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## Great Blue Herons Under Attack

Last summer I witnessed, for me, a rare example of wildlife behavior. I observed an adult bald eagle crossing Woodard Bay, a Department of Natural Resources, Natural Area Preserve, located near Olympia. The eagle glided in toward a Great Blue Heron rookery of about 30 birds. The adult herons loudly vocalized their objections, but that did nothing to influence the eagle that deftly plucked a nestling from its sanctuary near the top of a Douglas fir. Apparently this is not so rare an occurrence.

In a May 16, 2001 article in the Seattle Times, reporter Caitlin Cleary writes about eagles harassing herons, and the response by King County wildlife officials. Heron colonies throughout western Washington, from Point Roberts to the Nisqually are under attack from bald eagles. A combination of eagles followed by crows is resulting in nest predation of chicks and eggs. In some cases the herons are abandoning nests altogether.

Obviously herons and eagles have been co-existing for millennia, but the apparent high incidence of heron predation by eagles is a good indicator that there is likely an imbalance in historic relationships. A number of factors can contribute to this situation, including diminished open space, which can lead to competition for nesting among eagles, herons and crows. The population density in King County has increased over the past two decades by 37%. The conversion of undeveloped lands to urban or industrial lands in Washington state was an estimated to be 70,000 acres between 1992 and 1997 according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture study.

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The Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias*, nesting communally in the open canopy, is subject to predation from the air by such species as the Bald Eagle. Dwindling stands of suitable trees, combined with an increase in eagle numbers potentially spells trouble for these birds.

Photo by  
Michael Hobbs.

## The Sage Sparrow and Habitat in Washington State

By Larry Goldstein

For this birder no species better defines eastern Washington than the sage sparrow (*Amphispiza belli*)\*. This sparrow and other birds such as the Brewer's sparrow and sage grouse, are considered "shrub-steppe obligates," or species that require the shrub-steppe habitat for survival. This habitat is found in areas characterized by hot, dry summers, cold winters and scant rainfall that occurs primarily in winter. In its undisturbed state the dominant vegetation is an overstory of big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*), and an understory of bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spiciata*) and Sandberg's bluegrass (*Poa sandbergii*).

### Disturbance and Status

Due to loss of habitat the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has identified the sage sparrow as a candidate for "threatened, endangered or sensitive status" (Allen 2001). Over the past century conversion of shrub-steppe habitat in Washington to agricultural uses, urbanization, and fire has resulted in a fragmented landscape. Dobler et al (1996) estimated that 60% of the historical shrub-steppe habitat in Washington state has been lost. Fire plays a role in altering habitats by allowing invasive species such as cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) to compete favorably with native flora. In fact, research has indicated there is an increase in fire frequency or intensity where cheatgrass occurs, resulting in a vicious cycle (Knick 1999).

The devastating June 2000, 160,000-acre fire on the Hanford Site, Arid Lands Ecological Reserve is the most recent dramatic example of a serious threat to the shrub-steppe habitat. A multi-agency effort is underway to seed burned areas with native flora before cheatgrass can establish itself (Teel 2001). Research suggests that once cheatgrass is established within shrub-steppe

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## WOS Membership Meetings 2001

### No meetings until October 1, 2001

Have a great summer, and see you in the fall.

**Monthly Membership Meetings** are held the first Monday of the month (except July, August, & September).

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Brian Bell will lead a trip to **Whidbey Island**. The focus for the day will be on southbound shorebirds at Crockett Lake. Time will also be spent looking for waterbirds and passerines. Waterproof boots and a scope are essential. Limit of 10 in three cars. Meet at the Ravenna Park & Ride at 6:00 AM to make the 6:30 ferry. Contact Brian at bellasoc@isomedia.com, or call 425-485-8058.

### Thursday, September 6, 2001

Kevin Aanerud will lead a field trip to the **Vantage Area** and other birding oases. Plan to spend the day birding looking for fall warblers, including Blackpoll and other local species. Limit of ten birders. Meet at 7:30 AM at the Ginko State Park in Vantage. To reserve a space call Kevin at 206-523-6195.

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## President's Corner - Scott Morrison

'Don't teach your students to be good geologists. Teach them to be good observers and they're more likely to become good geologists', was the advice my colleague, Felix Mutschler, gave me when we were teaching at Eastern Washington University.

I'm always fascinated to hear people's stories about their early birding experiences. I still remember the first birds I took note of: Scarlet Tanager, Baltimore Oriole, Turkey Vulture. As we become increasingly involved in birding we progress through a series of stages - adult breeding-plumage males then through the various intricacies of gender, age, song, regional variations, seasonal changes,

behavior, and so on. Often this 'progress' in birding causes us to ignore our common birds.

When I was growing up our family had a cottage overlooking a small lake in northwestern Pennsylvania and I was fortunate enough to spend my first 17 summers there. During the summer between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades a pair of Common Loons showed up on the lake. It was a source of great excitement for those of us, young and old alike, who came from many different places and spent our summers together. Remembering back, it still astonishes me at how in tune everyone was with these birds' behaviors. Reports of where the loons were today and what they were doing circulated among us; the latest update could always be gotten at Gossard's Store. We were all thrilled by their presence and they graced the lake for the following seven summers I spent there.

Recently I've been a little relaxed in my birding. I haven't gone on any extended jaunts to find rarities or even to get into different habitats. My friend Roberta and I have been hanging out at the McLane Creek Nature Trail, a DNR property southwest of Olympia. The changes are casually noted - watching the Roughskin Newts looking bloated like little inflatable underwater toys, noticing how the trees are leafing out, noting the subtle drop in the water level of the beaver pond so that the pond lilies are suspended above the water.

And simply relaxing on one of the benches overlooking the pond. It's often very serene, in spite of its public access, and there are enough good, albeit 'common', birds to keep us entertained. Common Yellowthroats, Song Sparrows, Willow Flycatchers, Cedar Waxwings, Mallards, Violet-green and Northern Rough-winged Swallows. Red-winged Blackbirds nest here and we watched a newly fledged juvenile land on the railing of the deck, short-tailed, with downy breast feathers, squawking for a meal. Then suddenly noticing us and hurtling off to the safety of some nearby cattails. Sadly, we haven't seen any Pied-billed Grebes for a while, however this year we spotted a Wood Duck hen with 10 ducklings. Interestingly enough, there were six of one type and four of another. None of the field guides illustrate what the ducklings should look like, but they were clearly very different both in appearance and behavior. The challenge now is to find out which is whose. Actually I'm as thrilled with this discovery as I was in seeing those Common Loons on the lake, because careful observation of a common phenomenon has opened up a new aspect of birding for me. This is the joy I find in birding - it serves as a springboard to increase my knowledge of the natural world.

All I have to do is make sure to take the time and be a good observer.

### Be Informed

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### Great Blue Herons

Another possible reason for increased pressure from eagles on herons is the decline in salmon fisheries. Salmon have declined in abundance for many reasons, including loss of habitat. On the positive side, it is possible they are recovering from depressed levels due to pesticide thinning of eggshells.

Biologists are finding that historic heron colonies of 100 to 200 nests are now reduced to perhaps 30 to 40 nests. Some colonies are not producing chicks, as found recently at the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge.

The abundance and distribution of herons in western Washington is not well known, and thus the effects of eagle predation are also not quantified. But there is increasing concern among biologists and birders that what is being observed recently needs to be carefully monitored and better understood.

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Photo by Diann MacRae

habitat there is little change back toward more native species (Fitzner 2000).

### **Migration and Nesting**

The majority of birds in Yakima County arrive in early-March, and the last birds have typically left by mid-September (Stepniwski 1999). In Klickitat County late birds have also been seen in mid-September (Bacchus 2001). In Benton County the first birds recorded have been in early February, with the majority coming in by mid-March (Fitzner 2000).

The sage sparrow is known as a "triple nester," and can raise as many as three broods in a season, although two broods are typical (LaFramboise 2001, Fitzner 2000). Nesting can begin in early-March and last until late-July. At Hanford Fitzner found that prior to mid-April nests were placed exclusively on the ground, but as the breeding season progressed greater numbers were elevated in the canopy. By mid-June 89% of the 75 nests observed were located above ground, preferentially in big sagebrush. She concluded the increase in elevation may be an attempt at behavioral thermoregulation. In other words, as the ambient temperatures rose, so did the height of the nests.

### **Habitat Relationship**

In Yakima county, Stepniwski (1999) notes the sage sparrow is a locally fairly common summer resident in the shrub-steppe zone, but, "inexplicably absent . . . from many areas of sagebrush." He speculates that the presence of dense cheatgrass in otherwise suitable habitat is not a suitable ground cover. He further suggests that bare ground between shrubs seems important in creating sage sparrow habitat.

Recent studies have provided new data to help quantify the relationship between the sage sparrow and habitat. Fitzner (2000) looked at how the presence of cheatgrass relates to the territory size, mating status and reproductive success of sage sparrows. She found that on the Hanford Site sage sparrow males tended to defend smaller territories when the amount of native grasses, bare ground and sagebrush cover were relatively high. Overall, her data indicated the more cheatgrass, the larger the sage sparrow territory. A statistically significant relationship

between cheatgrass and pairing and nesting success was not observed. However, Fitzner did conclude, "there was a trend toward greater reproductive success in territories that contained less cheatgrass." The possibility this relationship was due to randomness could not be ruled out.

Vander Haegen (2000) examined the historical and current distribution of shrub-steppe on different soil types and bird species occurrence, including the sage sparrow. His research indicates big sagebrush was closely associated with loamy soils, and sage sparrows were most abundant where there was the greatest amount of sagebrush. This species in particular showed a positive relationship with areas of continuous loamy-soil communities, and a negative relationship with fragmented communities. He concludes that sage sparrows, "likely have experienced considerable declines attributable to these changes in the landscape."

### **Parasitism**

A popular notion is that one possible reason for a decline in the number of sage sparrows, as well as other passerines, could be parasitism by brown-headed cowbirds. Vander Haegen and Walker (1999) found that even though cowbird eggs hatched in 80% of parasitized sage sparrow clutches, there was a relatively low level of parasitism in their "altered landscape." In fact, they found that parasitism levels in their sites were lower than those reported in structurally similar habitats such as continuous grasslands. There appeared to be no substantial effect of parasitism on avian reproduction in their shrub-steppe study areas.

In summary, research is telling us that as native plant communities decline in Washington state there is a related decline in the diversity of bird species. The sage sparrow is a good indicator of the potential adverse effects on birds when there is an increase in the spatial extent of invasive plants. As Vander Haegen (1999) notes, land use practices and conservation measures that promote deep-soil shrub-steppe communities and minimize fragmentation will be critical to maintaining biological diversity.

\* The sage sparrow is 5 inches in length, has a dark conical bill, white supraloral spot, broken eye ring, white throat with black whisker, gray crown, back and wings, variable dark streaks on back, white underparts with blurry streaks on flanks and dark spot on breast, and a long, dark tail with small amount of white on the outer tail feathers.

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# Washington Field Notes

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## Washington Field Notes August—September 2000

**Red-throated Loon** High counts for w WA include, 30 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/31 (TAv), with 28 there on 9/2 (RS&PS).

**Pacific Loon** Uncommon in e WA, 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/1 (BW), and 1 at Alkali Lake *Grant* on 8/27 (SM). High count for w WA, 200 at Waldron Island *San Juan* on 9/22 (Bje).

**Yellow-billed Loon** As report in last WOS Field Notes, 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* until at least 8/26 (m ob).

**Horned Grebe** Locally uncommon, 1 at Richland *Benton* on 8/14 (BW). Early for w WA, 3 at Penn Cove *Island* on 8/24 (TAv), high count of 52 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/23 (RS&PS).

**Red-necked Grebe** Locally uncommon in Columbia Basin, 2 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/27 (TAv).

**Eared Grebe** High count for e WA, 1200 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 8/27 (SM).

Uncommon and local in w WA, 1 at Penn Cove *Island* on 9/4 (SM), 2 at Everett STP *Snobomish* on 9/11 (GT), and 1 at Graysmarsh *Clallam* on 9/16 (SA).

**Western Grebe** High count for e WA, 1900 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/6 (SM).

**Northern Fulmar** Reports include, 1 at Long Beach *Pacific* on 8/11 (BL), and 1 at Oysterville *Pacific* on 8/11 (RS&PS).

**Pink-footed Shearwater** 354 at Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/19 (BL).

**Flesh-footed Shearwater** Uncommon in WA, 2 at Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/23 (BL).

**Buller's Shearwater** 2 at Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/19 (BL).

**Sooty Shearwater** Reports include, 800 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/5

(RS&PS), and 300 at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 8/26 (BN).

**Short-tailed Shearwater** 1 at Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/10 (BL).

**American White Pelican** Reports include, 45 at Chief Timothy SP *Asotin* on 8/1 (MK), 55 at Desert WMA *Grant* on 8/1 (RFl), 6 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 8/21 with 25+ there on 9/16 (WH), 1 at Bridgeport *Douglas* on 9/9 (DR), and 28 at Richland *Benton* on 9/19 (BW). Uncommon in w WA, 2 at Blaine *Whatcom* on 8/7 until at least 9/25 (DaR).

**Brown Pelican** Reports include, 2 at Ediz Hook *Clallam* on 8/13 (BN), 300 at Ilwaco *Pacific* on 9/12 (BT), 1 at Kingston *Kitsap* on 9/15 (SA).



Ruth Sullivan photographed this Stilt Sandpiper on Brady Loop Rd., *Grays Harbor*, on September 3, 2000

**Double-crested Cormorant** High count, 3800+ at Ilwaco *Pacific* on 8/14 (MD&MLD).

**American Bittern** High count, 5 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/24 (WC).

**Great Egret** Reports for e WA include, 53 at Desert WMA *Grant* on 8/1 (RFl), 100 at Desert WMA *Grant* on 8/17 (RFl), 13 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/7 (BW), and 19 at Hanford Reach F *Franklin* on 8/30 (BLa&NLa). Reports for w WA include, 16 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/17 (WC), 124 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/12 (JE), 63 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/25 (WC), 1 at Totten Inlet *Thurston* on 8/26 (JBU), and 1 at Lopez Island *San Juan* on 9/2 (Bje).

**Green Heron** Rare in e WA, 1 at Yakima

RD *Benton* on 9/18 (BLa&NLa).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** Uncommon and local in w WA, 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/17 (JE&WC).

**Turkey Vulture** Reports for e WA include, 1 at Columbia NWR *Adams/Grant* on 8/17 (RFl), 2 at Cusick *Pend Oreille* on 8/26 (WH), and 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 8/26 (WH). High count for w WA, 54 at Elma *Grays Harbor* on 9/9 (RS&PS).

**Greater White-fronted Goose** Reports for e WA include, 6 ad at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 8/23 (TAv), with 400 there on 9/7 (HO), and 470 on 9/29 (MD&MLD). Reports from w WA include, 2 at Marymoor Park *King* on 9/27 (MiH), 12 at Montlake Fill *King* on 9/30 (SM), 75 at Woodland Park Zoo *King* on 9/30 (TAv), and 100's at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/30 (VN).

**Snow Goose** Uncommon in e WA, 1 at Medical Lake *Spokane* on 9/20 (WH), and 1 ad McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 9/29 (MD&MLD).

**Northern Pintail** 1 at Long Swamp *Okanogan* on 9/11 (TAv).

**Cinnamon Teal** High count, 34 at Steigerwald Lake NWR *Clark* on 8/28 (WC).

**Eurasian Wigeon** First reports include, 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/3 (RS&PS), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/10 (SA).

**Redhead** Reports for w WA include, 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/1

(RFl), and 3 at Sequim Bay *Clallam* on 9/22 (BN).

**Lesser Scaup** Local breeder in w WA, 2 females with 13 young at Stanwood STP *Snobomish* on 8/9 (TAv), and 5 adults with 4 young at Everett STP *Snobomish* on 8/13 (SM).

**Harlequin Duck** 2 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 8/19 (BL).

**Common Goldeneye** 2 at Little Twin Lakes *Stevens* on 8/1 (BN).

**Common Merganser** 390 at Jensen Access *Skagit* on 9/4 with 450 there on 9/10 (SA).

**Ruddy Duck** Local breeder in w WA, 2 adults with 3 young at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/24 (WC).

**Northern Harrier** 1 at Sunrise, Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/27 (RS&PS).

**RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** Rare in WA, 1 near BZ Corner *Klickitat* on 9/16 (JE), and 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/29 (JE).

**BROAD-WINGED HAWK** Rare in WA, 1 adult at Calispell Peak *Stevens* on 9/16 (DaM).

**Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk** 1 adult at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 9/27 (TAv).

**Ferruginous Hawk** 1 immature Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 8/14 (DR).

**Rough-legged Hawk** Early report, 1 at Whitman Mission *Walla Walla* on 9/7 (HO).

**Golden Eagle** Local in w WA, 1 at Salt Creek CP *Clallam* on 9/24 (fide BN).

**Merlin** Reports from e WA include, 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/12 (MD&MLD), 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/27 (BW), 1 at Nisqually John *Whitman* on 9/9 (MK), and 1 at Calispell Peak *Stevens* on 9/16 (DaM).

**Peregrine Falcon** Reports for e WA, 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/5 (MD&MLD), 1 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 8/26 (JA), 1 at Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 9/5 (TAv), 1 at Clarkston *Asotin* on 9/9 (MK), 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 9/19 (WH), and 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/24 (BW).

**Prairie Falcon** Reports from w WA include, 1 at Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/14 (TAv), with 1 there on 9/27 (RS&PS).

**Mountain Quail** Local in WA, 1 adult and 9 juveniles at Seabeck *Kitsap* on 8/23 (CC).

**American Coot** High count for e WA, 3500 at Lake Lenore *Grant* on 8/27 (SM).

**Sandhill Crane** Local breeder in WA, 47 including 6 young at Conboy NWR *Klickitat* on 8/1 (JE). Reports for w WA include, 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/30 (JE), 2 at San Juan *San Juan* on 9/2 (BJe), 11 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 9/9 (BN), 8 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/21 (fide RR), and 7 at Elma *Grays Harbor* on 9/24 (RS&PS).

**Black-bellied Plover** Reports for e WA include, 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/19 (BW) with 2 there on 9/27 (TAv), 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/21 (RfI), 6 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 9/23 (MD&MLD), and 2 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/26 (JA) until at least 9/30 (WH). High count for w WA, 1269 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/25 (JBu). Local in Puget Sound, 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 8/30

(TAv), and 1 at Dumas Bay *Pierce* on 9/26 (TB).

**American Golden Plover** Uncommon in e WA, 2 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/16 with 3 there on 9/28 (JA) and 1 on 9/30 (WH). High count for w WA, 9 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/19 (RS&PS).

**Pacific Golden Plover** Reports include, 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/13 with 2 there on 9/4 (SA), 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 9/16 (BN), and a high count of 20 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/25 (JBu).

**Unknown Golden Plover** 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 8/6 (VN).

**Snowy Plover** Reports include, 1 at Midway Beach *Grays Harbor* on 8/5 (EH), 22 at Oysterville *Pacific* on 8/11 (RS&PS), 4 at Long Beach *Pacific* on 8/15 (MD&MLD).



Ruth Sullivan found this Bar-tailed Godwit among numerous Marbled Godwit at Tokeland, *Pacific*, on September 24, 2000

**Semipalmated Plover** Reports include, 3 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 8/12 (MD&MLD), 4 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 8/26 with 2 there on 8/29 (JA), 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/3 and on 9/27 (TAv), 1 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 9/6 (WH), 2 at Crow Butte SP *Benton* on 9/17 (RS&PS), and 1 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/28 (JA) with 2 there on 9/30 (WH). Reports for w WA include, 50 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/13 (SA), with a high count of 804 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/15 (JBu).

**Black-necked Stilt** Last report, 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/27 (TAv).

**American Avocet** Uncommon in w WA, 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/21 (fide RR) until at least 9/24 (RS&PS), and 1 at Snohomish STP *Snohomish* on 9/24 (GT).

**Greater Yellowlegs** High count for e WA, 32 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 8/25 (DR). High counts for w WA, 188 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/19 (SM), and 63 at Mud Bay *Thurston* on 8/19 (RS&PS).

**Lesser Yellowlegs** Reports include, 3 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/1 with 64 there on 8/27 (BW), 23 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/5 (MD&MLD), 1 at Rock Lake *Whitman* on 8/5 (DiW), 70 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 8/19 (MD&MLD), 50 at Kahlotus Lake *Franklin* on 8/28 (SM), 40 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/16 (JA), and 5 at Alderdale *Klickitat* on 9/17 (RS&PS). High count for w WA, 22 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/13 (SA).

**Solitary Sandpiper** Reports for e WA include, 1 at Little Twin Lakes *Stevens* on 8/2 (BN), 2 at Prosser *Yakima* on 8/2 (BW), 1 at Rock Lake *Whitman* on 8/5 and on 8/20 (DiW), 2 at Republic *Ferry* on 8/6 (RL), 1 at Medical Lake *Spokane* on 9/4 (WH), 2 at Othello *Adams* on 9/10 (SM), 2 at Oroville *Okanogan* on 9/12 (TAv), 1 at Alderdale *Klickitat* on 9/17 (RS&PS), and 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 9/22 (RfI). Reports from w WA include, 1 at Spencer Island *Snohomish* on 9/3 (fide RR), and 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 9/10 until at least on 9/16 (SM).

**Willet** High count, 14 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/1 (SM).

**Whimbrel** High count, 195 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 8/17 (JBu).

**BAR-TAILED GODWIT** As many as 3 individual birds observed at Tokeland *Pacific* until at least 9/24 (m ob).

**Marbled Godwit** High count for WA, 450 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/1 (SM).

**Ruddy Turnstone** High count, 50 at Oysterville *Pacific* on 8/6 (RS&PS).

**Black Turnstone** Locally uncommon, 15 at Tacoma *Pierce* on 8/13 (TB).

**Sanderling** Reports from e WA include, 1 at Reardan *Lincoln* on 8/14 (JA), 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/4 with 3 there on 9/19 (BW) and 1 on 9/23 (MD&MLD), 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 9/9 (MD&MLD) with 8 there on 9/27 (TAv) and 2 on 9/29 (MD&MLD), and 9 at Sprague Lake A *Adams* on 9/16 (JA). High counts from w WA include, 5000 at Oysterville *Pacific* on 8/6 (RS&PS), and 3465 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/25 (JBu).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** Reports from e

WA include, 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/7 and on 8/9 (BW), 3 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 8/14 with 1 there on 8/29 (JA), 3 at Reardan *Lincoln* on 8/16 (WH), 3 at Othello *Adams* on 8/26 and on 9/6 (SM), 1 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 8/26 (JA), 2 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 8/27 with 7 there on 9/6 (SM), 1 at Rock Lake *Whitman* on 8/27 (DiW), 1 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/16 and on 9/28 (JA). Reports for w WA include, 1 at Brady *Grays Harbor* on 9/3 (RS&PS), 3 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 8/11 (BN), a high count of 18 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 8/12 (SM), 2 at Swantown *Island* on 8/12 (SM), 2 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/13 (SA), 3 at Everett STP *Snobomish* on 8/13 (SM), 1 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 9/3 (RS&PS), 1 at Freeland *Island* on 9/16 (SM).

**Western Sandpiper** Reports for e WA include, 150 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 8/26 (JA), and 5 at Alderdale *Klickitat* on 9/17 (RS&PS). High count for w WA, 42000 at Bowerman Basin *Grays Harbor* on 8/16 (JBU).

**Least Sandpiper** High counts for e WA, 40 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/9 (BW), and 55 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 8/26 (JA).

**Baird's Sandpiper**

Reports for e WA include, 18 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 8/14 with 100 there on 8/20 and 150 on 8/29 (JA), 2 at Paterson Slough *Benton* on 8/22 (BW), 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/24 (BW) and on 9/27 (TAv), 20 at Othello *Adams* on 8/26 (SM) with 13 there on 9/16 (RfI), 5 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/26 (MD&MLD), 8 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 9/6 (WH), 20 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/16 (JA) with 2 there on 9/30 (WH). Reports from w WA include, 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/19 with 8 there on 9/2 and 2 on 9/23 (RS&PS), 1 at Brady *Grays Harbor* on 8/20 (RS&PS), 1 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 8/26 (RS&PS), 2 at Graysmarsh *Clallam* on 9/1 (SA), and 9 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/4 (SA).

**Pectoral Sandpiper** Reports for e WA include, 2 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 8/14 with 3 there on 9/3 (JA), 6 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/26 (MD&MLD), 2 at Central Ferry *Whitman* on 9/4 (DiW), 4 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/24 (BW), 40 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 9/10 (SM), 1 at Long Swamp *Okanogan* on

9/11 (TAv), 60 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/16 (JA), and 75 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/28 (JA). Reports for w WA include 8 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/13 (SA), 2 at Brady *Grays Harbor* on 8/20 with 12 there on 9/3 and 4 on 9/23 (RS&PS), 7 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/23 (RS&PS), 2 at Discovery Park *King* on 8/30 (TAv), 1 at Dumas Bay *Pierce* on 9/4 (TB), 30 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 9/4 (SA), and 5 at Vancouver Lake *Clark* on 9/17 (RS&PS).

**CURLEW SANDPIPER** Rare in WA, 1 at Oysterville *Pacific* on 8/5 (fide RR) until at least 8/11 (RS&PS).

**Stilt Sandpiper** Reports from e WA include, 1 at Reardan *Lincoln* on 9/3 (JA) with 2 at there on 9/4 (WH) and 5 on 9/6 (JA), 5 at Othello *Adams* on 9/6 with 6 there on 9/10 (SM), 1 at Lind Coulee *Grant*



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on 9/6 (SM), 3 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 9/6 (WH), 9 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 9/23 (MD&MLD), 1 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/26 (JA) with 2 there 9/30 (WH). Reports from w WA include, 1 at Brady *Grays Harbor* on 9/1 (BL&BT) until at least 9/10 (GRe), and 1 at Jensen Access *Skagit* on 9/10 (SA).

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Rare in WA, 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/19 (RS&PS) with 4 there on 8/31 (TAv) and 1 until at least 9/3 (SM).

**RUFF** Rare in WA, 1 juvenile at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/16 (JA).

**Short-billed Dowitcher** Uncommon in e WA, 1 at Rock Lake *Whitman* on 8/5 (DiW), 5 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 8/26 (MD&MLD), 2 at Lind Coulee *Grant* on 8/27 and on 9/6 with 4 there on 9/10

(SM), and 2 at Othello *Adams* on 9/10 (SM).

**Long-billed Dowitcher** High counts for e WA include, 70 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 9/16 (JA), 137 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 9/23 (MD&MLD), and 170 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/27 (TAv).

**Wilson's Phalarope** Uncommon in w WA, 1 at Brady *Grays Harbor* on 8/5 (RS&PS), and 2 at Stanwood *Snobomish* on 8/19 (GT).

**Red-necked Phalarope** High count for e WA, 335 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/26 (RfI). High counts for w WA include, 450 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 8/16 (BMe), 1500 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 8/27 (VN), and 1000 at Kingston *Kitsap* on 8/29 (SA).

**Red Phalarope** Rare in e WA, 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 8/6 (MD&MLD).

Uncommon in w WA near land, 1 at San Juan *San Juan* on 8/4 (BJe), 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/27 (RS&PS), and 1 at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 8/31 (SA).

**Pomarine Jaeger**

Uncommon near land, 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/3 (RS&PS), and 1 immature at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/14 and on 9/28 (VN).

**Parasitic Jaeger** Rare in e WA, 1 adult at Sprague Lake *Adams* on 9/16 until at least 9/20 (JA). Reports from w WA include, 1 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 8/12 (SM), 15 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/16 (VN) until at least 9/27 (VN), and 4 at Salt Creek CP

*Clallam* on 9/17 (fide BN).

**Long-tailed Jaeger** Uncommon inland, 1 at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 8/30 (SA), 1 at Sekiu *Clallam* on 8/30 (SA), 1 ad Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/13 until at least 9/24 (VN), and 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 9/18 (MiD).

**South Polar Skua** 2 on Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/19 with 3 on 9/8 and 4 on 9/10 (BL).

**Franklin's Gull** Uncommon and local in WA, 1 at Paterson *Benton* on 8/10 (BLa&NLa) until at least 8/17 (BW), 2 at Sprague Lake *Adams* on 9/16 and on 9/20 (JA). Rare off shore, 1 observed 25 miles off Westport *Grays Harbor* on 9/8 (BL).

**Bonaparte's Gull** High count for WA, 3000 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/27 (VN).

**Glaucous Gull** 1 first summer Neah Bay *Clallam* on 9/3 (fide BN).

**RED-LEGGED KITTIWAKE** Rare in WA, 1 on Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/19 (BL).

**Sabine's Gull** Uncommon in e WA, 3 adults Sprague Lake A *Adams* on 9/16 (JA), 2 at John Day Dam *Klickitat* on 9/16 and on 9/17 (RS&PS), and 2 juveniles at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/22 (BLa&NLa) until at least 9/27 (m ob). Reports from w WA include, 1 adult at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 9/6 until at least 9/27 (VN), 1 at Budd Inlet *Thurston* on 9/17 (LC), and a high count of 109 at Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 9/10 (BL).

**Common Tern** Reports for e WA include, 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 8/18 (BW), 8 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 8/30 (SM), 12 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 9/9 (MD&MLD), 14 at Port of Wilma *Whitman* on 9/9 (DiW), 15 at Priest Rapids *Benton/Yakima* on 9/10 (BT), 3 at Whitestone Lake *Okanogan* on 9/12 (TAv), 30 at Cassimer Bar *Okanogan* on 9/13 (TAv), 14 ad Sprague Lake A *Adams* on 9/16 (JA), and 1 at John Day Dam *Klickitat* on 9/16 (RS&PS). High count for w WA, 2000 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 8/27 (VN).

**Arctic Tern** Rare in e WA, 1 at Priest Rapids *Benton/Yakima* on 9/10 (BT).

**Forster's Tern** Locally uncommon, 1 at Port of Wilma *Whitman* on 9/9 (DiW&MK), and 18 at John Day Dam *Klickitat* on 9/17 (RS&PS).

**Black Tern** Reports from e WA include, 1 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 8/30 (SM), and 1 at Dodson Road *Grant* on 9/4 (HO).

**XANTUS'S MURRELET** 1 on Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 8/26 (GR).

**Ancient Murrelet** Locally uncommon, 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/20 (HV).

**Band-tailed Pigeon** Uncommon in e WA, 2 at Stampede Pass *Kittitas* on 8/22 (TAv).

**Long-eared Owl** 1 at Hart's Pass *Okanogan/Whitcom* on 8/2 (TAv).

**Short-eared Owl** 1 at Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/27 (RS&PS).

**Boreal Owl** 8 at Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/27 (RS&PS).

**Common Nighthawk** Reports from e WA include, 38 at Yakima Canyon *Yakima* on 8/17 (TAv), 90 at Stampede Pass *King/Kittitas* on 8/22 (TAv), and 4 at Oroville *Okanogan* on 9/12 (TAv). Reports for w WA, 1 at Mount Pleasant *Skamania* on 8/19 (WC), 2 at Brady *Grays Harbor* on 8/20 (RS&PS), and 12+ at Discovery Bay *Jefferson* on 8/30 (fide BN).

**Common Poorwill** Report from e WA, 2 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 8/22 (TAv).

**Black Swift** Reports include, 1 at Vantage

*Kittitas* on 9/10 (SM), 36 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/3 (SM), 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/7 (TAv), 2 at Brady *Grays Harbor* on 9/9 (RS&PS), 2 at Bayview SP *Skagit* on 9/9 (DR), and 2 at Washougal *Clark* on 9/17 (RS&PS).

**Vaux's Swift** High counts include, 200 at Clarkston *Asotin* on 9/4 (MK), and 400 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/31 (SM).

**BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** Rare in WA, 1 male at feeder in Asotin *Asotin* on 8/26 (MK&CV).

**ACORN WOODPECKER** Rare in WA, 1 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 8/31 (SM).

**Red-naped Sapsucker** Uncommon in w WA, 1 at Rainy Pass *Snobomish* on 8/2 (TAv), and 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/24 (RS&PS).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** Reports from e WA include, 1 at Yakima Canyon *Yakima* on 8/17 (TAv), 3 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/4 (RFI), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 9/4 (BW), and 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 9/11 (WH).

**Western Wood-Pewee** Late for w WA, 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/20 (BNN).

**Willow Flycatcher** Last reports for w WA include, 1 at Seattle *King* on 9/23 (JB), and 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/24 (RS&PS).

**Least Flycatcher** Uncommon in WA, 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 8/28 (SM), 2 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/4 (RFI), and 1 at Oroville *Okanogan* on 9/12 (TAv).

**Hammond's Flycatcher** Late report, 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 9/24 (WH).

**Gray Flycatcher** Locally uncommon, 1 at Horn Rapids *Benton* on 8/17 (DR), and 1 at Rattlesnake Mountain *Benton* on 8/26 (BLa&NLa).

**Pacific-slope Flycatcher** Last report for w WA, 1 at Woodland Park Zoo *King* on 9/26 (TAv).

**Ash-throated Flycatcher** Locally uncommon, 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 8/27 (SM), and 1 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 9/3 (DR).

**Western Kingbird** Last report, 2 at Toppenish NWR *Yakima* on 9/5 (TAv).

**Eastern Kingbird** Reports include, 20 at Yakima Canyon *Yakima* on 8/17 (TAv), 1 at Toppenish NWR *Yakima* on 9/3 (BNN).

**BLUE-HEADED VIREO** 1 at Palouse Falls SP *Franklin* on 8/28 (SM).

**Warbling Vireo** Last reports for e WA include, 1 at Richland *Benton* on 9/23 (BW), 2 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 9/23 (MD&MLD), and 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 9/24 (WH). Last report for w WA, Warbling Vireo 2 at Discovery Park *King* on 9/20 (TAv).

**Red-eyed Vireo** Reports from e WA include, 1 at Palouse Falls SP *Franklin* on

8/28 (SM), 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 9/4 (HO), 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/9 (RFI), and 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 9/11 (WH). Report from w WA, 1 at Lake Stevens *Snobomish* on 9/4 (SA).

**Western Scrub-Jay** Locally uncommon, 1 at Oak Bay *Jefferson* on 9/16 (BN).

**Clark's Nutcracker** Locally uncommon, 1 at Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 9/6 (TAv), and 30 at Snowden *Klickitat* on 9/16 (DiG).

**Horned Lark** Reports from w WA include, 2 at Seattle *King* on 9/10 (JB), and 3 at Oyhut *Grays Harbor* on 9/25 (Jbu).

**Purple Martin** Uncommon and local in w WA, 12 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 8/15 (MD&MLD), and 2 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 9/2 (RS&PS).

**Violet-green Swallow** High counts for w WA include, 600 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/31 (SM), and 200 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 9/3 (SA).

**Bank Swallow** Uncommon and local in w WA, 3 at Mount St Helens *Skamania* on 8/17 (WC), 100+ at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/31 (SM), and 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 9/3 (SA).

**Barn Swallow** High count for WA, 2800 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 8/31 (SM).

**Cliff Swallow** Last report, 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 9/22 (BLa&NLa).

**White-breasted Nuthatch** Uncommon and local in w WA, 4 at Steigerwald Lake NWR *Clark* on 9/27 (WC).

**Bewick's Wren** Local in e WA, 21 at Richland *Benton* on 8/23 (TAv), 1 at Toppenish NWR *Yakima* on 8/27 (BNN), and 3 at Benton City *Benton* on 9/10 (BT).

**House Wren** 1 at Spencer Island *Snobomish* on 9/3 (fide RR).

**BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER** Rare in WA, 1 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 9/23 (MD&MLD).

**Swainson's Thrush** Last reports include, 1 at Maryhill *Klickitat* on 9/16 (RS&PS), 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 9/20 (BNN), 1 at Lake Stevens *Snobomish* on 9/22 (SA), 1 at Woodland Park Zoo *King* on 9/24 (TAv), and 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 9/24 (RS&PS).

**Gray Catbird** Reports include, 1 at Richland *Benton* on 8/23 (TAv) and on 8/29 (SM&BW), 2 at Spokane *Spokane* on 9/11 (WH), and 4 at Oroville *Okanogan* on 9/12 (TAv).

**Northern Mockingbird** Uncommon in WA, 1 at Richland *Benton* on 8/7 (BW).

**American Pipit** High count, 205 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 9/24 (RS&PS).

**TENNESSEE WARBLER** Rare in WA, 1 Graysmarsh *Clallam* on 9/1 (SA).

**Nashville Warbler** Last reports include, 1 at Nisqually John *Whitman* on 9/9 (MK), and 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 9/10 (BT).

**Yellow Warbler** Last reports include, 2 at Woodland Park Zoo *King* on 9/26 (TAv), and 2 at Seattle *King* on 9/30 (SM).

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** Uncommon in e WA, 1 at Richland *Benton* on 9/6 (BLa&NLa,BW), 2 at Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 9/7 (TAv) with 1 there on 9/16 (RS&PS). Last report for w WA include, 1 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 9/20 (DR), and 1 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* on 9/24 (RS&PS).

**American Redstart** Locally uncommon, 1 immature male at Lyons Ferry SP *Franklin* on 8/28 (SM).

**Northern Waterthrush** Uncommon in w WA, 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/20 and 9/10 (SA).

**MacGillivray's Warbler** Reports from e WA include, 1 at Philleo Lake *Spokane* on 8/16 (WH), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 8/23 (TAv) and on 9/6 (BW), 1 at Oroville *Okanogan* on 9/12 (TAv), 2 at Maryhill *Klickitat* on on 9/16 (RS&PS), 1 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 9/23 (MD&MLD), Reports from w WA include, 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 8/20 and on 9/10 (SA), and 2 at Graysmarsh *Clallam* on 9/16 (SA).

**Wilson's Warbler** Late reports from e WA include, 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 9/24 (WH), 1 at Robinson Canyon *Kittitas* on 9/28 (TAv).

**Yellow-breasted Chat** Reports include, 4 at Umtanum Canyon *Kittitas* on 8/17 (TAv), 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 8/21 (WH), 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA f *Franklin* on 8/27 (SM).

**Western Tanager** Late reports from e WA include, 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 9/15 (WH), 3 at Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 9/16 (RS&PS), and 1 at Madame Dorion SP *Walla Walla* on 9/27 (TAv). Late reports from w WA include, 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/13 (BW), and 8 at Woodland Park Zoo *King* on 9/24 (TAv).

**Chipping Sparrow** Locally uncommon, 6 at Richland *Benton* on 9/4 (BW).

**Vesper Sparrow** Locally rare, 2 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 8/16 (MD&MLD).

**White-throated Sparrow** Uncommon in WA, 1 at Yakima *Yakima* on 9/10 (BT).

**Harris's Sparrow** Uncommon in WA, 1 at Shoreline *King* on 9/15 (MiD).

**Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow** First report for e WA, 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 8/27 (SM).

**Puget White-crowned Sparrow** Uncommon in e WA, 1 at Othello *Adams* on 9/10 (SM), 2 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 9/10 (SM).

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** Reports for e WA include, 1 at Othello *Adams* on 9/10 (SM) and on 9/29 (RFI), 1 at Vantage

*Kittitas* on 9/10 (SM) and 5 at Maryhill *Klickitat* on 9/16 (RS&PS). Early reports for w WA include 1 at Sequim *Clallam* on 9/2 (SA), and 1 at Woodland Park Zoo *King* on 9/9 (TAv).

**Lapland Longspur** 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/4 (SA).

**Black-headed Grosbeak** Late reports include 1 at Toppenish NWR *Yakima* on 8/27 (BNN), 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 9/13 (BW).

**Bobolink** Rare in w WA, 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 8/15 (VN).

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** Reports include, 35 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 9/27 (TAv), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 9/16 (SM).

**Bullock's Oriole** Local in w WA, 1 at Bellingham *Whatcom* on 9/4 (PHo).

**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** 1 recently fledged juvenile at Mount Daniel *Kittitas* on 8/25 (EH).

**Pine Grosbeak** 2 at Easy Pass *Skagit* on 8/2 (TAv).

**Purple Finch** Uncommon in e WA, 1 at Richland *Benton* on 8/29 (BLa&NLa), and 1 at Maryhill *Klickitat* on 9/16 (RS&PS).

**Cassin's Finch** 4 at Sunrise, Mount Rainier NP *Pierce* on 9/27 (RS&PS), and 2 "Below Hart's Pass, 5700'" *Hart's Pass Okanogan/Whatcom* on 8/3 (TAv).

**White-winged Crossbill** Uncommon and irregular in WA, 4 at Salmo Pass *Pend Oreille* on 9/25 (JA).

**Lesser Goldfinch** Local in WA, high counts include, 45 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 9/6 (TAv) with 43 there on 9/16 (RS&PS).

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