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Book Review:

## ***A Birder's Guide to Coastal Washington.***

by Bob Morse, edited by Bill Tweit and Steven Mlodinow

Reviewed by Andy Stepniewski

Birders will welcome and will be well served by a new book, ***A Birder's Guide to Coastal Washington*** by Bob Morse. This book deals exclusively with birding sites along Washington's coast. For the past 30 years, the birding community has relied on Wahl and Paulson's *A Guide to Birdfinding in Washington* to find and learn of Washington's great coastal birding sites. Bob's book updates this classic.

Birders flock to Washington State's varied and dramatic coast for a variety of reasons. Some come for pelagic birding opportunities. Deep waters off Westport offer some of the premier pelagic birding sites in North America. Black-footed and Laysan Albatrosses, a variety of shearwaters, including the stunning Buller's, and countless Sooties, perhaps a South Polar Skua or two, undoubtedly a number of jaegers, alcids, phalaropes, and numerous other species seldom seen from land make a pelagic trip off Westport a destination trip for birders from afar. Shorebirding is another draw. Ocean Shores, Bowerman Basin, Tokeland, or Leadbetter Point are famous wader sites. At these sites, an exciting assemblage of migrant shorebirds collects every spring and fall, including sought-after species such as Pacific-Golden-Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit, Rock Sandpiper, and Sharp-tailed Sandpiper. Each spring Bowerman Basin annually hosts a substantial portion of the world's population of Western Sandpipers and Short-billed Dowitchers. Large coastal embayments such as Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay, with their flotillas of migrant and wintering loons, grebes, bay ducks,

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This beautiful shot of a Forster's Tern at Soda Lake, Potholes, 6/3/01, brings back memories of summer, even as winter darkness sets in around us. Photograph by Diane Yorgason-Quinn.

## **Birding and Family Radio Service Radios**

**By Jack Stephens**

Most birders have probably experienced some or all of the aspects of the following scenario. You spend a few hours birding a refuge and head home only to find out that an interesting bird was found at the refuge just before you left. You head back but can't find anyone where you heard the bird was last reported. You spend 15 minutes scanning the area but there is no sign of the bird. You drive to the next pull off and find a group of birders that inform you that they were just on the bird a couple of minutes earlier but it flushed and nobody's sure where it went. There are several obvious places to look for it, but they are in opposite directions. If you could split up, the area could be covered more efficiently.

The cooperative use of Family Service Radio (FRS) two-way radios could avoid most of the pitfalls in the previous scenario. For those unfamiliar with FRS radios, they are the "walkie-talkies" that use a specific frequency band the FCC opened for public use several years ago. The band has fourteen channels, plus subcodes for each channel, so the multiple groups can communicate in the same area without interfering with each other. FRS radios are relatively inexpensive and allow two-way communications between users on the same channel and sub-code within a range of up to two miles. They do not require a license.

Recognizing the advantages of being able to communicate via FRS radios in situations similar to those described in the introductory scenarios, or being able to just find out what's about in the area at the moment, or even extending the discussion on a problematic bird, a number of birding communities have adopted standard FRS channels and subcodes for their county and state in the last couple of years. The

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# WOS Field Trips 2001

## Saturday, November 17

Wilson Cady will lead a field trip to Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Birds possible are: Great Egret, Sandhill Cranes, Red-shouldered Hawk, plus there is usually something good in winter in Clark County. Call Wilson at (360) 835-5947 or email at [gorgebirds@juno.com](mailto:gorgebirds@juno.com) to find out the time and meeting place. There is a limit of 12 birders.

## Date Uncertain

Ken Knittle will lead a field trip to Sequim Bay to Ediz Hook in Clallam County. Target birds are: Thayer's Gull, Yellow-billed Loon, Ancient Murrelet. Call Ken at (360) 805-6204 or email at [washingtonbirder@hotmail.com](mailto:washingtonbirder@hotmail.com) for meeting place and time. Limit to 10 birders.

**WOS Field Trips** allow members to explore places or revisit familiar haunts. Each trip is open to a limited number of participants. Each member may join up to four trips per year (excluding annual conference trips). Non-members may attend as a member's guest once per year. Questions about field trips should be directed to the trip leader(s). If you would like to lead a field trip, or would like to suggest a location for a field trip, send a note to [FieldTrips@wos.org](mailto:FieldTrips@wos.org).

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## WOS Membership Meetings 2001

### Monday, December 3, 2001

Pick out your favorite bird slides and share them with your WOS compatriots for Members' Slides Night. There are always some great surprises provided by the people around you.

**Monthly Membership Meetings** are held the first Monday of the month (except July, August, & September). They are held at the Center for Urban Horticulture on the University of Washington campus, 3501 NE 41st St., Seattle, and are open to all. The social begins at 7:00 p.m. and the program starts at 7:30 p.m.

## FRS Radios

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channel choices have been made based on area codes and others simple to remember combinations. An ABA committee has adopted channel 11 and subcode 22 as the FRS standard and ABA is recommending this channel and subcode be adopted nationally. Channel 11 and subcode 22 have been adopted for use in the Pacific Northwest.

A number of important issues came up in the ABA committee's conversations that needed to be addressed in an FRS recommendation. The committee hopes these recommendations will be seriously considered by all birders using FRS radios and adopted wherever possible. The committee is interested in hearing back from people about the recommendations and experiences in implementing them. Send correspondence to Jack Stephens, [jstephens62@home.com](mailto:jstephens62@home.com), the Washington state representative on the committee.

The ABA FRS Recommendations may be freely reproduced for distribution. You can download a copy from: <http://americanbirding.org/resources/resfrs.htm>

### ABA Recommendations on FRS Radio Usage for Birding

Radio communications on the standard channel/subcode should be limited to:

- requests and reports about the location of rare and interesting birds
- coordination between birding groups/parties

Radio communications should be considerate of other birders, non-birders, and the birds.

- radio users should be sensitive to the disturbance the volume of their radio and their speaking voice can have on others
- if you need to converse frequently with people in your group, switch to a different channel/subcode
- radio communications should take into account the potential impact on birds and habitat.

FRS radio feature recommendations:

- radio with 14 channels and 38 subcodes
- no radios that have "over/roger" tones that can't be disabled. These tones should always be disable in the field.

## RARE BIRD ALERTS

**WOS BirdBox** (206) 281-9172  
**Tri Cities Area** (509) 943-6857  
**SE Wash/N Idaho** (208) 882-6195  
**South Idaho** (208) 236-3337  
**Oregon** (503) 292-0661  
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### *Field Notes & Washington Field Notes*

**WINTER DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15**  
(August — November 2001 sightings)

Send bird sightings to:

**Russell Rogers**  
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Olympia WA 98512  
[rrogers122@home.com](mailto:rrogers122@home.com)



**Washington Review Species** – Reports of review species (see *Washington Birds* 5:1-6 or the WOS Field Card) may be sent to the “Washington Field Notes” compiler or directly to the Washington Bird Records Committee, c/o Phil Mattocks, 5421 Hanson Rd., Ellensburg WA 98926.

Please submit detailed descriptions and drawings or photographs, if possible, of unusual birds.

**BAND RECOVERIES** (“Avisé” leg bands) should be reported. Include the band number, along with how, when, and where the band was recovered, preferably with reference to the nearest town. Persons who report bands receive a Certificate of Appreciation telling when, where, and by whom the bird was banded, so be sure to include your full name and address with all reports.

Report to:

Bird Banding Laboratory  
12100 Beech Forest Road, Suite 4037  
Laurel MD 20708  
Phone: (800) 327-BAND  
E-mail [bandreports@patuxent.nbs.gov](mailto:bandreports@patuxent.nbs.gov)  
<http://www.pwrc.nbs.gov/bbl>

## FRIDAY BIRDING

Gray scrim ahead  
Bulbous clouds  
Early February  
Going north  
  
No rain or breeze  
Red-tailed hawks  
Guard the freeway  
Sentinels eye road-kill

Camano cut-off  
Ground fog  
Minimal two-lane  
Straight through

Sewage ponds  
Pintails, Gulls, Shovelers  
Merganser’s punk hair-style  
Charming

Farmland special  
Great Blue Heron  
Variety of stances  
A Mockingbird today?

On past Big Ditch  
Fir Island Road  
Thousands of Snow Geese  
Crowd one another

Sky alive, fluttering  
Black wing-tips  
Tired white feathers  
Scores and scores

Grubbing the moist earth  
Whole families  
Of families  
White on the field

Eagles oversee  
Highest of all creatures  
Cooper’s on wires  
Hawks in big numbers today

No tweety birds  
Eleven Wild Turkeys?  
Feathered raptors  
Easy Ducks

Scrim lifts  
Behold fluffy clouds  
A patch of blue  
Friday birding

Polly Little

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## A Birder's Guide to Coastal Washington—review

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gulls and terns, and clouds of wheeling Dunlin, are yet another attraction, as are marauding Peregrines and Merlins.

There's still more! The rugged and spectacular North Coast, with its numerous sea stacks, hosts thousands of nesting seabirds such as Fork-tailed and Leach's Storm-Petrels, Cassin's Auklet, Rhinoceros Auklet, and Common Murres. On the rocks are piping Black Oystercatchers, and numerous "rockpipers." Nearby are the vast temperate rain forests found in Olympic National Park, surely one of the world's most impressive conifer forests. On moss-draped limbs in these towering trees, the threatened Marbled Murrelet nests, a peculiar nest site for an Alcid.

This is the Washington coast. It is no wonder this region receives international acclaim. Washington residents sometimes forget that in our midst are birding destinations advertised all over the world. Bob's book leads us to all the best sites along the Washington coast to watch birds in the many bird-rich habitats.

The book contains six major sections, beginning with "An Introduction to Coastal Washington," which characterizes the two very distinct regions of the coast: the North Coast - rocky and very rugged, and the altogether different South Coast, where low hills, for the most part, meet wide, sandy beaches, and large estuarine bays.

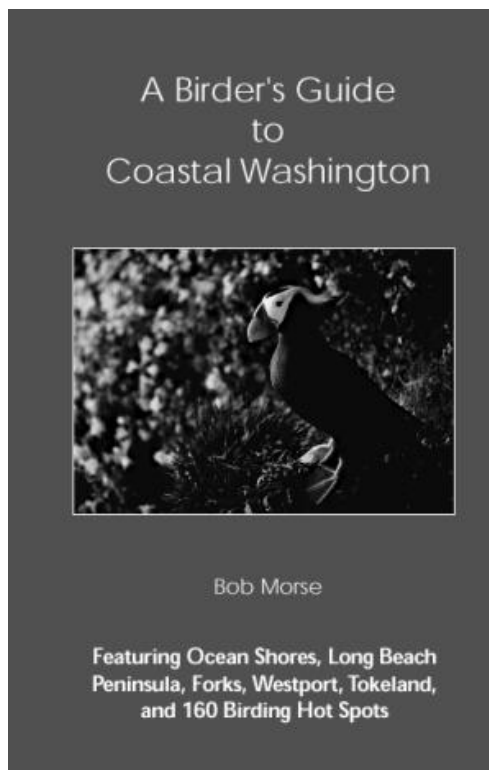
"How to Use this Guide" follows. This part guides the reader to make it easy to find information and navigate through the book. In particular, this section identifies the "Specialties", those species the birder may be most anxious to see. Supplemental information such as a mileage chart, and how to report rare birds is found here, also.

"Geography and Climate" is the third section. This describes the distinctive geography and climate of the Washington coast.

The fourth section is titled "Coastal Habitats." Bob has wisely chosen to follow Wahl and Paulson's habitat categories. Color photos depict each of the nine major coastal habitats, a wonderful aid in conveying to the

reader the beautiful nature of the Washington coast.

"Coastal Birding Areas," the major part of the book, is divided in two subsections: the North Coast, and the South Coast. Birding locations begin on the North Coast at Clallam Bay, actually on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The South Coast ends approximately 30 miles inland along the Columbia River at Puget Island, the approximate inland influence of the tides. Directions and mileages to each site are given. Each site is described, and interesting species listed. Excellent maps, in the American Birding Association style,



accompany each site. A color photograph, a very nice touch, also accompanies many site descriptions. Indeed, these images show off the beauty of the Washington coast, substantially enhancing the value of this book, and allowing the reader to vicariously visit coastal Washington. After all, don't all birders pour through site guides in preparation of a visit? With these nice photos, we now are much better prepared before our visit.

Washington's well-known coastal birding sites such as Ocean Shores, Westport (and Westport pelagics), Tokeland, Willapa Bay, Leadbetter Point, and the North Jetty of the

Columbia River all receive comprehensive treatment. Bob also includes a number of "new" areas to give the seasoned birder a great excuse to visit the coast: Willoughby Ridge above the Hoh River, Quinault Ridge Road, Campbell Tree Grove, Moclips to Ocean City, Lake Swano, Monte Brady Loop Road, the Wenzel Slough area, Wynoochee Valley, Johns River, and Julia Butler Hansen NWR are all enticing, little known sites.

Appendices follow, including a "Checklist of Coastal Washington Birds," which includes status symbols for the four seasons. A major appendix "Washington Coastal Specialties" follows. This very useful section targets 82 species visiting birders often wish to see. A color photograph illustrates most. A short summary of the seasonal status and whereabouts of each is also given. More detailed information is given for a few species. Canada Geese, which has a number of identifiable forms, is given greater coverage, as is Marbled Murrelet.

An appendix on "Coastal Birding Organizations," with addresses and phone numbers (for some) is a useful section, as is a list of the four Christmas Bird Counts, with names and phone numbers of current compilers. Short sections with information on Forest Passes, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife decals, weather, tides, maps, and "Other Contacts" are also useful.

Finally, a very detailed appendix lists most motels, bed and breakfasts, RV parks, and campgrounds. Though some of this information is bound to be out-of-date shortly, this section will certainly aid the visiting birder.

This appealing and information-packed guide is certainly a most useful aid to any birder contemplating a trip to the fabulous Washington coast.

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Editor's Note: A Birder's Guide to Coastal Washington can be ordered by sending a check for \$23.47 (includes tax, shipping) to: R.W. Morse Company, P.O. Box 12302, Olympia, WA 98508. There is also a website: [www.birdingcoastalwa.com](http://www.birdingcoastalwa.com).

## Submission Guidelines for WOS Field Notes

By Tom Aversa

I would like to encourage the readers of this newsletter to submit bird reports from Washington. Although the field notes column presents bird records as best as possible for each reporting period, it can only be as good as the reports turned in by the active birders of the state.

Please send any interesting reports, including rare species, out of season birds, early, late and high counts of birds. Please include location, exact date, number of birds, and details on extremely unusual reports. Details should include viewing and weather conditions, as well as information that facilitated the identification. Due to space limitations, all reports will not be included, but we will make every effort to present as many as possible.

Records can be submitted by e-mail or surface mail to Russell Rogers at [Rogers122@home.com](mailto:Rogers122@home.com), or 6637 Glenwood Drive, Olympia, WA. 98512. Russell receives all records, which are then forwarded to me, as well as Steve Mlodinow, for possible inclusion into North American Birds.

The year is broken down into winter (December-February), spring migration (March-May), breeding season (June-July), and fall migration (August-November). Reports should be received within the first 2 weeks of the month following the reporting period, (For example, send fall reports within the first two weeks of December). Russell will post an e-mail reminder on Tweeters to remind birders of these deadlines.

WOS greatly appreciates those who have been submitting field reports, but would like to see many others make submissions. A post to the Tweeters list server, or a call to the Birdbox does not take the place of reports submitted directly to this reporting system. Although we attempt to distill as many of the notable reports from other sources, the best way to get accurate records included in these publications is to submit directly to Russell.

### Compiled by Tom Aversa

"Washington Field Notes" are distilled from reports sent to Russell Rogers ([rogers122@home.com](mailto:rogers122@home.com)) and the compiler at the end of each reporting period, and to a lesser extent from birding hotlines, and listserves. For corrections or information contact the compiler at [tom.aversa@zoo.org](mailto:tom.aversa@zoo.org).

### Washington Field Notes December 2000----February 2001

**Pacific Loon** Reports from e WA included 1 at the Yakima RD *Benton* on 12/18, (MD&MLD), 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/30 (fide RR), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 1/2 (RF), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 1/2 (NL, RF) with 2 there on 1/6 (MD, KK) and 1 on 1/8 (BW), 1 at Bridgeport *Douglas* on 1/27 (PS&RS), and 1 at Wanapum Dam *Kittitas* on 2/14 (RFL). High count for w WA 850 at Blaine *Whatcom* on 2/22 (SM,TA).

**ARCTIC LOON** Rare in WA. 2 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 12/9 (fide RR) and 12/10 (BL, MR), with 1 there through at least through 1/19 (VN), 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 1/29 (fide RR), through at least through 2/11 (AK, MDo), and 1 at Ediz Hook *Clallam* on 2/6 (fide RR).

**Common Loon** High Count for e WA. 8 at Richland *Benton* on 12/28 (BW).

**Yellow-billed Loon** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/30 (fide RR), 1 albino at Tacoma *Pierce* on 12/16 (BL), and 2 at Sequim Bay *Clallam* on 12/18 (BL, EKr).

**Red-necked Grebe** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 1/2 (BW, RF). High counts from w WA included 195 at Priest Point *Snobomish* on 12/9 (SM), 100 at Fort Worden SP *Jefferson* and 100 at Kingston *Kitsap* on 1/3 (TAv).

**Eared Grebe** Reports from e WA included 6 at Richland *Benton* on 12/30 with several present through 2/28 (BL), 15 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 12/28 (fide RR), and 4 at Kennewick *Benton* on 1/2 (BW). High count for w WA. 13 at Utsalady Bay *Island* on 2/22 (SM).

**Western Grebe** Uncommon in e WA in winter. 6 at Clarkston *Asotin* on 12/30 (MK). High count for w WA 350 at Discovery Park *King* on 1/27 (fide RR).

**Clark's Grebe** Uncommon in winter. 1 at Clarkston *Asotin* on 12/2 (MK). Reports from w WA included 1 at Bellingham *Whatcom* on 12/7 (PHo), 1 at Port Gamble *Kitsap* on 12/15 (SM), 1 at Fox Island *Pierce* on 12/16 (BL), and 1 at Tacoma *Pierce* on 2/11 (BL, RSh).

**SHORT-TAILED ALBATROSS** Rare in WA. 1 on the Westport Pelagic trip *Grays Harbor* on 1/27 (BL).

**Black-footed Albatross** Very low count. 1 on the Westport Pelagic trip *Grays Harbor* on 1/27 (BL).

**Laysan Albatross** Uncommon in WA. At least 4 on the Westport Pelagic trip *Grays Harbor* on 1/27 (BL).

**Northern Fulmar** Reports included 8 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 with 1 there on 12/17 (PS&RS), 150 at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 12/3 (SM), 1 from the Port Angeles Ferry *Clallam* on 12/17 (SA), and 2 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 12/25 (PS&RS) and 12/28 (SM).

**Short-tailed Shearwater** Reports included 3 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 (PS&RS), 2 at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 12/3 (SM), 2 at Point Defiance *Pierce* on 12/17 (GRe), 1 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 12/25 (PS&RS) with 5 there on 1/13 (MD&MLD), and 11 on the Westport Pelagic trip *Grays Harbor* on 1/27 (BL).

**American White Pelican** Uncommon in winter. 12 at Beverly *Grant* on 1/4 (HO, BSe), and 45 at Richland *Benton* on 2/5 (BW).

**Great Egret** Reports included 1 or 2 at Ringold *Franklin* from 12/3 through 1/6 (LN), 33 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/7 (TAv), 26 at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 1/18 (TAv), and 2 at Woodland *Cowlitz* on 2/18 (KK).

**Cattle Egret** Rare in winter. 2 at Burbank Heights *Walla Walla* on 12/2 (MD&MLD).

**Green Heron** Uncommon in winter in w WA. 1 at Marymoor Park *King* from 12/13 through at least 1/31 (MiH).

**Black-crowned Night Heron** Reports included 1 at Chief Timothy SP *Asotin* on 12/2 (MK), 46 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 1/14 (DR), 4 at Warm Beach *Snobomish* on 12/30 (SM), 2 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 1/10 (TAv) and 1/14 (PS&RS), and 1 at Kala Point *Jefferson* on 2/13 (fide BN).

**WHITE IBIS** First state record. 1 at Bay Center *Pacific* on 12/30 (CHa), and 1, probably the same bird, at Menlo *Pacific* from 1/11 to 1/22 (m.ob).

**Turkey Vulture** Uncommon and local in winter. 1 at Chinook *Pacific* on 12/31 (PS&RS), 1 at Ilwaco *Pacific* on 12/31 (KK), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 2/18 (KK).

**Tundra Swan** High counts included 500 at Asotin Slough *Asotin* on 12/2 (MK), and 1000 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/17 (TAv).

## Washington Field Notes

**Trumpeter Swan** Locally uncommon. 52 at Brady *Grays Harbor* on 12/6 (TAv), with 78 there on 12/25 (PS&RS), 4 at Ilwaco *Pacific* on 12/25 (PS&RS), with 11 there on 1/6 (fide RR), 11 at the Cedar River Mouth *Pacific* on 1/13 (PS&RS), 11 at Duckabush *Jefferson* on 1/31 (BS), and 24 at Sequim *Clallam* on 2/15 (TAv), 3 at Othello *Adams* on 2/24 (RFI).

**Greater White-fronted Goose** Reports included 7 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 12/2 (MD&MLD), 14 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 (PS&RS) with 11 there on 12/6 (TAv), 48 at Steigerwald Lake NWR *Clark* on 12/24 with 61 there on 1/22 (WC), and 22 at Bay Center *Pacific* on 12/25 (PS&RS) with 14 there on 2/7 (TAv).

**Greater White-fronted X "Cackling" Canada Goose** 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/14 (TAv).

**Snow Goose** Uncommon locally. 8 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/7 (TAv) with 200 there on 2/16 (JE), 3 at Nemah *Pacific* on 12/26 (BS).

**Emporor Goose** Rare in WA. 1 crippled bird remained at Port Angeles *Clallam* throughout the period (m.ob), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 12/31 (fide RR) to at least 1/11 (JE).

**Brant** Rare away from salt water. 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 1/11 through at least 2/20 (JE).

**Wood Duck** High counts included 28 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 1/7 (PS&RS), and 36 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 2/2 MD&MLD).

**"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Richland *Benton* on 2/17 (BLa&NLa) through the end of the period (RF), 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 12/25 (SM), 1 at Sequim *Clallam* on 2/15 (TAv), 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 2/21 (TAv), through at least 2/25 (JB), 1 at Blaine *Whatcom* on 2/25 (TAv, SM), and 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 2/28 (MiH).

**"Eurasian" X "American" Green-winged Teal** 1 at Everett STP *Snobomish* on 12/30 (SM).

**Northern Pintail X Mallard** 2 at Spencer Island *Snobomish* on 12/17 (SM), and 2 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 12/22 (MD&MLD).

**Cinnamon Teal** Uncommon in winter. 1 male at Spencer Island *Snobomish* on 12/31 (GT), 1 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wabkiakum* on 1/17 (BT), 9 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 2/12 (JE), and 1 male at Sequim *Clallam* on 2/15 (TAv, SGe).

**Eurasian Wigeon** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Richland *Benton* from 12/17 with 2 there through at least 2/8 (m.ob), 1 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 12/26 (DR), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 1/8 (DR), 1 at Orondo *Douglas* on 1/27 (PS&RS). High count for w WA. 50 males at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 2/14 (TAv).

**Canvasback** Reports included 57 at Othello *Adams* on 2/24 (RFI), 34 at Ilwaco *Pacific* on 12/25 (PS&RS), and 725 at Everett *Snobomish* on 12/30 (SM).

**Redhead** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Stanwood STP *Snobomish* on 1/28 (fide RR), and 3 at Olympia *Thurston* on 2/24 (PS&RS).

**Tufted Duck** Uncommon in WA. 1 male at Bingen *Klickitat* on 12/3 (BLa&NLa) through at least 2/20 (m.ob), 1 female at Everett STP *Snobomish* on 12/6 (SM), and 1 male at Issaquah *King* on 2/24 (CHa, ED).

**Greater Scaup** High counts included 350 at Wanapum Pool *Grant* on 2/14 RFI, and 460 at Magnuson Park *King* on 2/19 (JB).

**Lesser Scaup** High count. 3500 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 2/16 (MD&MLD).

**Harlequin Duck** Locally uncommon. 2 at McNeil Island *Pierce* on 12/16 (BL), and 6 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 1/27 (BL). High count 70 at Sequim Bay *Clallam* on 2/13 (EKr).

**Long-tailed Duck** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 12/3 through at least 1/27 (BLa&NLa), 1 at Quincy *Grant* on 12/10 (MHi), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 12/30 to at least 2/13 (m.ob), 1 male at the Yakima RD *Benton* on 1/5 (MD&MLD), 1 female at Banks Lake *Grant* on 1/5 (HO, BSe), 1 at Fort Spokane *Lincoln* on 2/13 (JA), and 2 at Asotin *Asotin* on 2/21 (MK). Locally uncommon in w WA. 19 at Tacoma *Pierce* on 12/16 (BL), 2 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 1/13 (PS&RS), 3 on the Westport Pelagic trip *Grays Harbor* on 1/27 (BL). High count 1192 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 12/18 (BL).

**Black Scoter** Locally uncommon. 10 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 with 32 there on 2/3 (PS&RS).

**Surf Scoter** High count. 3000 at Kalaloch *Jefferson* on 2/15 (BS).

**White-winged Scoter** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Lower Granite Dam *Garfield/Whitman* on 1/28 (JLi).

**Common Goldeneye** High count. 1500 at Pasco *Franklin* on 1/5 (MD&MLD).

**Barrow's Goldeneye** Reports from e WA included 10 at Banks Lake *Grant* on 1/13 (RFI), 4 at Richland *Benton* on 1/14 (BW), 2

at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery *Lewis* on 12/21 (TAv). Unusual locations for w WA. 1 female at Lake Sammamish SP *King* on 1/16 (MiH), and 2 at Elma *Grays Harbor* on 2/24 (PS&RS).

**Common X Barrow's Goldeneye** Rarely reported. 1 male at Ediz Hook *Clallam* on 2/15 (TAv, SGe).

**Common Merganser** High count. 225 at Kenmore *King* on 2/6 (MiH).

**Red-breasted Merganser** Reports from e WA included 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 12/1 through at least 1/6 (BLa&NLa), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 12/2 through at least 1/6 (DR), 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 12/3 (BLa&NLa), and 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/30 (fide RR).

**Osprey** Rare in winter. 1 at Issaquah *King* on 2/25 (RL).

**White-tailed Kite** Reports included 1 at Mima Mounds Natural Area *Thurston* on 12/9 (CC), 2 at Curtis *Lewis* on 12/21 (TAv) and 1/17 (BT), 4 at Chinook *Pacific* on 12/25 with 5 there on 12/31 (PS&RS), 4 at Puget Island *Wabkiakum* on 12/26 (RO) with 1 there on 1/21 (MD&MLD), 1 at Skookumchuck River *Lewis* on 12/28 (fide RR), 1 at North Cove *Pacific* on 1/20 (PS&RS).

**RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** Rare in WA. 2 immatures at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/7 (TAv) through at least 2/14 (JE) with 1 there on 2/18 (KK), 1 adult at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/10 (JE), and 1/14 (WC), 1 immature at Spencer Island *Snobomish* on 12/17 (SM) through the end of the reporting period (m.ob), 1 immature at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 12/17 (BS) through at least 2/3 (fide RR), 1 immature at Brady *Grays Harbor* on 1/14 (GT) through at least 2/10 (PS&RS), and 1 immature at Steigerwald Lake NWR *Clark* on 1/24 (WC).

**"Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk** Reports included 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/2 with up to 4 present through 1/31 (JE), 1 adult at Samish Flats *Skagit* 12/8 (SM) with two present until at least 2/14 (TAv), 1 immature at Skagit WMA *Skagit* 12/8 (SM), 2 at Lake Terrell *Whatcom* on 12/10 (SM), 3 at Stanwood *Snobomish* on 12/13 (TAv), 1 at Snohomish *Snobomish* on 12/24 (SA), 1 light morph at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 12/28 (SM), 3 adults at Lummi Flats *Whatcom* on 12/28 through at least 2/22 (TAv), and 1 at Birch Bay *Whatcom* 1/19 (RL).

**Rough-legged Hawk** Locally uncommon in w WA. 2 at Steigerwald Lake NWR *Clark* on 12/2 (JE), 4 at Ocean Shores

*Grays Harbor* on 12/2 (PS&RS), 1 at Tacoma *Pierce* on 12/14 (PS&RS), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 12/26 (PS&RS), and 1 at Duvall *King* on 1/17 (TAv).

**Golden Eagle** Locally uncommon in w WA. 2 at Skookumchuck Reservoir *Thurston* on 2/22 (fide RR).

**Merlin** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Richland *Benton* on 12/9 through at least 1/28 (BW), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 12/14 and 1/10 (RFI), 1 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 12/26 (DR), 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 1/1 (BW), and 1 at Heller Bar *Asotin* on 1/13 (MK).

**Peregrine Falcon** Reports from e WA included 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 12/23 (DR), 2 at Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 1/7 (PS&RS), 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 2/5 (NL, BW), and 1 at Sacajawea SP *Franklin* on 2/8 (LN).

**Gyrfalcon** Reports included, 1 brown bird at West Seattle *King* on 12/10 (RT), 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/17 (PS&RS), 1 adult gray morph at Snohomish *Snohomish* on 12/30 (fide RR) through at least 2/19 (SM), 1 immature at Mondovi *Lincoln* on 1/16 (JA), 1 gray morph at Badger Wells *Douglas* on 1/17 (BT), 1 brown bird at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 1/6 through at least 1/12 (ED), and 1 juvenile at Snohomish *Snohomish* on 2/1 (fide RR) through at least 2/8 (TAv).

**Prairie Falcon** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 1/6 (ED) through at least 1/16 (m.ob), and 1 at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 1/18 and 1/19 (VN).

**Gray Partridge** Reports included 2 at Lewis Peak *Walla Walla* on 1/25 (MD&MLD), and 5 at Medical Lake *Spokane* on 1/30 (DR).

**Sharp-tailed Grouse** Uncommon and local in WA. 7 at Foster Creek *Douglas* on 1/5 (BL,RSh), 2 at Bridgeport *Douglas* on 1/27, with 18 there on 1/27 (PS&RS).

**Turkey** Reports included 65 at Montgomery Ridge Rd *Asotin* on 2/3 (MK), and 7 at McCormick *Lewis* on 1/13 (PS&RS).

**Sandhill Crane** Uncommon and local in winter. 600 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 1/18 (TAv). Early migrants include a small flock overhead at Mount Pleasant *Skamania* on 2/24 (WC).

**Black-bellied Plover** High counts included 2700 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 2/7 (TAv), and 160 at Sequim *Clallam* on 2/15 (TAv).

**Snowy Plover** Uncommon and local in winter. 15 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 1/20

(BSm) with 32 there on 2/10 (PS&RS), and 10 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 2/7 (TAv).

**Semipalmated Plover** Uncommon and local in winter. 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 12/9 (BN,JMu), and 25 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 1/20 (BSm), and on 2/10 (PS&RS).

**Killdeer** High count. 206 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/17 (TAv).

**MOUNTAIN PLOVER** Rare in WA. 1 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* from 12/22 to at least 1/6 (m.ob).

**Greater Yellowlegs** Uncommon in winter in e WA. 1 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 1/17 (MD&MLD), 7 at Yakima RD *Benton* 2/26 (BW). Reports from w WA included 8 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 (PS&RS), 82 at Nemah *Pacific* on 12/25 (PS&RS), with 88 there on 1/4 (SM,TA), and 1 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wahkiakum* on 2/14 (DR).

**Lesser Yellowlegs** Rare in winter. 1 at North River *Pacific* on 12/28 (SM), and 2 at Smith Creek *Pacific* on 1/13 (MD&MLD).

**Willet** Uncommon and local. 12 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 12/28 (SM), with 13 on 1/20 (PS&RS), and 11 there on 2/1 (TAv).

**Spotted Sandpiper** Uncommon in winter. 1 at Priest Point *Snohomish* on 12/9 (SM) through at least 2/5 (GT), 1 at Ilwaco *Pacific* on 12/27 (TAv), 1 at Esquatzel Flume *Franklin* on 1/27 (JJ&CJ) and 1/28 (LN,RF), and 1 at Prosser *Benton* on 2/3 (BW).

**Whimbrel** Uncommon and local. 2 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 12/28 (SM).

**Long-billed Curlew** Uncommon and local in winter. 1 at Blaine *Whatcom* on 12/10 (SM), and 40 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 2/1 (TAv).

**Marbled Godwit** Local in w WA in winter. 3 at Blaine *Whatcom* on 12/10 (SM) with 2 there on 12/28 (TAv), 300 at North Willapa Bay *Pacific* on 12/28 (SM), and 125 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 1/13 (PS&RS) with 250 there on 2/1 (TAv).

**Ruddy Turnstone** Local in winter. 1 at Penn Cove *Island* on 12/12 (SM).

**Black Turnstone** Locally uncommon. 7 at West Seattle *King* on 1/7 (ED), 1 at Hamma Hamma River *Mason* on 1/17 (fide BS). High count. 70 at Camano Island SP *Island* on 1/28 (fide RR).

**Surfbird** High counts included. 44 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 12/25 (PS&RS), and 30 at West Seattle *King* on 1/7 (ED).

**Western Sandpiper** High counts included 690 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 1/4 (SM), 100 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 2/1

(TAv), and 214 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 2/10 (PS&RS).

**Least Sandpiper** Uncommon in e WA in winter. 2 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 12/28 (BW) with 10 there on 12/30 and lesser numbers through the end of the reporting period (BL&NL), and 3 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 1/6 (PS&RS). High counts for w WA included 40 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* 12/6 (TAv), 78 at Bay Center *Pacific* on 12/31 (PS&RS), and 65 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 1/1 (PS&RS).

**Rock Sandpiper** Uncommon and local. 3 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 (PS&RS), with 10 on 2/1 (TAv) and 15 there on 2/21 (VN). The Pribilof race individual was reported from 12/6 through at least 2/21 (VN).

**Dunlin** Uncommon in winter in e WA. 61 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 1/6 (DR), with 42 there on 1/29 (BW), 34 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 1/6 (PS&RS). High count for w WA. 55,000 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 2/7 (TAv).

**Pomarine Jaeger** Rare in winter. 1 on the Westport Pelagic trip *Grays Harbor* on 1/27 (BL).

**Little Gull** Rare in WA. 1 first winter bird at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 12/12 through at least 2/10 (VN).

**Bonaparte's Gull** High count. 500 at Point Defiance *Pierce* on 12/17 (GrE).

**Mew Gull** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 12/1 (NL) with 3 on 12/22 (DR) and 1 there on 1/10 (BW), and 1 at Ice Harbor Dam *Franklin/Walla Walla* on 12/2 (MD&MLD). High count for w WA 1400 at Everett STP *Snohomish* on 2/5 (fide RR).

**Thayer's Gull** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 12/30 (BL), 1 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 1/4 (HO,BSe), and 1 at Clarkston *Asotin* on 2/4 (MK).

**LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL** Rare in WA. 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 12/31 (BL,MD) through at least 1/6 (KK), later found at Richland *Benton* 1/8 (BW) and at Hussey Rd. *Walla Walla* through at least 2/12 (MD&MLD).

**Western Gull** Rare in e WA. 1 adult at Ice Harbor Dam *Franklin/Walla Walla* on 12/10 (MD&MLD).

**Glaucous Gull** Low numbers this winter, reports included 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 12/28 (DiG), 1 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 1/1 (BL&NL), 1 adult at Grand Coulee *Grant* on 1/5 (BL,RSh), 1 at Everett STP *Snohomish* on 1/15 (fide RR), 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 2/3

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(PS&RS), and 1 at Seattle *King* on 2/26 (fide RR).

**Black-legged Kittiwake** Reports included 300 at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 12/3 (SM), 21 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 12/31 (PS&RS), 360 on the Westport Pelagic trip *Grays Harbor* on 1/27 (BL), 105 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 2/3 (PS&RS), and 9 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 2/10 (PS&RS).

**Common Murre** High counts. 1000 from the Port Angeles Ferry *Clallam* on 12/17 (SA), and 250 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 1/13 (MD&MLD).

**Marbled Murrelet** High count. 110 at Port Gamble *Kitsap* on 12/2 (SM).

**Ancient Murrelet** High counts included 200 from the Port Angeles Ferry *Clallam* on 12/17 (SA), 1308 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 12/18 (BL), 488 within 22 minutes at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 12/28 (VN), 400 at Port Townsend *Jefferson* on 1/3 (TAv).

**Cassin's Auklet** High count. 90 on Westport Pelagic trip *Grays Harbor* on 1/27 (BL).

**Great-horned Owl** 1 on nest at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 1/25 (TAv).

**Snowy Owl** Reports from e WA included 1 in Lincoln county *Lincoln* 12/29 with 4 on 2/11 and 9 there on 2/25 (JA), 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 2/11 (MD&MLD). Reports for w WA included 1 at Seattle *King* on 12/1 (fide RR), 2 at Dungeness Spit *Clallam* on 12/2 (SM), 2 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 (PS&RS), with 1 on 2/1 (TAv), and 3 there on 2/21 (VN), 1 at Tacoma *Pierce* on 12/3 (MR,BL), until at least 12/14 (PS&RS), 2 at Everett *Snohomish* on 12/30 (SM), 2 at Big Ditch *Snohomish* on 1/1 (SM) and 1/7 (AK,MDo), with 3 there on 12/24 (ED).

**NORTHERN HAWK OWL** Rare in WA. 1 at Bickleton *Klickitat* on 2/2 (BLa&NLa), 1 at Custer *Whatcom* on 12/30 (DiM), through at least 1/31 (m.ob).

**Burrowing Owl** Rare in winter. 1 at Pasco *Franklin* on 1/7 (PS&RS), and 2 at Richland WSU campus artificial burrow *Benton* on 2/8 (BW).

**Long-eared Owl** High count for e WA. 9 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 12/28 (MD&MLD). Uncommon in w WA. 2 at Discovery Park *King* on 12/3 (fide RR), with 1 there through at least 12/5 (MiH).

**Short-eared Owl** High count. 12 at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 12/7 (TAv).

**Lewis' Woodpecker** High counts included 21 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 1/6 with 40 there on 1/12 (MD, KK).

**ACORN WOODPECKER** 2 at traditional location in Lyle *Klickitat* on 1/7 (PS&RS).

**Red-breasted Sapsucker** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 12/3 and 1/27 (BLa&NLa).

**Red-breasted X Red-naped Sapsucker** Returned to exact same location as last year. 1 male at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/17 (TAv).

**Say's Phoebe** Uncommon in winter. 1 at Asotin Slough *Asotin* on 12/30 (MK). Early arrivals in e WA. 1 at Columbia NWR *Adams/Grant* on 2/11 (RFI), 1 at West Richland *Benton* on 2/11 (HB), and 1 at Little Goose Dam *Columbia* on 2/24 (MK).

**TROPICAL KINGBIRD** Rare in WA. 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 (PS&RS), until at least 12/4 (BN, JMu).

**Loggerhead Shrike** Uncommon in winter. 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/30 (fide RR), 1 at Crab Creek *Adams* on 1/24 (RFI), and 1 at Douglas *Douglas* on 1/27 (PS&RS), and 1 Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 2/23 (RFI).

**Cassin's Vireo** Rare in winter. 1 at Bickleton *Klickitat* on 2/22 (GuH).

**Blue Jay** Uncommon in WA. 2 at Spokane *Spokane* on 1/4 (JA), 1 at White Salmon *Klickitat* on 1/7 (PS&RS) until at least 2/4 (CF), 1 at Ellensburg *Kittitas* on 1/21 (fide RR), and 1 at Richland *Benton* on 2/5 (BLa&NLa).

**Western Scrub Jay** Locally uncommon. 2 at Menlo *Pacific* on 1/13 (PS&RS), and 1 at Stanwood *Snohomish* on 1/14 (PS&RS).

**Clark's Nutcracker** Unusual location. 1 at Orcas Island *San Juan* on 2/28 (fide BN).

**American Crow** High count. 25,000 at Snohomish *Snohomish* on 2/19 (fide RR).

**Horned Lark** Reports from w WA included 16 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 (PS&RS), and 25 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 1/20 (PS&RS) with 28 there on 2/1 (TAv, SGe).

**Tree Swallow** First reports included 2 at Monroe *Snohomish* on 2/8 (TAv), 12 at Elma *Grays Harbor* on 2/10 (PS&RS), and 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 2/21 (ED).

**Barn Swallow** Uncommon in winter 1 at Dungeness *Clallam* on 12/28 (fide BN), 2 at Bay Center *Pacific* on 1/6 (fide RR), and 3 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 1/13 (BLa&NLa).

**Mountain Chickadee** Unusual locations. 1 at Crow Butte SP *Benton* on 1/6 and 1/27 (BLa&NLa), and 1 at Starbuck *Columbia* on 2/10 (MD&MLD).

**Rock Wren** Uncommon in winter. 3 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/1 (AS), 2 at

Soap Lake *Grant* on 12/28 (fide RR), 2 at Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 1/7 (PS&RS), and 1 at Little Goose Dam *Columbia* on 2/10 (MD&MLD).

**Canyon Wren** High count. 6 at Little Goose Dam *Columbia* on 2/10 (MD&MLD).

**American Dipper** Unusual location. 1 at Esquatzel Flume *Franklin* on 12/18 (MD) with 2 there throughout the period (m.ob).

**Western Bluebird** Reports from e WA included 7 at West Richland *Benton* 12/17 (CJ), 7 at Lyle *Klickitat* on 1/7 (PS&RS), and 10 at Murdock *Klickitat* on 1/26 (MD&MLD).

**Mountain Bluebird** Rare in winter. 1 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 1/24 (RFI).

**Townsend's Solitaire** Reports from e WA included 1 at Blue Creek *Walla Walla* on 12/10 (MD&MLD), 6 at Toats Coulee *Okanagon* on 12/25 (fide RR), and 1 at Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 1/7 (PS&RS). Uncommon in winter in w WA. 1 at Quinault Lake *Grays Harbor* on 2/8 (BS), and 1 at Steamboat Island *Thurston* on 2/25 (BS).

**American Robin** High counts included 2000 at Lost Island HMU *Franklin* on 1/20 (DR), and 2225 at Woodland Park Zoo *King* on 12/30 (TAv).

**Northern Mockingbird** Uncommon in WA. 1 at West Richland *Benton* on 1/10 and 2/1 (RH), and 1 at Chehalis *Lewis* on 1/30 (fide BS).

**American Pipit** High counts included 40 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 12/8 (MD&MLD), 100 at Snohomish *Snohomish* on 12/24 (SM), and 50 at Elma *Grays Harbor* on 2/24 (PS&RS).

**Bohemian Waxwing** Reports from e WA included 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 12/8 (BLa&NLa), 2 at Walla Walla *Walla Walla* on 12/9 (MD&MLD), 40 at Blue Creek *Walla Walla* on 12/17 (MD&MLD), 150 at Perrygin Lake SP *Okanagon* on 12/23 (fide RR), 80 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 1/3 (MD&MLD), 20 at Ritzville *Adams* on 1/28 (RFI), 80 at Montgomery Ridge Rd *Asotin* on 2/3 (MK), and 1 at Richland *Benton* on 2/5 (BLa, RF).

**Orange-crowned Warbler** Reports from e WA included 1 at Paterson Slough *Benton* on 1/6 (MD&MLD), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 1/7 (PS&RS), through at least 1/29 (BW), 1 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 2/4 (DR).

**Yellow Warbler** Rare in winter. 1 at Neah Bay *Clallam* on 12/3 (SM).

**Palm Warbler** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 and

12/17 (PS&RS), 1 at Montlake Fill *King* on 12/30 (fide TAv) and 1/12 (RL) through at least 2/26 (ED), and 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 2/1 (TAv) until at least 2/10 (PS&RS).

**Common Yellowthroat** Uncommon in winter. 1 at Snohomish *Snobomish* on 1/27 (fide RR).

**Western Tanager** Rare in winter. 1 at Sequim *Clallam* on 12/9 (EKr).

**Green-tailed Towhee** Rare in WA. 1 at Coupeville *Island* on 12/16 (fide BMe) and 12/17 (BMe) through at least 1/1 (SM).

**American Tree Sparrow** Reports from e WA included 10 at Sprague Lake *Adams* on 12/6 (JA), 11 at Chesaw *Okanagon* on 12/26 (fide RR), 25 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Grant* on 1/2 with 28 there on 2/3 (RFI), 11 at Spokane *Spokane* on 1/20 (MK), 8 at Big Flat HMU *Franklin* on 1/27 (DR), and 8 at Espanola *Spokane* on 2/1 (JA). Reports from w WA included 3 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 12/5 (CC), with 5 there on 1/1 (PS&RS), 6 at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 12/7 and 12/14 (TAv), with 1 there on 1/1 (BS), 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 1/28 (KK) and 2/3 (PS&RS), 2 at Snohomish *Snobomish* on 2/11 (SM), and 3 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 2/14 (TAv).

**Chipping Sparrow** Rare in winter. 1 immature at Fort Flagler SP *Jefferson* on 12/2 (fide BN).

**CLAY-COLORED SPARROW** Rare in WA. 1 at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 12/14 (TAv) until at least 12/31 (BS).

**Lark Sparrow** Rare in winter. 3 in Klickitat County *Klickitat* on 2/22 (GuH).

**Sage Sparrow** First reports. 2 at Saddle Mountain NWR *Grant* on 2/3 (HBr), 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Grant* on 2/3 (RFI), and 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 2/20 (fide RR).

**Savannah Sparrow** High count. 125 at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 12/14 (TAv).

**"Sooty" Fox Sparrow** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 12/7 and 12/8 (BLa&NLa).

**"Slate-colored" Fox Sparrow** Uncommon in winter. 1 at Richland *Benton* throughout the period (BW), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 12/7 and 12/8 (BLa&NLa).

**Song Sparrow** High count 439 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/17 (TAv).

**Lincoln Sparrow** High count 25 at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 12/14 (TAv).

**Swamp Sparrow** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Snohomish *Snobomish* 12/9 (SM), until at least 1/16 (KK), 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 1/27 (BLa&NLa).

**White-throated Sparrow** Reports from e WA included 1 at Richland *Benton* on 12/30 (BLa,HBr) and 1/7 (PS&RS), 1 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 12/31 (BLa&NLa), and 1 at Madame Dorion SP Walla Walla on 12/31 (BLa&NLa) and 1/6 (MD&MLD). Reports from w WA included 1 at Joyce *Clallam* throughout the period (BN), 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 12/3 (SA) with 3 there on 12/8 (SM), 1 at Ebey Island *Snobomish* on 12/9 (SM), 4 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/17 (TAv), 1 at Cowlitz *Lewis* 12/21 (TAv), 1 at Stanwood *Snobomish* on 1/10 (TAv), 1 at Lummi Flats Whatcom on 1/10 (KK), 3 at Carnation *King* on 1/17 (TAv) with 1 there on 1/23 (RL), 1 at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 1/18 (TAv), 1 at Olympia *Thurston* on 1/27 (CC), and 1 at Monroe *Snobomish* 2/19 (GT).

**Harris' Sparrow** Reports from e WA included 2 at Burbank *Walla Walla* on 12/1 (DLz), 1 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 12/10 (MD&MLD), 1 at Yakima *Yakima* on 12/11 (GuH), 2 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 12/21 (DiG) with 1 there on 2/1 (WC), 1 Chief Joseph WMA *Asotin* on 1/13 (MK), 1 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 1/17 (JA,WH), 1 at Chief Timothy SP *Asotin* on 1/21 (MK), and 1 at Clarkston *Asotin* on 2/24 (MK). Uncommon in w WA. 1 immature at Stanwood *Snobomish* on 12/13 (TAv), and 1 immature at Carnation *King* on 1/17 (TAv).

**White-crowned Sparrow** High count. 900 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 12/2 (MD&MLD).

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 1/3 (MD&MLD), 4 at Richland *Benton* on 1/6 (MD&MLD), and 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 1/31 (RF).

**"Slate-colored" Junco** Reports included 1 at Milltown Access *Skagit* on 12/3 (SA), 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 12/3 (SA), 1 at Sultan *Snobomish* on 12/7 (SM), 2 at Lake Terrell *Whatcom* on 12/10 (SM), 1 at Stanwood *Snobomish* on 12/13 (TAv), and 1 at Carnation *King* on 1/17 (TAv).

**Lapland Longspur** Uncommon in winter. 9 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/2 (PS&RS) with 4 on 12/6 (TAv) and 3 there on 2/3 (PS&RS), 3 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 1/20 (BSm), 1 at Anatone Flat *Asotin* on 2/3 (MK), and 1 at Rattlesnake Mountain *Benton* on 2/24 (BLa&NLa).

**Snow Bunting** Reports included 120 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 1/7 with 100 there on 2/11 (JA), 300 at Badger Wells *Douglas* on

1/14 (BT), and 30 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 1/20 (BSm) and 2/10 (PS&RS).

**TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD** Rare in WA. 2 at Othello *Adams* on 1/11 (RFI), and 1/13 (fide RR).

**GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE** Rare in WA. 1 male at Stanwood *Snobomish* on 1/7 (AK,MDo) through at least 2/23 (RL).

**Gray-crowned Rosy Finch** Reports included 75 at Dry Falls *Grant* on 1/30 (JA,WH), and 200 at Little Goose Dam *Columbia* on 2/10 (MD&MLD).

**Purple Finch** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Orondo *Douglas* on 1/27 (PS&RS).

**White-winged Crossbill** Uncommon in WA. 6 at Mount Spokane *Spokane* on 2/20 (JA).

**Common Redpoll** Reports included 1 at Desert Aire *Grant* on 12/23 (BLa&NLa), 12 at Chesaw *Okanagon* on 12/24 (fide RR), 13 at Bridgeport *Douglas* on 1/27 (PS&RS), and 1 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 2/16 (MD&MLD).


**Pine Siskin** High counts. 200 at Chief Joseph WMA *Asotin* on 1/13 (MK), and 600 at Cape Flattery *Clallam* on 12/3 (SM).

**Lesser Goldfinch** Uncommon and local. 15 at Maryhill SP *Klickitat* 1/7 (PS&RS).

**Corrigendum:** In the Spring 2000 reports, **Townsend's Solitaire** 1 on 4/8, and 3 on 4/12 (IP), as well as the **Chipping Sparrow** 1 on 4/4 (IP), were all seen on Bainbridge Island *Kitsap*.

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