* or *The National Geographic Guide*. It will help immensely not only in describing rarities, but in learning bird identification in general.

If the bird vocalizes, do your best to detail such. Since sounds are so difficult to characterize, any comparison with common bird calls or songs would be beneficial. After giving as complete a description as possible, discuss how you identified the bird, carefully pointing out how you eliminated similar species and how your prior experience aided or hindered you. This procedure may sound simple, but proficiency at describing a bird well, takes practice. Start by scrutinizing a Song Sparrow or Fox Sparrow and then trying to write a description that brings that bird to life. You will be amazed by how much more of the bird you see when you really look at it.



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Greater White-fronted Goose Reports included 2000 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 3/9 (MD,MLD), 400 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 5/3 with 1 there on 5/22 (HA), 300 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 5/10 (LnS), 3 at Dallesport *Klickitat* on 5/24 (SJ), 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 5/25 (CSi), and 1 near Othello *Adams* on 5/26 (RKO).

Snow Goose Reports away from nw WA

included 1000 reported at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* 3/9 (fide MD), 200 over Ridgefield NWR *Clark* 3/15 (BIC) with 1 there on 4/23 (RFI), 2 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* from 3/21 to 4/19, 2 at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 3/21 (TO), 5 over Clarkston *Asotin* on 3/22 (TrG), 1 at Peone *Spokane* on 3/23 (TLi), 325 over Juanita Bay *King* on 3/24 (RyM), 2 at Corfu *Grant* on 3/30 (CSc), 20 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 4/8 (MF), 120 at Whitcomb Island *Benton* on 4/10 (fide BLA), 1 at Rock Lake *Whitman* on 4/13 (GiS,MWo), 2 at Medical Lake *Spokane* on 4/16 (CrC), 1 at Calispell Lake *Pend Oreille* from 4/19 to 5/16, 2 near Cusick *Pend Oreille* on 4/25 (TLi), and 8 at Steptoe *Whitman* on 5/4 (DiW). Late report: 75 near Stanwood *Snomish* on 5/21 (TAv).

“Blue” Goose Rare in WA. 2 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 4/3 (SM) with 1 there on 4/17, and 1 near Stanwood *Snomish* on 4/30 (RyM).

Ross’s Goose Uncommon in WA. 1 continued south of Pouslbo *Kitsap* to at least 3/8 (MtB), and 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 4/17 (RyM).

EMPEROR GOOSE Rare in WA. 2 at South Bend *Pacific* from February to 3/18 (JPs).

Brant High count: 4200 at Samish Island *Skagit* on 4/24 (RyM).

Cackling Goose High counts included 2000 at Nisqually NWR *Pierre* on 3/24 (LnS), and 35,100 at Willapa Bay *Pacific* on 4/27 (SM). Late reports included 1 near Hamilton *Skagit* on 5/7 (GB), 2 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 5/12 (HA), and 8 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 5/14 (TAv).

Tundra Swan High count: 2000 at Calispell Lake *Pend Oreille* on 4/3 (JnS). Late reports: 1 at Juanita Bay *King* on 4/20 (MFM), 7 near Rocklyn *Lincoln* on 4/27 (JA) with 1 there on 5/4 (GiS,MWo), 1 at Butler Flats *Skagit* on 5/14, and 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 5/14 (RyM).

“Bewick’s” Swan Rare in WA. 1 south of Conway *Skagit* on 3/1 and 3/9 (RyM,SM).

Trumpeter Swan Reports for e WA included 3 at Lake Lenore *Grant* on 3/2 (DSc), 1 near Valley *Stevens* on 3/14 (TLi), 1 near Cheney *Spokane* on 3/22 (CrC), 1 at Calispell Lake *Pend Oreille* on 4/19 (TLi), and 1 at Turnbull NWR *Spokane* on 4/20 (DiW). Late reports included 1 at Skagit Flats *Skagit* on 5/10 (fide GB), 2 at Deer Lagoon *Island* on 5/15 (AdS), and 2 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 5/24 (DSc).

Swan sp. Late reports: 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 5/1 (MiH), and 2 at Dry Falls *Grant* on 5/20 (RoF).

Wood Duck High count: 200 at Calispell Lake *Pend Oreille* on 4/25 (TLi).

BAIKAL TEAL Rare in WA. 1 male at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 5/30 (RH,RoF).

“Common” Teal Uncommon in WA. 1 at Whitney *Skagit* from February to 5/8 (TAv), 1 at

Eurasian Wigeon High count: 42 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 3/30 (DP). Reports from e WA included 1 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 3/2 (JA), 8 near WWRD *Walla Walla* on 3/15 (MD,MLD), 1 near Reardan *Lincoln* from 3/21 to 4/3 (JA), 2 at Peone *Spokane* from 3/24 to 4/11 (TLi), 2 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 4/3 (MWo), 1 at Wilbur *Lincoln* on 4/5 (RTa), 3 near Othello *Adams* on 4/9 (RH), 2 near Colville *Stevens* on 4/9 with 1 there from 4/23 to 5/11 (WCu), 2 at Whitcomb Island *Benton* on 4/10 (fide BLA), 2 near Edwall *Lincoln* on 4/12 (TLi), 1 near Rocklyn *Lincoln* on 4/13 (JA), 1 near Toppenish *Yakima* on 4/13 (fide DGr), 1 near Centerville *Klickitat* on 4/19 (SJ), and 1 at Calispell Lake *Pend Oreille* on 5/10 (TLi). Late w WA reports included 4 at North River *Pacific* on 5/11 with 1 there on 5/13 (JBu), 2 at Samish Island *Skagit* on 5/14 (RyM), 1 at Pacific Park *Pacific* on 5/15 (TAv), 1 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 5/18 (SM,BWg), and 1 near Stanwood *Snomish* on 5/21 (TAv).

American Wigeon High counts included 3500 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 3/9 (MD,MLD), and 12,000 at Samish Island *Skagit* on 3/15 (RyM).

Eurasian X American Wigeon Reports included 1 at Dodson Road *Grant* on 3/9 (DSc), 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 4/3 (TAv), and 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 4/9 (RH).

Eurasian Wigeon X Northern Pintail Rarely reported. 1 male photographed at Snomish *Snomish* on 3/9 (RyM,SM).

Northern Pintail X Mallard Rarely reported. 1 at Snomish *Snomish* on 3/13 (DD), and 1 probable backcross at Peone *Spokane* on 4/3 (RD).

Redhead Uncommon in w WA. 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 4/2 with 8 there on 5/31 (BIC), 2 at Everett STP *Snomish* on 5/4

(RTa), 4 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 5/18, and 1 near Stanwood *Snomish* on 5/18 (SM,BWg).

Tufted Duck Rare in WA. 1 male at Priest Rapids *Yakima* from 3/16 to 4/13 (AS).

Harlequin Duck High count: 250 at Protection Island *Jefferson* on 5/10 (LRn). Inland reports included 2 at Wells Dam *Chelan/Douglas* on 3/12 (fide TeP), 4 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 5/16 (CrC,JA), and 2 at Sullivan Creek *Pend Oreille* on 5/16 (TLi).

Long-tailed Duck Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Clarkston *Asotin/Whitman* on 3/12 (GiS), 3 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* from 4/6 to 4/20, 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 4/26 (AS), and 1 at Sprague Lake *Lincoln* on 5/17 (TLi).

Surf Scoter High count: 3600 at March Point *Skagit* on 4/26 (GB). Rare away from coast in spring in WA. 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 3/15 (MiH), and 2 at Magnuson Park *King* on 5/10 (JB).

White-winged Scoter Rare in spring in e WA. 2 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 4/20 (AS).



Red-necked Grebe, Blaine, Whatcom, April 1, 2008.
 Photo by Wayne Weber, www.flickr.com/photos/wcweber

Willow Grove *Cowlitz* on 3/9 (DP), 1 at Snomish *Snomish* on 3/9 (SM), 2 near Stanwood *Snomish* on 3/20 (TAv) with 1 there to 5/4 (SM), 1 at Kent *King* from 4/3 (GuM) to 4/30 (LSo), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 4/9 (RH), 1 at South Bend *Pacific* on 4/17 (TAv), 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 4/27 (SM,BWg) and 4/29 (MaB), 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 5/9 (SM), and 1 at Kittitas *Kittitas* on 5/25 (DSw).

American Black Duck Provenance uncertain. 1 near Stanwood *Snomish* on 5/4 (SM).

Blue-winged Teal Early for WA. 1 near Richland *Benton* on 4/1 (fide BLA).

Cinnamon Teal Early reports included 1 at West Richland *Benton* on 3/20 (fide BLA), 2 near Stanwood *Snomish* on 3/20 (TAv), 4 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 3/22 (BIC), and 2 at Monroe *Snomish* on 3/29 (JTB).

Blue-winged X Cinnamon Teal Rarely reported. 1 at Quincy WRA *Grant* on 5/7 (GgI), and 1 near Stanwood *Snomish* on 5/9 (SM).

Red-breasted Merganser Uncommon away from salt water in WA. 2 at Juanita Bay *King* on 3/2 and 4/9 (RyM), 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 3/16 with 8 there from 4/6 to 4/20 (AS), 1 at Confluence SP *Chelan* on 4/2 (DM), 11 at Banks Lake *Grant* on 4/3 (JoI), 1 at Crow Butte SP *Benton* on 4/5 (fide SJ), 1 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wabkiakum* on 4/9 (JeJ), 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 4/15 (CSi), and 3 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 4/23 (SJ).

Chukar Provenance uncertain. 1 at Underwood *Skamania* on 5/25 (RKO).

Sage Grouse Uncommon in WA. 10 at Leahy *Douglas* on 3/16 (MeL) with 8 there on 4/11 (McF), and 6 at Yakima Training Center *Yakima* on 3/29 (CSi,MFM).

Northern Bobwhite Introduced species. 1 at Roy *Pierce* on 5/15 (DDE).

Mountain Quail Uncommon in WA. 2 at Port Orchard *Kitsap* on 3/8 (MtB), 4 at Belfair *Mason* on 4/9 (JHo), and 2 at Poulsbo *Kitsap* on 4/11 (IP).

Red-throated Loon Uncommon inland. 11 at Vancouver *Clark* on 3/12 (WC).

Pacific Loon Uncommon in e WA. 2 at Kennewick *Benton* on 3/3 and 4/29 (fide BLA), and 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 3/15 (MiH) and 5/23 (AS).

Common Loon Unusual location: 17 at Lake Quinault *Grays Harbor* on 5/3 (fide TAv).

Yellow-billed Loon Uncommon in WA. 1 off Port Townsend *Jefferson* on 5/7 (fide BK).

Horned Grebe Late reports included 6 at West Medical Lake *Spokane* on 5/25 (JA), 1 at Reardan *Lincoln* on 5/26 (CrC), 4 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 5/29 (TAv,DSw), and 1 at Lyman *Skagit* on 5/31 (GB).

Red-necked Grebe Locally uncommon. 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 3/16 (AS), and 1 at Richland *Benton* on 4/14 (fide BLA).

Eared Grebe Reports included 1 at Peninsula HMU *Walla Walla* on 4/6 (MD,MLD), 1 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 4/18 (MWO), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 4/22 (NLA), 1 at Lake Sammamish *King* on 4/29 (ASc), 2 at Asotin *Asotin* on 5/7 (KeC), 20 near Roosevelt *Klickitat* on 5/10 (SJ), 2 at Stanwood STP *Snomish* on 5/15 (RyM), 9 at Sullivan Lake *Pend Oreille* on 5/16 (FLi), 3 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 5/18 (MWO), 2 at Molson *Okanogan* on 5/26 (DP), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 5/31 (BIC).

Clark's Grebe Reports away from Potholes included 1 at Kingston *Kitsap* on 3/6 (BWg), 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 3/12 with 4 there on 4/25 (NLA), 1 at Ediz Hook *Clallam* on 3/15 (BT), and 1 at Bay Center *Pacific* on 3/15 (PWe).

SHORT-TAILED ALBATROSS Rare in WA. 1 on the NOAA research trip off *Grays Harbor* on 4/6 (SMi).

Laysan Albatross Uncommon in WA. 3 on the NOAA research trip off Long Beach *Pacific* on

3/19 (IGu) with 3 also reported from the April trip off *Grays Harbor* (fide BT).

MURPHY'S PETREL Rare in WA. At least 2 on the NOAA research trip off *Grays Harbor* on 4/6 (SMi).

Flesh-footed Shearwater Spring reports rare. 2 off Westport *Grays Harbor* on 5/17 (BT).

Short-tailed Shearwater Spring reports uncommon. More than 10 reported on the NOAA research trip off Long Beach *Pacific* on 3/18 (IGu), and 2 off Westport *Grays Harbor* on 5/17 (BT).

Manx Shearwater Uncommon in WA. 2 on the NOAA research trip off Long Beach *Pacific* on 3/18 (IGu), and 3 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 4/26 (RyM,SM).

Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel Early report: 3 off Taholah *Grays Harbor* on 3/22 (IGu).

ASHY STORM-PETREL Rare in WA. 1 on the NOAA pelagic research trip off *Grays Harbor*



Burrowing Owl in a tree, Marymoor Park, Redmond, King.
Photo by Ryan Merrill, April 10, 2008.

on 4/6 (SMi).

American White Pelican Uncommon in w WA. 14 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 5/15 (TAv), 1 at Stanwood *Snomish* on 5/19 (SA), and 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 5/28 (PhK).

Brown Pelican Early reports included 1 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 4/17 (PWe) with 69 there on 4/29 (MaB), 1 found dead at Bonneville *Skamania* on 4/29 (fide WC), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 5/11 (BWg), 3 at Pacific Park *Pacific* on 5/14, 1 at Ballard *King* on 5/15 (fide TAv), 1 at Point Defiance *Pierce* on 5/15 (GS), and 1 at Kingston *Kitsap* on 5/26 (BWg).

Brandt's Cormorant High count: 294 at Point Defiance *Pierce* on 3/28 (MVe).

FRIGATEBIRD sp. Any species rare in WA. 1 reported at Stevenson *Skamania* on 4/16 (fide DP).

American Bittern Uncommon in e WA. 2 at Turnbull NWR *Spokane* on 5/10 and 5/28 (MF), and 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 5/30 (RoF).

Great Blue Heron High count for e WA: 140 at Usk *Pend Oreille* on 3/24 (JnS).

Great Egret Reports away from Potholes included 1 at Skamania Landing *Skamania* on 3/4 (fide SJ), 6 at Kalama *Cowlitz* on 4/6 with 4 on nests on 4/30 (RKO), 1 at Woodland *Cowlitz* on 5/17 (MiH), 1 at Union Gap *Yakima* from 5/8 to 5/20 (fide DGr), 1 at Sprague *Lincoln* from 5/9 (RH) to 5/23 (JA), 1 at Chief Timothy SP *Asotin* on 5/16 (fide CrC), 7 at Wallula HMU *Walla Walla* on 5/17 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Longview *Cowlitz* on 5/31 (KK).

White-faced Ibis Uncommon in WA. 4 near Lowden *Walla Walla* on 5/14, 18 at WWRD *Walla Walla* on 5/16 (fide DSc), 4 at Two Rivers HMU *Walla Walla* on 5/17 (MD,MLD), 1 at Sammamish *King* from 5/17 (MgS) to 5/19 (BBE), 4 at Wind Dust Park *Franklin* on 5/21 (RyM), 1 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 5/24 (RoF), 7 near Toppenish *Yakima* on 5/24 (AS), and 4 at Turnbull NWR *Spokane* on 5/28 (MF).

Turkey Vulture High count: 41 at Leland *Jefferson* on 3/9 (DWg). Columbia Plateau reports included 1 at Yakima *Yakima* on 3/14 (CMk), 1 at Osborne *Grant* on 3/23 (MSp), 1 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 3/25, 1 at White Bluffs *Franklin/Grant* on 3/30 (fide BLA), 1 at near Dry Falls *Douglas* on 4/3, 1 at Hartline *Grant* on 4/3, 1 at Wilbur *Lincoln* on 4/3 (GiS), 3 at Horn Rapids *Benton* on 4/20 with 1 there on 5/27 (fide BLA), 2 near Schwana *Grant* on 5/21 (RyM), 1 near Ritzville *Adams* on 5/23, and 1 at Hooper *Whitman* on 5/31 (RH).

Osprey Early reports included 1 near Redmond *King* on 3/19 (DMa), 1 at Sammamish *King* on 3/19 (RyM), 1 at Purdy *Pierce* on 3/21 (DYQ), 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 3/22 (fide SJ), and 7 at Ellsworth *Clark* on 3/24 (WC).

White-tailed Kite Uncommon in WA. 2 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wabkiakum* from 3/1 (BBE) with 1 there on 3/29 (BT), and 1 at Skamokawa *Wabkiakum* on 3/8 (PWe).

Bald Eagle New nesting location. 2 at Yakima Canyon *Kittitas* on 4/24 (CMk).

Red-shouldered Hawk Rare in WA. 1 at Dodge Valley *Skagit* from February to 3/22 (GB,HA), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 3/2 (BBE).

Swainson's Hawk Rare in w WA. 1 at Oysterville *Pacific* on 5/18 (JGi), and 3 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 5/26 (BWg).

"Harlan's" Hawk Late reports included 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 3/31 (BIC), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 4/12 (SM).

Ferruginous Hawk Rare in w WA. 1 immature reported over West Seattle *King* on 4/9 (JiF).

Golden Eagle Uncommon in w WA. 1 immature at Fir Island *Skagit* on 4/11 (TAv,HO).

Merlin Reports for e WA included 1 at Horn Rapids *Benton* on 3/6 (BLa), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 3/9 (RH), 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 3/25 (Sj), and 1 at ALES *Benton* on 4/2 (NLa).

"Prairie" Merlin Uncommon in WA. 1 photographed at Lake City *King* on 3/24 (KmK).

Peregrine Falcon Reports from e WA included 1 at Port Kelley *Walla Walla* on 3/15 (MD,MLD) and 3/22 (BW), 1 at Clarkston *Asotin* on 3/22 (TrG), 1 at Dodson Road *Grant* on 3/28 (CSe), 2 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* from 4/6 to 4/12 (AS), 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant/Adams* on 4/12 (McF), 1 near Colville *Stevens* on 4/22 (WCu), 1 at Yakima Canyon *Kittitas* on 4/24 (CMk), and 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 5/23 (AS).

Gyr Falcon Uncommon in WA. 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 3/6 (fide BWg), and 1 at Hartline *Grant* on 3/7 (GgI).

Prairie Falcon Uncommon in w WA 1 at Bow *Skagit* on 3/16 (JBP), and 1 reported at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 4/24 (RFI).

Sandhill Crane Reports included 2 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* from 3/13 to 3/16 (PhK), 1 near Chimacum *Jefferson* from 3/16 to 3/20 (DWg), 150 over Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 4/12 (TO), 2 over West Seattle *King* on 5/4 (JiF), 12 at Woodland *Cowlitz* on 5/16 (MiH), 1 at Lost Island HMU *Walla Walla* on 5/17 (fide BLa) 2 near Sedro Woolley *Skagit* on 5/22 (GB), 2 at Camas Meadows *Chelan* on 5/25 (RTa), and 1 over College Place *Walla Walla* on 5/28 (MD,MLD).

Black-bellied Plover Rare in spring in e WA. 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 5/17 (MD,MLD).

American Golden-Plover Rare in spring in WA. 1 photographed at Tonasket *Okanogan* on 5/9 (GIP).

Pacific Golden-Plover Rare in spring in WA. 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 3/18 (MaB), 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 4/24 (SM), 1 at Bowerman Basin *Grays Harbor* on 5/3 (RL), and 1 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 5/14 (TAv).

Semipalmated Plover High count: 1000 at Bowerman Basin *Grays Harbor* on 5/1 (TO). Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Rock Lake *Whitman* on 5/4 (DiW), 1 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 5/5 (JA) with 2 there on 5/8 (CrC), 2 near Rocklyn *Lincoln* on 5/13 (JoI) and 5/14 (JA), 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 5/14 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 5/16 (RMk).

Black Oystercatcher Uncommon locally. 2 at Semiahmoo *Whatcom* on 5/10 (RTa).

Black-necked Stilt High count: 61 at Toppenish NWR *Yakima* on 4/13 (fide DGt). Rare in w WA. 1 at Auburn *King* from 4/23 to 4/25 (MiH), 3 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 4/26 (LnS) with 2 there on 5/9 (MtP), and 4 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 4/29 (PPr) with 3 on 5/4 (SM) and 1 there to 5/8 (TAv).

American Avocet Rare in w WA. 1 at

Crockett Lake *Island* on 5/18 (SM). Early e WA report: 7 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 3/23 (BW).

Greater Yellowlegs High count: 68 at South Bend *Pacific* on 4/17 (TAv).

Lesser Yellowlegs Reports included 2 near Stanwood *Snobomish* from 3/15 (RyM) to 5/21 (TAv), 2 at Kent *King* on 4/11 (GuM), 2 at South Bend *Pacific* on 4/17 (TAv), 1 at Peone *Spokane* on 4/20, 1 at Jared *Pend Oreille* on 4/25 (TLi), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 4/26 (LnS), 6 at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 4/27 (SM,BWg), 1 at Toppenish *Yakima* on 4/27 (KT), 1 at Longview *Cowlitz* on 4/30 and 5/12 (RKO), 2 at Butler Flats *Skagit* on 5/3 (GB,HA), 1 near Rocklyn *Lincoln* on 5/4 (GiS,MWg), and 3 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 5/10 (LnS).

Solitary Sandpiper Reports included 1 at Montlake Fill *King* from 4/23 (MtB) to 5/9 (CSi), 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 4/25 (RH),

with 2 there on 5/22 (SP). Late w WA report: 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 5/11 (RaR).

Spotted Sandpiper Winter survivors included 1 at Tahuya *Mason* on 3/1 (TO), and 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 3/16 (AS).

Whimbrel Reports included 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 4/14 (RL), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 4/18 and 5/21 (VN), 20 at Joseph Whidbey *SP Island* on 4/29 (RKO), 1 over Bainbridge *Island Kitsap* on 5/5 (BWg), 83 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 5/7, 40 at Wynoochee Valley *Grays Harbor* on 5/10 (JBU), 1 at Sauk Prairie *Skagit* on 5/10 (GB), 1 at Squamish Harbor *Jefferson* on 5/14 (fide TAv), 60 at Norman *Snobomish* on 5/15 (RyM), 2 at Vaughn *Pierre* on 5/17 (fide TAv), 8 at Sunlight Beach *Island* on 5/18 (SM,BWg), 14 at Puget Island *Wahiakum* on 5/18 (RKO), and 1 over Juanita Bay *King* on 5/20 (RyM).

Long-billed Curlew Early report: 3 at Hanford *Benton* on 3/15 (BLa). Rare away from outer coast in w WA. 2 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 4/12 (GB) with 1 there on 4/13 (RyM). Also 1 *Numenius* sp. over Magnuson Park *King* on 4/12 (JB) may have been this species.

HUDSONIAN GODWIT Rare in WA. 1 female at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 5/26 (MiC).

Marbled Godwit High count: 800 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 4/17 (PWE). Rare in e WA. 1 at Alpowa Creek *Asotin* on 5/2 (KeC), 24 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 5/2 (MWo,JA), and 1 at WWRD *Walla Walla* on 5/10 (MD,MLD).

Ruddy Turnstone High count: 30 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 5/10 (LnS).

Surfbird Uncommon locally. 3 at Williamson Rocks *Skagit* on 3/22 (fide HA).

Red Knot Reports included 7 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on

4/25, 2150 at North River *Pacific* on 5/2 with 655 there on 5/13, 1395 at Grass Creek *Grays Harbor* on 5/4 with 3175 there on 5/12, 1010 at Willapa RM *Pacific* on 5/5, and 3145 at Goose Island *Grays Harbor* on 5/15 (JBU).

Semipalmated Sandpiper Rare in spring in WA. 1 reported at Auburn *King* on 5/2 (MtB,MiH) and 5/11 (EH), 1 at Swinomish Channel *Skagit* on 5/7 (RyM), 2 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 5/9 (SM), 1 reported at Columbia NWR *Adams* on 5/10 (RH), 1 near Sedro Woolley *Skagit* on 5/14 (RyM), 1 reported at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 5/17 (MtB), 1 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 5/18, and 1 at Sunlight Beach *Island* on 5/18 (SM,BWg).

Least Sandpiper Rarely linger from winter. 4 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 3/2 (DSc).

Baird's Sandpiper Uncommon in spring in WA. 16 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* 5/10 with 3 there on 5/14 (MD,MLD).

Pectoral Sandpiper Uncommon in spring in WA. 1 at Calispell Lake *Pend Oreille* on 5/16



Hudsonian Godwit, Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor.
Photo by Dale Arveson, May 26, 2008.

1 at Auburn *King* on 4/26 (CWt), 1 near Mount Vernon *Skagit* on 4/26 (JBP), 1 at West Richland *Benton* on 4/29 (NLa), 1 near Mount Brook *Klickitat* on 4/29 (Sj), 2 at Longview *Cowlitz* on 4/30 (RKO), 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 4/30 (RyM), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 5/2 (BWg), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 5/3 with 2 there on 5/6 (KBD), 1 at Lowden *Walla Walla* on 5/3 (MD), 1 near Rocklyn *Lincoln* on 5/4 (GiS), 1 at Kingston *Kitsap* on 5/4 and 5/22 (BWg), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 5/4 and 5/15 (VN), 1 at Everett *Snobomish* on 5/4 (RTa), 2 at Stanwood *Snobomish* on 5/4 (MRe), 2 at Kent *King* on 5/6 (DSw), 2 at Galvin *Lewis* on 5/7 (DaH), 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 5/8 (MiH), 1 at Elma *Grays Harbor* on 5/12 (TO), and 1 at Sammamish *King* on 5/16 (fide TAv).

Willet Rare in e WA. 1 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* from 5/5 to 5/17 with 2 from 5/21 (RyM) to 5/24 (RH) and 1 there on 5/25 (JB), 1 at Little Soap Lake *Okanogan* on 5/6 (HA,BK), and 1 at WWRD *Walla Walla* on 5/10 (MD,MLD)

(TLi), 1 at Grandview *Yakima* on 5/19 (AS), and 7 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 5/21 (TAv).

Rock Sandpiper Uncommon in WA. 3 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 3/9 (CWTr) with 8 there on 4/19 (GuM), and 1 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 5/3 (RKO).

Dunlin Reports for e WA included 122 at WWRD *Walla Walla* on 3/15 with 200 on 4/26 and 3 there on 5/14 (MD,MLD), 60 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 3/29 (NLA), 15 at Othello *Adams* on 3/31 (CSe), 30 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* on 4/13 (GiS), 1 at Centerville *Klickitat* on 4/19 (SJ), 3 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 4/28 (RH), 4 near Rocklyn *Lincoln* on 5/4 (GiS), and 11 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 5/5 with 2 there on 5/14 (JA).

Ruff Rare in WA. 1 male at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* from 4/29 (TO) to 5/1 (RS), and 1 male at Swinomish Channel *Skagit* from 5/5 (JBP) to 5/7 (RyM) with probably the same bird also seen at Skagit Flats *Skagit* on 5/6.

Short-billed Dowitcher High count: 4000 at Willapa RM *Pacific* on 5/7 (JBU). Subspecies rarely reported in WA: 3 *bendersoni* at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 4/26 (SM,RyM).

Wilson's Phalarope Uncommon in w WA. 2 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 5/3 (HA) with 22 there on 5/10 (KKe), 2 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 5/3 with 39 there on 5/18 (SM,BWg), 3 at Dodge Valley *Skagit* on 5/6 (JBP), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* from 5/7 (PhK) to 5/10, 2 at Auburn *King* on 5/10, 1 near Sedro Woolley *Skagit* on 5/14 (RyM), 1 at Pacific Park *Pacific* on 5/15 (TAv), 3 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 5/17 (MtB), 1 at Cockreham Island *Skagit* on 5/17 (GB), 3 at Montlake Fill *King* on 5/24 (CSi) with 1 there on 5/27 (MtB), 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 5/24

(DD), 5 near Snohomish *Snobomish* on 5/26 (RTa), 2 at Longview *Cowlitz* on 5/28 (RKO) with 1 there on 5/31 (KK), and 7 near Duvall *King* on 5/28 (MiH).

Red-necked Phalarope Well reported. 4 at Grays River *Wabkiakum* on 5/7, 200 at South Bend *Pacific* on 5/8 (PWe) with 275 there on 5/13, 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 5/8 (TAv), 5 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 5/8 (fide BWg), 4 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 5/9 (JA), 2 at Peone *Spokane* on 5/10 (TLi), 5 at Centralia *Lewis* on 5/10 (DaH), 100 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 5/10 (LnS), 30 at Longview *Cowlitz* on 5/11 (RKO) with 1 there on 5/31 (KK), 1 at Juanita Bay *King* on 5/11 (RyM), 3 at Cathlamet *Wabkiakum* on 5/12 (RKO), 90 at Oysterville *Pacific* on 5/14 (TAv), 2 near Sedro Woolley *Skagit* on 5/14 (RyM), 45 at Grandview *Yakima* on 5/24 (AS), and 1 at Othello *Adams* on 5/26 (RKO).

Red Phalarope Rare in spring in WA. 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 5/9 (RHb).

Pomarine Jaeger Early report: 1 off Long Beach *Pacific* on 3/18 (TGu).

Bonaparte's Gull Uncommon in WA. 2 at Othello *Adams* on 4/29 (BT), 4 at Cedar Hills *King* on 5/6 and 5/7 (TrP), 3 at Calispell Lake *Pend Oreille* on 5/16 (TLi), 11 at Detour Road *Walla Walla* on 5/17, 13 at WWRD *Walla Walla* on 5/17 (MD,MLD) with 20 there on 5/25 (BW), and 1 at Peone *Spokane* on 5/25 (TLi).

Little Gull Rare in WA. 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 4/27 (VN).

Bonaparte's Gull High count: 1500 at Samish Island *Skagit* on 5/7 (RyM). Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 4/23 (SJ), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 4/25 (RH), 3 at Peone *Spokane* on 4/27 (JoI), 2 at Alpowa Creek *Asotin* on 5/2 (KeC), 1 at Tum Tum *Stevens* on 5/2 (fide CrC), 1 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 5/8 (MWO), 1 at Sprague Lake *Adams* on 5/22 (TLi), 2 at Quincy WRA *Grant* on 5/27, 2 at Soap Lake

Nisqually Thurston on 3/10 (BWg), 2 at Chehalis Valley *Grays Harbor* on 3/11 (MtP) with 5 on 3/13 (BS) and 3 there on 3/19 (JPs), 1 at Electric City *Grant* on 3/14 (GiS), 1 near Laconner *Skagit* on 3/15 (RyM), and 1 at Enumclaw *King* on 3/18 (CWTr).

Black-legged Kittiwake High count: 50 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 3/9 (CWTr).

Sabine's Gull Rare inland spring incursion. 200 at Sprague Lake *Adams* on 5/22 (JA), 120 at Banks Lake *Grant* on 5/22, 133 at Port Kelley *Walla Walla* on 5/23 (MxB), 150 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 5/23 (AS) with 50 there on 5/24 (SDo), and 9 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 5/27 (DP).

Caspian Tern Early reports: 2 at WWRD *Walla Walla* on 3/15 (MD,MLD), 1 at Bayview *Skagit* on 3/18 (fide HA), 1 at Totten Inlet *Thurston* on 3/30 (JBU), and 1 at Easton *Kittitas* on 4/12 (LSw).

Elegant Tern Rare in WA. 1 reported from Klipsan Beach *Pacific* on 5/16 (RFI). **Common Tern** Rare in spring in e WA. 1 at Othello *Adams* on 5/14 (RH).

Black Tern High counts: 100 at Crooked Knee Lake *Whitman* on 5/4 (DiW), and 130 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 5/8 (MWO). Uncommon in w WA. 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 5/5 (GT), and 2 near Snohomish *Snobomish* on 5/26 (RTa).

THICK-BILLED MURRE 1 on the NOAA pelagic research trip off *Grays Harbor* on 4/7 (SMi).

Pigeon Guillemot High count: 2600 at Protection Island *Jefferson* on 5/10 (LRn).

Marbled Murrelet High count: 96 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 5/22 (VN).

Ancient Murrelet Uncommon in spring in WA. 2 on the NOAA pelagic research trip off Long Beach *Pacific* on 3/18 (TGu).

Cassin's Auklet Extremely rare inland. 1 at Ballard *King* on 4/9 (JMI).

PARAKEET AUKLET Rare in WA. 31 on the NOAA pelagic research trip off *Grays Harbor* on 4/7 (SMi).

Tufted Puffin High count: 60 at Protection Island *Jefferson* on 5/10 (LRn).

HORNED PUFFIN Rare in WA. 1 reported on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 4/26 (SM).

Band-tailed Pigeon Uncommon in e WA. 25 at Snoqualmie Pass *Kittitas* on 5/22, 5 at Hyak *Kittitas* on 5/22 (TAv,DSw), 3 at Bates Rd *Klickitat* on 5/27 (fide SJ), and 1 at Ginkgo Petrified Forest *Kittitas* on 5/31 (BHg).

Eurasian Collared Dove Reports from ~ 30 widespread locations included high counts of 18 at Withrow *Douglas* on 3/16 (MeL), 18 at Woodland *Cowlitz* on 3/16 (RKO), and 11 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 5/10 (KKe,HA).

Aratinga sp. Introduced population continues. 3 Mitred or Red-fronted Conure at Seward Park *King* on 3/15 (fide TA).



Say's Phoebe, West Point, Seattle, King.
Photo by Ollie Oliver, April 6, 2008.

Grant on 5/27 (DP), and 6 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 5/29 (RyM).

Mew Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Pateros *Okanogan* on 3/9 (MSP), and 1 at WWRD *Walla Walla* on 3/9 (MD,MLD).

Thayer's Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Electric City *Grant* on 3/14, 1 at Spring Canyon *Lincoln* on 3/14, and 1 at Colville *Stevens* on 4/1 (GiS).

SLATY-BLACK-BACKED GULL Rare in WA. 1 at Chehalis Valley *Grays Harbor* on 3/9 (CWTr) with 3 there from 3/11 (MtP) to 3/13 (BS) and 1 to 3/19 (JPs,RL).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL Rare in WA. 1 at Lake Lenore *Grant* on 3/7 (RoF).

Glaucous Gull Reports included 1 at Tacoma Pierce on 3/2 (BT), 1 at Lake Sacajawea *Cowlitz* on 3/4 (RKO), 1 at Kingston *Kitsap* from 3/6 to 3/29 (BWg), 1 at Burlington *Skagit* on 3/8, 1 at Mount Vernon *Skagit* on 3/8 (GB), 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 3/9 (CWTr), 1 at Snohomish *Snobomish* on 3/9 (RyM,SM), 1 at

Snowy Owl Uncommon in WA. 1 at O'Sullivan Dam *Grant* from 3/30 (GO) to 4/4 (TMn), and 1 near Airway Heights *Spokane* on 3/30 (CrC).

Burrowing Owl Rare in w WA. 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 4/10 (BBE,MIH). Uncommon locally. 1 at Yakima Training Center *Yakima* on 5/4 (AS), and 1 at Old Vantage Highway *Kittitas* on 5/21 (JTb,DP) and 5/29 (TAv,DSw).

Great Gray Owl Rare locally. 1 reported at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 4/11 (WC).

Short-eared Owl Late reports included 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 5/1 and 5/23 (MVe), 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 5/4 (SM), 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 5/10 (GB) and 5/14 (RyM), and 2 at Rattlesnake Mountain *Benton* on 5/25 (BLa,NLa).

Boreal Owl Rarely reported in spring. 1 "moo-ah" call thought to be this species heard at Stevens Pass *Chelan/King* on 4/11 (RyM).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Columbia Basin reports included 1 near Moses Lake *Grant* on 3/2 (DSc), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 3/6, 2 at Kennewick *Benton* on 3/9 (fide BLA), and 1 at Nunnally Lake *Grant* on 4/26 (LnS).

Common Nighthawk Early reports included 1 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 5/16 (MD), and 1 at Crocker Lake *Jefferson* on 5/25 (DWg).

Black Swift Uncommon locally. 1 at Quilcene *Jefferson* on 5/26 (DWg).

Vaux's Swift High counts included 1840 at Sumas *Whatcom* on 5/3, 21,027 at Monroe *Snobomish* on 5/7, 3795 at Camas *Clark* on 5/13, and 8251 at Selleck *King* on 5/14 (fide LSw).

Black-chinned Hummingbird Rare in w WA. 1 male at Tulalip Bay *Snobomish* on 5/27 (MRc).

Anna's Hummingbird Uncommon locally. 1 at Rimrock Retreat *Yakima* on 4/27 (AS), 1 at Deer Lagoon *Island* on 4/14 (RL), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 5/2 (HA). Early nests included 4 at Magnuson Park *King* on 3/1 (JB).

Calliope Hummingbird Uncommon in w WA. 1 reported at Ridgefield *Clark* on 4/18 (RFI), 1 at Mount Pleasant *Skamania* on 4/22 with 2 reported three on 5/12 (WC), 1 near Lyman *Skagit* on 4/26 (GB), 1 at Puyallup *Pierce* on 4/29 (JiF), and 1 at Anacortes *Skagit* on 5/5 and 5/17 (fide HA).

Lewis's Woodpecker Uncommon in w WA. 1 at County Line Ponds *Skagit/Whatcom* on 5/14 (RyM).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER Rare in WA. 2 at Ginkgo Petrified Forest *Kittitas* on 5/24 (DSw).

Red-naped Sapsucker Early report: 1 near Cheney *Spokane* on 3/24 (CrC). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Auburn *King* on 4/3 (MVe), 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 4/7, 1 at Marymoor

Park *King* on 4/13 (BrM), and 1 at Orcas Island *San Juan* on 4/28 (RKO).

Red-breasted Sapsucker Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Mount Brook *Klickitat* on 3/8 (SJ), 1 near Smith Butte *Yakima* on 3/22 (CF), and 2 at Conboy Lake *Klickitat* on 5/25 (RKO).

Red-breasted X Red-naped Sapsucker Uncommon in WA. 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 4/17 (RL), and 2 at Swamp Creek *Kittitas* on 5/22 with 1 there on 5/28 (TAv,DSw).

Williamson's Sapsucker Early report: 3 near Smith Butte *Yakima* on 3/8 (CF).

Downy Woodpecker High count: 14 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 3/15 (RyM).

Hairy Woodpecker Uncommon locally 1 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 3/25 (MD,MLD), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 4/1, and 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 4/27 (fide BLA).

White-headed Woodpecker Reports included 2 near Leavenworth *Chelan* on 4/11 (TrG) with

Conboy Lake *Klickitat* on 5/25 (RKO), and 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 5/31 (RH).

Dusky Flycatcher Rare in w WA. 1 at Galvin *Lewis* on 5/11 (DaH), 1 at Juanita Bay *King* on 5/12, and 1 at County Line Ponds *Skagit/Whatcom* 5/12 (RyM) and 5/17 (GB).

Gray Flycatcher Rare in w WA. 1 at West Seattle *King* on 5/4 (JiF,EH).

Say's Phoebe Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Montlake Fill *King* from 3/10 to 3/17 (RHb) and 3/30 (BtW), 1 at Olympia *Thurston* on 3/13 (BT), 2 at Marymoor Park *King* on 3/24 with 1 there to 4/22 (MIH), 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* 3/25 (SP,DD), 1 near Lyman *Skagit* on 3/28 and 4/4 (GB), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 3/29 to 3/31 (BIC), 2 at Fall City *King* on 3/29 (JTb), 1 at Bowerman Basin *Grays Harbor* on 4/2 (JRL), 1 at Discovery Park *King* from 4/4 (PR) to 4/11 (BHg) with 2 there on 4/6 (JPs), 1 at Woodland *Cowlitz* on 4/6 (RKO), 1 near North Bend *King* on 4/6 (fide TAv), 1 at Bainbridge *Island* on 4/8 to 4/12 and 4/23 (BWg), 1 at Kent *King* on 4/15 (MIH), 3 at American Camp *San Juan* on 4/27 (RKO), and 1 at Alderton *Pierce* at 4/28 (CWt).

Ash-throated Flycatcher Uncommon locally 1 at Umtnam Creek *Kittitas* on 5/18 (ED).

Western Kingbird Reports for w WA included 1 at Kent *King* on 4/22 (fide TAv) with 3 there on 5/2 (MIH), 1 at Chehalis Valley *Grays Harbor* on 4/26 (RS) and 5/3 (RKO), 1 at Point Wilson *Jefferson* on 4/27 (fide TAv), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 4/27 (VN) with 3 on 5/11 and 48 there on 5/16 (BWg), 1 at Lake Sammamish *King* on 4/29 (ASc), 1 at Carnation *King* on 5/2 (MIH,MtB), 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 5/3 and 5/23 (fide TAv), 1 at Boisfort *Lewis* on 5/3 (RKO), 1 at Scatter Creek *Thurston* on 5/3 (GW), 1 at Beaver Valley *Jefferson*



Loggerhead Shrike, Lower Crab Creek, *Grant*. Photo by Marv Breece, April 1, 2008.

1 there on 5/16 (WW), 2 at Cameron Lake Road *Okanogan* from 4/27 (RMk) to 5/18 (MiF), and 2 at Wenas *Yakima* on 5/10 (MiF) had 5 eggs on 5/31 (JKo).

American Three-toed Woodpecker Reports included 1 at Mount Spokane *Spokane* on 3/24 (WaW), 1 at Blanchard Mountain *Skagit* on 4/27 (fide HA), and 2 at Nile Lake *Pend Oreille* on 5/16 (TLA).

Black-backed Woodpecker Uncommon in WA. 1 at Little Pend Oreille NWR *Stevens* on 3/14 (TLA), 1 at Elk Heights *Kittitas* on 4/26 (LnS) and 5/10 (MIH), 1 near Usk *Pend Oreille* on 5/28 (PSi), and 1 at Government Meadow *King* on 5/31 (EH).

Olive-sided Flycatcher Early for WA: 1 at Bothell *Snobomish* on 4/12 (DMa), and 1 at North Seattle *King* on 4/13 (CsA). Columbia Basin reports included 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 5/20 (DSc), and 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 5/30 (RH).

Least Flycatcher Uncommon in WA. 1 at

on 5/4 (DWg), 2 at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 5/10 (BoB), 1 at Concrete *Skagit* on 5/10, 1 near Sedro Woolley *Skagit* on 5/11 (GB), 1 at Auburn *King* on 5/11 (EH), 1 at Willow Grove *Cowlitz* on 5/12 (KK), 1 at Juanita Bay *King* on 5/13 (RyM), 1 at Centralia *Lewis* on 5/16, 1 at Woodland *Cowlitz* on 5/17, 2 near Duvall *King* on 5/28 (MIH), and 1 at Bucoda *Thurston* on 5/30 (fide TAv).

Eastern Kingbird Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Oso *Snobomish* on 5/28 (G'I), and 1 at Juanita Bay *King* on 5/30 (TaB).

Northern Shrike Late reports included 1 at Wahluke Slope *Franklin* on 4/8 (NLa), 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 4/9 (JoI), 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 4/10 (MIH), and 1 near Toppenish *Yakima* on 4/13 (fide DGr).

Loggerhead Shrike Rare in w WA. 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 4/12 (CSi,RyM).

Hutton's Vireo Rare in e WA. 1 at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 4/1 with 2 there on 4/6, 3 near Husum *Klickitat* on 4/5, and 2 near Nestor Peak

Klickitat on 4/5 (fide SJ).

Warbling Vireo Early reports included 1 at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 4/26 (RFI), 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 4/27 (fide TAv), and 5 at Marymoor Park *King* on 4/29 (MiH).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO Rare in WA. 1 reported from Washtucna *Adams* on 5/31 (RH, GiS).

Steller's Jay High count: 52 at Scenic Loop Drive *Walla Walla* on 5/2 (MD, MLD). Locally rare. 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 3/2 (fide BLA).

Blue Jay Uncommon in WA. 1 reported at Ocean Park *Pacific* on 4/5 (fide MPa).

Western Scrub-Jay Range expansion continues. 1 at Cleveland *Klickitat* on 3/9 (SJ), 1 at Oak Creek WMA *Yakima* on 5/17 (LnS), and 1 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 5/12 (JBU).

Clark's Nutcracker Uncommon locally. 2 at Calispell Lake *Pend Oreille* on 4/19 (TLI).

Horned Lark Uncommon locally. 1 at San Juan Island *San Juan* on 3/2

(RTa), 1 at Port Townsend *Jefferson* on 3/3 (MiH), and 4 at Miller Island *Klickitat* on 3/19 (SJ).

Purple Martin Early reports included 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 4/5 (CF), and 2 at Point Defiance *Pierce* on 4/12 (AdF).

Violet-green Swallow High count: 2400 at Juanita Bay *King* on 4/15 (RyM).

Northern Rough-winged

Swallow Early for WA. 1 reported at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wabkiakum* on 3/1 (BBE).

Bank Swallow Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Auburn *King* on 4/20 (CWr), 1 at Dodge Valley *Skagit* on 4/30 (RyM), 2 at Stillwater *King* on 5/4 with 50 there on 5/11 (EH), 10 at Van Horn *Skagit* on 5/10 (GB), 6 at Cockreham Island *Skagit* on 5/14, 1 at Corkindale Creek *Skagit* on 5/14 (RyM), 4 near Marysville *Snobomish* on 5/19 (SA), 4 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 5/21 (TAv), 6 near Castle Rock *Cowlitz* on 5/24 (RKO), 1 at Hansville *Kitsap* on 5/27 (BWg), and 2 at Langview *Cowlitz* on 5/31 (KK).

Barn Swallow Early reports included 1 at Kent *King* on 3/2 (MaB, MtB), 1 at Olympia *Thurston* on 3/9 (BT), and 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 3/16 (JBP).

Bushtit Locally uncommon in e WA. 2 near Lyle *Klickitat* on 4/23 (SJ), 3 at Umtanum Canyon *Kittitas* on 5/10 (fide DGr), and 3 at Teanaway *Kittitas* on 5/25 and 5/28 (DSw).

Brown Creeper Columbia Plateau reports included 1 at ALES *Benton* on 4/2, and 1 at West Richland *Benton* on 4/29 (NLA).

House Wren Locally uncommon in w WA. 1 at Fort Casey Island on 4/29 (RKO), 1 near Bayview *Skagit* on 4/30 with 2 there to 5/14 (RyM, KKc), 1 at Deer Lagoon Island on 5/15 (AdS), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 5/17 (BWg), 1 at Vashon Island *King* on 5/18 (ESw), and 1 at Kirkland *King* on 5/19 (MiH).

Winter Wren Reports for e WA included 1 at Richland *Benton* on 3/6 (fide BLA), 1 at Roosevelt *Klickitat* on 3/9 (SJ), and 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 4/7 (fide CrC).

Western Bluebird Locally uncommon in w WA. A pair near Sequim *Clallam* from February to 5/31 fledged 4 young (fide BoB), 2 near Pilchuck *Snobomish* on 3/5 increased to 16 by 5/31 (SK), 5 at Carnation *King* on 3/14 with 2 there on 5/26 (JTb), 1 at Buckley *Pierce* on 3/23 (PI), 2 at Roy *Pierce* on 3/25 had 5 dead young by 5/30 (DDe), and 1 at North Cove *Pacific* on 4/29 (MaB).

Mountain Bluebird Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Butler Flats *Skagit* on 3/1 (JBP), 1 at Steigerwald Lake *Clark* from 3/22 to 3/25 (WC), 1 near Ferndale *Whatcom* on 3/26 (WW), 2 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 3/27 with 1 there on 4/10 (fide BoB), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 3/27 to 3/31 (BIC), 1 at Fort Lewis *Pierce*

Hermit Thrush Late e WA lowland report: 15 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 5/26 (CrC).

Northern Mockingbird Uncommon in WA. 1 at Enumclaw *King* from 3/18 (CWr) to 3/22 (JTb), 1 at Grayland *Grays Harbor* from 4/26 (TO) to 4/29 (MaB), 1 at Poulsbo *Kitsap* on 5/17 (SPt, BWg), and 1 near Virden *Kittitas* on 5/17 (WW).

Sage Thrasher Rare in w WA. 1 at Oak Harbor Island on 5/4 (fide BWg).

Bohemian Waxwing Late reports included 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 3/29 (VN), 32 at Juniper Dunes Wilderness *Franklin* on 3/29 (CF), 40 at Pullman *Whitman* on 4/21 (fide CrC), and 1 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 4/22 (MD, MLD).

Orange-crowned Warbler High count: 500 at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 5/10 (BoB).

Nashville Warbler Reports for w WA included 1 at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 4/19 and

4/26 (RFI), 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 4/26 (CSi), 1 at Fort Lewis *Lewis* on 4/26 (DDe), 3 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 4/26 (KBd), 1 at Tenino *Thurston* on 4/26 (PH), 1 at Carnation *King* on 4/27 (CSc), 1 at West Seattle *King* on 4/27 (JiF), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 4/27 (VN) and 4/30 (BWg), 2 at Alderton *Pierce* on 4/27, 1 at South Prairie *Pierce* on 4/28 (CWr), 2 at Marymoor Park *King* on 4/29 (MiH), 1 at Seattle *King* on 4/29 (ST) and 5/1 (ENe), 2 at Bayview *Skagit* on 4/29 (JBP) with 1 there on 5/10 (KKc), 1 at Juanita Bay *King* from 5/1 to 5/11 (RyM) and 5/30 (TaB), 1 at Renton *King* on 5/1 (GuM), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 5/1 (BWg), 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 5/1 (JBP), 1 at Maury Island *King* on 5/2 (ESw), 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 5/3 (RFI) with 1 there on 5/11 (KK), 2 at Maple Valley *King* on 5/3 (DSw), 2 at



Bohemian Waxwing, Chesaw, Okanogan, March 2, 2008.
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Stillwater *King* on 5/4 (EH), 1 at Mercer Island *King* on 5/7 (FTk), 1 at Sammamish *King* on 5/7 (fide RyM), 8 at Rockport *Skagit* on 5/10 (GB) with 1 there on 5/14, 1 at Samish Island *Skagit* on 5/10, 1 at Sedro Woolley *Skagit* on 5/10 (fide HA), 4 at Mount Pleasant *Skamania* on 5/12 (WC), 1 at Barnaby Slough *Skagit/Whatcom* on 5/14 (RyM), and 1 at Everett *Snobomish* on 5/14 (JfG).

Yellow Warbler Early for WA. 1 at Sequim *Clallam* on 4/19 (RR).

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER Rare in WA. 1 male reported at Wenas *Yakima* on 5/8 (DBr).

Yellow-rumped Warbler High count: 300 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 4/30 (RyM).

"Myrtle" X "Audubon" Warbler Rarely reported. 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 4/10 (TAv), and 1 at Cheney *Spokane* on 5/2 (CrC).

Black-throated Gray Warbler Reports for e WA included 4 at Catherine Creek *Klickitat* on 4/12, 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 4/27, 1 at Mount

Veery Rare locally. 1 at Steptoe Butte *Whitman* on 5/31 (DiW, TrG).

Stillwater *King* on 5/4 (EH), 1 at Mercer Island *King* on 5/7 (FTk), 1 at Sammamish *King* on 5/7 (fide RyM), 8 at Rockport *Skagit* on 5/10 (GB) with 1 there on 5/14, 1 at Samish Island *Skagit* on 5/10, 1 at Sedro Woolley *Skagit* on 5/10 (fide HA), 4 at Mount Pleasant *Skamania* on 5/12 (WC), 1 at Barnaby Slough *Skagit/Whatcom* on 5/14 (RyM), and 1 at Everett *Snobomish* on 5/14 (JfG).

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Brook *Klickitat* on 4/29 (SJ), 1 at Umtanum Creek *Yakima* on 5/5, 1 at Union Gap *Yakima* on 5/5 (fide DGr), and 1 at Roslyn *Kittitas* on 5/28 (DSw).

Hermit Warbler Rare locally. 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 5/10 (PREH), and 1 at Steptoe Butte *Whitman* on 5/31 (TrG).

Hermit X Townsend's Warbler Uncommon locally. 2 males at Swamp Creek *Kittitas* on 5/22 with 1 there on 5/28 (TAv,DSw).

Palm Warbler Rare in spring in WA. 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 3/9 (CW_r), and 1 near *Yakima Yakima* on 5/5 (JIL).

American Redstart Early report: 1 at Turnbull NWR *Spokane* on 5/28 (fide MF).

Northern Waterthrush Locally rare. 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* from 4/12 to 4/19 (SM), and 1 at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 5/14 with 2 there on 5/22 (fide SJ).

Common Yellowthroat Locally uncommon in e WA. 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 4/27, 6 near Mount Brook *Klickitat* on 4/29 (SJ), and 1 at Scooteny Reservoir *Franklin* on 5/18 (fide DGr).

Yellow-breasted Chat Rare in w WA. 1 at Stillwater *King* from 5/18 (MtB) to 5/26 (JTb), 5 reported in the Ridgefield area *Clark* on 5/24 (RFI), and 1 banded at St. Cloud Ranch *Skamania* on 5/30 (SJ,CF).

Western Tanager High count: 1450 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 5/16 (VN,BWg).

American Tree Sparrow Late reports included 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 3/8 (GB), 1 at Mary Ann Creek *Okanogan* on 3/29 (RMk), and 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 4/8 (fide CrC).

Chipping Sparrow Locally uncommon. 1 at Queen Anne *King* on 4/9 (fide TAv), 1 at Vancouver *Clark* on 4/13 (RFI), 2 at Marymoor Park *King* on 4/13 (BrM) with 1 there on 5/7 (MiH), 2 on Point No Point *Kitsap* on 4/13 and 5/24 (VN), 1 at Satsop *Grays Harbor* on 4/26 (RS), 1 near Anacortes *Skagit* on 4/26 (JBP), 1 at Stillwater *King* on 4/27 (MiH), 1 at Lake Sammamish SP *King* on 5/1 (ASc), 2 near Pe Ell *Lewis* on 5/6 (KK), 1 near Burlington *Skagit* on 5/10, 2 at Concrete *Skagit* on 5/10, 2 at Rockport *Skagit* on 5/10 (fide GB), 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 5/15 (TMB), and 2 at Mount St Helens *Cowlitz* on 5/17 (RKO).

Clay-colored Sparrow Rare spring migrant in WA. 1 reported at Montlake Fill *King* on 4/28 (MtB).

Brewer's Sparrow Rare in w WA. 1 photographed at Steigerwald Lake *Clark* on 5/4 (ShH).

Vesper Sparrow Uncommon in w WA. 2 at Mima *Thurston* on 4/12 (DC), 1 at Diablo *Skagit* on 4/26 and 4/27 (HA), 1 at American Camp *San Juan* on 4/27 (RKO), and 1 reported near Stanwood *Snohomish* on 5/11 (fide HA).

Lark Sparrow Early report: 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 4/22 (BW). Rare in w WA. 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 5/17 (BWg).

Black-throated Sparrow Rare in WA. 1 reported at Wanapum *Kittitas* on 5/24 (SDo).

"Red" Fox Sparrow Rare in WA. 1 at Mount Pleasant *Skamania* on 4/9 (WC), and 1 at South Prairie *Pierce* on 4/21 (CW_r).

Lincoln's Sparrow High count: 50 at Monroe *Snohomish* on 4/21 (ENe).

Swamp Sparrow Uncommon in WA. 1 at Montlake Fill *King* from 4/3 (JPs) to 4/21 (CSi).

White-throated Sparrow Uncommon in WA. 1 at Centralia *Lewis* on 3/1 (MWo), 1 at Vancouver Lake *Clark* on 3/1 (BB_e), 1 at Juanita Bay *King* on 3/2 (RyM) with 2 there to 4/20 (MFm), 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* from 3/8 (GB) to 5/12 (HA) with 2 there on 3/15 (RyM), 1 at Elma *Grays Harbor* on 3/21 (TO), 1 at Bremerton *Kitsap* from 4/10 to 4/13 (fide TAv),

WA included 13 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 3/5 (SJ), 2 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 3/28 (NL_a), 2 at Confluence SP *Chelan* on 4/2 (DM), 1 at Goldendale *Klickitat* on 4/5, 4 at Doug's Beach *Klickitat* on 4/10 (fide SJ), 1 at Bridgeport *Douglas* on 4/13 (MSP), 5 near Roosevelt *Klickitat* on 4/13 (SJ), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 4/30 (RH), 2 at Four Lakes *Spokane* on 5/4 (CrC), 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 5/5 (JA), 1 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 5/7 (GW), 2 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 5/8 (CrC), and 1 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 5/11 (MD,MLD). Late w WA report: 1 found dead at Lyman *Skagit* on 5/30 (GB).

"Slate-colored" Junco Reports included 1 Magnuson Park *King* on 3/1 (JB), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 4/9 (RH), 1 at Seattle *King* on 4/22 (ST), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 5/1 (JBP).

Lapland Longspur Uncommon in WA. 2 near Havillah *Okanogan* on 3/2 (KhI).

Snow Bunting Late report: 1 at Keystone Island on 3/31 (NZ).

ROSE-BREASTED

GROSBEAK Rare in WA. 1 male at Quilcene *Jefferson* on 5/1 (fide BoB), and 1 male at Freeland Island on 5/22 and 5/23 (SOR).

Black-headed Grosbeak Early reports: 1 at Dash Point *King* on 4/28 (AdF), and 1 at Tenino *Thurston* on 4/28 (PH).

Lazuli Bunting High count: 65 reported at College Place *Walla Walla* on 5/12 (MD).

Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Duvall *King* on 5/4 (EH), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 5/12 with 2 there on 5/15, 1 at Kingston *Kitsap* on 5/16, 5 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 5/16 (BWg), 2 at Stillwater *King* on 5/18 (MtB) with 6 there on 5/26 (RT_a), 2 at Juanita Bay *King* on 5/19 (RyM), 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 5/22 (MiH), 1 at Butler Flats *Skagit* on 5/22 (KW), 1 at

Lake Stevens *Snohomish* on 5/25 (fide TAv), and 3 at Battle Ground *Clark* on 5/31 (JDz).

INDIGO BUNTING Rare in WA. 1 male reported at Selah *Yakima* on 4/20 (fide DGr).

Bobolink Locally rare. 2 near Toppenish *Snohomish* on 5/24 (AS).

Tricolored Blackbird Uncommon in WA. 40 males west of Othello *Adams* on 3/8 (RH), 4 at Othello *Adams* on 3/31 (CSc), 30 at Texas Lake *Whitman* on 4/13 (DiW), 1 female at Moses Lake *Grant* from 4/15 to 5/12 (DSc), and 3 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 4/19 with 1 there on 4/27 (MD,MLD).

Western Meadowlark Late w WA reports included 1 at Van Horn *Skagit* on 5/10 (GB), 1 at Satsop *Grays Harbor* on 5/13 (TAv), and 7 at Mount St Helens *Cowlitz* on 5/24 (RKO).

Yellow-headed Blackbird Reports for w WA included 1 at Butler Flats *Skagit* on 3/1 (RyM,JBP) with 4 there on 4/27 (GB), 2 at Kent *King* on 3/11 (MaB,MtB), with 1 there to 4/20 (MiH), 1 at Warm Beach *Snohomish* on 3/19



Male Yellow-headed Blackbird, Warm Beach, Stanwood, *Snohomish*. Photo by Graham Hutchinson, May 26, 2008.

1 at White Salmon *Klickitat* on 4/18 (fide SJ), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 4/19 (fide BL_a), 10 at Monroe *Snohomish* on 4/21 (ENe), 1 at Lyman *Skagit* from 4/27 to 5/1 (GB), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 4/30 (RH), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 5/1 (NL_a), 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 5/4 (EH), 1 at Spokane *Spokane* from 5/5 (JA,GiS) to 5/7 (CrC), 1 at Brooks Memorial SP *Klickitat* on 5/6 (fide DP), 1 at Bonney Lake *Pierce* on 5/8 (fide CW_r), 1 at Samish Island *Skagit* on 5/10 (fide RyM), 1 at Mercer Island *King* on 5/14 (FTk), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* on 5/14 (BWg), and 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 5/20 (DSc).

Harris's Sparrow Uncommon in WA. 2 at Richland *Benton* from February to 4/28 (NL_a), 1 near Bridgeport SP *Okanogan* on 3/14 (GiS), 1 at Bridgeport *Douglas* on 4/13 (MSP), 1 at Renton *King* from 4/20 to 4/26 (TMB), 1 at Pasco *Franklin* on 4/27 (fide BL_a), and 1 at Walla Walla *Walla Walla* on 5/7 (fide MD).

Golden-crowned Sparrow Reports from e

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(DD,SP), 4 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 4/5 with 13 there on 5/26 (BIC), 3 at Carnation *King* on 4/27 (MiH), 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 4/27 and 5/16 (VN), 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 5/1 (MtB) and 5/21 (CSi), 1 at Bowerman Basin *Grays Harbor* on 5/2 (fide TO), 1 at Swinomish Channel *Skagit* on 5/5 (RyM), 1 at Magnuson Park *King* on 5/10 (JB), 2 at Longview *Cowlitz* on 5/12 (KK), 1 near Sedro Woolley *Skagit* on 5/14 (RyM), 3 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 5/16 (fide SM), 1 at Corkindale Creek *Skagit* on 5/17 (GB), and 1 at North Seattle *King* on 5/24 (fide TAv).

Grackle sp. Any species rare in WA. 1 reported at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 4/12 (DaP).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE Rare in WA. 1 at Liberty Lake *Spokane* from 4/16 (RD) to 5/3 (MiF).

Bullock's Oriole Early report: 1 at Othello *Adams* on 4/29 (RH).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch High count: 25,000 at Wooten WMA *Garfield/Columbia* from 3/25 to 3/27 (DKu).

Pine Grosbeak Uncommon in WA. 2 at Stevens Pass *Chelan/King* from 3/4 (MaB) to 4/2 (TAv), 2 at Lacey *Thurston* on 3/24 (SMi), 1 at Satus Pass *Klickitat* on 5/30 (WC), and 1 at Government Meadow *King* on 5/31 (EH).

Purple Finch Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Richland *Benton* from February to 3/31 (BW), 1 at White Salmon *Klickitat* from 3/9 to 4/29 (SJ), 1 near Deer Park *Spokane* on 3/12 (fide CrC), 2 at Mount Brook *Klickitat* on 4/9 and 4/29 (fide SJ), 1 at Yakima *Yakima* on 4/2 (fide DGr), 1 at Klickitat *Klickitat* on 4/3 (CF), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 4/4 (BLa,NLa), 1 at Goldendale *Klickitat* on 4/5 (fide SJ), and 4 at Yakima Indian Reservation *Yakima* on 5/24 (AS).

Cassin's Finch Rare west of Puget Sound. 200 at Hurricane Ridge *Clallam* on 3/7 and 3/8 (SGr).

Red Crossbill Uncommon locally. 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 4/12 (TLi).

White-winged Crossbill Irregular in WA. 12 at Bolster *Okanogan* on 3/2 (KhT), 4 at Stevens Pass *Chelan/King* on 3/6 (HdG) and 4/2 (TAv), 200 at Wauconda *Okanogan* on 3/24 with 20 there to 5/25 (fide DSc), and 1 near Mount Baker *Whatcom* on 4/3 (RH).

Common Redpoll Late reports included 150 at Bolster *Okanogan* on 3/1 (RMk), 1 at Hurricane Ridge *Clallam* on 3/7 (SGr), 1 at Cle Elum *Kittitas* on 3/12 (BT), and 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 4/3 (fide BLa).

Pine Siskin Uncommon locally. 1 at Othello *Adams* on 3/9 with 3 there on 4/13 (RH), and 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 4/12 (TLi).

Lesser Goldfinch Rare away from Klickitat. 2 at Battle Ground *Clark* on 4/11 and 4/19 (JDz), 1 at Walla Walla *Walla Walla* on 4/27 and 4/28 (fide MD), 2 at Chief Timothy SP *Asotin* on 5/22 (MWo), and 1 at Ridgefield *Clark* on 5/26 (RFI).

Evening Grosbeak High Columbia Basin count: 114 at White Salmon *Klickitat* on 4/4 (SJ).

Corrigenda: WOS News 116 mistakenly reported 78 Wild Turkeys at Teanaway *Kittitas* on 10/10 (JBu) as Turkey Vultures.

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