Spring Birding at Fort Lewis
by Denis DeSilvis

We were basking in the glow of hearing and (finally) seeing a Northern Bobwhite at the Muck Creek bridge, and were strolling south looking to get a good view of a Black-headed Grosbeak, when Daoud (he who had also spotted a Western Kingbird) said there was a Common Yellowthroat in a shrub just below a Willow Flycatcher, about 200 yards southeast of the bridge.

“Funny, peculiar sounding call, if that was the yellowthroat,” thought I, as I set up the player for a possible response from a Lazuli Bunting. The “yellowthroat” sang again and nearly every one of the eight of us on the field trip to Fort Lewis immediately said, “YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT.”

Yep, that’s what it was. We watched it for several minutes while one of us (Tor) attempted to take a photo. Unfortunately, the bird started to get “flighty” and wouldn’t hold still long enough to get a digiscoped shot. Finally, when it crossed over the road and up into a fir, it sat and sang long enough for Tor to get both a series of still photos and a video. For at least 10 minutes we had excellent views of this totally unexpected, and quite gorgeous, uncommon visitor to this part of the west side. NICE!

The Western Kingbird had been spotted along Story Road, just west of Lake Nisqually. We all had very good views of this bird as it perched, preened, and sortied out for insects. Earlier that morning, we had started at Range Control on Kaufmann Ave, where we picked up Vaux’s

Opportunistic American White Pelican Behavior on the Walla Walla River Delta
by Mike Denny

On 9 May 2009, I was birding the Walla Walla River delta in western Walla Walla County with MerryLynn Denny.

We turned my 30x, 66mm KOWA spotting scope on an actively hunting Great Egret and watched as it calmly moved around in 8 to 15 inches of water in the delta mud flats. It zigged and zagged slowly back and forth across the delta in search of small fish, then it would stop, lean to one side, and very slowly lower its neck and head toward the water's surface. With startling force, the head would suddenly shoot forward and disappear under water. Each time, several small fish skipped up and out across the water's surface to get away from the egret's jab, but the egret would raise its long, elegant head and neck out of the water with a two-inch silver sided

VOTE
Annual Election of Directors and Officers

Included with this newsletter is your ballot for voting in the WOS Annual Election of Directors and Officers. All four of our officers are up for re-election (President Gene Hunn, Vice President Jack Stephens, Treasurer Brien Meilleur, and Secretary Sharon Cormier-Aagard).

We would like to thank Board members Cindy McCormack, Randy Hill, and Rob Faucett, who have reached the end of their terms on the board. All three have worked hard for WOS and made invaluable contributions to our organization. We are pleased to welcome potential new Board members Dan Stephens, Jane Hadley, and Teri Pieper. Please exercise your right to vote as a member of WOS, and send in your ballot by September 1. Thank you!
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From the Board
by Cindy McCormack

I’m closing in on the end of my fourth year serving as a board member, and due to term limits, I will be stepping down at the end of September. My time with the board has been a great experience, allowing me to see and understand the variety and scope of issues WOS deals with on a regular basis. It also gave me the opportunity to get to know several other birders in Washington that I wouldn’t have otherwise known! I would like to encourage you to get involved in the organization, even if it is contributing something as simple as a suggestion.

Now that membership dues and donations can be made on the website via PayPal, we are hoping to make online conference payments available as well. The logistics for registering this way will need to be worked out, but we hope to offer that option to our membership in time for the 2010 conference. That conference is scheduled to take place the second weekend of June in Wenatchee, so be sure to mark your calendars! Scott Downes has done a fantastic job of already negotiating the conference contract and getting the first stages planned.

Please note that WOS has a new mailing address (top of page 2). While address changes can be extremely difficult to manage, this change has a forwarding feature that should make the transition between treasurers simpler and allow for more convenient access to the mail for a treasurer or other board member not living within a reasonable distance from the old post office box.

In other news, the BirdBox, which has been ailing for some time, has now officially been laid to rest. A tired piece of antiquated equipment, coupled with a drastic decrease in use, caused the board to not pursue replacement options at this time. Perhaps, if the membership would like us to look for a more modern means of field notification, the board could discuss other WOS-sponsored options. We would like to hear your thoughts on this issue; email us at Board@wos.org.

As for the upcoming 2009 conference in Kelso/Longview, we hope the change we made to field trip drivers’ reimbursements will be adequate and acceptable to conference attendees. Please be sure to complete your conference survey in September and give us your thoughts on this matter. I look forward to seeing many of you in Kelso/Longview. It promises to be an exceptional birding experience!

2009 WOS Conference

The 2009 WOS Conference will be held September 18-21 (Friday through Monday), centered in Kelso. Over 40 field trips are being offered in a wide variety of habitats, including trips up to Mt. St. Helens and a birding-by-kayak trip around Hunting Island. Registrations are still being accepted, with no late fee incurred until after August 21.

Information about speakers, field trips, banquet, etc, as well as registration forms can be found on our website, www.wos.org. We hope to see you there and to share some great birding with one and all.

WOS Warmly Welcomes the Following New Members

Joan Stockton
Mary Lynn Twohy
Mary Anne Rossing
Kristi Hein and Casey Bazewick
Kelly Parker and John Hormaechea
Andre Wamsley
Ryan Wiese
Deborah Hodges
Phyllis Kind
Dick and Tip Martin
Keith Carlson
Tracey Scalici
Margaret Snell
Karen Khan
Jeff Cohen
Jacqueline Boss

Barn Owl. 9 May 2009.
Lyons Ferry. Franklin.
Steve Mlodinow, photographer.
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Swifts, as well as some Violet-green Swallows over the building. Proceeding to the Second Division Range Road, we walked the junction between the hillside and road along the east side of Training Area (TA) 4, which again proved to have a variety of forest and edge birds:

- Willow Flycatcher
- American Robin
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Song Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Chipping Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Cassin's Vireo
- Western Wood-Pewee
- Pacific Slope Flycatcher
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Western Tanager
- Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Rufous Hummingbird
- Killdeer
- Common Raven
- Downy Woodpecker
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Tree Swallow
- Western Bluebird
- Savannah Sparrow

Farther down the road, we found a pair of American Kestrels, the female of which fed on what might have been a jumping rat or mouse (don’t know many of the fur-bearers on the Fort).

Turning right on Story Road, in addition to the Western Kingbird, we picked up Mourning Dove, Bald Eagle, and House Wren (at least three individuals of this latter species). Backtracking along the bluff that edges the south side of TA 5, we pulled atop Observation Post (OP) 8, where, on this absolutely gorgeous day, we had spectacular views across the 91st Division Prairie to the south, and Mt. Rainier to the east. On the way up the hill, we found a California Quail; while atop the hill, we spotted a Barn Swallow and a singing Bewick's Wren.

Lunch was atop the bunker at OP 3; nearby, we sighted Cedar Waxwing, Purple Finch, and Spotted Towhee.

The Muck Creek bridge had the usual Northern Rough-winged, Tree, Cliff (one individual I sighted while looking for the Northern Bobwhite), and Violet-green swallows. Unfortunately, the only duck we found all day was a lone male Mallard. The Wood Duck and about 10 young which I had seen on Wednesday and Friday were likely displaced by someone who was fishing well east of the bridge. We also found Red-winged Blackbird.

We first heard the “secondary” call of the Northern Bobwhite, then the more usual “bob-white” call. And I already mentioned the Yellow-breasted Chat, but I’m happy to mention it again.

At Lewis Lake, the Osprey was on the nest platform at the NE side of the lake, and we had good looks at a Red-breasted Sapsucker that apparently has a nest-hole in the cottonwood near the boat launch on the west side.

No Purple Martins at Brandenburg Marsh, nor at Chambers Lake. (I had heard one at Johnson Marsh the previous Friday.) Where the two pair went that seemed intent on nesting at Brandenburg Marsh, I have no idea, but Tree Swallows are the only occupants now. We had responses from at least two close-by Virginia Rails here, as well as a more distant Sora. A Marsh Wren popped up and sang from atop a cattail. We also found a Pine Siskin near the other end of the continued waterway that flows into Brandenburg Marsh. At Chambers Lake, we added a vocalizing Pied-billed Grebe.

The total species today: 60. Missing were such usual birds as Warbling Vireo, Black-capped Chickadee, Wood Duck, and the aforementioned Purple Martin.

Thanks to our super “spotter” Tiffany, who first nailed sightings (or soundings) on a bunch of the forest birds, as well as to Henry, Helen, Ali, and Jonathan, who, along with Daoud (the kingbird and Chat catcher) and supposed non-birder Tor (great photo of the Chat!), all seemed to have a great outing on a great day at Fort Lewis.
Grant County Shorebirds and Neo-tropical Migrants  
Saturday-Sunday, August 22-23  
Leader: Doug Schonewald

Target Birds: Our passerine focus will be on rare neo-tropical migrants, or vagrants, as many like to call them. Expect many common varieties of warbler, vireo, and flycatcher; however, we will be diligently searching for uncommon species. Least Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, American Redstart, and Black-throated Gray Warbler will be some of our quarry. Anything more rare than that will be a bonus. Many common shorebirds will be present; expect good numbers of yellowlegs, Least and Western sandpipers, and the like, but we will also be searching for rare shorebirds. The areas we will be birding have hosted both species of golden-plover, Red Knot, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, and other, less common, inland shorebirds. We will probably see many species of local breeding birds while we search for vagrants. Clark’s Grebe, Lark Sparrow, Loggerhead Shrike, Peregrine Falcon, and Prairie Falcon are all possible.

MEET: At Starbucks Coffee near the I-90 exit 179 (SR-17 exit) in Moses Lake. The Starbucks is on the north side of the freeway and the west side of SR-17. We will drop cars at the Schonewalds’ home and carpool from there. Other arrangements for meeting can be made individually, but the trips are flexible and no guarantee can be made as to timing of arrival at locations or whether the group will make every stop on the list.

DEPARTURE: August 22, 6:00 AM (neo-tropicals). August 23, 7:30 AM (shorebirds). Return: late afternoon.

BRING: Clothing for all weather (particularly hot weather), insect repellent, plenty of water, lunch, and birding gear, including a scope and cameras. Please bring walkie-talkies or FRS radios if you have them.

Limited to 10 participants (no exceptions). Contact Doug Schonewald by email at dschone8@donobi.net or call (509) 760-5884 for more information or to sign up.

Both photos by Steve Mlodinow.

Washtucna, Lyons Ferry, and Other Migrant Traps  
Saturday, September 5  
Leader: Scott Downes

Early September has proven to be a prime time for migrants in the area surrounding Washtucna and Lyons Ferry. We’ll cover these two areas and various other migrant traps, looking for a good assortment of warblers, vireos, flycatchers, and sparrows, and hoping for a vagrant or two.

Limit of seven (7) participants.

For details, contact Scott by email at downess@charter.net or by phone at (509) 469-7807.

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).

If you would like to lead a field trip or would like to suggest a location for a field trip, please email our Field Trip Chair, Matt Bartels, at FieldTrips@wos.org
Shorebird Survey at Port Susan Bay

Shorebirds are on their way to Port Susan Bay again! We are looking for people to help collect data on shorebirds during the fall migration until mid-September. You can now sign up online at the “Port Susan Fall 2009 Surveys” calendar.

GO TO: www.my.calendars.net/portsusan/d24/07/2009?authenticate=&display=M&style=B

We can’t predict exactly when the waves of shorebirds will be coming through, which is why it’s so important to have people out there as many days as possible!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me:

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Wednesday Lectures at Nisqually NWR

All lectures are free and are held at the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center auditorium. Lectures usually last approximately one hour and are followed by questions. Attendance is limited to 100. Seating will start at 6:00 PM on a first-come basis, and you must be present. The entrance fee to the refuge is waived for those attending the lectures. On lecture nights, the Visitor Center will be open until 7:00 PM and again after the lecture. For more information, call the Refuge Office at (360) 753-9467.

August 5
WEATHER AND CLIMATE CHANGE: INTER-RELATEDNESS
Bradley R. Coleman
National Weather Service and Atmospheric Sciences
University of Washington

August 12
MURRELET MADNESS
Maria Mudd Ruth
Author and Naturalist

August 19
LISTENING TO THE BIRDS: SEABIRD ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Julia Parrish
Seabird Ecologist
School of Aquatic Fisheries & Sciences
University of Washington

August 26
NATURE THROUGH THE LENS
Paul Bannick
Wildlife Photographer

Photo: Common Yellowthroat. Paul Bannick.
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.

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.

Urban Accipiters
Jack Bettesworth
Monday, November 2

Jack Bettesworth will discuss the presence of Sharp-shinned Hawks and Cooper's Hawks in the Seattle urban environment with regard to winter site fidelity and breeding ecology.

A retired pharmacist, Jack 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.

Marbled Murrelet Assessment Released

In mid-June, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released a report concluding that continued protection of Marbled Murrelets in Washington, Oregon, and California (listed as Threatened under the ESA since 1992) should be maintained. This five-year review replaces a flawed 2004 report in which political influence trumped scientific and legal conclusions to try to eliminate protections for the species.

The new report finds that the tri-state murrelet population is distinct and separate from other populations in Canada and Alaska and that the species’ decline has been largely caused by extensive removal of late-successional and old-growth coastal forests, which serve as nesting habitat for the murrelet. This announcement comes as current administration officials reconsider logging standards in old-growth forests in the region. Protection for the Marbled Murrelet, as well as for salmon and Northern Spotted Owl, are involved. Changes in food sources and dangers from fishing gear are other threats to the murrelet cited in the report.

This most recent report documents a serious 34 percent decline in the Washington, Oregon, and California Marbled Murrelet population between 2001 and 2008. It also indicates that the central California population has declined by 75 percent since 2003.

The timber industry has filed multiple lawsuits in an attempt to remove protection for the Marbled Murrelet. To date, however, those lawsuits have been unsuccessful. With the recent report confirming the disturbing status of murrelets, the Fish and Wildlife Service has at last moved to dismiss the last of these pending cases.

You can find a copy of the review at: http://www.fws.gov/westwafwo/pdf/Mamu2009_5yr_review%20FINAL%2061209.pdf

From The National Wildlife Refuge Association
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fish desperately wriggling, crimped in the bright yellow dagger that is the egret's bill. Over a period of about 10 minutes, the egret made six attempts at grabbing small fish and four of these were met with success. The last fish was a five-inch catfish, which was very active in its attempt to get away; the egret had to take considerably more time and skill in controlling this larger fish.

Now it became obvious that I was not the only observer watching this egret. Standing some 18 meters away, like a group of low-lifes in a dark city park, was a group of four American White Pelicans in breeding plumage. As soon as the egret snagged the larger catfish, three of these big birds pushed off into the shallow waters towards the egret, who ignored them and continued fishing. Within seconds, one of these big pelicans was right beside the hunting egret, waiting for the next fish to be speared. The other two pelicans held back.

The egret at first attempted to sidestep the pelican, but this pelican would not be dodged, moving to first one side and then the other in an effort to locate the best position from which to grab the egret's next catch. The pelican was within inches of the egret's legs. The egret tried to out-wade the pelican with its long legs, but all the pelican had to do was paddle out with one big orange foot. Very soon, push came to shove, and the pelican was plunging its long bill into the water right around the egret's feet. That did it. The egret picked up on its pure white wings and flew 80 meters away.

The pelican watched the vacating egret fly off, then turned its attention to the hundreds of carp spawning in the shallow water. Carp and other "rough fish" species are this big bird's primary prey base (Johnsgard, 1993).

Many times below both Ice Harbor Dam and on the lower Snake River and McNary Dams on the Columbia River, we have watched as pelicans key on the foraging gulls at the base of these dams. Large numbers of stunned, injured, or dead fish emerge from these dams every minute. The gulls are the first to locate these fish and quickly dive down to grab them. However, at times, a fish is out of reach of a gull's efforts; the gull will then float on the surface above the fish as it flips and rolls downstream in the current. It is then that the pelicans will fly in and flush the gulls off these fish, reach deep under the water, and grab the fish. Pelicans are opportunistic hunters/feeders and thus are not forced to try very hard to locate forage fish on their own around dams. Of course, they do hunt on their own, but usually at night in shallow water and as a group, pushing schools of small fish toward land and then scooping them up all at once in a coordinated effort (Ehrlich et al. 1988) (Griggs, 1999).

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August-Nov ............ Dec. 15
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Greater White-fronted Goose  Reports included 800 over Fort Canby SP Pacific on 10/3 (MWo), 483 over Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/4 (JDz), 53 at Woodland Coasitz on 10/4 (RKo), 75 at Kent King on 10/4 (KA), 35 at Patterson Slough Benton on 10/5 (BLa,NA), 245 over Juanita Bay King on 10/5 (RM), 250 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/5 (SM), 12 near Takhlakh Lake Skamania on 10/7 (KK), 220 at Samish Flats Skagit on 10/8, 13 over Hart’s Pass Okanogan/Whatcom on 10/9, 450 at Milltown Skagit on 10/9 (RM), 200 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/11 (SM), 120 near Sequim Clallam on 10/10, 32 at Leland Jefferson on 10/11 (RR), 15 at Ellensburg Kittitas on 10/20/ (MGH), and 30 at West Seattle King on 11/1 (GrS).

Snow Goose  Reports away from nw WA included 3 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/4 (TO) with 4 there on 11/26 (RYM), 25 over Seattle King on 10/4 (JW), with 20 flyovers there on 10/11 (BL), 1 at Kent King from 10/4 to 10/23 with 3 there on 10/19 (KA), 1 at Four Lakes Spokane on 10/6 (TO), 36 at Sprague Lake Adams on 10/8 with 16 there to 10/26 (JA), 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 10/8 (MGH) with 2 there on 11/24 (CS), 7 at Turnbull NWR Spokane on 10/11 (C), 1 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 10/12 (fide BLA), 1 at Ellensburg Kittitas on 10/20 (MGH), 1 at Orshello Adams on 10/22 (RG), 15 at Comana Lake Lincoln on 10/28 (CRG), 33 at Columbia NWR Kittitas on 10/31 with 1 there on 11/13 (RG), 4 at Brooks Lake Grant on 11/7 (SD), 110 over Juanita Bay King on 11/2 (RM), 120 over Federal Way King on 11/13 (HJF), 29 near Puyallup Pierce on 11/23 (MR), 1 at Selah Yakima on 11/23 (G), and 5 at South Bend Pacific on 11/30 (K).

“Blue” Goose  Rare in WA. 3 adults near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/12 with 1 there on 10/18 (SM), and 2 adults at Fir Island Skagit on 10/18 (GB,HA) with 3 there from 11/5 (GgT) to 11/10 (MaB).

Ross’s Goose  Rare in WA. 1 at Keyport Kitsap that has been present for six years continued to at least 10/4 (MKl), 3 at Columbia NWR Grant on 10/31 (RG), 1 at Brooks Lake Grant on 11/1 (TO), and 2 reported at Chief Timothy SP Assinohn on 11/8 (GA).

Brant Uncommon away from coast. 1 at Kent King on 10/18 (CR), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/7 (RF), and 1 near Richland Benton on 11/14 (RF), and 1 at Marymoor Park King on 11/26 (MiH).

“Lesser” Canada Goose  Uncommon in w WA. 5 at Snohomish Snohomish on 10/19 (SM).

Cackling Goose  High counts included 250 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/18 (SM), 3000 at Kent King on 10/19 (KA), 60 at Butler Flats Skagit on 10/28 (KW), 750 near Summer Pierce on 11/12 (CW), and 14,913 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/14 (RF).  Reports for e WA included 1 at Confluence SP Chehalis on 10/15 (MH), 80 at Bingen Kickijit on 10/18 (BT), 4 at Ellensburg Kittitas on 10/20 (MH), 4 at Frenchman’s Coulee Kittitas on 10/26 (SM), and 2 at Horschest Lake SP Kickijit on 11/15 (BT).

Tundra Swan  Early reports included 1 at Hoquiam STF Grays Harbor from September to 10/8 (TA), 5 at Reardan Lincoln on 10/8 (JA), 3 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 10/18 with 9 there on 10/19 (MD,MLD), and 1 at South Bend Pacific on 10/23 (RM).  Uncommon locally. 12 over Carkeek Park King on 11/12, and 1 at Green Lake King from 11/17 to 11/20 (fide MG).

“BEWICK’S” SWAN  Rare in WA. 1 photographed at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/1 (CrL).

Trumpeter Swan  Reports away from nw WA included 1 at Turnbull NWR Spokane on 10/10 with 5 there on 11/13 (C), 1 at Franz Lake NWR Skamania on 10/20 and 11/22 (WC), 10 at Comana Lake Lincoln on 10/28, 4 at Reardan Lincoln on 10/28 (CRG) with 2 there on 11/9 (TL), 6 at Lake Lenore Grant on 11/11 (TO), 6 at Soap Lake Grant on 11/7 (SD), 3 near Sumner Pierce on 11/12 (CW), and 4 at Juanita Bay King on 11/15 (RYM).

Mute Swan  Introduced species. 1 at Tacoma Pierce on 11/19 (RYM).

Swan sp.  Uncommon locally. 2 at Juanita Bay King on 10/26 (RYM) and 3 at Montlake Fill King on 11/9 (EV) with 1 there on 11/15 (fide BH).

Green-winged Teal  High counts: 2000 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/7 (RF), and 15,000 at Lummi Bay Whatcom on 11/29 (RYM,SM).

Mallard  High count: 25,000 at Lummi Bay Whatcom on 11/29 (RYM,SM).

Northern Pintail  High counts included 4000 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor 10/8 (TA), 4819 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/14 (RF), and 40,000 at Lummi Bay Whatcom on 11/29 (RYM,SM).
Blue-winged Teal Late report: 4 at Everett STP Snohomish on 10/16 (SM).
Cinnamon Teal Late reports included 6 Turnbull NWR Spokane on 11/13 (CrC), 20 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/14 (RF), and 1 at UW Arboretum King on 11/15 (fide TAv).
Blue-winged Teal X Northern Shoveler Rare in WA. 1 male photographed at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/29 (SC).

Eurasian Wigeon High counts: 12 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor 10/24 (TAv), and 20 at Samish Island Skagit on 11/20 (RyM).

Eurasian X American Wigeon Uncommon in e WA. 1 Confluence SP Skagit on 10/13 (MiH) and 10/20 (KK), 1 at Sprague Lake Adams/Lincoln on 10/16 (CrC, JuC) and 10/19 (RH), 1 at Reedan Lincoln on 10/26 (JA), 1 at Bingen Klickitat on 10/30 and 11/4 (SJ), 1 at Two Rivers HMU Walla Walla on 11/2 (MD, ML), and 1 at Asotin Asotin on 11/9 (KeC) and 11/16 (TrG).

American Wigeon High counts included 4000 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/7 (RFo), and 6000 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor 10/8 (TAv).

Eurasian X American Wigeon Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Asotin Asotin on 11/29 (MWO), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/29 (SC).


Redhead High count: 960 at Wanapum Grant/Kittitas on 11/5 (fide RH). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Longview STP Cowlitz on 10/19 (Ko), 1 at Tuwilla King on 10/25 (KAn), 1 at Capital Lake Thurston on 11/1 with 2 there on 11/23 (BT), 4 at Lake Terrell Whatcom on 11/29 (SM, RyM).

Harlequin Duck Rare in e WA away from breeding areas. 3 at Sprague Lake Adams on 10/13 (RH), and 1 at Blue Lake Grant on 11/1 (TO).

Long-tailed Duck Uncommon locally. 2 at Sprague Lake Adams from 10/14 (CrC, JuC) to 11/14 (JA), 12 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 10/22 (RyM), and 1 at Seattle King on 11/29 (MVo) and 11/30 (EH).

Surf Scoter Inland reports included 2 at Alkoma Wahkiakum on 10/13 (MVe), 1 at Takhlahk Lake Skamania on 10/7 (KK), 5 at Sprague Lake Adams on 10/13 with 6 there on 10/19 (RH), 2 at Liberty Lake Spokane on 10/16 (Jo), 1 at Bingen Klickitat on 10/21 (SJ), 2 at Othello Adams on 10/22 (RH), 2 at Lake Lenore Grant on 10/25 (RSh, CW), 5 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on 10/20 (MD, ML), 6 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/1 (AS), 1 at Blue Lake Grant on 11/7 (SDo), 1 at Central Ferry Grant on 11/9 (KK), and 1 at Wanapum SP Klickitat on 11/30 (BLa, NL).

White-winged Scoter Uncommon away from salt water in WA. 1 at Sprague Lake Adams on 10/13 with 3 on 10/19 (RH) with 4 there on 11/20 (JA), 1 Richland Benton on 10/22 (fide MD), 2 at Lake Lenore Grant on 10/25 (RSh, CW), 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/28 (RyM), 1 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/1 with 2 there on 11/30 (AS), 2 near Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 11/9 (TL), 2 at Philpoe Lake Spokane on 11/14 (MVe), 1 at Dalles Dam Klickitat on 11/15 (SJ), and 1 at Chief Timothy SP Asotin on 11/28 (GvM).

Ruddy Duck High count: 900 at Everett STP Snohomish on 10/16 (SM).

Chukar High count: 55 at Lower Crab Creek Grant on 11/12 (BSu).

Spruce Grouse Uncommon in WA. 1 at Ahtanum Creek Yakima on 10/18 (AS), 2 at Horseshoe Lake Skamania on 10/4 (Kt), and 4 on 10/15 (Hg) and 1 there on 10/20 (WC), and 2 at Hart's Pass Okanogan on 10/9 (RyM) with 1 there on 10/20 (PKo).

Sage Grouse Uncommon and local in WA. 8 at Yakima Training Center Yakima on 11/30 (AS).

Wild Turkey Uncommon locally. 10 north of WaShuca Adams on 11/16 (RH), and 4 at Underwood Skamania on 11/22 (WG).
California Quail Uncommon locally. 10 at Dodge Valley Skagit on 10/15 (TAv), and 25 at Woodland Coosville on 10/28 (MiH).

Pacific Loon High count: 1500 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 10/22 (RyM).

Yellow-bodied Loon Uncommon in WA. 1 at Point Wilson Jefferson from 10/20 to 11/30 with 2 there on 11/15 (BbW), and 1 at Point No Point Kitsap from 11/25 to 11/30 (VN).

Horned Grebe High count: 275 at Priest Tum Tum on 11/26 (MWo), and 1 at Point No Point Kitsap from 11/25 to 11/30 (VN).

Red-necked Grebe Locally uncommon in e WA. 1 at Lyle Klickitat on 10/6 (SJ), 2 at Sprague Lake Lincoln on 10/6 (CrC,JoC), 1 at Bingen Klickitat on 10/4 (fide SJ) and 10/18 (BT), 1 at Hawk Creek Lincoln on 10/23 and 11/9 (CrC), 2 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/1 (AS), and 1 at Blue Lake Grant on 11/9 (TLi).

Western Grebe High count: 4000 at Edmonds Snookishom on 10/28 (SM), Late e WA reports included 63 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 11/22 (MD,MLD), 1 at Tum Tum Stevens on 11/26 (MWo), 1 at Rock Island Dam Chelan/Douglas on 11/29, 2 at Jameson Lake Douglas on 11/29 (MR), and 45 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/30 (AS).

Clark's Grebe Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Swanton Island on 10/5 (SM), 1 at Penn Cove Island on 11/22 (SDo), 1 at Point No Point Kitsap on 11/24 and 11/26 (VN), and 1 reported at Edmonds Snookishom on 11/27 (Cr). Late e WA reports included 1 at Sprague Lake Adams on 10/16 (CrC,JoC), 1 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/1 (AS), and 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 11/9 (NLa).

Sooty Shearwater Late report: At least 2 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 10/22 (RyM).

Short-tailed Shearwater Reports included 1 off Fay Bainbridge SP Kitsap on 10/1 (BWg), at least 5 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 10/22 (RyM), and 1 dark shearwater that was probably this species at Midway Beach Pacific on 11/4 (DaH).

American White Pelican Late report: 18 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 11/2 (MD,MLD).

Brown Pelican Late reports included 2 at Point No Point Kitsap on 10/1 with 1 there on 10/7 (VN), 1 near Point Partridge Snohomish on 10/6 (LoR), 2 at Dash Point King on 10/6 (HJF), 3 at Discovery Park King on 10/11 (BrL), 400 from Grays Harbor to Tokedal Grays Harbor/Pacific on 10/24 (TAc), and 2 at Tacoma Pierce on 11/15 (CWl) with 1 there on 11/19 (RyM).

Double-crested Cormorant Late local report: 1 at Tum Tum Stevens on 11/30 (MiH).

Pelagic Cormorant Uncommon away from ocean. 3 at Alloona Wabbrakam on 10/3 (MWo).

American Bittern Late e WA report: 1 near Yakima Klickitat on 11/23 (GuM).

Great Egret Reports included 2 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/4 (TO), 7 at Bay City Grays Harbor on 10/8 (TA), 1 at Kent Island Snookishom on 11/1 (RTa), 3 at Detour Road Walla Walla on 11/2 (MD,MLD), 1 at Warm Beach Snookishom on 11/8 (Sm) and 11/28 (RyM), 47 at Woodland Coosville on 11/9 (RkG), and 9 near McNary NWR Walla Walla on 11/28 (fide Bla).

Cattle Egret Uncommon in WA. 15 flying west over Rosario Head Skagit on 11/1 (KW) were found later that day at Lummi Flats Whatcom (DBs), and 1 at Fir Island Skagit from 11/5 to 11/30 (fide SM).

Black-crowned Night-Heron Locally uncommon. 1 at Silver Lake Spokane on 10/7 (JoJ), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/17 (SC), and 1 at Bingen Klickitat on 10/18 (BT) and 10/24 (SJ).

Turkey Vulture Late reports included 1 at Hart’s Pass Okanogan on 10/20 (PKo), 5 near Lacey Thurston on 11/4, 28 near Skokomish RD Mason on 11/5, 1 near Stanwood Snookishom on 11/11, 1 near Skagit WMA Skagit on 11/15, and 1 east of Ellensburg Kittitas on 11/22 (fide DMA).

Osprey Late reports included 1 at Vashon Island King on 10/15 (fide ESw), 1 at Little Spokane River Spokane on 10/24 (fide CrC), 1 at Oallic Lake Skamania on 10/27 (WC), and 1 at Point Whitney Jefferson on 11/5 (RR).

White-tailed Kite Uncommon and local in WA. 1 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR Wahkalam on 10/3 (MWo) with 3 there on 10/4 (KK), 1 at Tenino Thurston on 10/8 (LoR) with 3 there from 10/14 to 10/24 (PH), 4 at Willow Grove Coosville on 10/19 with 5 on 11/2 and 6 there on 11/9 (RkG), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/1 (JE).

Northern Goshawk Uncommon in Lower Columbia Basin. 1 at Richland Benton on 11/11 and 11/26 (fide Bla).

Red-shouldered Hawk Uncommon in WA. 1 returning adult at Kent King from 11/8 to 11/30 (KAn) with an immature also there on 11/26 (fide CWz).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK Rare in WA. 1 immature reported overhead near South Prairie Pierce on 10/8 (CWz).

Swainson’s Hawk Rare in w WA. 1 juvenile at Vancouver Lowlands Clarks from 11/26 to 11/30 (LTk).

“Harlan’s” Hawk Reports included 1 light morph at Kittitas Valley Kittitas from 10/20 (MiH) to 11/12 (BSu), 1 Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 10/31 (BT), 1 at Steptoe Butte Whitman on 11/2 (MWo), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/4 (fide RJF), 1 at Samish Flats Skagit from 11/9 (SmR) to 11/30 (fide TAv), 2 at Lummi Flats Whatcom on 11/29 (RyM,SM), and 1 near Chelan Chelan on 11/29 (MR).

Rough-legged Hawk Early reports included 5 at Chelan Ridge Chelan on 10/7 (fide TAv), and 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/10 (GB). High counts included 10 at Samish Flats Skagit on 10/30 (TA), and 11 at Horse Heaven Hills Benton on 11/27 (fide Bla).

Golden Eagle Uncommon in w WA. 2 at Rainy Pass Skagit on 10/9 (RyM), 1 at Hart’s Pass Whatcom/Okanogan on 10/10 (LoR), 1 at Stevens Pass Chelan/King on 10/19 (EH), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/9 (Eh), and 1 at Auburn King from 11/13 (MVe) to 11/15 (CSc).

Merlin Reports for e WA included 1 at Cheney Spokane on 10/2 and 10/6 (CrC), 1 at Bates Road Klickitat on 10/6 (SJ), 1 at Sprague Lake Adams on 10/8 (Ja), 1 at Wenatchee Chelan on 10/3 (MiH) and 11/15 (TMn), 1 at Spangle Spokane on 10/16 (MWo), 1 at Spokane Spokane from 10/18 to 11/30 (Ja), 1 at Davenport Lincoln on 10/25 (Tla) and 11/27 (MaB), 5 at Dodson Road Grant on 10/26 (SM), 1 at Richland Benton on 10/31 (fide Bla), 1 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/1 (AS), 1 at Peone Spokane on 11/5 (Tla), 1 at Ritzville Adams on 11/16 (RH), 2 at Burbank Walla Walla on 11/22 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Clarkston Axtom on 11/29 (MWo).

Peregrine Falcon Reports for e WA included 1 at Yakima RD Benton from September to 11/30 (fide Bla), 1 at Lyle Klickitat on 10/8 and 10/17 (SJ), 1 at Confluence SP Chelan on 10/13 (MiH), and 1 at Turnbull NWR Spokane on 11/13 (CrC).

Prairie Falcon Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Samish Flats Skagit on 11/29 (GB) and 11/30 (TD).

Virginia Rail High count: 17 heard at Skagit WMA Skagit on 11/13 (RyM).

Sora Late report: 1 heard at Bingen Klickitat on 11/15 (BT).
Sandhill Crane Reports included 5 over Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 10/4 (TO), 5 at Peone Spokane from 10/8 to 10/26 (JoJ), 1 near Tenino Thurston on 10/24 (PH), 1 near Everson Whatcom on 10/26 (fide RyM), 4 at Columbia NWR Adams on 10/31 (RH), 1 at Turnbull NWR Spokane on 11/13 (CrC), 760 at Woodland Cowlitz on 11/2 with 940 there on 11/22 (RKo), and 3 at Dulcy Lake Okanogan on 11/26 (MaB).

Black-bellied Plover Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/3 and 10/14 (BW), 5 at Lind Coulee Grant on 10/4 (DSc), 1 at Phimlo Lake Spokane on 10/14 (MWo), and 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 10/25 (RSh,CWr). Locally rare. 8 at West Seattle King on 11/12 (GrS).

American Golden-Plover Reports for w WA included 1 at Hansville Kitsap from 10/4 to 10/25 (fide BWg), 1 at Crockett Lake Island on 10/5 (SM) and 10/6 (LoR), 1 at Auburn King from 10/8 (GuM) to 10/11 (RyM,PWe), 1 reported at Tulalip Bay Snohomish on 10/9 (fide SM), 3 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/11 (EdP), and 2 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/4 with 1 there on 10/15 (HA).

Pacific Golden-Plover Reports included 2 at Alice Bay Skagit on 10/1, 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/1 (JBP) with 6 there on 10/8 (RyM) and 5 there on 10/18 (TAv), 1 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor on 10/4 (BWg), 1 at Crockett Lake Island on 10/6 (LoR), and 1 at Swantown Island on 11/7 (PWe).

Snowy Plover Uncommon in WA. 10 at Midway Beach Pacific on 11/4 (DaH).

Semipalmated Plover Late for e WA. 1 at Yakima RD Yakima on 10/5 (BLa,NL), and 1 at Turnbull NWR Spokane on 10/10 (CrC).

Kildeer High count: 215 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/15 (RyM).

Black Oystercatcher High count: 106 at Cape Flattery Clallam on 10/18 (WhD). Rare locally. 1 at Tacoma Pierce on 11/17 (GuM).

American Avocet Rare in w WA. 1 near Stanwood Snohomish from September to 10/30 (TAv).

Greater Yellowlegs High counts included 170 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/2 (TAv) with 190 there on 10/11 (SM), and 126 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/3 (RFl).

Lesser Yellowlegs High count: 55 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/2. Late reports included 5 there on 11/8 (SM), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/14 (RFl).

Willet High count: 20 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/23 (RyM). Rare locally. 1 at Nisqually Reach Thurston on 11/15 (PH).

Wandering Tattler Late report: 2 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 10/3 (MWe).

Spotted Sandpiper Late reports included 1 at Richland Benton on 10/8 (fide BLa), 1 at Lake Merwin Cowlitz on 10/25 (PH), 2 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 11/22 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Magnuson Park King on 11/29 (JB).

Long-billed Curlew High count: 20 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/23 (RyM).

Marbled Godwit High count: 950 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/8 and 10/24 (TAv). Uncommon locally. 2 at Fort Flagler SP Jefferson on 11/6 (BnB), and 2 at Dungeness Clallam on 11/16 (SM).

Surfbird Reports included 25 at West Seattle King on 11/12 (GrS), and 1 at Samish Island Skagit on 11/13 (RyM).

Red Knot Uncommon locally. 2 at Jensen Access Skagit on 10/1 (HA,JBP) with 1 there on 10/12 (RyM).

Sanderling Late for e WA. 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 10/4 (DSc).

Semipalmated Sandpiper Late for WA. 1 reported at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/1 (JDz).

Least Sandpiper High count: 250 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 10/22 (RyM). Late e WA reports included 1 at Detour Road Walla Walla on 11/2 (MD,MLD), 20 at Yakima RD Benton on 11/9 (NaL), and 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 11/27 (MaB).

Baird’s Sandpiper Late reports included 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 10/4 (DSc), and 5 at Longview Cowlitz on 10/4 (KK).

Pectoral Sandpiper Late reports included 30 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/14 MiW with 2 there on 10/30, 20 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/15 (TAv), 2 at Hatch Lake Stevens on 10/23 (MWe), 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 11/8 (DFd), 2 at Samish Flats Skagit on 11/10 with 1 there on 11/17, and 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 11/27 (MaB).

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Uncommon in WA. 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/1 (JBP,HA), 1 near Stanwood Snohomish from 10/2 (TAv,SM) to 10/12 (RyM), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/11 (RFl), and 1 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 10/22 (RyM).

Rock Sandpiper Reports included 2 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/30 (KaN) with 7 there on 11/26 (RyM), 1 at Port Townsend Jefferson on 11/15, 2 at Blakely Rocks Kitsap on 11/15 (BWg,GG), and 1 at Kennedy Creek Mason on 11/15 (JBu).

Dunlin Reports for e WA included 2 at Soap Lake Grant on 10/25 (RSh,CWr) with 23 there on 11/27 (MaB), 5 at Phimlo Lake Spokane on 10/29 (MWe), and 17 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 11/26 (MD,MLD).

Stilt Sandpiper Late report: 1 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/11 (SM).

RUFF Rare in WA. 1 at Fir Island Skagit from 10/9 (RyM) to 10/14 (HA,MIW).

Short-billed Dowitcher Late reports: 1 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/23 (TAv), 1 at Samish Flats Skagit from 11/10 to 11/30 (MaB,RyM), and 1 at Tokeland Pacific on 11/26 (CWr,RyM).

Long-billed Dowitcher High counts included 300 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/4 (JDz), and 900 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/23 (TAv).

Wilson’s Snipe High count: 43 at Auburn King on 10/18 (KAn).

Pomarine Jaeger Rare locally. 1 at Washington Park Skagit on 11/13 (RyM).

Parasitic Jaeger Late for WA. 1 at Point No Point Kitsap on 11/22 (RTa,BWg).
Franklin’s Gull Uncommon in WA. 1 at Vashon Island King on 10/9 and 10/30 (fide ESw), and 1 reported at WWRD *Wallawalla* on 10/25 (GuM).

Bonaparte’s Gull Reports for e WA included 5 at Sprague Lake *Adams* on 10/20 (JA), 4 at Othello *Adams* on 10/25 (RH), 1 at Chewelah *Svenson* on 10/23 (MWo), 18 at WWRD *Wallawalla* on 10/25 (GuM) with 5 there on 11/2 (MD,MLD), 8 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 11/1 (AS), 15 by *Klickitat* on 11/4 (SJ), 3 at Banks Lake Grant on 11/9, 4 at Manresa Grotto *Pend Oreille* on 11/10 (TLi), and 4 at Columbia NWR Grant on 11/13 (RH).

Heermann’s Gull Late reports included 2 at Budd Inlet *Thurston* on 10/18 (PH), 1 at Kennedy Creek *Mason* from 11/2 to 11/7 (JBu), 1 at Point Wilson *Jefferson* on 11/13 (BBW), and 6 near Dash Point *King* on 11/15 (CWr).

Mew Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Seven Bays *Lincoln* on 10/25 (TLi), 1 at Asotin Landfill *Asotin* on 11/10 (KeC), 1 at Lower Monumental Dam *Wallawalla* on 11/22 (NLa,BW), and 1 at WWRD *Wallawalla* on 11/22 (MD,MLD).

Herring Gull High counts included 29 at Leadbetter Point *Fidalgo* on 10/22 (RyM), and 20 at Midway Beach *Pierce* on 10/24 (TAv).

Thayer’s Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 11/1 and 11/30 (AS).

Lesser Black-Backed Gull Rare in WA. 1 adult at Asotin Landfill *Asotin* on 11/8 with 2 there from 11/10 to 11/15 (TR,G,KeC), and 1 adult at WWRD *Wallawalla* on 11/22 (MD,MLD).

Western Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 adult at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Wallawalla from 10/18 to 11/22 (MD,MLD), and 1 immature reported at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 11/1 (AS).

Western X Glaucous-winged Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 adult at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Wallawalla on 11/22 (MD,MLD).

Glaucous-winged Gull High count for e WA. 12 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 11/1 (AS).

Glaucous Gull Early reports included 1 at Asotin Landfill *Asotin* on 11/10 (KeC) and 11/29 (MWo), 1 at Manresa Grotto *Pend Oreille* on 11/10 (TLi), 1 at WWRD *Wallawalla* on 11/22 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Everett STP *Snohomish* on 11/30 (RTa).

Black-legged Kittiwake Rare in e WA. 2 at Dalles Dam *Klickitat* from 10/18 (BT) to 10/25 (SJ), and 2 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 11/9 (SJ) and 11/10 (NLa) with 1 there on 11/22 (JoI).

Sabine’s Gull Uncommon away from open ocean. 1 at Patterson Slough *Benton* on 10/5 (BLa,NLa), and off Discovery Park *King* on 10/7 (EH).

Caspian Tern Late reports: 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 10/26 (BT), and 1 at Tacoma *Pierce* on 11/15 (JMB).

Common Tern Late reports: 1 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 10/3 (MWo), and 4 at Patterson Slough *Benton* on 10/5 (BLa,NLa).

Forster’s Tern Late reports: 10 at Patterson Slough *Benton* on 10/5 (BLa,NLa).

Marbled Murrelet High count: 307 at Ediz Hook *Clallam* on 11/16 (SM,CWr).

Ancient Murrelet Reports included 3 at Edmonds *Snohomish* on 10/12 (SM), 2 at Point Wilson *Jefferson* on 10/30 (BbW) with 250 there on 11/23 (KB), 2 at Discovery Park *King* on 11/6 (EH) with 6 there on 11/22 (BrM), 500 at Port Townsend *Jefferson* on 11/15 (BWg), and 2 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 11/26 (RyM).

Cassin’s Auklet Uncommon away from open ocean. 1 off Restoration Point *Kitsap* on 10/5 (BWg), and 3 at Washington Park *Skagit* on 11/13 (RyM).

Tufted Puffin Late for WA: 1 at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 10/18 (WhD).

Band-tailed Pigeon Uncommon in e WA. 1 at White Salmon *Klickitat* on 10/12 (CF).

White-winged Dove Rare in WA. 1 at Peone *Spokane* on 10/26 (JoI).

Mourning Dove High count: 85 at South Prairie *Pierce* on 11/19 (CWr).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE Numbers increasing. 1 near Altoona *Whatcom* on 10/4 (KK), 1 at Cortia Grant *King* on 10/9 (RH), 2 at Bridgeport *Douglas* on 10/14 (MiH), 25 at Dallesport *Klickitat* on 10/17 (SJ), 32 at Goldendale *Klickitat* on 10/24 (NWw), 11 near Stampwood *Snohomish* on 10/26 (MaB), 1 near Sumner * Pierce* on 10/31 (TmM) with 2 there on 11/12 (CWr), 25 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 11/1 (Ja), 27 at Woodland *Grays Harbor* on 11/9 (KRo), 19 near Dungeness *Clallam* on 11/16 (SM,CWr), 20 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 11/16 (MaB), 20 at Washtucna *Adams* on 11/16 (RyM), 30 at Klickitat *Klickitat* on 11/17 (WC), 6 at Burbank *Wallawalla* on 11/22 (MD,MLD), 15 at Mansfield *Douglas* on 11/29 (MR), and 3 at Sedro Woolley *Skagit* on 11/29 (GB).

Monk Parakeet Introduced species. 3 at Port Orchard *Kitsap* on 10/25 (fide BWg).

Snowy Owl Early report: 1 at Waterville Plateau *Douglas* on 11/24 (MaB).

NORTHERN HAWK-OWL Rare in WA. 1 at Hart’s Pass *Okanogan/Whatcom* from September to 10/18 (RNe,DP), 1 at Devil’s Park *Whatcom* on 10/2 (fide TW), 1 near Tiffany Spring *Okanogan* on 10/12 (JDe) and 10/25 (KhT), and 1 near Cheney *Spokane* from 10/30 to 11/1 (Ju,CrC).

Burrowing Owl Late reports included 1 at Richland *Benton* on 11/15 (NLa), and 2 near Othello *Adams* on 11/16 (RH).

Barred Owl Uncommon locally. 1 near Maryhill *Klickitat* on 10/18 (BT), and 1 at Gifford *Jefferson* on 11/27 (TmD).

Great Gray Owl Uncommon in WA. 1 at Havillah *Okanogan* on 11/25 (MaB), and 2 near Wauconda *Okanogan* on 11/27 (LJo).

Field Notes — October/November 2008 (continued)

**Long-eared Owl** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR. Clark on 10/7 and 10/13 (RFl).

**Short-eared Owl** Reports included 3 at American Camp San Juan on 10/12 (KK), 1 at Kent King on 10/23 (GuM), 2 at Marymoor Park King on 10/23 with 1 there on 11/13 (MiH), 2 near Tenino Thurston on 11/10 (PH), 15 at Samish Flats Skagit on 11/22 (SDo), and 1 near Creston Lincoln on 11/27 (MaB).

**Boreal Owl** Uncommon in WA. 1 near Creston on 11/27 (MaB).

**Lincoln** 15 at Samish Flats Skagit on 11/22 (SDo), and 1 near Tenino on 11/10 (PH).

**Park** at Kent included 3 at Short-eared Owl (RFl).

**American Three-toed Woodpecker** Reports included 1 near Takhlik Lake Skamania on 10/27 (WC), and 2 at Wauconda Skamania on 11/27 (LJo).

**Black-backed Woodpecker** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Horshoe Lake Skamania on 10/27 (WC), and 1 near Godman Springs Columbia on 11/1 (MD, MLD).

**“Yellow-shifted” Flicker** Reports included 1 at White Salmon Klallam on 10/5 (MiW), and 1 at Magnuson Park King on 10/23 (RHs).

**GREATER PEWEE** Rare in WA. 1 at Edmonds Snohomish on 11/23 (CRi, DD) would be the first state record if accepted by the WBCR.

**Western Wood-Pewee** Late for WA. 1 seen and heard calling Juanita Bay King on 10/17 (RSh).

**TROPICAL KINGBIRD** Rare in WA. 1 reported at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 11/5 (fide CWr), 1 at Anacortes Skagit on 11/24 (DFk, GB), and 1 at Skagit Flats Skagit from 11/24 to 11/30 (fide HA).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** Uncommon locally. 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/24 (RyM), 1 at Seattle University King on 10/24 (DWi), and 1 at Woodland Park Zoo King on 11/19 (TAv).

**Anna’s Hummingbird** Reports from expanding range included 1 at Richland Benton on 10/1, 1 at Kennewick Benton on 10/1 to 11/23 (fide BLa), 1 at Roche Harbor San Juan on 10/12 and 11/15 (KK), 3 at Prosser Yakima on 10/13 (fide BLa), 1 at Lyman Skagit on 10/15 (fide HA), 2 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/24 (TAv), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/26 (fide HA), 1 at Bellingham Whatcom on 10/26 (TW), 1 at Ridgefield Clark on 11/4 (RFl), 1 near Snohomish Snohomish on 11/5 (fide TAv), 1 at Washington Park Skagit on 11/13 (RyM), 1 east of Auburn King on 11/22 (MiW), 2 at Underwood Skamania on 11/22 (WC, KK), and 1 at Montesano Grays Harbor on 11/23 (fide TAv).

**Acorn Woodpecker** Rare in WA. 3 near Lyle Klallam on 10/5 (MiW) with 3 there on 11/22 (WC, KK).

**Red-naped Sapsucker** Late for WA. 1 at Sun Lakes SP Grant on 10/25 (CWr).

**Red-breasted Sapsucker** Uncommon in e WA. 1 near Lyle Klallam on 11/22 (WC, KK).

**Red-breasted X Red-naped Sapsucker** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Bonney Lake Pierce on 10/3 (CWr), and 1 at Juanita Bay King from 10/21 to 11/27 (RyM).

**White-headed Woodpecker** Reports included 1 at Spokane Indian Reservation Spokane on 10/25 (TL) and 11/29 (TO), 1 near Goldendale Klallam on 11/16 (NWw), 1 at Trout Lake Klallam on 11/17 (fide SJ), 1 at Brooks Memorial SP Klallam on 11/21 (NWw), and 1 at Cameron Lake Road Okanogan on 11/26 (MaB).

**Blue Jay** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Five Mile Spokane on 10/8 (fide CrC), 1 at Royal Slope Grant from at least 10/10 to 10/31 (RH), 1 at Rexville Skagit from 10/11 to 11/30 (HA, RyM), and 1 at Colville Stevens on 11/15 (LsD).

**Western Scrub-Jay** Reports from expanded range included 1 near Duvall King from 10/19 (EH) to 10/26 (BrM), 1 at Montlake Fill King on 10/22 (MiH), 1 at Brooks Memorial SP Klallam on 10/26 (NWw), and 1 at North Seattle King on 10/27 (fide TAv).

**Clark’s Nutcracker** Uncommon locally. 7 at Little Spokane River Spokane on 10/1, 1 at Cheney Spokane on 10/2 (fide CrC), 1 at Orcas Island San Juan on 10/12 (KK), and 1 at Cameron Lake Road Okanogan on 11/26 (MaB).

**Common Raven** Uncommon locally. 1 at Bellevue King on 10/27 (JTb), and 2 at Juanita Bay King on 11/5 (RyM).

**Horned Lark** Uncommon in w WA lowlands. 2 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/12, 1 at Leadbetter Point Point Pacific on 10/22 (RyM), 1 at Marymoor Park King on 10/23 (MiH), 2 at Kalama Cooselt on 11/2 (RyM), and 7 Midway Beach Pacific on 11/4 (DaH).

**Purple Martin** Late reports included 30 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/3 (RFl), and 1 at Montlake Fill King on 10/5 (RH).

**Violet-green Swallow** Late reports included 300 at Kent King on 10/9 (KA), and 4 at Semiahmoo Whatcom on 11/6 (DBs).

**Bank Swallow** Late report: 1 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 10/19 (fide MD).

**Barn Swallow** Late reports included 150 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/9 (TAv), 2 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 10/19 (fide MD), 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/7 (LA), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 11/11 (GB), 6 at Othello Adams on 11/13 (RH), 1 at March Point Skagit on 11/29 (JBP), and 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 11/30 (fide HA).

**Cliff Swallow** Late for WA. 1 reported at Samish Flats Skagit on 11/10 (MaB).

**Mountain X Black-capped Chickadee** Rarely reported. 1 photographed at Spring Canyon Canyon Lincoln on 10/25 (RSh, CWr).

**Black-capped Chickadee** Uncommon on the Islands. 1 at Hummel Lake San Juan on 10/12 (KK).

**Mountain Chickadee** Reports indicative of irruption included 1 at Auburn King from 10/2 to 10/7 (SDn), 1 Sammamish King on 10/25 (SM).

10/4 (HF) with 2 there on 11/15 (CPk), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/4 (SM), 4 at Semiahmoo Whatcom on 10/4 (fide RyM), 1 at Jensen Access Skagit on 10/5 (GB), 1 at Mill Creek King from 10/16 to 10/21 (JaV), 1 at Marysville Snohomish on 10/17 (SA), 1 at Kirkland King from 10/21 to 11/30 with 2 there on 11/1 (MiH), 1 at Bingen Klickitat on 10/21, 1 at St Cloud Ranch Skamania on 10/22 (SJ), 1 at Bellingham Whatcom from 10/22 to 11/12 (JDu), 1 at South Prairie Pierce on 10/29 (CWv), 1 at Samish Island Skagit on 10/29 (HA), 1 at Sunday Lake Snohomish on 10/30 (TAv), 1 at Mount Pleasant Skamania on 10/31 (WC), 1 at Ballard King on 11/5 with 3 there on 11/16 (PR), 1 at Rosario Head Skagit on 11/5 (PW), 1 at Mount Vernon Skagit on 11/9 (fide HA), 1 at Issaquah King on 11/11 (RtHb), 1 at Burlington Skagit on 11/16, 1 at Edison Skagit on 11/16 (MaB), 1 near Tenino Thurston on 11/17 (BSu), 1 near Mount Bock Klickitat on 11/22 (SJ), and 3 at Columbia Hills Klickitat on 11/29 (BT).

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Uncommon locally. 1 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/30 (AS).

**White-breasted Nuthatch** Rare in w WA north of Couciliz. 1 at Snoqualmie King from 10/30 (HF) to 11/9 (fide JTb).

**Brown Creeper** Columbia Plateau reports included 1 at Richland Benton on 10/13 with 3 there on 11/9 (NaL), 1 at Medical Lake Spokane on 10/24 (KK), 1 at Washucutama Adams on 10/26 (BMW), 1 at Kennewick Benton on 11/9 (KK), 1 at Waterville Douglas on 11/15 (TMn).

**Rock Wren** Late reports included 1 at ALES Benton on 10/25 (NaL), 3 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/1 (AS), 1 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin on 11/22, and 1 at Iowa Beef Walla Walla on 11/22 (MD,MLD).

**Canyon Wren** Rare in w WA. 1 heard at Beacon Rock SP Skamania on 11/9 (JDt).

**Bewick’s Wren** Uncommon locally. 2 at Spokane Indian Reservation Spokane on 11/29 (MiH).

**Winter Wren** Locally uncommon in e WA.

1 at Kamiak Butte Whitman on 11/8 (KK), 1 at Wind Dust Park Franklin on 11/22 (BlLa,NLa), 6 at Mount Brook Klickitat on 11/22 (SJ), and 1 at Valley Stevens on 11/28 (TLa).

**Marsh Wren** Rare locally. 2 at Teanaway Kittitas on 10/26 (DSw).

**American Dipper** Locally uncommon in e WA. 1 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/1 (AS), and 1 at Hawk Creek Falls Lincoln on 11/4 (JoJ).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** High count: 125 at Elwha RM Clallam on 11/16 (SM).

**Western Bluebird** Reports included 8 near Sequim Clallam from 10/1 to 11/30 (fide BoB), 5 near South Prairie Pierce on 10/8 ( CWv), 1 near Horseshoe Lake Skamania on 10/27 (WC), 5 at Lopez Island San Juan on 11/15, 5 at San Juan Island San Juan on 11/15 (BJe), 5 at Jasper Mountain Walla Walla on 11/23 (MD,MLD), 2 at Colville Stevens on 11/27 (TMd), and 15 at Fort Spokane Spokane on 11/29 (MiH).

**Sage Thrasher** Late report: 1 near Taunton Adams on 10/2 (SDo).

**BROWN THRASHER** Rare in WA. 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 10/10 (MrL).

**Bohemian Waxwing** Early reports included 4 at Cle Elum Kittitas on 11/12 (BSu), 8 at Whitman Mission Walla Walla on 11/13, 3 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on 11/18 (MLD), 4 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 11/12 (BlA), and 120 at Jasper Mountain Walla Walla on 11/23 (MD,MLD).

**Nashville Warbler** Late report: 1 at Gonzaga Spokane on 10/3 (JoJ).

**Yellow Warbler** Reports included 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/12 (SC), 2 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/15 (TaRyM), and 1 at Magnuson Park King on 11/30 (JB).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** Late report: 1 at South Prairie Pierce on 10/15 (CWv).

**Townsend’s Warbler** Late for e WA. 2 at Washucutama Adams on 10/13 (RH).

**Palm Warbler** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Renton King from 11/22 (KAn) to 11/30 (fide MiB).

**Ovenbird** Rare in WA. 1 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 10/22 (RoM).

**Northern Waterthrush** Rare in w WA. 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/11 (GB) with 2 there from 11/28 (TaB) to 11/30 (RTa).

**MacGillivray’s Warbler** Late for e WA. 1 at Philo Lake Spokane on 10/14 (MoW), 1 at Renton King on 11/26 (MoR), and 1 at Chief Timothy SP Austin on 11/29 (MoW).

**Wilson’s Warbler** Late reports included: 1 at Richland Benton on 11/12 (BW), 2 at Washucutama Adams on 10/19 (RH), and 1 at Cattle Point San Juan on 11/20 (RoM).

**Spotted Towhee** High count for this form: 7 interior type at Lummi Flats Whatcom on 11/29 (SM).

**American Tree Sparrow** High count for e WA: 6 at Sprague Lake Adams on 11/20 (Ja), Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/1 (JB), and 10/12 (JG), and 1 at Montlake Fill King on 10/19 (EH) and 10/21 (RoM).

**Clay-colored Sparrow** Rare in w WA. 1 at Olympia Thurston from 10/9 to 10/12 (KAb).

**Vesper Sparrow** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at American Camp San Juan on 10/2 (KcK).

**Fox Sparrow** High count: 130 at Elwha RM Clallam on 11/16 (SM). Uncommon locally: 1 “slate-colored” at Spokane Spokane on 10/2 (Ja), and 1 at Fort Walla Walla Walla Walla on 11/20 (MLD).

**Swamp Sparrow** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Dodge Valley Skagit on 10/15 (TaRyM), 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/30 (RoM), 1 at Longview Couciliz on 11/9 (KoK), 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 11/11 (BT), 1 at Carnation King from 11/9 (RoM) to 11/23 (MiH), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 11/23 (SM, RoM), 1 at Chief Timothy SP Austin on 11/29 (MoW).

**White-throated Sparrow** Reports included 1 at Snoqualmie King on 10/2 (KnG) and 10/13 (JTb), 1 at Richland Benton on 10/5 (BW), 2 at Graymarsh Clallam on 10/6 (SA), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/7 (RF), 1 at South Prairie Pierce on 10/8 (CWv), 6 at six Seattle King locations from 10/13 (PLt) to 11/30 (MoD), 1 at Spencer Island Snohomish on 10/15 (KoK), 2 at Juanita Bay King on 10/18 with 1 there to 11/16 (RoM), 1 at Woodland Couciliz on 10/19 (Kk), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/19 (EnH) with 2 there on 10/30 (TaV), 1 at Lacey Thurston on 10/19 (PhK), 1 at Samish Island Skagit on 10/29 (HA), 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 11/12 (PhK) 2 Gig Harbor Pierce on 11/13 and 11/15 (MiS), 1 at Castle Rock Couciliz on 11/27 (AnK), 1 at Lummi Flats Whatcom on 11/29 (RoM), 1 near Stanwood Snohomish on 11/30 (RTa), and 1 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/30 (AS).

**Harris’s Sparrow** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Pecon Spokane on 10/15 and 10/16 (TL), 1 at Kennewick Benton from 11/9 to 11/30 (fide BlA), 1 at Longview Couciliz on 11/9 (KoK), 1 at Bridgeport Bar Douglas on 11/24 (MaB), 2 near Chewelah Stevens on 11/27 (TMd) to 11/29 (MiH,TO), 1 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 11/29 (DRb), and 1 at Kent King on 11/29 (BrM).


11/10 (RKo), 1 on 11/9 (KK), 1 at Waterville Benton on 10/30 to 11/9 (NLa), 1 at Medical Lake Spokane on 11/29 (MLD).

11/9 (JoJ), 1 at Haw Creek Falls Lincoln on 11/4 (JoJ).

1 “slate-colored” at Spokane Spokane on 10/2 (Ja), and 1 at Fort Walla Walla Walla Walla on 11/20 (MLD).

1 at Olympia Thurston from 10/9 to 10/12 (KAb).

White-crowned Sparrow High count: 1000 near Mattawa Grant on 10/20 (SM).

Gold-crowned Sparrow Reports from e WA included 7 at Columbia NWR Grant on 10/9 (RH), 1 at Badger Benton on 10/21, 1 at ALES Benton on 10/25 with 5 there on 10/29, 1 at Kennewick Benton on 11/10 and 11/16, and 10 at McNary Dam Walla Walla on 11/ (fide BLA).

Gold-crowned X White-crowned Sparrow Rarely reported. 1 at South Prairie Pierce on 11/19 (CW), and 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 11/23 (RyM).

“Slate-colored” Junco Reports included 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 10/4 (SM) and 11/10 (MaB), 2 at Columbia NWR Grant on 10/9 (RH), 1 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/12 (RhM), 7 at Peone Spokane on 10/16 (JoL), 1 at Sandy Point Whatcom on 10/18 (BSb), 8 at Sprague Lake Lincoln on 10/19 (GrG) with 25 there on 10/27 (Rh), 90 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 10/22 (RyM), and 1 near Creston Lincoln on 11/27 (MaB).

Lapland Longspur Reports included 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/1 (HA) with 3 there on 10/5 (GB) and 10/17 (MiH), 1 at South Prairie Pierce on 10/8 (CW), 25 at American Camp San Juan on 10/12 (KK), 1 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/12 (RhM), 7 at Peone Spokane on 10/16 (JoL), 1 at Sandy Point Whatcom on 10/18 (BSb), 8 at Sprague Lake Lincoln on 10/19 (GrG) with 25 there on 10/27 (Rh), 90 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 10/22 (RyM), and 1 near Creston Lincoln on 11/27 (MaB).

Snow Bunting Reports included 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/12 (DMO), 1 at Mutiny Bay Island on 10/12 (DaS), 3 at Peone Spokane on 10/15 (TLj) with 4 there on 10/16 (JoL), 1 at Havillah Okanogan on 10/16 (RMK), 2 at Waterville Plateau Douglas on 10/26 (KK), 5 at Midway Beach Pacific on 11/4 (DaH), 1 at Philo Lake Spokane on 11/11 (MWO), and 15 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 11/16 (fide RyM).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK Rare in WA. 1 female photographed at Gig Harbor Pierce on 11/10 (CaS).

Black-headed Grosbeak Late reports: 1 at North Seattle King on 10/17 (JH), and 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/24 (RhM).

INDIGO BUNTING Rare in WA. 1 female photographed at Juanita Bay King on 11/15 (RhM).

DICKCISSEL Rare in WA. 1 male photographed at Westport Grays Harbor on 10/31 (BT).

Western Meadowlark Unusual locations: 1 at North Seattle King on 10/23 (JeE), and 1 at 4000’ at Swamp Creek Skagit on 11/23 (RhM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird High count: 1000 at Royal Slope Grant on 10/31 (RH).

Uncommon in w WA. 2 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/10 (JPt), 1 at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 10/26 (BT), 1 at Samish Flats Skagit on 11/2 (JPt) and 11/17 (MaB), and 1 at Sumner Pierce on 11/17 (CW).

Rusty Blackbird Uncommon in WA. 1 at Fir Island Skagit from 10/5 (SM,GB) to 10/26 (MaB) with 1 reported there on 11/30 (RTa), 1 on 10/17 at Norman Snohomish (ARo), 1 at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 10/23 (RhM), 1 reported Stratford Grant 11/7 (SDo), 1 female at Samish Flats Skagit from 11/13 (RhM) to 11/22 (SDo) with 1 male there on 11/17 (MaB).

Brewer’s Blackbird Uncommon locally. 2 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 10/1 (TaV).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch High count: 900 near Dayton Columbia on 11/1 (MD,MLD). Reports for w WA included 124 at Paradise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 10/13 (fide TaV), 125 at Maple Pass Skagit/Chelan on 10/15 (JaA), 100 at Slate Peak Whatcom on 10/18 (RcE), and 1 at Point Roberts Whatcom on 11/7 (fide RyM).

Pine Grosbeak Well reported. 2 at Sunrise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 10/1 (TaV), 5 at Horseshoe Lake Skamania on 10/4 (KhT), 1 at Takhlik Lake Skamania on 10/7 (KK) with 3 there on 10/10 (KhT, TMn), 6 at Hart’s Pass Okanogan/Whatcom on 10/10 (LoR) with 2 there on 10/20 (PKo), 12 Abercrombie Mountain Stevens on 10/23 (MWO), 34 at Mount Spokane Spokane on 10/25 (TLj), 1 at Field Springs SP Asotin on 10/27 (TrG), 1 at Rattlesnake Ridge Benton on 10/29 (NLa), 6 at Paradise in Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 11/1 (fide TaV), 4 at Kennewick Benton on 11/2 with 1 there on 11/15 (fide BLA), 2 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 11/9 (SmR), 6 at Spokane Spokane on 11/11 (fide CrC), 1 at Quimper Peninsula Jefferson on 11/13 (BlW), 2 at Spokane Indian Reservation Spokane on 11/15 (TO), and 15 at Mary Ann Creek Okanogan on 11/25 (MaB).

Purple Finch Locally uncommon in e WA. 1 at Bingen Klickitat on 10/6 (JL).

Cassin’s Finch Rare away from crest in w WA. 1 photographed at Skagit WMA Skagit on 11/23 (RyM,SM).

White-winged Crossbill Irregular in WA. 10 at Ahtanum Creek Yakima on 10/17 (AS), 1 at Hart’s Pass Okanogan/Whatcom on 10/9 (RhM), 2 at Maple Pass Skagit/Chelan on 10/15 (JaA), and 3 at Wauconda Okanogan on 11/23 (LoJ).

Common Redpoll Reports included 1 at Finley Benton on 10/13 (fide BLA), 5 at Wauconda Okanogan on 11/23 (LoJ), 50 at Bolster Okanogan on 11/25 (MaB), and 1 at Yakima Training Center Yakima on 11/30 (AS).

Pine Siskin Columbia Basin reports included 1 at Washutuca Adams on 10/13, and 2 near Benge Adams on 10/19 (RH).

Lesser Goldfinch Reports included 12 at Bingen Klickitat on 11/22 (JL), and 10 at Vancouver Clark on 11/4 (KK).

Evening Grosbeak High count: 125 at Battle Ground Clark on 10/3 (JD).

Orange Bishop Introduced species. 1 at Ballard King on 11/17 (FR).
Concerning the Bad Reputation of Whiskey John
By Fannie Hardy Eckstorm
From Bird Lore, published in 1902

... He is the worst thief ... He steals from pure love of pillering, and shows not the slightest compunctions of conscience. He steals not alone to satisfy his own wants, but those of his brothers and sisters and wife’s relations, and his third, fourth, and fifth cousins, and after that he keeps right on stealing for posterity. He takes not only articles for which he has a use and an appetite, but others which he never saw before, doesn’t know the uses of, doesn’t like the taste of, and can never learn to enjoy or use. ... Suppose that you are paddling along one of the still, thicket-bordered, moose-haunted streams of northern Maine. There is a whistling and confabulating ashore and down scales a medium-sized gray bird, whitish beneath and with a white forehead which gives him a curiously venerable and bald-headed look. He stretches out his black legs and alights with an uncertain hover on your canoe-bow. “Ca-ca-ca? Who are you anyway?” he inquires, looking boldly at you. You are new to this sort of thing ... and this confidence man takes you in at once. He flits ashore and tells the others that it is So-and-So from New York! Then back he comes; he never stays long anywhere. “Ca-ca-ca? Got any meat today?” says he, seating himself again upon the bow ... This time you bat at him with the paddle and bid him begone for a thief. That hurts his feelings; he puffs out his waistcoat feathers in ruffled innocence and he says, “Look at me, do you imagine that a fellow as old and gray-headed and respectable as I am would steal?” He flits away, forgiving you. When he comes back, as he is pretty sure to do, it is with the nonchalant impudence of a private detective.

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