21st Annual Conference of the Washington Ornithological Society

Marsh, fields, and forest. Alpine meadows, riparian groves, and ocean beaches. Raptors, shorebirds, and passerines. The southwest corner of Washington state holds a great diversity of habitats, and therefore a great variety of bird species. From the mouth of the Columbia to the flanks of Mt. St. Helens, we will cover this ecologically rich area with an offering of 40 field trips, two outstanding presentations, comfortable accommodations, and great companionship.

A look through the field trip list will show the great variety of locations available to participants, led by some of the best birders in the state. WOS conferences are known for opening up areas that birders have rarely (or never) visited before, and this will be no exception.

Our conference base will be the Red Lion Hotel, Kelso, which promises to be a wonderful location for our activities — they have even offered to open the latte stand early for our morning field trips.

We are particularly excited about our two presentations. Friday night, members of the Washington State Bird Records Committee will give some insight as to how they evaluate rare bird sightings, and how to write up reports for submission to the committee. On Saturday night, Robert M. Pyle will talk about “Rustic Ways and Rustic Buntings: A Birding Life in Deepest Willapa.” Robert is a world renowned author and naturalist who has lived in this part of the state for the past 30 years. He will share his insights into our relationship to the natural world.

This is a conference you won’t want to miss. We look forward to seeing you in Kelso/Longview in September!

Directions to the Red Lion Hotel in Kelso

Kelso/Longview is easily reached for western Washington residents by taking I-5. Eastern Washington residents can take either US 12 (from Yakima, White Pass to I-5) or I-84 (Oregon side)/SR14 (Washington side of the Columbia River) to I-5. The Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center is located at 510 Kelso Drive. Take exit 39 off I-5, turn left (right if traveling N on I-5) onto Allen St. and then a right onto Kelso Drive. The hotel is located just ahead.

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Sandhill Cranes at Ridgefield NWR, River S Unit, in the fall. This is one of the field trip destinations at this year’s WOS Conference. Lyn Topinka, photographer.

Another of the field trips offered at the 2009 WOS Conference will include birding from kayak along the Elochoman River (above). Lyn Topinka, photographer.
The Washington Ornithological Society was chartered in 1988 to increase knowledge of the birds of Washington and to enhance communication among all persons interested in those birds. WOS is a nonprofit educational organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

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Patricia Lott was dedicated to improving conference planning and hoped to make this year’s conference one of the best. She did a great deal of the groundwork for scheduling and preparing for this conference. Her efforts will not be forgotten, and she is sorely missed.

Note: Patricia Lott was on the WOS Board of Directors and had taken a leading role in planning the 2009 Conference when she was killed in an auto accident last fall.
Change can be an exciting thing. We grow excited as each new bird species returns in the spring. I am personally excited about some of the possibilities that WOS has in its future. With the 2008 WOS board elections, much new blood was brought to the board and with it followed new enthusiasm. The board has toiled over long meetings in December and March, but the results of those meetings have brought some exciting future opportunities.

As mentioned by Denny Granstrand in the last issue of WOS News, the Patrick Sullivan Young Birders Fund is seeking applications from young birders, who could use the funds for such things as attending camp or conducting research. Encouraging young birders to grow their knowledge and skills will strengthen the pool of excellent young birders that has been a bright spot in Washington birding over the past decade.

Another important change is that you can now renew your membership or donate to funds such as the Young Birders Fund using PayPal on our website, www.wos.org. This will help members keep on top of their memberships and prevent lapses. Another change is that, beginning with the last issue, this newsletter is being printed on 100% recycled paper; the newsletter still looks outstanding and we achieve the goal of being more environmentally responsible, a goal I’m sure all our members believe in, to save habitat for the species we care about.

Jack Stephens has done a wonderful job of putting together trips with excellent leaders and programs that should make the Kelso conference a huge success. Details of the conference are in this issue. The board has decided on a wonderful location for next year’s conference as well (2010), to be held in June; the eastern Washington locale will be announced at the Kelso conference. The board knows that annual conferences are one of the highlights of being a WOS member and we strive to make each one memorable. We always welcome your suggestions for improvement and once the location for 2010 has been announced, feel free to email me at Scott@wos.org for suggestions on field trip locations, leaders, and other items you’d like to see. I will be one of the principal contacts for arranging the 2010 conference.

Finally, as a part of the changes and new blood theme, the WOS Board has initiated the idea of regional subcommittees to review records of birds that the WBRC does not consider review worthy. These records are of birds that are rare for the area, but not review worthy statewide. An example would be Sage Sparrow in Seattle or a Marbled Murrelet at Vantage.

The purpose of the subcommittees is two-fold: 1) Review records that are unusual but aren’t getting reviewed and thus the sighting is not verified; and 2) Due to the new bylaws change in WOS, there will be more frequent rotation on the Washington Bird Record Committee (WBRC); however, there is a steep learning curve for new members joining the committee. ‘Apprenticeship’ on a subcommittee may help increase potential members’ skills and help WBRC members evaluate who would be good additions to their group. The board is seeking nominations from members for qualified people for these subcommittees. Ideally the board would like all areas of the state represented, including NE Washington, SE Washington, and the Okanogan. Individuals should be familiar with the birds of the state, willing to work as a part of a group, and most importantly familiar with the status of species in a particular area of the state to know what species are review worthy. You can send your suggestions to the board: Board@wos.org.

WOS Board Thanks Phil Mattocks for 20 Years of Service

In February, Eugene Hunn, WOS President, sent the following letter to Dr. Phil Mattocks on behalf of the WOS Board:

Washington Ornithological Society
PO Box 31783
Seattle, WA 98103-1783
www.wos.org

17 February 2009

Dr. Philip Mattocks
915 E. 3rd Ave.
Ellensburg, WA 98926-3453

Dear Dr. Mattocks:

On behalf of the Washington Ornithological Society I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your 20 years of service as a founding member of the Washington Bird Records Committee. As they say, “It’s a nasty job, but someone had to do it!” And, of course, we recall your dedication to establishing Washington bird records on a scientific basis as a long-time compiler of the Seattle Christmas Bird Count, as a regional editor for what was then called American Birds, as coordinator of the Washington State Breeding Bird Atlas project, as well as one of the signatories on the original “Declaration of Independence” that established WOS back in 1988. We wish you good birding in your retirement (from the WBRC).

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Hunn, President
Washington Ornithological Society

cc: WOS Board, WBRC

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by the WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
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ST: State Threatened   FT: Federal Threatened
SC: State Candidate   FC: Federal Candidate
SS: State Sensitive   FCo: Federal Species of Concern

Reeds at Nisqually NWR. February 2009
Richard Ivey, photographer
WOS Meetings

WOS meetings are free and open to all.
Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington campus 3501 NE 41st St. in Seattle.
Doors open at 7:00 PM and programs begin at 7:30 PM.

MEMBERS’ PHOTO NIGHT
Monday, June 1

Bring your photos to share! There will be a digital projector available for your use. Photos may be brought on CD or USB flash.

EFFECTS OF HABITAT FRAGMENTATION ON ANIMAL BEHAVIOR
Josh Tewksbury
Monday, October 5

Dr. Tewksbury will discuss the effects of habitat fragmentation and patch isolation on animal behavior and the resulting effects on plant and animal population dynamics. His work has included projects in avian ecology, linking landscape structure, nest predation, brood parasitism, and the behavioral trade-offs faced by breeding birds, as well as large-scale experiments testing landscape structure and patch connectivity effects on the mutualisms enabling genetic exchange among plant populations/pollination and seed dispersal.

Dr. Tewksbury is Dept. of Biology Chair at University of Washington.

WINTER SITE FAIDELITY OF SHARP-SHINNED AND COOPER’S HAWKS
Jack Bettesworth
Monday, November 2

Jack Bettesworth, a retired pharmacist, has worked on raptor field research projects for the past 20 years. He holds a Master Bander Permit with the Federal Bird Banding Laboratory and with the State of Washington. He has worked on field research projects with Gyrfalcons, Peregrine Falcons, American Kestrels, Snowy Owls, fall raptor migration at Diamond Head (1993-1997), breeding ecology of Northern Harriers (1994-2006) and winter site fidelity of Sharp-shinned and Cooper’s hawks (2002 to present).

MEMBERS’ PHOTO NIGHT
Monday, December 7

Bring your photos to share! There will be a digital projector available for your use. Photos may be brought on CD or USB flash.

A Memorable September in Washtucna
By Randy Hill, Othello

Last fall’s migration in Washtucna was nothing short of fantastic! There were nine new species added to the Adams County list — including two vireos and four warblers — during a ten-day period from August 31 to September 9, and five were from the Bassett Park area of Washtucna. Many additional “code 5” birds were observed in the park during the peak migration period, including some species that had multiple sightings.

September 3 was one memorable day. That was the day we finally installed “the bench” in Bassett Park in memory of Patrick Sullivan. The bench was an easy sales pitch to Central Basin Audubon (for whom Patrick and his mother Ruth had led a field trip to Mt. Rainier a few years back) and to the town of Washtucna, which certainly has benefited from all the birders coming through. The town agreed to locate a concrete base near the creek that runs through the park. A bench was ordered from Job Corps in Moses Lake to match other benches and tables in the park. I supplied the memorial plaque that was mounted in the bench.

With epoxy and patience, CB Audubon Vice President Ron Van Nurden bonded bench to base and got the first comfortable view of the stream that morning. Soon after I joined him on the bench, something “different” flew into a nearby tree and eventually made it to the creek. It was a Blackpoll Warbler.

Patrick’s spirit lives in Bassett Park.
Field Trips allow WOS members to explore new places and to 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 a year. Questions about field trips should be directed to the trip leader(s).

A mileage reimbursement of at least $0.25 per mile is suggested to cover the driver’s costs. If current gas prices suggest a higher rate, please reimburse the driver at a fair rate. Multiply the agreed-upon rate by the number of trip miles, and split the resulting amount among the passengers (not the driver).
When you start birdwatching, there are some birds you always dream of seeing ... Once in awhile, your dream bird is as wonderful in real life as you hoped and imagined.

Waxwings are birds of the far north, breeding in the pine forests of Scandinavia and Siberia ... The 1970s, the period when I began serious birding, wasn't a very good decade for Waxwings. There were one or two minor invasions during the 1980s, but I still never managed to catch up with them. Then, in autumn 1988, the birders' grapevine buzzed with welcome news: large flocks of Waxwings had been sighted up and down Britain's east coast. An irruption year was under way...

Like several Norfolk villages, Sutton has a small pond as its centerpiece. According to the telephone information service Birdline East Anglia, a flock of about 30 Waxwings had been sighted up and down Britain's east coast. An irruption year was under way...

As dusk approached, I was just thinking about giving up. Then, at last, my faith was rewarded. A flock of birds flew up into the branches above my head. Surely they weren't yet another bunch of Starlings? I tentatively raised my binoculars to my eyes and gasped at the vision of beauty before me. A small, plump bird, with a plumage of a colour so subtle that I can hardly begin to describe it. Basically brown, yes, but with hints and tints of pink, ochre and sepia; black wingtips edged with yellow and red; and the delicate wispy crest above a black highwayman's mask.

I watched in quiet delight as the birds began to gorge themselves on bright red berries, then launched themselves into the late afternoon air, flycatching for passing insects. A few minutes later, guided by some unseen signal, they took off and flew away. I wanted to shout out loud, knock on doors, accost passers-by — have you seen them? Aren't they beautiful? Don't you realize what fantastic visitors you have?! But being British, I simply got back into the car and drove off to have a quiet, celebratory drink in a country pub.

Limited to 11 people. To sign up, or for details, contact Gene at enhunn323@comcast.net.
Our 2009 Conference will be centered at the Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center in Kelso, WA. The conference will begin Friday, Sept. 18, and continue through Monday, Sept. 21. The Red Lion will serve as our base for lodging, registration, receptions, and events, and as the starting point for all field trips.

**Registration**

Registration begins July 3, 2009. Registration materials received as of July 3 will be processed in random order. Materials received after July 3 will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wait until you arrive at the Red Lion to register for the conference, we will not be able to guarantee your participation in field trips or the banquet meal; additionally, there will be a $10 late fee. Registrations postmarked after August 21, 2009, will be assessed a $10 late fee.

**Cancellations**

Cancellations received prior to August 21 will receive a refund, less a $20 processing fee. Additionally, cancellations received after September 1 will not receive a refund for the banquet meal.

**Featured Speakers**

Members of the Washington Bird Records Committee will be present on Friday evening for what is sure to be a fun, informative, and challenging interactive session. On Saturday evening, our banquet speaker will be Robert Michael Pyle, naturalist and author of *Wintergreen*, *Sky Time in Gray’s River*, and *The Butterflies of Cascadia*.

**Field Trips**

Daylight field trips, led by local and experienced birders, will be conducted on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, commencing at 6:30 AM; owling trips will be offered on Friday and Saturday evenings, departing at 7:30 PM. Space on field trips is limited: 12 individuals in three autos for each day-time trip, and six individuals in two autos for night-time owling adventures.

**Meals**

Except for the Saturday night banquet (please see details on page 14), meals are on your own.

**Lodging**

The Red Lion has reserved a block of rooms for participants of the conference; the rate for these rooms is $89/night for any room, including deluxe (with the exception of suites, which are $150). Extra person charge is $10 for each person over 2 in the room. Reservations may be made by calling (360) 636-4400 or online at www.redlion.com (choose the Kelso property). When making reservations online, you will need to input the group code, under special rates. Just check the special rate circle and input the code in the group code box. The group code is 0909ORNITH. All rooms have coffee maker, iron, and complimentary high speed wireless internet service, and deluxe rooms also have a microwave and refrigerator. For those conference attendees who wish to camp, Brookhollow RV Park is located approximately one mile from the Red Lion Kelso at 2506 Allen St, (360) 577-6474. It is a Kelso City Ordinance that overnight camping is allowed only in licensed and designated campgrounds/RV Parks.
Each daytime trip is limited to 12 individuals in three autos, and nighttime owling adventures can accommodate six people in two autos — so be forewarned and register early! Be sure to indicate alternative choices for your field trips.

Carpooling will be utilized for all field trips. All trips will depart from the Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center in Kelso, WA. Trips and trip leaders may be subject to change. If you possess a Washington State Parks pass, a National Parks pass, a National Wildlife Refuge pass, a WDFW sticker, and/or Golden Age pass, please bring it/ them. Also, if you have FRS radios, please bring them. Check the WOS website (www.wos.org) for updated field trip descriptions, trip leaders, and other information as it becomes available. Please consider carpooling from your home to the conference.

Field trip participants will be expected to contribute an appropriate reimbursement amount to their carpool driver. WOS currently recommends $0.25 a mile, divided by the number of passengers. Field trip fees have been reduced to compensate for this reimbursement.

Day trips leave from the Red Lion Hotel at 6:30 AM (sunrise ~6:55 AM). Owling trips leave from the same location at 7:30 PM (sundown ~7:15 PM). Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your field trip departure time.

WASHOUGAL/STEIGERWALD NWR (WS) - Clark County
This trip is offered three days — Fri, Sat, Sun

This trip will follow the Columbia River east from Washougal to cover the southernmost part of the state. We will check the river for loons, grebes, and diving ducks, then proceed to the Steigerwald Lake NWR. This reserve was created in 1984, but will be opened to the public shortly before the conference. Its pastures should yield wintering sparrows. We will scope mudflats for migrating shorebirds, and check ponds for a variety of waterfowl. This has been a reliable spot for Mute Swan. Some hiking over paths required. Estimated distance: 120 miles round-trip.

Leaders:
Friday: Jim Danzenbaker
Saturday: Brian Bell
Sunday: Ken Knittle

LONGVIEW/WILLOW GROVE (LW) - Pacific County
This trip is offered Fri and Mon

This trip will explore the area immediately around Longview/Kelso. We will check the Mint Farms mitigation ponds near Longview for migrating shorebirds, then head north to Willow Grove which may yield White-tailed Kite. We will check nearby sewage treatment ponds for waterfowl. Light walking on trails. Estimated distance: 40 miles round-trip.

Leaders:
Friday: Bob Flores
Monday: Brad Waggoner

BACHELOR ISLAND (BI) - Clark County
This trip is offered Fri and Sat

Adjacent to Ridgefield, the riparian habitat of this island is a great spot for passerines. We will also have an opportunity to scan the Columbia River for water birds. Expect moderate hiking on trails. Estimated distance: 70 miles round-trip.

Leaders:
Friday: Eric Anderson
Saturday: Bob Flores

OWLING - SEAQUEST STATE PARK (OW) - Cowlitz County
This trip is offered Fri and Sat

We will search the park for owls. Barred, Saw-whet, and Western Screech are all possible.
Leader: Friday and Saturday Evenings: Jamie Acker
2009 Conference Field Trips, continued

VANCOUVER LAKE (VL) - Clark County

**This trip is offered three days - Fri, Sat, Sun**

The lowlands northwest of the city of Vancouver attract many of the similar species as Ridgefield NWR. At the lake, we will scan the flocks of Canada Geese, trying to pick out the occasional Greater White-fronted Goose, Brant, or with luck, something more unusual. A nearby water treatment plant should yield a variety of waterfowl and gulls. We will have the opportunity to walk some paths in local parks for passerines and raptors. We will drive Lower River Road, with access to surrounding grasslands and wetlands. Estimated distance: 80 miles round-trip.

Leaders: **Friday:** Wilson Cady  
**Saturday:** Dennis Paulson  
**Sunday:** Randy Hill/Jeff Dillon

SILVER STAR MOUNTAIN (SS) - Clark and Skamania Counties

**This trip is offered Sat and Sun**

We will head east from Kelso into the only subalpine area in Clark County. This habitat will yield different species from the lowland trips, such as Clark's Nutcracker, Red Crossbill, and Sooty Grouse. There is always the possibility of a rarity such as Northern Goshawk or American Three-toed Woodpecker. High clearance vehicle recommended for this trip.

Leaders: **Saturday:** Wilson Cady  
**Sunday:** Gene Hunn

ILWACO/FORT CANBY STATE PARK (IF) - Pacific County

**This trip is offered Sun only**

We will head west to the mouth of the Columbia. We will scan the waters of the Pacific for scoters, diving ducks and loons. Further out, we should see Brown Pelican and Sooty Shearwater. The nearby rocks could yield Black Oystercatcher and Surfbird. The wooded areas of the park can be good for migrating passerines this time of year. With time, we can also visit the Lewis and Clark State Park for a look at some old growth forest. Estimated distance: 130 miles round-trip.

Leader: **Sunday:** Jim Danzenbaker

SEAQUEST STATE PARK/MT. ST. HELENS VISITOR CENTER/HUMMOCKS TRAIL (SH) - Skamania County

**This trip is offered four days: Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon**

We will drive up to nearby Mt. St. Helens for a look at lake, riparian wetland, and coniferous forest habitat. Possible species include Killdeer, Wilson's Snipe, Virginia Rail, Wood Duck, Northern Flicker, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Downy, Hairy, and Pileated woodpeckers, and both kinglets. Once we are up on Mt. St. Helens, we will take the 2.3-mile loop trail, and see lakes created by the 1980 eruption, as well as the herbaceous plant recovery zone. We will expect to see White-crowned Sparrow, Common Raven, Dark-eyed Junco, and perhaps a Great Horned Owl. The park charges $8/person entrance fee that needs to be added to the registration for the trip. Estimated distance: 106 miles round-trip.

Leaders: **Friday:** Ryan Merrill  
**Saturday:** Bruce Labar  
**Sunday:** Wilson Cady  
**Monday:** Kathy Andrich

ELOCHOMAN SLOUGH/HUNTING ISLAND (KYK) KAYAKING TRIP - Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Counties

**This trip is offered Sat only**

How often do you get to bird from the water? We will use kayaks around Hunting Island near Julia Butler Hansen NWR, lunch on Hornstra beach, and return via Elochoman Slough. We may see Lesser Goldfinch, Mourning Dove, Cedar Waxwing, Common Merganser, and American Coot. We will look for lingering passerines in the adjacent forests. Limited to eight (8). Extra $25 for rental of single kayak, $50 for double. Estimated distance: 54 miles round-trip.

Leader: **Saturday:** Andrew Emlen

SAUVIE ISLAND (SI) - Columbia County (Oregon)

**This trip is offered Sat and Sun**

Sauvie Island is one of the premier birding locations in northwest Oregon. This is the spot where Lewis and Clark lost a night's sleep because of the sound of “Swans, Geese, white & Gray Brant Ducks . . . they were emensely noumorous, and their noise hord.” A mixture of habitat should give a nice variety of species. We can't guarantee nature, but it is safe to say that this is one trip that will not be “borid.” Estimated distance: 70 miles round-trip.

Leader: **Saturday and Sunday:** Marcus Roening

JULIA BUTLER HANSEN NWR/CATHLAMET (JB) Wahkiakum County

**This trip is offered four days: Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon**

One of the best spots for Red-shouldered Hawk in Washington, Julia Butler Hansen NWR offers diverse habitats including Sitka Spruce forest, riparian woodland, tidal and freshwater wetlands, and open fields. In addition to the refuge, we will visit nearby Cathlamet to scan for waterfowl and gulls. Estimated distance: 65 miles round-trip.

Leaders: **Friday:** Kevin Aanerud  
**Saturday:** Kraig Kemper  
**Sunday:** Kraig Kemper  
**Monday:** Bob Flores
Wahkiakum County is offered Fri and Sat

For most people, the only place they've birded in Wahkiakum County is Julia Butler Hansen NWR. This trip won't go there. Instead, we'll hit some lesser known tidbits of this tiny, seldom birded county. We'll visit Skamokowa, Gray's River, Oneida, Deep River, Altoona, and the Elochoman Valley. Even just the names are wonderful. We'll hit what passes for high elevation, the best spots for seabirds, as well as all the migrant traps we can find. Build your Wahkiakum County list. Scope helpful. Estimated distance: 85 miles round-trip.

Leaders: FRIDAY: Michael Hobbs 
SATURDAY: Gene Hunn

CENTRALIA (CT) - Lewis County
This trip is offered Sat and Sun

We will drive country roads of the Hanaford Valley and surrounding areas near Centralia. The open fields and brushy patches should yield a variety of raptors, along with passerines and waterfowl. If we are lucky, we may see White-tailed Kite. Estimated distance: 120 miles round-trip.

Leader: SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: Roger Orness

GOING HOME — WEST SIDE 1 (W1)
Cowlitz, Lewis, Thurston, and Pierce Counties
This trip is offered Monday only

For those returning to the Puget Sound area, we will head north on Monday morning, working up the I-5 corridor. We will focus on areas not easily reached on a day trip from the greater Seattle area. As this is a going home trip, there will be no mileage payment for drivers. Estimated distance: varies.

Leaders: MONDAY: Michael Hobbs and Brian Bell

GOING HOME — WEST SIDE 2 (W2)
Cowlitz, Pacific, and Grays Harbor Counties
This trip is offered Monday only

For those looking for a different way back to the Seattle area, we will cut over to the coast to the Westport/Tokeland area, and then back northeast to Puget Sound. Expect shorebirds and saltwater species on this trip. As this is a going home trip, there will be no mileage payment for drivers. Estimated distance: varies.

Leader: MONDAY: Gene Hunn

GOING HOME — EAST SIDE (E)
Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania, Klickitat, and Yakima Counties
This trip is offered Monday only

We will head up the Columbia Gorge, and access areas not normally available to the public as we head to Yakima and points east. As this is a going home trip, there will be no mileage payment for drivers. Estimated distance: varies.

Leader: MONDAY: Wilson Cady

2009 Conference Evening Events

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 18
6:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Presentation
An Evening with the WA Bird Records Committee

Kevin Aanerud, Dennis Paulson, and Ryan Merrill will give us a look into the activities of the WBRC. Rarity ratification! Identification challenges! Writing bird descriptions! This will be a fun, interactive, and informal evening with these three members of the WBRC. Hors d’oeuvres and no-host bar included.

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 19
6:00 PM Social and Dinner, 7:00 PM Presentation
Robert Michael Pyle
Rustic Ways and Rustic Buntings:
A Birding Life in Deepest Willapa

Robert Pyle is author of Wintergreen, Sky Time in Gray's River, The Butterflies of Cascadia, and 12 other books, one of which is subtitled "Life as Field Trip." In this talk, he reflects on 30 years of trying to live up to that ethic in Gray's River. Paying close attention not only to the birds but also to the butterflies, slugs, and all the rest, he has sought a broad naturalist's view of this overused and undervalued corner of the state, a landscape of subtle richness and extravagant surprise. Drawing from deep immersion in the rainworld of Willapa, he will share stories and brief readings from his books about moon-glade herons, sun-god vultures, road-surfing loons, grieving thrushes, hand-fed bats, and other adventures in rural life -- including, yes, an actual Rustic Bunting. As a bonus, Bob will give an advance peep at his latest project, "Swallowtail Seasons: The First Butterfly Big Year."
Here are some things to keep in mind as you fill out your registration forms.

Registration begins July 3. Materials received as of July 3 will be processed in random order. Materials received after July 3 will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

The registration deadline is August 21. Registrations postmarked after August 21 will be assessed a $10 late fee.

Registration at the door: If you choose to wait to register until you arrive at the conference, we cannot guarantee your participation in field trips or the Saturday banquet. In addition, there will be a $10 late fee.

Cancellations received prior to August 21 will receive a refund, less a $20 processing fee. Cancellations received after September 1 will not receive a refund for any meals.

USE ONE FORM PER PERSON. Doing otherwise will result in delays in processing your registration. If you are registering more than one person, you may copy the forms, download additional forms from our website (www.wos.org), or print all information on a separate piece of paper.

LODGING is not included in your conference registration. Please refer to information provided on lodging (page 8).

When sending in your registration materials, remember to include the following three items:

- Release form (this page)
- Field Trip Registration form (page 13)
- 2009 Conference Registration form (page 14)

Mail your registration forms to:

Washington Ornithological Society
Attn: Conference Registration
PO Box 31783
Seattle, WA 98103-1783

Expect to receive an email confirmation from Cindy McCormack (nwbirder@gmail.com) within a week of your submission (after the July 3 registration window opens). Please set your email to allow correspondence from this address before your registration if needed. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact Cindy by email or at (509) 939-4448.

REMEMBER TO READ AND SIGN THE RELEASE BELOW and include it in your registration materials.

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### Release Form

Pertaining to the activities organized by the Washington Ornithological Society (WOS) for September 18 through September 21, 2009:

I, _____________________________________________________________, as a member of WOS, understand the dangers involved in the activities in which I plan to participate. I will be fully responsible for any personal injuries and for my personal well-being, and will hold harmless the Washington Ornithological Society and its Board of Directors, agents, and staff.

Signed: 

Dated: 

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Field trips are $10 each, except as noted for the kayaking trip and the Mt. St. Helens trips. Please add $25 or $50 (single or double) kayak rental fee for SA-KYK, if your first choice. Please add $8 entrance fee for Mt. St. Helens trips (FR-SH, SA-SH, SA-SJ, SU-SH, SU-SJ, MO-SH) if your first choice.

BETWEEN: Please indicate 1st through 13th (where applicable) for choices of trips in each Field Trip section. For example, Friday, September 18 is ONE section, and each field trip in that section should be ranked, with 1 being most preferable, 2 for your second choice, and so on. Field trips will be assigned based on choices indicated and space available.

If you absolutely do not want to go on a particular field trip, cross that trip out completely (___ FR-VL Vancouver Lake).

If you wish to be partnered with someone on field trips, write his or her name here:

Note: Registration forms will not be processed until your partner's registration forms and fees are received. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to pair you. Please make notes/comments for further explanation, if needed.

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Friday, September 18

_____ FR-BI Bachelor Island
_____ FR-JB Julia Butler Hansen
_____ FR-LW Longview/Willow Grove
_____ FR-SH Mt. St. Helens/Hummocks trail (+ $8)
_____ FR-VL Vancouver Lake
_____ FR-WR Woodland Bottoms/Ridgefield
_____ FR-WS Washougal Steigerwald
_____ FR-WW Western Wahkiakum

Friday Evening, September 18

_____ FR-OW Owling

Saturday, September 19

_____ SA-BI Bachelor Island
_____ SA-CT Centralia
_____ SA-JB Julia Butler Hansen
_____ SA-KYK Hunting Island/Kayak (+ $25)
_____ SA-RC Ridgefield NWR - Carty Unit
_____ SA-RD Ridgefield NWR - Dairy Unit
_____ SA-SH Mt. St. Helens/Hummocks Trail (+ $8)
_____ SA-SI Sauvie Island
_____ SA-SJ Mt. St. Helens/Johnston Observ. (+ $8)
_____ SA-SS Silver Star Mountain
_____ SA-VL Vancouver Lake
_____ SA-WS Washougal/Steigerwald
_____ SA-WW Western Wahkiakum

Saturday Evening, September 19

_____ SA-OW Owling

Sunday, September 20

_____ SU-CT Centralia
_____ SU-IF Ilwaco/Ft. Canby
_____ SU-JB Julia Butler Hansen
_____ SU-RC Ridgefield NWR - Carty Unit
_____ SU-RD Ridgefield NWR - Dairy Unit
_____ SU-SH Mt. St. Helens/Hummocks Trail (+ $8)
_____ SU-SI Sauvie Island
_____ SU-SJ Mt. St. Helens/Johnston Observ. (+ $8)
_____ SU-SS Silver Star Mountain
_____ SU-VL Vancouver Lake
_____ SU-WS Washougal/Steigerwald

Monday, September 21

_____ MO-JB Julia Butler Hansen
_____ MO-LW Longview/Willow Grove
_____ MO-SH Mt. St. Helens/Hummocks Trail (+ $8)
_____ MO-WR Woodland Bottoms/Ridgefield
_____ MO-W1 Going Home West I-5
_____ MO-W2 Going Home West Shore
_____ MO-E Going Home East

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2009 Conference Registration Form

Use a separate form for each attendee.
You may make copies of this form if you wish, or download additional forms from our website, www.wos.org.

Name

Address

City, State/Province, Zip

Phone(s)

Email address
(Note: Email will be used for registration confirmation and conference correspondence only.)

Field trip carpooling: Are you willing to drive?  Yes ☐  No ☐  Maybe ☐  (Explain on line below. Please also indicate if you have a high-clearance/AWD/4WD vehicle. Participants willing to drive may receive priority in field trip selection. High clearance drivers may be needed for the Silver Star Mtn. field trip.)

Conference Fee

$45 Adult/$25 Student

$10 late fee if postmarked after August 21

Membership  (All attendees must be WOS members)

Current member ($0)

Renew my membership ($25 or $30)

New WOS individual membership ($25)

New WOS family membership ($30)

Upgrade from individual to family membership ($5)

Saturday Banquet Dinner ($30 per person)

(See menu at right.)

Please mark your dinner selection:

_____ Grilled chicken breast and artichoke penne pasta

_____ Roasted vegetable medley

_____ Honey-soy marinated flank steak

Field Trips

Total fees @ $10 per trip (plus any special fees)

Grand Total

Make checks payable to WOS.
Send registration forms and payment to:

Washington Ornithological Society
Attn: Conference Registration
PO Box 31783
Seattle, WA 98103-1783

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET

At the Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center

MEAL CHOICES:
Grilled Chicken Breast and Artichoke Penne Pasta
Honey-Soy Marinated Flank Steak
Roasted Vegetable Medley

Above entrées are served with their signature house salad, balanced starch, seasonal vegetables, artisan bread & butter, Tully’s coffee, decaf, hot or iced tea.

The banquet dinner will be $30. Please indicate your entrée choice on the registration form at left. If desired, additional meals may be purchased for those accompanying a conference attendee without completing an additional registration. Please indicate their choice on your form.

When sending in your registration materials, remember to include:

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Thank you!
Greater White-fronted Goose High count: 1200 east of Burbank Walla Walla on 9/21 (MD,MLD).

Snow Goose Early reports included 1 at Burlington Skagit on 8/23 (RTa), 1 at Bay Center Pacific on 8/24 (CWr), 1 near Stanwood Snooksim on 9/21 (MaB) with 160 there on 9/25 (SM), and 250 at Jensen Access Skagit on 9/29 (HA).

Brant Early reports included 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 8/7 (CWr), 1 at Restoration Point Kitsap on 8/14 and 8/15 (BWg), 1 at March Point Skagit on 9/4 ( RyM), and 12 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/21 (RgW).

Cackling Goose Early reports: 2 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 8/7 (CWr), and 20 at Kent King on 9/22 (KAn).

Tundra Swan Early reports: 2 at Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 8/25 (CWr), 2 at Burbank Walla Walla on 9/24 (NLa), and 1 at Hoquiam Grays Harbor on 9/28 (WnB).

Trumpeter Swan Early for WA. 1 at Turnbull NWR Spokane on 9/28 (TCO).

Swan sp. Early for either species. 1 at Magnuson Park King on 8/8 (CyB), 1 over Seattle King on 8/14 (KAn), and 3 at Lummi Flats Whatcom on 9/27 (Jbd).


American Black Duck Provenance unknown. 1 at Juanita Bay King from 8/1 to 9/30 (Ry,M,HII).

Northern Pintail Unusual location. 15 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 8/15 (AK).

Northern Shoveler Uncommon breeder in w WA. 1 female with a brood near Stanwood Snooksim on 8/16 (SM).

Eurasian Wigeon Early reports: 1 near Stanwood Snooksim on 9/14 (SM), and 1 at Vashon Island King on 9/26 (ESW).

Redhead Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Stanwood STP Snooksim on 8/3 (MiW), a female with 4 young at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/5 (BIC), and 2 by Lyman Skagit on 8/19 (GB).

Black Scoter Early reports: 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 8/7 (CWr), and 1 at Port Angeles Clallam on 8/9 (MWO).

Surf Scoter Uncommon away from salt water in WA. 1 near Renton King on 9/25 (KsM).

White-winged Scoter Uncommon in w WA. 2 males at Wenas Lake Yakima from 8/15 (KsO) to 8/17 (SDo).

Barrow's Goldeneye High counts: 90 at Lake Lenore Grant on 8/2 (SM) and 8/26 (CWr).

Bufflehead Early reports included 3 at Columbia NWR Grant on 8/2, 3 at Stanwood STP Snooksim on 8/16 (SM), 1 at Philo Lake Spokane on 8/20 (MWO), and 2 at Lake Lenore Grant on 8/26 (CWr).


Ruddy Duck High count: 1450 at Lake Lenore Grant on 8/26 (CWr).

Spruce Grouse Reports included 1 at Salmo Mountain Pend Oreille on 8/15 (TLI), 1 at Cutthroat Pass Okanogan on 8/28 (KA), 2 near Albion Hill Ferry on 8/31 (KK), 1 near Methow Pass Okanogan on 9/8 (DSw), and 2 near Easy Pass Skagit on 8/14 (GB).

White-tailed Ptarmigan Reports included 9 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 8/3 (JoM) with 7 on 8/6 (LoR) and 4 there on 9/14 (GG), and 2 at Paradise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 8/4 (fide TAv) with there on 9/7 (RgW,CWr), 3 above Easy Pass Skagit on 9/6 (DSw), and 1 reported at Sourdough Mountain Skagit on 9/29 (PhP).

Wild Turkey Locally uncommon. 10 at Washucuna Adams on 9/25 (TAv), and 9 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/27 (Rko). 1 at Belfair Franklin on 8/14 (KAn), and 3 at Lummi Flats Whatcom on 9/27 (Jbd).

Mountain Quail Rare and local in WA. 4 near Belfair Mason on 8/1 (MHR).

Horned Grebe Early reports included 2 at Hoquiam Grays Harbor on 8/7 (CWr), and 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 8/21 (TAv, RyMm).

Red-necked Grebe High count: 70 at Culps Bay Island on 9/17 (Ry,M, BWg). Uncommon locally. 1 at Blue Lake Grant on 8/21 (RyM), 1 at Roosevelt Klickitat on 9/20 (SJ), and 1 at Yakima RD Benton from 9/28 to 9/30 (BW).

Eared Grebe Reports included at least one pair with young at Reardan Lincoln on 8/1 (TO), 11 at Philo Lake Spokane on 8/20 (MWO), 880 at Soap Lake Grant on 8/21 (TAv, RyMm), 1 Drayton Harbor Whatcom on 9/17 (Ry,M, BWg), 1 at Roosevelt Klickitat on 9/20 (SJ), and 1 at Yakima RD Benton from 9/28 to 9/30 (BW).

Western Grebe High counts: 2000 at Potholes Grant on 9/2 (DSw), and 1200 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 9/27 (CWr). Unusual location: 1 at Mowich Lake Pierce on 9/23 (CWr).

Clark’s Grebe Reports away from Potholes included 7 at Vancouver Lake Clark on 8/9 (RF), 1 at Swinomish Channel Skagit on 8/30 and 9/1 (fide HA), 1 at West Medical Lake Spokane on 9/17 (TLI), and 1 at Mukilteo Snooksim on 9/17 (RyM, BWg).

Western X Clark’s Grebe Rarely reported. 1 at McNary Dam Benton on 8/9 (SM).

HAWAIIAN PETREL Rare in WA. 1 photographed on the Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 9/27 (MT,RBT) will be the first state record if accepted by the WBRC.

Pink-footed Shearwater High counts included 1308 on the Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 8/23 (fide Rsh), and 12,000 off La Push Clallam on 9/19 (BoB).

Flesh-footed Shearwater Uncommon in WA. 2 on the Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 8/23 (BS).

Buller’s Shearwater High count: 79 on the Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 8/23 (fide Rsh).

Short-tailed Shearwater Early reports: 1 on the Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 9/5 (BL) and 9/14 (fide Rsh).

Manx Shearwater Uncommon in WA. 1 south of Ruby Beach Jefferson on 8/5 (BS), 1 on the Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 9/5 (BL), and 1 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 9/27 (CWr).

Leach’s Storm-Petrel Uncommon in Puget Sound. 1 at Point No Point Kitsap on 9/27 (VN).

Brown Pelican High counts: 1500 at Bovierman Basin Grays Harbor on 8/9 (GW), and 1300 at La Push Clallam on 9/19 (BoB).

Uncommon away from outer coast. 1 off West Seattle King from 8/1 to 9/28 (GSp,DoM), 1 at Discovery Park King on 8/15 (fide TAv), 1 off Lummi Island Whatcom on 9/1 (fide RyM), 2 at

Edmonds Semipalmated Plover on 9/20 with 1 there on 9/27 (SP), 2 at Restoration Point Kitzap on 9/29 (BWg), 1 at Rosario Channel Skagit on 9/29 (fide HA), 1 off Lake Cty on 9/30 (fide IBa), and 1 at Point No Point Kitzap on 9/30 (VN).

American Bittern Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Scooteneey Reservoir Franklin on 9/21 (KK).

Great Egret Reports included 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 8/7 (MWo), 1 at Turnbull NWR Skokomish on 8/22 (Joi) with 3 there on 9/5 (TO), 1 Fort Skokomish Skokomish on 8/25 (fide CrC), 1 at Hangman Creek Skokomish on 8/26 and 9/18 (MWo), 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/7 (RyM), 38 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/7 (RF), and 8 at Bateman Island Benton on 9/28 (MWo).

Cattle Egret Early for WA. 1 at Swainomish Slough Skagit on 8/22 (SA) and 8/23 (RTa).

Green Heron Rare in e WA. 1 at Big Flat HMU Franklin on 9/27 (RKn).

Black-crowned Night-Heron Uncommon and local in w WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/5 (BIC) with 2 on 8/9 and 1 there on 9/1 (WC).

Plegadis sp. Either ibis species rare in fall. 1 at Othello Adams on 9/21 (RH).

Turkey Vulture High counts: 215 over Othello Adams from 9/12 to 9/14 (NLa), 1 at Soap Lake Skagit on 9/28 (fide BLa).

Northern Goshawk Uncommon in w WA lowlands. 1 immature at Kennedy Creek Mason on 9/21 (JBu).

Red-shouldered Hawk Uncommon in WA. 1 at Battle Ground Clark on 8/23, and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/31(DJz) with 2 there on 9/5 (RF). Uncommon locally. 1 at WWRD Walla Walla on 8/31 (Mb).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK Rare in WA. 1 immature at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 9/9 (SM,BWg), and 1 immature at Washucuna Adams on 9/12 (TLi).

Swainson's Hawk Rare in w WA. 1 immature at Snoqualmie Semipalmated on 9/10 (JTb), and 1 immature at Marymoor Park King on 9/18 (HF).

Golden Eagle Uncommon in w WA. 2 near Staircase Mason on 8/13 (BS), 1 at Hardly Burn Skagit on 8/29 (BK,GB), 1 at South Prairie Pierce on 9/2 (CW), 1 at Obstruction Point Clallam on 9/5 (TAv), 1 at Easy Pass Skagit on 9/14 (HA), 1 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 9/15 with 1 nearby at Spray Park on 9/23 (CW). Rare in w WA included 2 at Confluence SP Chehalis on 9/1 (KK), 1 at Spokane Spokane on 9/16 (fide CrC), 1 at Espanola Spokane on 9/17 (TLi), and 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 9/21(DSc).

Peregrine Falcon Reports for e WA included 1 at West Medical Lake Spokane on 8/5 (CrC), 1 at Lind Coulee Grant on 8/16 (BLa,Na), 1 near Winchester Grant on 8/21 (TAv,RyM), 1 at Turnbull NWR Skokomish from 8/22 to 9/2 (Joi), 2 at Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 8/27 (CW), 1 at Othello Adams on 9/20 (SA) and 8/23 (RTa).


American Golden-Plover Rare in e WA. 1 at Sprague STP Lincoln on 9/6 (CrC,Ju), and 1 at Philo Lake Spokane on 9/30 (MWo). Reports for w WA included 1 at Bay Center Pacific on 8/24 (CW), 1 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor on 8/26 (GaT), 1 near Stanwood Semipalmated on 9/14 (SM), and 5 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 9/16 (CW).

Pacific Golden-Plover Reports included 1 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor on 8/2 (CW) with 2 from 8/26 to 9/2 (GaT) and 1 there on 9/6 (KAn), 15 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 9/16 (MiH,CW), and 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 9/22 (HA) with 2 there on 9/25 (SP).

Golden-Plover sp. Locally rare. 1 at Hatton STP Adams on 9/20 (RH), and 2 at Hansville Kitzap on 9/28 (ENc).

Snowy Plover Uncommon and local in WA. 4 at Midway Beach Pacific from 8/2 to 8/25 (PH) with 2 there on 9/19 (GaT).

Semipalmated Plover Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Othello Adams on 8/2 with 4 on 9/6 and 2 there on 9/10, 1 at Potholes Grant on 8/2 with 5 on 8/30 and 1 there on 9/20, 2 at Whitcomb Island Benton on 8/9 (SM), 1 at Philo Lake Skokomish from 8/20 to 8/29 (MWo), 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 8/21 (TAv,RyM), 2 at Bateman Island Benton on 8/28 (Na), 2 at WWRD area Walla Walla on 8/31 (Mb), 1 at Hatton Adams on 9/1 (Mb), and 2 at Yakima RD Benton from 9/13 to 9/30 (fide Bla).

Black-necked Stilt Late for WA. 1 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 9/28 (MWo).

American Avocet Rare in e WA. 1 near Stanwood Semipalmated from 9/17 (MRe) to 9/30 (fide TaW). Late report: 4 at Yakima RD Benton on 9/23 (Na).

Lesser Yellowlegs High count: 80 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/14 (RF).

Solitary Sandpiper At least 50 reports included 1 at Longview Conduit from 8/2 to 9/19 (RKn), 2 at Cochreham Island Skagit on 8/2 (GB), 1 at Lyle Klickitat on 8/3 (CF), 4 near Deer Park Skokomish on 8/3 (TO), 3 at Peone Spokane on 8/6 (Tl), 4 at Lind Coulee Grant on 8/11 (DSc), 7 at Beth Lake Okanogan on 8/12 (GG), 7 at Philo Lake Spokane on 8/20 (MWo), 5 at Turnbull NWR Skokomish on 8/25 (CrC), and 2 at Othello Adams on 9/5 (SM).

Willet Uncommon and local in WA. 9 at Tokeland Pacific on 8/10 (KKe) with 18 there on 9/6 (KAn), and 3 juveniles at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor on 8/26 (TaW,GaT).

Wandering Tattler Uncommon in Puget Sound. 1 at Blakely Rocks Kitzap from 8/23 to 9/17 (BWg).

Whimbrel Uncommon in Puget Sound. 1 at Restoration Point Kitzap on 8/23 (BWg), and 2 at Fir Island Skagit on 9/10 (HA) with 4 there on 9/16 (HF).

Long-billed Curlew Uncommon in w WA. 8 at Willapa Bay Pacific on 8/16 (Gi), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/13 (RF), and 21 at Tokeland Pacific on 9/29 (LR).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT Rare in WA. 1 adult at Tokeland Pacific from 8/2 (CW) to 8/10 (KKe), and 1 juvenile near Stanwood Semipalmated on 9/8 (MaB).

Marbled Godwit Rare in e WA. 1 at WWRD Walla Walla on 8/16 (MD,MNd), and 1 at Potholes Grant on 8/22 (RoF). Locally uncommon in w WA. 1 reported at Kennedy Creek Mason on 8/17 (RS), 7 at Dungeness Clallam on 8/29 with 1 there on 9/7 (Ga), 1
at Jensen Access Skagit on 9/4 (RyM), and 2 at Crockett Lake Island on 9/27 (RTa).

**Ruddy Turnstone** Rare in e WA. 1 adult at Soap Lake Grant from 8/15 (TmD) to 8/18 (RoF).

**Black Turnstone** High count: 150 at Bainbridge Island Kittap on 8/23 (BWg).

**Surfbird** First juvenile: 1 at Blakely Rocks Kittap on 8/8 (BWg).

**Red Knot** Reports included 1 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor on 8/2 (CW), 6 at Tokeland Pacific on 8/10 (KKc), 7 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 8/27 (JGi), 1 at Dungeness Clallam on 8/29 (GG) with 4 there on 9/5 (TAv), 3 at Graysmarsh Clallam on 9/6 (SA), and 1 at Crockett Lake Island on 9/29 (SP).

**Sanderling** Uncommon away from coast. 3 at Ridgefield NWR Clark from 8/10 to 8/15, 2 at Vancouver Lake Clark on 8/10 (RFl), 1 at Four Lakes Spokane on 9/3 (TO), 1 at Medical Lake Spokane on 9/3 (MWO), 13 at Soap Lake Grant on 9/5 (SM) with 7 there on 9/21 (DSc), 83 at Potholes Grant on 8/8 with 40 on 9/20 (SM,RyM) and 9 there on 9/24 (TAv), 9 near Kettle Falls Stevens on 9/6 (MWO), 1 at Sheep Lake Whitman on 9/6 (JA) and 9/20 (MWO), and 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 9/20 (NLa).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** Over 90 reported including notable records of 6 at Midway Beach Pacific on 8/2 (CW) with 7 on 8/3 (BWg) and 1 there on 8/10 (KKc), 8 at Othello Adams on 8/2, 7 at Potholes Grant on 8/2 with 3 there on 9/20, 6 at Corfu Grant on 8/9, 7 near Wallula Walla Walla on 8/9 (SM), 10 near Stanwood Snobomish on 8/3 (MiW) with 8 on 8/23 and 1 there on 9/14 (SM), 1 at Hoquiam STP Grays Harbor on 8/7 (CWr), 2 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 8/25 (PH), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/31 (JDz,ShF), and 1 at Crockett Lake Island on 9/28 (SM,BWg).

**Baird's Sandpiper** High counts: 56 at Philhoo Lake Spokane on 8/20 (MWO), and 50 at Potholes Grant on 9/8 (RyM).

**Pectoral Sandpiper** High counts: 35 at Lind Coulee Grant on 9/24 (TAv), and 41 at Crockett Lake Island on 9/28 (SM,BWg).

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark from 9/26 (SC) to 9/28 (RFl), 1 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 9/27 (CWr), and 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 9/30 (JBP).

**Dunlin** Early reports included 3 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 8/7 (CW), and 1 near Stanwood Snobomish on 8/20 (RyM).

**Stilt Sandpiper** Reports included 1 at Potholes Grant on 8/2 (SM) with 10 on 9/1 (SDo) and 6 there on 9/3 (PWE), 1 at Philhoo Lake Spokane on 8/29 (JAF) with 9 there on 16/9 (MWO), 1 at Patterson Slough Benton on 8/30 (MBt), 1 at Dungeness Clallam on 8/31 (BoB) and 9/7 (GG), 2 near Stanwood Snobomish on 9/4 with 5 there on 9/14 (SM), 2 at Longview Cowitz from 9/5 to 9/8 (KRo), 1 at Othello Adams on 9/7 (RH), 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 9/20 (PH), and 2 at Crockett Lake Island on 9/29 (SP).

**Buff-Breasted Sandpiper** Rare in WA. 1 at Midway Beach Pacific from 9/19 (GgT) to 9/29 (LoR).

**Ruff** Rare in WA. 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 8/2 (NLa), 1 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 8/7 (CW), 1 adult female photographed near Stanwood Snobomish on 8/16 (MaB), and 1 at Othello Adams on 8/12 (RH).

**Short-billed Dowitcher** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Othello Adams from 8/19 (RH) to 9/2 (RyM), and 1 at Philhoo Lake Spokane on 8/20 (RoF).

**Long-billed Dowitcher** High counts: 200 at Othello Adams 9/25 (TAv), and 355 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/27 (RFl).

**Wilson’s Phalarope** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Sanam Flats Skagit on 8/2 (HA) with 3 on 8/7 (TAv) and 1 there on 8/18 (GB), 1 at Stanwood STP Snobomish on 8/3 (MWO) with 3 there on 8/5 (MH), 10 near Stanwood Snobomish on 8/6 with 1 there on 9/4 (RyM), and 2 at Swinomish Channel Skagit on 8/18 (GB) with 1 there on 8/29 (RyM).

**Red-necked Phalarope** High count: 160 at Soap Lake Grant on 8/21 (RyM). Uncommon locally. At Longview Cowitz from 8/19 (KRo), 5 at Mount Baker Whidbey on 8/23 (MWO), and 2 at Ellensburg Kittitas on 9/1 (SDO).


**Pomarine Jaeger** High count: 23 on the Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 9/27 (BL). Uncommon near shore. 1 immature at Point No Point Kittap on 8/31 (VN), and 13 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 9/27 (CWr).

**Asatic Jaeger** Rare away from salt water in WA. 1 adult at Stevenson Skamania on 8/25 (WC), 1 immature at Potholes Grant on 9/2 (BWg) with 1 juvenile there on 9/20 (SM,LoR), and 1 at WWRD Walla Walla on 9/6 (MD,MWO).

**Long-tailed Jaeger** High count: 15 on the Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 8/25 (BL). Rare away from salt water in WA. 1 juvenile at 4000' on Mount St Helens Skamania on 8/22 (JFr).

**Jaeger sp.** Any species rare away from salt water in WA. 1 at Potholes Grant on 9/9 (RH), and 1 at Marymoor Park King on 9/18 (MH).

**South Polar Skua** Reports included 6 on the Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 8/25 with 8 on the 9/27 trip (BoB), 3 off La Push Clallam on 9/9 (BoB).

**Franklin’s Gull** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Hoquiam Grays Harbor from 8/7 (CWr) to 8/17 (WC), 2 at Crow Butte SP Benton on 8/9, 3 at Iowa Beach Walla Walla on 8/9 (SM), 1 at WWRD Walla Walla from 8/16 to 9/6 (MD,MWO) and 9/28 (MWO), 1 at Othello Adams on 8/22 (RH), 1 near Stanwood Snobomish on 8/23 (SM), 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 8/26 (BW), 1 at Carkeek Park King on 9/14 (JSe), 1 at Coulee City Grant on 9/21 (DSc), and 1 at Lummi Bay Whatcom on 9/21 to 9/27 (AdW,Bd).

**Bonaparte’s Gull** High count: 2000 at Point No Point Kittap on 8/28 (VN). Reports for e WA included 6 at Patterson Slough Benton on 8/10 (NLa), 1 at Columbia NWR Grant on 8/19 (RH), 3 at Vantage Kittitas on 8/21 (TAv,RyM).

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Common Ground-Dove Rare in WA. 1 of uncertain provenance at Grand Mound. Thurston on 8/26 (TrC) would be the first state record if accepted by the WBR

Mourning Dove High count for W WA. 25 at Auburn King on 9/21 (SDn).

Eurasian Collared Dove Rapidly increasing in WA. Reports included 3 at Stanwood Snobumish on 8/3 (MiW), 1 at Ridgefield Clark on 8/10 (RFl), 1 at Seaview Pacific on 8/12 (LCa), 1 at Milltown Skagit on 8/7 (Crh), 1 near Snohomish Snobumish on 8/24 (MiB), 2 at Mead Spokane on 8/29 (Kk), 3 at Lind Coulee Grant on 8/30 (BLa), 1 at Prescott Walla Walla on 8/31 (MiB), 15 at Reardan Lincoln on 9/3 (TrC,TrR), 1 at Potlatch Mason on 9/4 (SDn), 12 at Touchet Walla Walla on 9/6 (MD,MLD), 2 at Agnew

Boreal Owl Uncommon and local in WA. 3 heard at Salmo Pass Pond Oriole on 9/18 (TAv), and 3 at Summit in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 9/15 (CWr).

Northern Saw-whet Owl High elevation report: 3 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 9/13 (Gg).

Common Nighthawk High count: 279 near Yakima Yakima on 8/23 (Sr). Reports from W WA included 4 near Lyman Skagit on 8/2 (GB), 1 at Kennedey Creek Mason on 8/5 (Jb), 1 at Kalaloch Jefferson on 8/7 (MwO), 4 at Roy Pierce on 8/11 (fide TAv), 5 at Shelton Mason on 8/13 (BS), 4 at Windy Gap King on 8/16 (MLH), 1 at Olympia Thurston on 8/16 (Jb), 3 at Lopez Island San Juan on 8/17 (fide TAv), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/9 (fide BC), and 7 at Rockport Skagit on 9/5 (Kw).

Common Poorwill Late reports: 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 9/6 (LH), and 1 near Glenwood Kllickitat on 9/13 (S). Black Swift Locally uncommon. 4 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/9 with 5 there on 9/2 (Wc), 2 at Attanam Creek Yakima on 8/9 (Sdo), 3 near Chinook Pass Yakima on 8/17 (As), 3 at Bon Jon Pass Klickitat on 8/29 (RR), and 30 at Mount Hardy Kllickitat on 8/29 (GB).

Vaux's Swift High night roost counts included 5580 at Selleck King on 8/31, 3000 at Sumas Wtchic on 9/1, 480 at Ellensburg Kittitas on 9/4, and 15,560 at Monroe Snobumish on 9/25 (fide LSw).

White-throated Swift Late report: 1 at Washstate Adams on 9/21 (Cwr,SM).

Black-chinned Hummingbird Late report: 1 at College Place Walla Walla on 9/24 (MD,MLD).

Anna's Hummingbird Evidence of expansion continues. 1 at Richland Benton from 8/12 to 9/30 (fide BLa), 1 at Possession Bay Island on 8/29 (MiH), 1 at South Prairie Pierce on 9/2 (CWr), 1 at Kennewick Benton from 9/13 to 9/30 (fide BLa), and 1 east of Auburn King on 9/25 (SDn).

Calliope Hummingbird Uncommon in W WA. 1 at Kelly Butte King on 8/16 (Mh,MiH).

Lewis's Woodpecker Migrants widespread. 1 at Snoqualmie King on 9/1 (Kg), 1 at Skamania Skamania on 9/1 (Wc), 1 at Corkindale Creek Skagit on 9/2 with 9 from 9/3 to 9/7 (fide HA) and 5 there on 9/8 (AdW), 1 at Sprague Lake Lincoln on 9/3 (TrC,TrR), 1 at Marymoor Park King on 9/5 (Jb), 1 at Washutauna Adams from 9/7 (MiB), 1 at Point No Point Kittitas on 9/7 (Gg), 1 at Marblemount Skagit on 9/8 (AdW), 1 at Cedar River Watershed King on 9/9 (AdW), 1 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 9/18 (TAv,DSw), 1 at Willow Grove Coquil on 9/20 (Wc,Plw), and 1 at Ralston Adams from 9/23 to 9/26 (MiH).

Acorn Woodpecker Rare in W WA. 3 near Lyle Kllickitat on 8/31 (WC) with 2 there on 9/23 (Jb).

Red-naped Sapsucker Uncommon in W WA. 1 at Windy Gap King on 8/17 (MiH), and 1 near Naches Pass King on 9/7 (MiB).

Red-breasted Sapsucker Uncommon in W WA. 1 at Conboy Lake NWR Kllickitat on 8/23 and 9/2 (Jb).
Red-naped X Red-breasted Sapsucker
Uncommon in WA. 1 at College Place Walla Walla on 9/25 (MLD).

Williamson's Sapsucker
Rare locally. 1 male at Jasper Mountain Walla Walla on 9/17 (MLD), and 1 male at Washutucna Adams on 9/21 (SM,CWr).

Hairy Woodpecker
Uncommon in the Columbia Basin. 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin from 8/31 (CWr) to 9/14 (TO).

White-headed Woodpecker
Locally uncommon. 1 at Washtucna Yamama on 8/1 (LoR), and 8/19 (GfF), and 1 near Leavenworth Chelan on 9/7 (EvH).

American Three-toed Woodpecker
Reports included 1 near Easy Pass Skagit on 8/14 (BK,GB), and 8/28 (RyM), 2 at Salmo Mountain Pend Oreille on 8/15 and 9/18 (TLL), 1 banded at Rimrock Lake Yakama on 8/15 (DnF), 1 east Chinook Pass Yakima on 8/17 (AS), 3 near Godmorn Springs Columbia on 8/31, 1 at Government Meadow King on 9/7 (MdB), and 1 near Rainy Pass Skagit on 9/4 (HA).

Black-backed Woodpecker
Uncommon in WA. 1 at Athetanum Creek Yakima on 8/9 (SDo), 2 near Chinook Pass Yakima on 8/17 (AS), 1 near Godmorn Springs Columbia on 8/31 (MdB), and 1 near Leavenworth Chelan on 9/7 (EvH), and 1 at Naches Pass King on 9/15 (MaB).

"Yellow-shafted" Flicker
Early report: 1 at Washutucna Adams on 9/21 (SM).

Olive-sided Flycatcher
Columbia Plateau migrants included 1 at Sun Lakes SP Grant on 8/21 (TAv,RyM), 1 at Richland Benton on 8/22 (fide BLA), 1 at Washutucna Adams on 8/23 (RH) with 3 there on 9/9 (RFe), 2 at Harrington Lincoln on 8/29 (JoI), 3 at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 8/30 with 1 there on 9/9 (SM), 1 at Hood Park Walla Walla on 9/6, and 1 at College Place Walla Walla on 9/10 (CWr).

Western Wood-Pewee
High count: 50 at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 8/30 (SM,CWr).

Least Flycatcher
Uncommon in WA. 1 at Washutucna Adams on 8/31 (SM,CWr), 1 reported at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/3 and 9/5 (RFe), 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/7 and 9/8 (SM,RyM), and 1 at Windust Park Franklin on 9/8 (CWr).

Hammond's Flycatcher
High count: 40 reported at Washutucna Adams on 9/8 (SM).

Dusky Flycatcher
High count: 12 reported at Washutucna Adams on 8/31 (SM).

Gray Flycatcher
Migrants included 1 at Davenport Lincoln on 8/7 Davenport (GrC), 5 reported at Washutucna Adams on 8/31 (SM,CWr), with 1 there to 9/23 (JoI), 1 at Sperry Franklin on 9/2 (TAv,RyM), and 3 at ALES Benton on 9/3 (NLa).

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER
Rare in WA. 1 at Windust Park Franklin on 9/6 (MD,MaL) and 9/7 (RyM,MaL) will be the first state record if accepted by the WBRC.

Western Kingbird
High count: 65 near Toppenish Yakima on 8/9 (AS). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Bayview Skagit on 8/1 (HA) and 8/31 (GB), 1 at Cockreham Island Skagit on 8/3 (HA), 1 at Paradise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 8/9 (LsS), 2 at Duvall King on 8/16 (EH). Late e WA report: 1 at Sprague Lake Adams on 9/6 (GrC).

Eastern Kingbird
High count: 65 at Sun Lakes SP Grant on 8/21 (TAv,RyM). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Two Rivers WMA Stretchon on 8/2 (JB), 3 at Duvall King on 8/16 (EH), 1 at Spencer Island Stretchon on 8/24 (MaB), and 1 at Marymoor Park King on 8/26 (TJB).

BELL'S VIREO
Rare in WA. 1 at Washutucna Adams on 9/6 (SM,DI).

BLUE-HEADED VIREO
Rare in WA. 1 at Washutucna Adams on 9/7 (SM,DI).

Hutton's Vireo
Rare in e WA reported at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 8/31 (SM), and 1 heard at Trout Lake Klickitat on 9/2 (SJ).

Warbling Vireo
High count: 50 at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 8/30 (CWr). Late report: 1 at Tokeland Pacific on 9/28 (GuM).

Red-eyed Vireo
Migrants included 1 Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 8/30 (SM) and 9/1 (SDo), 2 at Washutucna Adams from 8/31 (SM) to 9/13 (MWe), 1 at Klahotus Franklin on 8/31 (Rko), 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin from 9/2 to 9/11 (TAv,RyM), 1 at Trout Lake Klickitat on 9/2 (SJ), 2 at South Prairie Pierce on 9/2 (CWr), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 9/3 (RFe), 1 at Mount Pleasant Skamania on 9/5 (CWr), and 1 reported at Jasper Mountain Walla Walla on 9/17 (MLD).

Gray Jay
Locally uncommon. 2 near Belfair Mason on 8/1 (Mhr), 3 at Tenino Thurston on 9/9 (PH), and 1 at Kennedy Creek Mason on 9/29 (Jbu).

Steller's Jay
Locally uncommon. 1 at Goldendale Klickitat on 9/24 with 10 there on 9/28 (SJ).

Blue Jay
Uncommon in WA. 1 at Neah Bay Clallam on 9/20 (SA), and 1 reported at Washutucna Adams on 9/29 (fide CrC).

Western Scrub-Jay
Northernmost reports included 1 at North Seattle King on 9/8 (fide TAv), and 1 at Point No Point Kitsap on 9/12 to 11/12 (BWg).

Clark's Nutcracker
Uncommon locally. 12 at Spokane Spokane on 8/23 (JA).

Black-billed Magpie
High elevation report: 1 at 5300' on Ahtranum Creek Yakima on 8/24 (AS).

Horned Lark
Reports included 3 at Kalama Cowlitz on 8/2 (Rko), 6 at Midway Beach Pacific on 8/2 (CWr), 19 at Salmo Pass Pend Oreille on 9/4 (GiSoJo), 27 at 8475' on Mount Adams Yakima on 9/6 (SJ), 1 at Discovery Park King on 9/10 (PB), and 1 at Marymoor Park King on 9/12 (MWe).

Purple Martin
Many dead adults reported at traditional nest sites due to low prey availability. Eight Stretchon sites down from 87 to 22 pairs (SK), and Vashon Island King sites down from 71 to 14 pairs (fide ESw). Reports away from coast included 4 near Littlerock Thurston on 8/1 (fide BT), 10 at Juanita Bay King on 8/3 (RyM), 8 at Lake Kapowsin Pierce on 8/5 (CWr), 2 at Weir Prairie Thurston on 8/10 (Dwb), 6 at Kenmore King on 8/22 (EH), 3 at Marymoor Park King on 8/26 (Tdb), and 2 at Bingen Klickitat on 8/31 (SJ).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Late report. 1 at Potholes Grant on 9/24 (TAv).

Bank Swallow
Uncommon in w WA. 12 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/9 with 20 there on 9/2 (WC), 1 at Stanwood Stretchon on 8/16 (SM), 1 at Juanita Bay King on 8/17 with 2 there on 8/20 (RyM), and 1 near Burlington Skagit on 9/1 (GB).

Cliff Swallow
Late reports included 2 at Juanita Bay King on 9/1 (RyM), and 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 9/6 (LHi).

Mountain Chickadee
Reports indicative or irruption included 1 near Glennwood Klickitat on 9/2 (SJ), 1 at Davenport Lincoln on 9/3 (TAv,RyM), 1 at 9750' on Mount Adams Yakima on 9/6 (SJ), 2 at Richland Benton on 9/20 (fide BLA), and 1 at Goldendale Klickitat on 9/6 (TAv).

Boreal Chickadee
Reports included 1 at Rogers Lake Okanogan on 8/10 (GHG), 2 at Salmo Mountain Pend Oreille on 8/15 (TLL) with 9 on 9/4 (GiSoJo) and 4 there on 9/18 (TLL).

Bushtit
Locally uncommon in e WA. 25 at Bingen Klickitat on 9/28 (SJ).

Red-breasted Nuthatch
High count: 50 migrants at Mount Pleasant Skamania on 9/8 (WC). Columbia Plateau reports included 1 at Two Rivers HMU Walla Walla on 8/16 (MD,MaL), 2 at Ephrata Grant on 8/21 (TAv,RyM), 5 at Richland Benton on 8/29 (NLa), 2 at Palouse Falls Franklin on 9/1 (MdB), 6 at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 9/1 (SDo), 5 at Davenport Lincoln on 9/3 (TAv,RyM), 1 at Washtucna Adams on 9/8 (RyM) with 3 there on 9/21 (CWr), and 5 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/11 (TAv).

**Field Notes — August/September 2008 (continued)**

Greater Yellowlegs over Kahtia Lagoon.
Bob Whitney, photographer.

**Brown Creeper** Uncommon locally. 1 at Davenport Lincoln on 9/20 (TO).

**Rock Wren** Uncommon in w WA. 1 near Horseshoe Lake Skamania on 9/29 (WC).

**House Wren** Locally uncommon in w WA. 1 at Rosario Head Skagit from 8/3 to 9/7 (GB), 1 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap on 8/20 and 8/21 (BWg), and 1 at Samish Island Skagit on 8/20 (RyM).

**Winter Wren** Uncommon locally. 1 at Davenport Lincoln from 9/13 (MD, MLD) to 9/19 (JA), and 1 at Windy Gap King on 9/26 (MWD).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** Early for w WA lowlands. 1 reported at Montlake Fill King on 8/25 (MB).

**BLUE-GRAY-GNATCATCHER** Rare in WA. 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 9/13 (MB).

**Western Bluebird** Locally uncommon in w WA. A pair fledged its fourth clutch of the year east of Sequim Clallam on 9/5 (fide BoB).

**Mountain Bluebird** Reports for w WA included 6 at Kelly Butte King on 8/2 and 8/16, and 2 at Windy Gap King on 8/16 with 1 there on 9/7 (MiB).

**Townsend's Solitaire** Reports for w WA included 1 near St. Helens Cowlitz on 8/24 (LKo), 1 at Everett Snohomish on 9/9 (JG), and 2 at Capitol Forest Thurston on 9/28 (Dah).

**Veery** Late report: 1 at Springdale Stevens on 8/31 (GiSMW).

**Swainson's Thrush** Nocturnal migrant high count: 375 at Battle Ground Clark on 9/6 (JDa). Migrants from c WA included 2 at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 8/30 (SM) with 1 there on 9/1 (SDo), 1 at Washtucna Adams on 9/6 (SM) and 9/11 (GiSMJol), and 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/14 (MB).

**Gray Catbird** Rare in w WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/9 (RFi). Migrant reports included 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/7, 1 at Windy Gap Park Franklin on 9/7, 3 at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 9/9 (SM), and 1 at Davenport Lincoln on 9/28 (JA).

**Mockingbird** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Discovery Park King on 8/16 (PR), and 1 at Prosser Benton on 9/1 (fide BLa).

**Sage Thrasher** High count: 22 at Old Vantage Highway Kittitas on 9/11 (JelB). Rare in w WA. 1 photographed at Fir Island Skagit on 9/30 (HA, MSD).

**BROWN THRASHER** Rare in WA. 1 at Sprague Lake Lincoln on 8/21 (JA).

**American Pipit** High count: 300 at Kent King on 9/22 (KAn).

**Cedar Waxwing** High count: 350 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap on 8/22 (BWg).

**TENNESSEE WARBLER** Rare in WA. 1 at Washtucna Adams on 9/8 (GgTSM) and 9/9 (RFi), with another there on 9/21 (SM, CWr).

**Nashville Warbler** High count: 18 reported at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 8/30 (CWr). Rare in fall in w WA. 4 at Naches Pass King on 8/16 (MB, MiH), 1 at Montlake Fill King on 8/22 (MBt), 4 at Rainy Pass Skagit on 8/28 (RyM), and 1 at Tokeland Pacific on 8/29 (GuM). Subspecies unreported in WA. 1 apparent V. r. ruficapilla reported at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/7 (SM).

**CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER** Rare in WA. 1 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor on 8/14 (TAv, RyM), and 1 at Washtucna Adams on 9/8 (RyM, SM), with another there on 9/21 (SM, CWr).

**MAGNOLIA WARBLER** Rare in WA. 1 at Washtucna Adams on 9/10 (TeK, JeB) with another flyerover reported there on 9/21 (SM, CWr).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** Uncommon in Wa. 1 at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 8/30 and 9/9 (SM), and Washtucna Adams on 8/31 (SM, CWr), and 1 at Wenatchee Chelan on 9/5 (SM).

**Townsend's Warbler** High counts: 35 at Hardy Burn Skagit on 8/28 (RyM), and 45 at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 9/2 (BWg).

**Hermit Warbler** Late report: 3 at Capitol Forest Thurston on 9/17 (CWr).

**Hermit X Townsend's Warbler** Reports included 1 at Capitol Forest Thurston on 8/22 (MgN) with 6 there on 9/14 (CWr), 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 8/31 (SM), and 1 at Potholes Grant on 9/2 (BWg).

**Palm Warbler** Rare in WA. 1 at Davenport Lincoln on 9/17 (JAs).

**BLACKBLY WARBLER** Rare in WA. 1 at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 9/2 (BWg), 1 at Washtucna Adams on 9/3, with different bird there on 9/7 (Rh), 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin from 9/8 (RyM, SM) to 9/11 (TAw), with another reported there on 9/21 (CWr), and 1 at Davenport Lincoln on 9/14 (MWF).

**BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER** Rare in WA. 1 at Trout Lake Creek Klickitat on 8/30 (SJ), and 1 reported at Washtucna Adams on 9/14 (Bsp).

**American Redstart** Migrants included 1 banded at Turnbull NWR Spokane on 8/15 (Mf), 1 near Grant Lake Skamania on 8/20 (SJ), 1 at Juanita Bay King on 8/22 (RyM), 1 at Klahotus Franklin on 8/31 (KgO), 3 at Trout Lake Klickitat on 8/21 (SJ), 1 at South Prairie Pierce on 9/2 (CWr), 1 at Harrington Lincoln on 9/3 (TAw, RyM), 2 at Washtucna Adams on 9/6 (SM, CWr) and 9/7 (RFi) with 1 there to 9/9 (RFi), 1 at Windy Gap Park Franklin on 9/8 (CWr), and 1 at Palouse Falls Franklin on 9/10 (JeB).

**OVENBIRD** Rare in WA. 1 near Washtucna Adams on 9/2 (BWg).

**Northern Waterthrush** Rare as migrant in WA. 1 at Washtucna Adams from 9/4 (BWg) to 9/11 (GiSMJol), and 2 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/8 (CWr, RyM).

**Common Yellowthroat** High count: 60 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/26 (RFi). Uncommon locally. 5 at Sprague Lake Lincoln on 9/3 (TAw, RyM), 1 at Washtucna Adams on 9/6 (SM) with 3 on 9/11 (TAw) and 1 there on 9/21, 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/7 (SM) with 2 on 9/11 (TAw) and 1 there on 9/13 (MWF), 2 at Walla Walla Walla Walla on 9/15 (MLD), and 1 at Scooteneey Reservoir Franklin on 9/21 (Kk).

**Yellow-breasted Chat** Rare in w WA. 2 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/10 (RFi). Late reports included 1 at Clifton SP Chelan on 9/5 (BWg).

**Chipping Sparrow** Locally uncommon in w WA. 1 at Montlake Fill King on 8/3 (CS), 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 8/27 and 9/4 (RyM), 2 near Hurricane Ridge Clallam on 9/7 (SA), and 1 at Tenino Thurston on 9/11 (PH).

**Chestnut-sided Sparrow** Uncommon in WA. 1 near Camden Powell Oreille on 8/24 (TLt), 1 at Sun Lakes SP Grant on 8/26 (CWr), 1 at Byron Road Walla Walla on 9/6 (MD, MLD), 1 at Wind Dust Park Franklin on 9/8 (CWr), 1 at Wanapum SP Kittitas on 9/9 (BWg, SM), and 1 at Montlake Fill King on 9/5 (JeB) and 9/6 (RyM, Eh).

**Brewer's Sparrow** Late report: 1 at College Place Walla Walla on 9/25 (MLD).

**Vesper Sparrow** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Windy Gap King on 8/2 (MtB), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/15 (WA), 1 near Naches Pass King on 8/23 (MtB), 1 at Corkindale Creek Skagit on 9/3 (fide GB), 1 at Rockport Skagit on 9/5 (Kw), 1 at Montlake Fill King on 9/7 (CS), and 2 at Auburn King on 9/20 (Go).

**Lark Sparrow** Rare in w WA. 1 Lummi Flats Whatcom on 9/29 (HFl). Late WA report: 1 at Lind Coulee Grant on 9/20 (SM, CWr).

**Fox Sparrow** Early lowland reports: 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/2 (TAw, RyM), and 1 at Wanapum SP Kittitas on 9/2 (BWg).

**Red Fox Sparrow** Rare in WA. 1 at Windy Gap Park Franklin on 9/7 (SM).

**White-throated Sparrow** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Eloika Lake Spokane on 9/13 (TJt), 1 at
Benington Lake Walla Walla on 9/16 (MLD), 1 at Sprague Lake Lincoln on 9/20 (MWo), 1 at Bainbridge Island Kittat on 9/20 (BWg), 5 at Washutucna Adams on 9/21 (SM,CWr) 1 there on 9/27 (RkO), 1 at Colville Stevens on 9/21 (WCo), and 1 near Auburn King on 9/21 (SDo).

White-crowned Sparrow: Reports included 1 dark-lobed adult at Wind Dust Park Franklin on 9/18 (CWr), and 2 Z. l. pagetosiris at Orthelo Adams on 9/20 (SM).

Golden-crowned Sparrow Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Palouse Falls Franklin on 9/6 (SDo) and 9/7 (TO), 1 at White Salmon King on 9/10 with 2 there on 9/11 (CF), 1 at Washutucna Adams on 9/11 with 4 there on 9/25, 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/11 (TAv), 1 at Klickitat WMA Kittat on 9/13 (SJ), 2 at College Place Walla Walla on 9/15 (MLD), 1 at Spokane Spokan on 9/18 (MWo), 1 at Sprague Lincoln on 9/22 (CrJ,UC), 1 at Ralston Adams on 9/26, and 1 at Wind Dust Park Franklin on 9/26 (MWo).

“Slate-colored” Junco Early report: 1 at Sunlight Beach Island on 9/28 (SM,BWg).

Lapland Longspur Reports included 1 at 8475’ on Mount Adams Yakima on 9/6 (SM), 2 at Windy Gap King on 9/7 (Mb), 50 at Ocean Shores Gray’s Harbor on 9/7 (MaB), 20 with there on 9/20 (PH), 1 at Peone Spokan on 9/13 (MD,MLD) with 2 there on 9/17 (TLt), 2 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 9/15, 130 at Leadbetter Point Pacific 9/27 (CWr), and 1 at Philco Lake Spokane on 9/30 (WCo).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK Rare in WA. 1 female at Lost Coulee Grant on 9/20 (SM,CWr).

Lazuli Bunting Rare in fall in w WA. 2 at Battle Ground Clark on 8/2 (Jdz), 2 at Montlake Fill King on 8/7 (CS), and 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 9/4 (RyM).

Bobolink Rare in w WA. 1 heard at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 8/31 (JdZ,ShF), 1 at Bainbridge Island Kittat on 9/20 (BWg), and 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 9/29 (JBp).

Tricolored Blackbird Uncommon in WA. 1 male at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 8/31 (SM,CWr), and 30 at Orthelo Adams on 9/20 (SM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Spencer Island Snohomish on 8/16, 5 near Stanwood Snohomish on 8/16 (SM), 1 at Issaquah King on 8/22 (LSw), 1 at Lakewood Pierce on 8/24 (RNe), 7 at Jensen Access Skagit on 8/27 (Rm), 1 at Montlake Fill King on 9/9 (CS), and 1 at Swinomish Channel Skagit on 9/13 (GB).

Bullock’s Oriole Late report: 1 at Wenatchee Chelan on 9/5 (SM).

Pine Grosbeak Uncommon in WA. 2 at Bunchgrass Meadow Pend Oreille on 8/4 (MWo), 2 at Ahtranam Creek Yakima on 8/9 (SDo), 4 at Hart’s Pass Okanogan on 8/10 (GG), 2 at White Pass Yakima on 8/16 (DaH), 1 near Easy Pass Skagit on 8/28 (RyM), 1 at Salmo Pass Pend Oreille on 9/4 (Gi,JoL), 4 there with there on 9/18 (TLt), 1 at Naches Pass King on 9/15 (MaB), and 6 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 9/27 (ESw).

Purple Finch Locally uncommon in e WA. 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 8/30, 1 at Wanapum SP Kittitas on 8/30 (SM), 1 at Trout Lake Creek Kittitas on 9/2 (SF), and 2 at Wenatchee Chelan on 9/5 (SM).

White-winged Crossbill Irregular in WA. 50 at Bunchgrass Meadow Pend Oreille on 8/4 (MWo), 35 near Hurricane Ridge Clallam on 8/26 (Bsu), 10 at Clover Flats Yakima on 8/10 with 30 on 8/24 (AS), and 11 there on 9/1 (RNe), 2 at Coral Pass Pierce on 8/12 (CWr), 1 with a brood patch and primary molt banded at Tieton River Yakima on 8/17 (DnF), and 1 at Salmo Mountain Pend Oreille on 9/18 (TLt).

Pine Siskin Columbia Basin reports included 1 at Wanapum SP Kittitas on 9/2 (BWg), 3 at Orthelo Adams on 9/7 (RF), 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/25 (TAv), and 50 at College Place Walla Walla on 9/25 (MLD).

Lesser Goldfinch Rare away from Klickitat. 10 at Grande Ronde River Asotin on 8/26 (KeC), and 2 at Sacajawea SP Franklin on 8/31 (MtB). American Goldfinch High count: 350 at Kingston Kittap on 8/30 (BWg).

Evening Grosbeak High count: 100 at Mount Pleasant Skamania on 8/21 (WC). Uncommon locally. 4 at Sentinel Bluffs Grant on 8/30 (MtB), 1 at Trout Lake Creek Skagit on 9/20 (JdZ), 6 at Waterville Douglas on 9/5, 2 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 9/7 (SM), and 1 at Washutucna Adams on 9/21 (CWr).

Corrigenda: WOF News 119 mistakenly reported 1 Bohemian Waxwing from Point No Point Kittap on 3/29 (VN). It was actually seen at Manson Chelan.

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Butterfly or flower?
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**ACCIPITERS:** Winter site fidelity study

**Cooper’s Hawks:** Blue VID bands (note right or left leg and engraved number and letter on VID band).

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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@u.washington.edu.

**BURROWING OWLS**

Year-round sightings of banded Burrowing Owls in the Columbia Basin of eastern WA. Owls banded during 2000-2004 will have a larger colored band on either the left or right leg, in addition to a smaller aluminum band. Owls banded as adults received a BLUE, GREEN, or RED band (males left leg, females right leg) while unsexed juveniles received a PURPLE or ORANGE band (left leg). All banded owls are now adults. The codes are unique, with two numbers and/or letters, next to or above and below each other, and with or without a horizontal or vertical bar separating. If you see a banded owl and can read even a portion of the code or determine color, please note the date and location, and which leg, and report it to Randy Hill at work (509) 488-2668 ext. 14, or at home (509) 488-9418, or by email at randy_hill@fws.gov.

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Colored leg bands (Peregrine Falcons, Gyr falcons, and Bald Eagles) and leg flags (Merlins) have been placed on raptors on beaches at Ocean Shores, Grayland, and the Long Beach Peninsula. Please note band or leg flag code, color, date, time, and location. Report sightings to Dan Varland at (360) 591-5959 or by email at danvarland@coastalraptors.org.

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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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