Grebe Diving Study
Volunteers Needed

by
Susan McDougall

Four years ago I began a study of the foraging behavior of the grebe family (Podicipedidae). The first question to be addressed was whether a correlation existed between dive and recovery times, as a function of prey, depth, range, and other parameters, for the species found in the Pacific Northwest (five, excluding Clark’s Grebe). A second intent was to compare those figures between species.

The data consist of dive and recovery times recorded with a simple stopwatch and entered into a notebook. Data were gathered at several locations throughout the Puget Sound basin as well as in Canada. The majority of the numbers are for the Horned Grebe (Podiceps auritus) and the Red-necked Grebe (Podiceps grisegena). Location (recorded with GPS), depth, and water temperature were also recorded when possible.

In addition to the dive and recovery time data, lateral movement was recorded in a few sessions with the Horned Grebe. This was done with magnetic compasses mounted on tripods — the accuracy was probably no better than two to five degrees and the method cumbersome.

A preliminary analysis of the data had suggested that the birds probably vary their oxygen consumption rate as a function of the particular activity in which they are engaged. For example, if chase is given, and the bird moves considerable distance laterally, the rate probably increases. Thus, to answer the basic question about foraging behavior, in became clear that information about lateral movement was necessary.

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White-faced Ibis try to call Eastern Washington Home

By Mike Denny

May 2001 arrived very dry in Eastern Washington and little changed as the month progressed. I came home from the inter-agency neo-tropical bird school in Bend., Oregon and as the front door opened, Merry Lynn welcomed me home by blurting out that she had met Bill Tweit and another gentleman out on the Walla Walla delta, birding. She said that on 9 May they had located 24 White-faced Ibis and 2 Snowy Egrets ion the Walla Walla delta . WOW! Numbers like that are unheard of for either species in this region. What was going on with the White-faced Ibis appearing in such high numbers? This ibis is not a species to expect any time of the year in Washington, with only 7 of 19 west side counties and 11 of 20 east side counties holding records (Knittle & Knittle 2001). So on 12 May, Merry Lynn and I went into the field to see if there was a sustained ibis movement into the region.

We drove west out into the south end of Walla Walla county along DeTour Road. It was here that we came across a partially flooded pasture an a lone adult White-faced Ibis in with a small flock of gulls. Racing home, I called Larry Goodhew and told him of our find in the pasture. Departing their driveway on the way out to look for our bird, the Goodhews looked up as 10 White-faced Ibis flew low over them headed south across the state line into Oregon.

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Common Loon Nesting Surveys. Rocky Spencer is a biologist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife working out of the Mill Creek office. Join us to hear his presentation of information gleaned from Common Loon nesting surveys he has conducted.

Monday, February 4, 2002

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.

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January's field trip will be to the Skagit and Samish Flats on Saturday, January 26th. It will be led by Bob Kuntz and will be limited to eight people. Target birds will be swans, sparrows, and raptors. Please contact Bob for details at Robert_Kuntz@nps.gov, or (360) 856-5700 ext. 368 work, or (360) 424-9099 home.

Saturday February 23, 2002
Marv Breece will lead a field trip to Drayton Harbor in Blaine. Bring a scope if you have one in order to view loons, grebes, ducks and who knows what. Meet at Marine City Park in Blaine at 7:30 AM. Limited to 8 people. Contact Marv at mbreece@foxinternet.net or 206-634-1725.

Saturday March 9, 2002
Andy Stepniewski will lead a trip to the Waterville Plateau. Species possible include both eagles, Rough-legged Hawk, Gyrfalcon, Prairie Falcon, Chukar, Sage Grouse, Long-eared Owl, American Tree Sparrow, Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting, and Common Redpoll (if they haven't flown north). For details and to reserve a space, call Andy at (509)-877-6639 or e-mail steppie@nwinfo.net. There is a limit of 12 birders.

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SOCIETY UPDATE  
— A WORD FROM THE BOARD

October saw the seating of our new WOS Board: Kraig Kemper — President, Brian Bell — Vice President, Rachel Lawson — Treasurer, Mary Klein — Secretary, and Warren Hall, Michael Donahue, Tracy Geernaert, Mike Denny and Joe Buchanan. The Board invites you to give us your views on WOS and ideas for the Board to consider; this is your organization. All members are welcome to attend Board meetings, you may contact the Secretary for meeting dates.

The Board sincerely thanks Scott Morrison for his past duties as President and Registrar for the Annual Meetings, and to Michael Hobbs who filled in as Secretary for several months.

One of the things that a new Board must do is to assess the condition of WOS, its accomplishments, and what we desire to do for the next year. WOS is in good financial shape and we have begun the task of getting our publications back on track. We are making good progress in outlining the tasks we need to accomplish this next year. As the main point of contact with the members, we want to keep WOSNews on track and on-time.

Washington Birds 7 was finally mailed out in September. If you didn’t receive one and think you should have, contact the Membership Chair, Tracee Geernaert (see contact information on page 2), and she can check on it. Back issues of Washington Birds, including issue 7, are also available from WOS Sales. See the back page of this newsletter for ordering information. We have outlined a schedule for the next issue of Washington Birds, have an editorial team in place, and expect to have it out by mid-year.

We are making good progress on putting together a new WOS Directory of Members. You should have received a yellow notice requesting information, or confirmation of information, by now. We strongly encourage everyone to reply so that we can put together as complete a directory as quickly as possible. I want to stress that WOS does not sell, or make available, its membership list to any outside organization or individual. It will also be clearly marked that it is not to be used for commercial purposes.

Larry Goldstein has tendered his resignation as editor of the newsletter, and in accepting it the Board thanks him for his efforts during his tenure. This is a most important position, and we have started the search for a new editor and appreciate any suggestions, names of candidates, or volunteers.

Another position we need to fill is Hospitality Chair, the person who coordinates the setup and refreshments for our monthly meetings. Ideally we want a volunteer for the chair position and others who are willing to help out. With several people on the committee, the workload can be shared. Please contact Kraig Kemper if you are willing to be on the committee, act as chair or can suggest names of candidates.

We continue to make progress on our next annual meeting, to be held in the Okanogan in June 2002. This will be a field oriented meeting, and we expect to offer many trips. Watch for more information in WOSNews and on our website.

The revision of A Guide to Bird Finding in Washington (Wahl & Paulson) is well along, with editorial work in progress, maps and graphs being developed and route checking/testing underway. It should be out in 2002.

We will continue, and will expand, our regular field trip offerings to all parts of Washington and will eagerly receive any suggestions for leaders, locations for trips, and feedback on trips which you have attended.

Finally, the WOS website (www.wos.org) continues to be updated with late-breaking items, as well as a host of other goodies. Many of your questions about WOS can probably be answered there.

Ron Dexter caught this juvenile Snowy Owl in a bit of an embarrassing moment—coughing up the remains of its last meal. The bird sat on a post next to the Palouse Hwy about 2 miles S of Spokane City around the 1st of November, 2001.
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Additionally, I had begun to attempt to apply an optimal foraging model to the Horned Grebe data. This model, and the fit of the data to it, hinted at the possibility that the Horned Grebe may forage optimally, in the sense of oxygen consumption. But simple dive and forage data was inadequate to answer this question.

The modern pelorus consists of two small metal boxes mounted on tripods. There is a brass arm attached with two short vertical screws, one on each end. Beneath the arm is a small capacitor — this device records the movement of the “arm” and translates that signal to an angle. The data is recorded into a handheld (slightly larger than a scientific calculator) controller, programmed in a primitive BASIC computer language. Recording is performed by pushing two buttons in sequence. The controller records angles to the bird, time, and an index indicating behavior (such as diving or surfacing). Therefore, the user does not have to physically write anything, only keep track of the bird by moving the brass “arm” to align the bird with the vertical screws and then record the data. Of course, it is hoped (and easy to determine by looking at the data later) that the two workers record simultaneously.

After a session, the data can be easily downloaded to a computer. Then with a little trigonometry, the movement is computed. I have used EXCEL spreadsheets for this purpose.

This is a triangulation method, and thus requires two people. Training takes about 10 minutes. Measurements taken by “hand” include the distance between the tripods. Time is synchronized electrically. Originally, we used wire and one controller, but this was too limiting. Now the users may stand as far apart as necessary to acquire good angles to the bird. Ideally, an equilateral triangle is preferred, if possible. Thus, if the bird moves out of range, or another enters, a data session can be halted and begun again. The controllers record 300 data points before downloading is necessary.

As far as I can determine, this type of measurement has never been performed. Certainly, the pelorus is unique. It is also accurate — analysis has determined to within a half degree.

I am interested in taking data at any location, for any of the species. I will travel, pelorus in hand, to any specified location. In fact, as part of the analysis, it is necessary to record data multiple sites. It remains a goal to record for all grebe species.

I am looking for assistance with this project. Triangulation requires two people. Any commitment of time would be appreciated — as I mentioned, training is easy, and I take responsibility for data handling and equipment. Hopefully, if we acquire sufficient data, we will learn much about the behavior of these beautiful birds.

Thank you, Susan McDougall, 425-640-6654, podiceps@yahoo.com.

White-faced Ibis Irruption in Eastern Washington

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Consider that prior to 1977 there were only two sightings of ibis east of the Cascades (Weber & Larrison 1977). Between 1977 and 2000 there was a grant total of 5 sightings in the Lower Columbia Basin (personal records).

On 18 May we, along with three visiting birders, went to the Iowa Beef feedlot ponds south of Dodd Road in western Walla Walla county. Here we located many shorebirds and 14 White-faced Ibis. This was a personal record high for us in 20+ years of birding this area. Loading everyone up, I then drove northeast across Ice Harbor Dam and on to Lake Kahlotus in Southeastern Franklin county. This isolated coulee lake is a magnet for many species of water birds and a prime spot to check for ibis. Upon arriving at the lake we drove out to the western shore and there, probing and feeding along the mud flats, were 20 White-faced Ibis. As we watched these sickle-billed birds, 11 more flew in over us from the west. These were soon joined by 9 more ibis also coming out of the west, for a grand total of 40 ibis at Kahlotus Lake and 54 birds for the afternoon. This caused us to speculate about the possibility of some nesting occurring here at Kahlotus Lake or somewhere in the Columbia Basin. We were all talking at once as the 40 ibis rose into the darkening sky and flew out over the bulrushes and cattails to roost for the night.

On 2 June I received a call from Andy McClullen stating that he and Ralph Trethawey had located an adult White-faced Ibis in the Mill Creek flood channel just east of the Wilbur Street Bridge in Walla Walla. An ibis in the city limits of Walla Walla was unheard of, until now. The morning of 3 June I met Andy and Ralph near Mill Creek and we relocated the ibis feeding in with several Blue-winged Teal. I was able to get some photos of this unexpected species.

That evening, Merry Lynn and I returned to Lake Kahlotus in hopes of finding breeding ibis. Stopping along the high north edge of the coulee we could look down across the entire lake and watch. There below us were 16-18 White-faced Ibis busy building nest platforms in a bulrush stand surrounded by a large cattail marsh. We watched as birds flew in with nesting material dangling from their long curved mandibles. We also saw several ibis sitting on already completed bulrush platforms. We saw ibis perched atop clumps of bulrushes in pairs. These birds were constructing a colony out over Kahlotus Lake. Would they be able to pull this off considering the rapid evaporation of the lake’s water?

Again on 9 June Merry Lynn and I visited Kahlotus Lake to see how things in Washington’s first modern ibis colony were doing. The evening was perfect as nighthawks tipped and boomed all about us. Sitting high on the north rim of the coulee we could again watch as the 16 plus ibis noisily went about construction of their colony. This time we observed two different pairs copulating, one on a clump of bulrushes and the second pair on one of the prepared platforms. We saw no eggs or young, but did notice that the lake’s water level was dropping fast. The ibis were very vocal as they interacted, displaying territorial behavior by raising their wings and challenging encroaching birds with loud kerrs, errrcks and grouchy groans.

The evening of 23 June was our next visit to Kahlotus Lake and its ibis. We could only locate 8 birds and they were at the east end of the lake foraging in the shallows. I told Merry Lynn that maybe this was proof of successful nesting with 8 out feeding and 8 on the nests with young. But after watching for nearly an hour it was obvious that the colony was abandoned and that there was no longer any nesting taking place. We watched as these eight ibis fed in a close group and as they finally rose up into the evening sky and flew into a bulrush roost site very quietly. The water level was very low and there were many areas that were exposed mud. Two or three of the platforms were still visible but unoccupied. On 30 June we, along with John and Sue Rogers, returned to the lake in hopes of finding just one live ibis chick. Sue located 15 adults at the far west end of the lake. Over half of the lake was mud and only a large round pool remained near the western shore. Sitting on our north rim vantage point we just could locate the rest of the birds. Even the platforms now were almost erased from view by taller growth and wind.

Merry Lynn and I made one more trip on 21 July just to see if there were any ibis still present on Kahlotus Lake. Again, atop our north side vantage point, it became obvious that due to very low water levels that all ibis had abandoned this site.

CONCLUSIONS / QUESTIONS

Yes, White-faced Ibis did arrive in unprecedented numbers in the Columbia Basin of Eastern Washington in the spring of 2001. Yes, they established feeding flocks and even set out to build a small nesting colony. Time forced a commitment from these ibis to attempt to nest. They did build platforms; they copulated and defended territories. Alas the hot, dry summer forced Kahlotus Lake into thin air and this forced these ibis into a losing situation. Was this a true expansion of this species range or was the western drought forcing birds out of already over populated sites? Will we again witness ibis in these numbers moving north in 2002?

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Seeking Volunteers for the Seabird Survey Team
No Experience Required

Volunteers are being sought to work with the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team, which tracks the deposition of beached bird carcasses on the beaches of Washington, including the outer coast of Washington and the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The survey project provides baseline information for detecting unusual events such as El Niño, as well as long-term changes in the status of resident bird populations.

Year round, pairs of volunteers conduct monthly surveys of a beach during which bird carcasses are identified and tagged.

Our next training session is Saturday, 26 January 2001 at 9AM at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center in Port Townsend. The training is free.

To volunteer, call Mary Sue Brancato, 360 457-6622, ext 27 or email at mary.sue.brancato@noaa.gov.

You can also check out the COASST website at http://depts.washington.edu/coasst for additional information about the program.

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 rrogers122@atti.com, or 6637 Glenwood Drive, Olympia, WA 98512. Russell receives all records, which are then forwarded to me, as well as to 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@attbi.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.

Washington Field Notes

March — May 2001

Pacific Loon Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Ginkgo SP Grunt on 5/20 (RF), and 1 in breeding plumage at Priest Rapids Yakima on 5/22 (MBc).

ARCTIC LOON Rare in WA. 1 reported from Sequim Clallam on 3/31 (fide SM).

Yellow-billed Loon 1 albino at Dash Point SP King on 3/13 (fide RR).

Horned Grebe High count for e WA. 5 at Bateman Island Benton on 3/5 (DR).

Red-necked Grebe Uncommon in winter in e WA. 1 in breeding plumage at Richland Benton on 3/30 (BLa&NLa).

Eared Grebe Reports from e WA included 6 at Kennewick Benton on 3/8 (NLa), 30 at Sprague Lake Adams/Lincoln on 4/15 (CRc), 50 at Soaptown Lake Grunt on 4/18, and 20 at Kahlutos Lake Franklin on 5/25 (TAv). Reports from w WA include 8 at Port Orchard Kitsap on 3/10 (PS&RS), 2 at Seattle King on 3/20 (ST), 58 at Mystery Bay SP Jefferson on 3/24 with 22 there on 4/22 (PS&RS), 10 at Utsalady Bay Island on 4/15 (SM), and 1 at Everett STP Snobomish on 5/17 (DBc).

Western X Clark’s Grebe 1 at Woodland Cowitz on 5/16 (SM).

Clark’s Grebe Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Tulalip Bay Snobomish on 5/9 (DBc).

Laysan Albatross Uncommon in WA. 1 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 5/6 (BL).

Sooty Shearwater High count. 2500 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 4/21 (BT).

Short-tailed Shearwater High count. 30 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 3/24 (BL).

MANX SHEARWATER Rare in WA. 1 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 3/24 (BL, BT), with 2 on 5/6 (BL).

Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel Uncommon in early spring. 5 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 3/24 (BL).

American White Pelican Reports from e WA included 28 at Wilson Creek Grant on 4/11 (PS&RS), 60 at Brooks Lake Grant on 4/18 (TAv), 8 at Clarkston Aasot on 5/2 (LLv), 200 at Satus WMA Yakima on 4/29 (GufH) with 300 there on 5/12 (DGr), and 28 at Ginkgo SP Kittihas on 5/19 (RF). Uncommon in w WA. 50 at Lumi Bay Whatabon on 5/28 with 75 there on 5/29 (YS).

Brown Pelican Uncommon in spring in WA. 2 at Westport Grays Harbor on 5/6 (BL).

Great Egret Reports included 4 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 4/12 (TAv), 1 at Esquatzel Flume Franklin on 4/13 (CR), 1 at Richland Benton on 4/15 (RF, BW), with 1 there on 5/14 (BW), 1 at Toppenish NWR Yakima on 5/12 (KT), and 4 at the Hanford Reach Benton/ Franklin on 5/14 (ChS).

SNOWY EGRET Rare in WA. 2 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 5/9 (BT).

Cattle Egret Rare in spring in WA. 1 at Iowa Beef Walla Walla on 5/14 (MD&MLD).

White-faced Ibises Rare in WA, but present in record numbers this year. Reports from e WA included 30 at Aasotin Aasotn on 5/7 (BW), 2 at Columbia NWR Adams/Grant on 5/9 BT, MaB), with 10 there on 5/15 (fide RR), 24 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 5/9 (BT), 25 at Yakima RD Benton on 5/11 (BW), 37 at Kahlutos Lake Franklin on 5/14 (DR) with 13 investigating nest sites on 5/26 (BT, SM), and 9 remaining there through at least 5/31 (JA), 48 at Hooper Junction Adams on 5/26 (RF), and 15 at Iowa Beef Walla Walla on 5/26 (TAv). Reports from w WA included 15 at Brady Grays Harbor on 5/11 (fide RR), 26 at Leadbetter Point Pacific on 5/11 (RR), 27 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 5/19 (fide RR), with 31 there on 5/20 (WC), 21 Ilwaco Pacific on 5/19 (fide SM), 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 5/21 (fide RR), and on 5/22 (PS&RS), and 1 at Kent King on 5/26 (DBc).

Turkey Vulture Locally uncommon in e WA. 16 at Clarkston Aasot on 4/2 (MGe), 1 at Sprague Lake Adams/Lincoln on 4/11 with 3 there on 5/26 (CRc), 1 at Benton City Benton on 4/17 (BW), 1 at Republic Ferry on 4/26 (DMk), at ALE Benton on 5/13 (BLa&NLa), 1 at Richland Benton on 5/16 (NLa, BW), 1 at Palouse Falls Franklin on 5/19 (DWa). Early reports for w WA included 1 at Seattle King on 3/16 (SA) and 1 at Carnation King on 3/28 (TAv).

Tundra Swan Late reports included 1 at Othello Grant on 4/2 (RF), 3 at Snobomish Snobomish on 4/11 and 1 at Vancouver Clark on 4/12 (TAv), 2 at Albion Whitman on 4/14 (WHe, CV), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 5/20 (PS&RS), and 1 injured bird at Dodson Road Grant on 5/25 (SM). High count. 450 at Philleo Lake Spokane on 3/16 (JA).

Trumpeter Swan Uncommon in e WA. 6 at Savage Road Aasotn on 3/17 (WHe, KeC), Late reports from w WA included 25 at Snobomish Snobomish on 3/28 with 2 there on 4/11 (TAv), 3 at Brady Grays Harbor on 3/31 (PS&RS).

Greater White-fronted Goose Reports from e WA included 300 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 3/2 (MD&MLD), with 592 there on 4/4 (HB), 250 at Paterson Slough Benton on 3/30 (BLa&NLa), 7 at St. Andrews Benton on 4/18 (TAv), 2 at Giffen Lake Yakima on 5/12 (DGt). Reports from w WA included 78 at Hoquiam Grays Harbor on 4/7 (PS&RS), 100 at Naselle Pacific on 4/21 (AR), 25 at Brady Grays Harbor on 4/25 (PS&RS) with 20 there on 5/10 (TAv), 48 at Steigerwald Lake NWR Clark on 5/3 with 236 there on 5/1 (WC), 80 at Point No Point Kitsap on 5/2 (VN), and 170 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 5/5 (PS&RS).

Snow Goose Locally uncommon in e WA. 25 at Pioneer Road Franklin on 3/30 (NLa, LN), 1 at Sprague Lake Adams/Lincoln on 4/3 (RF), with 13 there on 4/15 (CRc) and 2 until at least 5/31 (JA), and 6 at Benton City Benton on 4/10 (JD). High count for w WA. 15,000 at Fir Island Skagit on 3/25 (SA).

“Blue” Snow Goose Rarely reported in WA. 1 adult at Stanwood Snobomish on 4/5 (TAv) until at least 4/7 (DBe).

Ross’s Goose Uncommon in WA. 3 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 3/18 (BLa&NLa) with 17 on 3/31 (MD&MLD), and 5 there until at least 4/7 (BN), 1 at Johns River Grays Harbor on 3/25 (BT, SM), 1 at Ocosta Grays Harbor on 3/31 (PS&RS), until at least 4/8 (DBe), 1 at Tacoma Pierce on 5/13 (BL).

Brant Rare in WA away from salt water. 1 at Woodland Cowitz on 3/16 (SM).

“Dusky” Canada Goose Late for WA. 370 at Tolkeland Pacific on 3/31 (PS&RS).

Wood Duck High counts included 60 at Sacajawea Sp Franklin on 3/3 (WAH) with 86 there on 5/28 (LN), and 113 at West Richland Benton on 3/17 (BLa&NLa).

“Eurasian” Green-winged Teal Uncommon in WA. 2 at Blaine Whatabon on 3/5 (GT), 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 3/12 (RF), 1 at Gorst Kitsap on 3/11 (PS&RS), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 4/12 (TAv), until at least 4/28 (PS&RS), 1 at Montlake Fill King on 4/29 (TAv), and 1 at Othello Grant on 5/25 (fide SM).

“Eurasian” X “American” Green-winged Teal Reports included 2 at Blaine Whatabon on 3/5 (GT), 2 at Spencer Island
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_Snohomish_ on 3/10 (SM) with 1 there on 4/9 (GT), 2 at Gorst _Kitsap_ on 3/11 (PS&RS), 1 at Vancouver Lake _Clark_ on 3/16, and 1 at Nisqually NWR _Thurston_ on 3/23 (SM).


**Cinnamon Teal** Early reports included 1 male at Marymoor Park _King_ on 3/21 (MiH), 2 at Prosser _Benton_ on 3/31 (RF), and 3 at Yakima RD _Benton_ on 4/3 (BW). High count. 71 at Ridgefield NWR _Clark_ on 5/20 (PS&RS).

**Eurasian Wigeon** Uncommon in _e WA_. 2 at Clarkston _Asotin_ on 3/5 (CV) until at least 3/31 (CSw), 1 at Scootene Reservoir _Franklin_ on 3/12 (BL), 2 at_ Crab Creek Adams on 3/13 (JA), 1 at Richland _Benton_ on 3/21 (BW), 1 at Othello _Adams_ on 3/23 (CrC), 2 at Columbia NWR _Adams/Grant_ on 3/25 (RF), and RFl) with 5 on 3/28 (RH), and 1 there until at least 4/2 (RF), 2 at Othello _Adams_ on 3/28 until at least 4/1 (RF), 1 male at Toppenish NWR _Yakima_ on 4/9 (DGr), Late report for _w WA_. 1 at Fir Island _Skagit_ on 4/26 (TAw, SM).

**American Wigeon** Late reports for _w WA_. 2 at Marysville STP _Snohomish_ on 5/30 (DBe), and 1 at Samish Flats _Skagit_ on 5/28 (SA).

**Redhead** Uncommon in _w WA_. 1 at Mace Lake _Kitsap_ on 3/10 (PS&RS), one pair at Vashon Island _King_ on 5/7 (ESw), 1 at Stanwood STP _Snohomish_ on 5/19 (SM), and 1 male at Everett STP _Snohomish_ on 5/30 (DBe).

**Tufted Duck** Uncommon in _w WA_. 1 male at Hoquiam STP _Grays Harbor_ on 4/7 (PS&RS), and 4/8 (DBe).

**Greater Scaup** Uncommon in _e WA_. 4 at Othello _Adams_ on 4/12 (PS&RS), and 15 at Lake Lenore _Grant_ on 4/18 (TAw).

**Harlequin Duck** Reports of birds at possible breeding locations included 5 males at Rimrock Retreat _Yakima_ on 4/19 (DGr), 3 pair at Staircase _Mason_ on 4/15 (CC), and 1 male at Rapid River _Snohomish_ on 5/3 (DBe). Locally uncommon in _w WA_. 7 at Westport _Grays Harbor_ on 3/24 (BL) until at least 4/7 (PS&RS). High counts included 58 at Port Flagler SP _Jefferson_ on 3/24 (PS&RS), and 36 at Sequim Bay _Clallam_ on 5/9 (TAw).

**Long-tailed Duck** Uncommon in _e WA_. 2 at Aso tin _Asotin_ on 3/7 (CV) and 3/10 (CSw), through at least 4/13 (JMc). High counts included 350 at Port Gamble _Kitsap_ on 3/17 and 190 at Mystery Bay SP _Jefferson_ on 3/24 (PS&RS).

**Black Scoter** Locally uncommon. 36 at Westport _Grays Harbor_ on 4/7 (PS&RS).

**Surf Scoter** Uncommon away from salt water. 1 at Vantage _Kittitas_ on 3/12 (fide SM), 1 and at Woodland _Cowlitz_ on 3/16, High count. 3200 at Port Gamble _Kitsap_ on 3/17 (PS&RS).

**Common Goldeneye** Uncommon and local breeder in _WA_. Female with 10 chicks in Republic _Jefferson_ on 5/30 (DMk). Reports included 1 at Everett _Snohomish_ on 5/19, and 2 at Lec h Lake _Yakima_ on 5/28 (PS&RS), and 1 female at Cle Elum _Kittitas_ on 5/31 (TAw, SGe).

**Bufflehead** Late reports included 1 at Ridgefield NWR _Clark_ on 5/20 (PS&RS), 3 at Kahlotus Lake _Franklin_ on 5/25 (TAw), and 1 at Wenas _Yakima_ on 5/27 (PS&RS).

**Red-breasted Merganser** Uncommon in _e WA_. 20 at Banks Lake _Grant_ on 4/5 (JA, WH), and 1 female at Cle Elum _Kittitas_ on 5/31 (TAw, SGe).

**Osprey** Early reports included 1 at Marysville _Snohomish_ on 3/20 (SA), 1 at Elma _Grays Harbor_ and 1 at Montesano _Grays Harbor_ on 3/31 (PS&RS), 1 at Brinnon _Jefferson_ on 4/4 (RR), and 1 at McNary Dam _Walla Walla_ on 4/5 (RR).

**White-tailed Kite** Uncommon and local in _WA_. 1 at Swinomish Channel _Skagit_ on 4/7 (TH), and 2 exhibiting territorial behavior at Glacial Heritage _Thurston_ on 4/27 (BS).

**Bald Eagle** Locally uncommon in spring in _e WA_. 9 at Satus WMA _Yakima_ on 4/29 (GuH), and 1 at Vantage _Kittitas_ on 5/31 (TAw, SG).

**RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** Rare and local in _WA_. 1 immature at Brady _Grays Harbor_ on 3/3 (PS&RS), 1 at Spencer Island _Snohomish_ on 3/21 (DBe), until at least 4/1 (fide RR), and 1 immature at Naselle _Pacific_ on 5/21 (AR).

**Swainson’s Hawk** Early reports from _e WA_ included 1 at Snively Road _Benton_ on 4/10 (CJ), with 2 there on 4/12 (BW), 4 at West Richland _Benton_ on 4/11 (RF), and 3 at Othello _Adams_ on 4/12 (PS&RS). Uncommon in _w WA_. 1 at Ocean Shores _Grays Harbor_ on 4/14 (fide SM), 1 immature near Snohomish _Snohomish_ on 5/3 (SM), 1 dark morph at Quilcene _Jefferson_ on 5/11 (fide RR), and 1 light morph subadult at Scatter Creek _Thurston_ on 5/12 (BT).

**“Harlan’s” Red-tailed Hawk** Only report was 1 at Nisqually NWR _Thurston_ on 3/23 (SM).

**Rough-legged Hawk** Reports included 1 at Hoquiam STP _Grays Harbor_ on 3/3 (PS&RS), 1 dark morph at Dales Mountain Road _Klickitat_.

**Bald Eagle** Locally uncommon in _w WA_. 1 at Marymoor Park _King_ on 3/14 and 3/27 (MiH), and 1 male at Woodland Park Zoo _King_ on 4/24 (TAw).

**American Kestrel** Locally uncommon in _w WA_. 1 at Marymoor Park _King_ on 3/14 and 3/27 (MiH), and 1 male at Woodland Park Zoo _King_ on 4/24 (TAw).

**Red-tailed Hawk** Only report was 1 at Swinomish Channel _Skagit_ on 4/7 (TH), and 2 exhibiting territorial behavior at Glacial Heritage _Thurston_ on 4/27 (BS).

**Golden Eagle** Uncommon in _w WA_. 1 immature at Glacial Heritage _Thurston_ on 4/28 (BS).

**American Kestrel** Locally uncommon in _w WA_. 1 at Marymoor Park _King_ on 3/14 and 3/27 (MiH), and 1 male at Woodland Park Zoo _King_ on 4/24 (TAw).

**Merlin** Uncommon in _e WA_. 1 at Othello _Adams_ on 3/2 and 3/26 and 5/5 (RF), and 1 at Richland _Benton_ on 3/22 (BL). W WA reports included a pair at Staircase _Mason_ on 4/15 (CC), and 1 female plumaged bird thought to have characteristics of the “prairie” race at Fir Island _Skagit_ on 4/22 (SM).

Peregrine Falcon  Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 3/14 (BW), 1 adult at Palouse Falls Franklin on 3/25 (CJ), through at least 5/26 (SM), 1 at Martha Lake Grant 4/18 (TA v), 1 at Swanson Lakes Lincoln on 5/18 (JA), and 1 at Othello Adams on 5/26 (CrC).

Gyr Falcon  Uncommon in WA. 1 at Hatton Adams on 3/3 (RF), and on 3/4 (CrC), 1 immature east of Reardan Lincoln on 3/17 (JA), 1 juvenile at Snohomish Snohomish on 3/28 (TA v), and 1 at Quincy Grant on 4/8 (fide SM).

Northern Bobwhite Introduction population survives. 4 at Weir Prairie Thurston on 4/15 (PS&RS), with 3 at Rainier Thurston on 4/26 (BS).

Mountain Quail Uncommon and local. 12 at Port Orchard Kitsap on 3/5 with 14 there on 3/10, and 6 at Seabeck Kitsap on 3/17, with a pair there on 3/24 (PS&RS).

Sora  Locally uncommon in e WA. 1 at Snively Road Benton on 4/28 (BL a&NL a) throughout the period (m.ob).

High counts for w WA 4 at Ebey Slough Snohomish on 5/6 (GT), and 8 at Snohomish Snohomish on 5/28 (SM).

Sandhill Crane Reports from e WA include 10 at West Richland Benton on 3/4 (RF), 1 at Pioneer Road Franklin on 3/12 (NL a, LN), 600 at Browns Lake Lincoln on 3/17 (JA), 1000 at Othello Adams on 3/23 (BL a&NL a), and 4 at Giffen Lake Yakima on 5/12 (DGr). Uncommon and local in w WA. 3 at Woodland Park Zoo King on 3/24 (TA v), 91 at Hoquiam STP Grays Harbor on 4/8 (DBe), 50 at Vancouver Clark on 4/12 (TA v), and 3 at Brady Grays Harbor on 5/5 (PS&RS).

Black-bellied Plover Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 5/9 (BT), 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 5/11 (NL a), 1 at Columbia NWR Adams/Grant on 5/12 (RH), 3 at Swanson Lakes Lincoln on 5/13 (JA), and a pair in breeding plumage at Iowa Beach Walla Walla on 5/26 (TA v). Locally uncommon away from outer coast in w WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 5/8 (BT), and 9 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 5/22 (PS&RS).

Pacific Golden Plover Uncommon in spring in WA. 1 at Dungeness Clallam on 5/9 (TAv, SGe).

Snowy Plover Reports include 21 at Midway Beach Pacific on 3/31 (PS&RS), with 3 there on 5/2 (TA v).

Semipalmated Plover Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 5/10 (BW), with 4 on 5/11 (NL a), and 1 there on 5/15 (BW), 2 at Toppenish NWR Yakima on 5/12 (KT), and 6 at Swanson Lakes Lincoln on 5/13 (JA). Reports from w WA included 21 remaining from winter at Midway Beach Pacific on 3/4 (SM) with 38 there on 3/31 (PS&RS), and 250 at Bowerman Basin Grays Harbor on 4/29 (fide RR).


Black Oystercatcher Locally uncommon. 2 at Oak Bay Jefferson on 3/24 (PS&RS), and 1 at Westport Grays Harbor 4/14 (BL).

Black-necked Stilt Recorded in unprecedented numbers. Reports from e WA included 6 at Othello Adams on 3/23 (CrC) with 32 there on 4/28 (RF), and 76 there on 5/25 (SM, RF), 3 at Paterson Slough Benton on 3/30 (BL a&NL a), 2 at Prosser Benton on 3/31 (BW, RF), 32 at Yakima RD Benton on 4/20 (BW) with 44 there on 5/4 (BL a&NL a), 16 at Satus WMA Yakima on 4/29 (GuH), 2 at Clarkson Asotin 5/2 (LL v), 2 NE of Ellensburg Kittitas on 5/11 (PM), and 30 at Sprague Adams/Lincoln on 5/11 (JA), 17 at Othello Adams on 5/12 (RF), 1 at Clarkson Asotin 5/23 (LL v), and 100 at Iowa Beach Walla Walla on 5/25 (TA v). Rare in w WA. 7 at Bay City Grays Harbor on 4/9 (GW), 2 at Crockett Lake Island on 4/26 (TA v, SM), 12 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 5/8 (BT), with 7 there on 5/20 (WC), and 5/29 (BS), 1 at Sequim Clallam on 5/9 (fide SM), and 1 at Redmond King on 5/13 (DD e).

American Avocet Reports from e WA included 3 at Yakima RD Benton on 3/21 (BW) with 2 there on 3/31 (DR) and 66 on 4/16 (BW) and 89 there on 5/4 (BL a&NL a), 4 at Satus WMA Yakima on 4/29 (GuH), 4 NE of Ellensburg Kittitas on 5/11 (PM), and 30 at Sprague Adams/Lincoln on 5/11 (JA), 17 at Othello Adams on 5/12 (RF), 1 at Clarkson Asotin 5/23 (LL v), and 100 at Iowa Beach Walla Walla on 5/25 (TA v). Rare in w WA. 1 at Crockett Lake Island on 4/26 (TA v, SM), with 3 on 5/13 (SM), and 4 there on 5/30 (BM e), 3 at Lake Sammamish King on 5/26 (fide SM).

Greater Yellowlegs Reports included 22 at Yakima RD Benton on 4/13 with 3 there on 5/10 (BW), 6 at Centralia Lewis on 4/22 and 18 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 5/20 (PS&RS), and 2 at Iowa Beach Walla Walla on 5/26 (TA v).

Lesser Yellowlegs  Uncommon in winter. 3 at Priest Point Snohomish on 3/10 (SM). Reports from e WA included 2 at Satus WMA Yakima on 4/29 (GuH), 9 at Yakima RD Benton on 5/2 (BL a&NL a) with 1 there on 5/11 (PM), 3 NE of Ellensburg Kittitas on 5/2 (PM), 1 at West Richland Benton on 5/20 (BL a&NL a), and 2 Iowa Beach Walla Walla on 5/25 (TA v). Fairly uncommon in spring in w WA. 1 at Centralia Lewis on 4/22 and 2 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 4/28 with 1 there on 5/20 (PS&RS), 2 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 5/8 (PS&RS), 1 at Montlake Fill King on 5/24 (TA v). High count. 20 at Snohomish Snohomish on 5/3 (SM).

Solitary Sandpiper  Uncommon in spring in WA. 1 at Brady Grays Harbor on 4/25, and 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston 5/1 and on 5/8 (PS&RS), 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 5/2 (BL a&NL a) with 1 there on 5/10 (BT),
1 at Snohomish *Snumomib* on 5/3 (SM), and 3 at West Richland *Benton* on 5/10 (NLa, LN).  
**Willett** Rare in e WA. 2 at Satus WMA *Yakima* on 4/29 (GhF), 2 at Walla Walla *Walla Walla* on 5/9 (BT), and 1 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 5/11 (JA). W WA reports included 13 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 3/31 (PS&RS) with 1 there on 5/2 (TAv, SGe).  
**Spotted Sandpiper** Rare in winter in e WA. 2 at Esquatzel Flume *Franklin* on 3/5 (LN). High counts for w WA included 9 at Graysmarsh *Clallam* on 5/20 (SA), and 14 at Centralia *Lewis* on 5/20 (PS&RS).  
**Whimbrel** Rare in e WA. 2 at Umatilla NWR *Benton* on 3/31 (fide BLa), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 5/25 (SM, RFl). Reports from w WA included 2 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 3/31 (PS&RS), with 250 there on 5/5 (SM), 23 at Brady *Grays Harbor* on 4/21 (GW) and 5/5 (PS&RS) with 49 there on 5/10 (TAv), 1 at Discovery Park *King* on 4/22 (DoM), 3 at Monroe *Snumomib* on 4/26 (DBe), 1 near Glacial Heritage *Thurston* on 4/27 (BS), 1 at Tacoma *Pierce* on 5/13 with 22 there on 5/19 (BL), 55 at Stanwood *Snumomib* on 5/15 (DBe), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 5/21 (fide RR), with 44 on 5/22 (PS&RS), and 27 there on 5/27 (BT).  
**Long-billed Curlew** First reports for e WA included 1 at ALE *Benton* on 3/10 (BLa&NLa), and 1 at Hanford *Benton* on 3/20 (RF).  
**LITTLE CURLEW** First report for WA. 1 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 5/6 (SM, RSh).  
**Marbled Godwit** High count. 585 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 3/4 (SM).  
**Ruddy Turnstone** Reports included 2 at Fort Flagler SP *Jefferson* on 3/24 (PS&RS), 1 at Penn Cove Island *Island* on 4/26 (TAv), 11 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 5/5 (PS&RS), 1 at Jetty Island *Snumomib* on 5/9 (DBe), and 10 at Satsop *Grays Harbor* on 5/10 (TAv).  
**Black Turnstone** Rare in e WA. 1 at Bateman *Island* on 5/15 (NLa, RF) and 5/16 (FC). High count for w WA. 60 at Port Orchard *Kitsap* on 3/10 (PS&RS).  
**Surfbird** Reports included 4 at Port Orchard *Kitsap* on 3/10 with 16 there on 3/17 (PS&RS), and 1 in breeding plumage at Tokeland *Pacific* on 5/2 (TAv, SGe).  
**Red Knot** Reports included 1 at Fort Flagler SP *Jefferson* on 3/24 (PS&RS), 50 at Bowerman Basin *Grays Harbor* on 4/29 (fide RR), 36 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 5/5 (PS&RS), and 500 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 5/5 (SM).  
**Sanderling** Rare in spring in e WA. 5 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 5/9 and 5/10 (BT). High count. 2500 at Long Beach *Pacific* on 5/6 (SM).  
**Semipalmated Sandpiper** Uncommon in spring in WA. 1 at Bellingham *Whatcom* on 5/3 (Pho), 1 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 5/13 (SM), and 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 5/14 (BW).  
**Western Sandpiper** Reports from e WA included 7 at West Richland *Benton* on 5/10 (NLa), 4 NE of Ellensburg *Kittitas* on 5/10 (PM), and 7 there on Yakima RD *Benton* on 5/11 (NLa) with 2 there on Yakima RD *Benton* on 5/14 (BW). High counts for w WA included 70,000 at Bowerman Basin *Grays Harbor* on 4/29 (fide RR), and 15,000 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 5/6 (SM).  
**Short-billed Dowitcher** Early report. 6 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 3/31 (PS&RS). High count. 10,000 at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 5/6 (SM).  
**Long-billed Dowitcher** Reports from e WA included 7 NE of Ellensburg *Kittitas* on 5/10 (PM), 125 at Sprague *Lincoln* on 5/11 (JA), 45 at Othello *Adams* on 5/12 (BLa&NLa), and 20 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 5/15 with 8 there on 5/18 (BW).  
**Wilson's Phalarope** Reports from w WA included 1 at Stanwood STP *Snumomib* on 5/6 (DBe), with 6 on 5/19 (SM), and 9 there on 5/22 (DBe), 8 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 5/8 and 7 on 5/22 (PS&RS) with 3 there on 5/24 (BS) and 2 on 5/27 (BT), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 5/12 (WC), with 11 there on 5/29 (BS), 2 at Bowerman Basin *Grays Harbor* on 5/12 with 4 there on 5/28 (SM), 3 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 5/28 (SA), and 2 at Ebey Island *Snumomib* on 5/28 (SM).  
**Red-necked Phalarope** Reports included 23 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 5/5 (PS&RS), 18 at Othello *Adams* on 5/12 (BLa&NLa), 6 at Swanson Lakes *Lincoln* on 5/13 (JA), and 1 at Hatton *Adams* on 5/25 (TAv).  
**Red Phalarope** Only report. 10 on Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 5/6 (BL).  
**Pomarine Jaeger** Uncommon in early spring. 1 on Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 3/24 (BL).  
**Franklin's Gull** Uncommon in spring in WA. 5 at Jameson Lake *Douglas* on 5/19 (fide SM).  
**Little Gull** Uncommon in WA. 1 in first winter plumage at Point No Point *Kitsap* on 3/1 and 3/11 and 1 adult on 3/11 and 3/13

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**Loggerhead Shrike, Summer Falls State Park, Grant, April 12, 2001. Photo by Ruth Sullivan.**
and 3/18 (VN), 2 reported on 3/17 (PS&RS), with 1 there on 3/20 (GT).
**Bonaparte’s Gull** High count. 4000 at Point No Point Kitsap on 3/30 (VN).
**Mew Gull** Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Wallula Walla Walla on 3/10 (AS, DGr). High counts included 750 at Point No Point Kitsap on 3/2 (VN), and 5000 at Woodland Cowitz on 3/16 (SM).
**California Gull** High count. 550 at Woodland Cowitz on 3/16 (SM).
**Herring Gull** High count. 3300 at Point No Point (PS&RS), 1 first winter at Kitsap included 1 immature at Gorst on 3/17 (BLa&LN), 1 at Tacoma (PS&RS), 1 at West Richland Benton on 3/17 (BLa&LN), 1 immature at Tacoma Pierce on 3/17 (SM), 1 immature at Kent King on 3/18 (DBe), 1 first year at Seattle King on 3/20 (ST), 1 at Fort Flagler SP Jefferson on 3/24 and 1 at Olympia Thurston on 4/8 (PS&RS).
**Western Gull** Uncommon away from coast. 1 at Wallula Walla Walla on 3/10 (AS, DGr), 1 at North Bonneville Skamania and 2 at Skamania Skamania on 4/21 (PS&RS).
**Glaucous Gull** Reports included 1 immature at Gorst Kitsap on 3/4 and 3/17 (PS&RS), 1 first winter at Point No Point Kitsap on 3/5 (VN), 1 first winter at Port Gamble Kitsap on 3/17 (PS&RS), 1 at West Richland Benton on 3/17 (BLa&LN), 1 immature at Tacoma Pierce on 3/17 (SM), 1 immature at Kent King on 3/18 (DBe), 1 first year at Seattle King on 3/20 (ST), 1 at Fort Flagler SP Jefferson on 3/24 and 1 at Olympia Thurston on 4/8 (PS&RS).
**Black-legged Kittiwake** reports included 315 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 3/24 with 332 on 4/14 (BL) and 60 on the 4/21 trip (BT), 7 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 4/4 (TAv), with 12 there on 4/9 (GW), 32 at Westport Grays Harbor on 4/7 (PS&RS).
**Sabine’s Gull** Reports included 8 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 4/14 with 22 on the 5/6 trip (BL).
**Caspian Tern** Early reports included 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 3/29 (BW), and 1 at Swinomish Slough Skagit on 4/1 (SA).
**Arctic Tern** Reports included 1 very early bird at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 4/14 (fide SM), and 2 at Jetty Island Snohomish on 5/9 (DBe), and 5/20 (GT).
**Forster’s Tern** Reports from e WA included 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 4/15 (BW), 22 at Umatilla NWR Benton on 4/21 (PS&RS) 69 at Yakima RD Benton on 5/15 (DR) with 20 there on 5/26 (TAv). Rare in Grays Harbor on 3/24 (BL). Rare in spring in w WA. 3 at Camas Clark from 5/24 until at least 5/27 (fide SM), 2 at Snohomish Snohomish 5/28 (SM).
**Black Tern** Reports from e WA include 2 at Cheney Spokane on 4/22 (CrC), 2 at Othello Adams on 5/8 (RFl), 3 at Toppenish NWR Yakima on 5/12 (KT, DGr), 14 at Yakima RD Benton on 5/14 (BLa&NL), 1 at Sprague Lake Adams/Lincoln on 5/16 (GrC), 1 at Kittitas Kittitas on 5/26 (TAv). Uncommon in spring in w WA. 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 5/15 (BS), 3 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 5/20 (WC), through the end of the period (m_ob).
**Pigeon Guilemot** High count. 102 at Westport Grays Harbor on 3/24 (BL). Rare in spring in w WA. 3 at Camas Clark from 5/24 until at least 5/27 (fide SM), 2 at Snohomish Snohomish 5/28 (SM).
**Marbled Murrelet** High count. 301 (in 90 minutes) at Point No Point Kitsap on 3/3 (VN).
**Ancient Murrelet** Uncommonly reported in spring in WA. 2 at Port Gamble Kitsap on 3/17 (PS&RS), 2 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 5/6 (BL). Rare in spring in w WA. 1 female, of the white belliéd, probable P.v. orius subspecies at Monroe Snohomish on 4/11 (TAv).
**Tufted Puffin** 7 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 4/14 (BL). Rare in spring in w WA. 3 at Camas Clark from 5/24 until at least 5/27 (fide SM), 2 at Snohomish Snohomish 5/28 (SM).
**Band-tailed Pigeon** Uncommon and local in e WA. 1 at Cle Elum Kittitas on 5/22 (JFr). Rare in spring in w WA. 3 at Camas Clark from 5/24 until at least 5/27 (fide SM), 2 at Snohomish Snohomish 5/28 (SM).
**Hairy Woodpecker** Status of race in w WA uncertain. 1 female, of the white belliéd, probable P.v. orius subspecies at Monroe Snohomish on 4/11 (TAv).
**Olive-sided Flycatcher** First reports from e WA included 1 at ALE Benton on 5/19 (BLa&NL), and 1 at Sacajawea SP Franklin on 5/20 (LN). First reports from w WA included 1 at Medina King on 5/3 (HO), and 1 at Montesano Grays Harbor on 5/5 (SM).
**Western Wood-Pewee** First reports included 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 4/26 (TAv, SM), 1 at Sequim Bay Clallam on 5/9 (TAv), and 1 at Marymoor Park King on 5/9 (MiH).
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**Willow Flycatcher** First reports included 1 calling at Othello Adams on 5/6 (RFl), 1 at Concrete Skagit on 5/12 (DBe), 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 5/15 (BS), and 1 at Marymoor Park King on 5/17 (MiH).

**Least Flycatcher** Uncommon in WA. 4 at Hardy Canyon Yakima on 5/27 (DG, PS), and 1 calling at Everett STP Snohomish on 5/30 (DBe).

**Hammond's Flycatcher** First reports included 2 at Lacey Clearcut Thurston on 4/25 (PS&RS), 1 at ALE Benton on 4/28 (BLa&NLa), 1 at Brinnon Jefferson on 4/30 (RR), and 4 at Othello Adams on 5/6 (RFl).

**Dusky Flycatcher** Uncommon in w WA. Reports included 1 near Rockport Dusky Flycatcher PS, and 1 calling at Rapid River Least Flycatcher 4/29 (SM, GT), and 2 calling at Rapid River Dusky Flycatcher 5/29 (SM, GT), and 2 calling at Rapid River Dusky Flycatcher 5/29 (SM, GT).

**Gray Flycatcher** Reports included 1 at ALE Benton on 4/27 (BLa, HBr) and on 5/13 (BLa&NLa), 1 at Othello Adams on 5/1 (RH), and on 5/4 (RFl), 1 at Washutucna Adams on 5/26 (BT, SM), and 10 at Hardy Canyon Yakima on 5/26 (PS&RS).

**Pacific Slope Flycatcher** First reports included 1 at Brinnon Jefferson on 4/26 (RR), 2 at Wicks Lake Kitsap on 4/26 (PS&RS), and 2 at Othello Adams on 5/6 (RFl).

**EASTERN PHOEBE** Rare in WA. 1 at Leavenworth Chelan on 5/24 (KHa, BoL), through the end of the reporting period (m.ob).

**Say's Phoebe** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Marymoor Park King on 5/23 (MiH), 1 at Carnation King on 5/23 (TAv), 1 at Monroe Snobomish on 5/29 (DBe).

**Ash-throated Flycatcher** First report. 7 at Satus Creek Yakima on 5/12 (DG).

**Western Kingbird** Early from e WA. 1 at Toppenish Yakima on 3/31 (GuH). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Steigerwald Lake NWR Clark on 4/20 (WC), 2 at Point No Point Kitsap on 4/26 with 4 there on 5/6 and 2 until at least 5/9 (YN), 1 near Mima Thurston on 4/27 (BS), 1 at Steamboat Island Thurston on 4/28 until at least 4/30 (BS), 3 at Brady Grays Harbor on 5/2 (TAv, SGe), 1 at Monroe Snobomish on 5/8 (DBe), 1 at Ebey Island Snobomish on 5/12 (SM) with 2 there on 5/14 (GT), 2 at Scatter Creek Thurston on 5/12 (BT), and 2 at Montlake Fill King on 5/28 (LHa).

**Eastern Kingbird** First reports included 1 at Cheney Spokane on 5/14 (CrC), and 2 at Bateman Island Benton on 5/15 (DR).

**Northern Shrike** Last reports included 1 at Spencer Island Snohomish on 3/21 (DBe), 1 at ALE Benton on 3/31 (BLa&NLa), and 1 at West Richland Benton on 4/1 (BLa&NLa).

**Loggerhead Shrike** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Port Angeles Clallam on 3/21 (BN).

**Cassin's Vireo** First reports included 1 at Weir Prairie Thurston on 4/15 (PS&RS), 1 at Brinnon Jefferson on 4/16 (RR), and 2 at Woodland Park Zoo King on 4/24 (TAv).

**Warbling Vireo** High counts included 20 at Marymoor Park King on 5/9 (MiH), 26 at Woodland Park Zoo King on 5/12 (TAv), and 20 at Graysmarsh Clallam on 5/12 (SA).

**Red-eyed Vireo** First report. 1 at St. Cloud Recreation Area Klickitat 5/23 (fide RR).

**Blue Jay** Uncommon in WA. 1 at Richland Benton on 3/24 (CIS) until at least 5/2 (fide BLa).

**Horned Lark** Uncommon and local in w WA. 5 at Midway Beach Pacific on 3/31 (PS&RS).

**Purple Martin** Uncommon and local in w WA. 6 at Skamania Skamania on 4/21 (PS&RS).

**Violet-green Swallow** Early reports included 5 at Elma Grays Harbor on 3/3 (PS&RS), 4 at Arlington Snohomish on 3/3 (fide RR), and 30 at Chehalis WMA Grays Harbor on 3/4 (CC). High count. 500 at Cow Lake Adams on 3/15 (CrC).

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** First reports included 1 at Othello Adams on 3/25 (RFl), 1 at Marymoor Park King on 3/27 (MiH), and 6 at Elma Grays Harbor on 3/31 (PS&RS).

**Bank Swallow** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Stanwood on 4/28 (DBe) and 5/3 (SM), and 3 at Snohomish STP Snohomish on 5/19 (PS&RS).

**Barn Swallow** Early reports included 1 at Elma Grays Harbor on 3/31 (PS&RS), and 1 at Ocosta Grays Harbor on 4/4 (TAv, SGe).

**Cliff Swallow** Early report. 3 at Elma Grays Harbor on 3/31 (PS&RS). High count. 500 at Stanwood STP Snohomish on 5/19 (SM).

**Mountain Chickadee** Locally uncommon. 1 at Crow Butte SP Benton on 3/30 (BLa&NLa).

**White-breasted Nuthatch** High count for w WA. 5 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 4/28 (PS&RS).

**Brown Creeper** Locally uncommon in e WA. 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 4/18 (TAv), 1 at Washutucna Adams on 5/12 (CrC).

**Rock Wren** Uncommon in w WA. 3 in suitable nesting habitat at Pyramid Rock Clark on 5/29 (BS).

**House Wren** First report for e WA. 1 at Maryhill SP Klickitat on 4/21 (PS&RS). Uncommon and local in w WA. 4 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 4/28 (PS&RS), 1 at Sequim Clallam on 5/9 (TAv, SGe), and 8 at Weir Prairie Thurston on 5/26 (BS).

**Winter Wren** Locally uncommon. 5 at ALE Benton on 5/31 with 1 there on 5/19 (BLa&NLa), and 1 at Hatton Adams on 4/13 (CrC).

**Marsh Wren** High count. 85 at Spencer Island Snohomish on 5/20 (SM).

**American Dipper** Locally uncommon. 1 at Esquatzel Flume Franklin on 3/3 (BW) with 1 there on 3/5 (BLa&NLa).

**Western Bluebird** Early reports from e WA included 1 at ALE Benton on 3/10 (BLa&NLa), and 5 at Canyon Terrace Benton on 3/11 (KC). Reports from w WA included 2 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 3/2 (JuL), 1 at Sultan Snohomish on 4/1 (DBe), 6 at FR 2341 Mason on 4/13 (BS), 2 at Youman's Rd. Grays Harbor on 4/18 (BS), 11 at Weir Prairie Thurston on 4/25 (TAv), with 5 there on 5/26 (BS).

**Mountain Bluebird** Early reports for e WA included 5 at Eltopia Franklin on 3/12 (GMo), and 1 at Hooper Junction Adams on 3/28 (RFl). Uncommon in w WA. 1 male

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Yellow-rumped warbler  High count. 230 at Horsethief Lake SP Klickitat on 4/22 (PS&RS).
Black-throated Gray Warbler  Early report for w WA. 1 male at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 4/12 (TAv). Local in e WA. 25 at Roslyn Kittitas on 5/7 (MiH), and 1 at Wenatchee Yakima on 5/26 (PS&RS).

**Hermit Warbler** Reports from northern limit of range included 1 at North Bend King on 5/5 (MiH), and 1 male at Weir Prairie Thurston on 5/6 (fide RR).
**Hermit X Townsend’s Warbler** 1 male showing all Hermit Warbler characters except streaks on side and blurred bib corner at Hyak Kittitas on 5/26 (TAv), and 5/31 (TAv, SGe).

**Palm Warbler** Rare in e WA. 1 at Othello Adams on 5/6 (RF). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Montlake Fill King on 3/3 (MiH) until Kahlotus Lake Franklin on 5/26 and 1 at Wilson Creek Grant on 5/26 (SM), and 1 at Columbia NWR Adams/Grant on 5/27 (RF). Early reports for w WA included 1 at Marymoor Park King on 3/21 (MiH), 1 at Elma Grays Harbor on 3/31, and 1 at Tokeland Pacific on 3/31 (PS&RS).

**Wilson’s Warbler** High count. 30 at Marymoor Park King on 5/9 (MiH).

**Yellow-breasted Chat** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 5/19 (fide RR) with 2 there on 5/22 (PS&RS), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 5/20 (PS&RS).

**SUMMER TANAGER** Rare in WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 5/26 (BSm).

**Green-tailed Towhee** Rare away from breeding area in sw WA. 1 at Hatton Adams on 5/16 (CrC, RF).

**American Tree Sparrow** Late reports for e WA included 10 at Juniper Dunes Wilderness Franklin on 3/10 (AS, DGr), 1 at Corfu Grant on 3/25 (BLa&NLa), and 2 at Yeisley Road Adams on 4/14 (RF).

**Chipping Sparrow** Locally uncommon in e WA. 1 at Hatton Adams 4/21 (CrC), 1 at Othello Adams on 5/6 (RF), 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 5/10 (BW), 4 at Washtucna Adams on 5/12 (CrC), and 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 5/15 (BW). Locally uncommon in w WA. 3 at Kennedy Creek Mason on 4/15 (CC), 1 at Ballard King on 4/29 (fide RR), and 1 at Steigerwald Lake NWR Clark on 5/2 (WC).

**CLAY-COLORED SPARROW** Rare in spring in WA. 1 west of Tampico Yakima on 5/12 (DGr).

**Vesper Sparrow** Early report for e WA. 1 at ALE Benton on 3/10 (BLa&NLa), uncommon and local in w WA. 4 at Glacial Heritage Thurston on 4/27 (BS), and 4 at Weir Prairie Thurston on 5/26 (BS).

**Sage Sparrow** Locally uncommon in e WA. 2 near Othello Adams on 3/23 and 5/12 (CrC), 2 at Umtanum Road Kittitas on 5/26 (PS&RS).

**Savannah Sparrow** High counts included 50 at Marymoor Park King on 4/25 (MiH), and 130 at Fir Island Skagit on 4/29 (SM).

**Lark Sparrow** First report for e WA. 1 at ALE Benton on 4/27 (BLa, HBr).
“Sooty” Fox Sparrow Late for w WA away from breeding areas. 1 at Woodland Park Zoo King on 5/15 (TAv).

“Slate-colored” Fox Sparrow Unusual in winter in Columbia Basin. 1 at Richland Benton on 3/2 (BW).

Swamp Sparrow Rare in spring in WA. 1 at Martha Lake Grant on 4/11 (PS&RS), and 1 in breeding plumage at Monroe Snohomish on 4/11 (TAv).

White-throated Sparrow Reports included 1 at Point No Point Kitsap on 3/17, 1 at Satsop Grays Harbor on 4/7, and 1 at Maryhill Klickitat on 4/21 (PS&RS), 2 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 4/26 (TAv, SM) with 1 there on 4/29 (SM), and 1 at Carnation King on 5/6 (DnF).

Harris’s Sparrow Uncommon in WA. 1 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 3/14 (DHe), 1 at Washtucna Adams on 4/12 (PS&RS), and 4/14 (RFi), and 1 at Brinnon Jefferson on 5/1 (RR).

Golden-crowned Sparrow Uncommon in e WA. 4 at Maryhill Klickitat on 4/21 (PS&RS), 1 at ALE Benton on 4/27 (BLa, HBr), 1 at Silver Lake Spokane on 4/30 (WH) and 5/1 (JA), and 1 at Washucuna Adams on 5/3 (CrC).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK Rare in WA. 1 at Twin Lakes Ferry on 5/26 (MF), 1 photographed at Marrowstone Island Jefferson on 5/24 (PF), and 1 at Machias Snohomish on 5/28 and 5/29 (PS&RS). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Bottle Beach Grays Harbor on 4/28 and 1 at Fall City King on 5/6 (DnF), 5 at Scatter Creek Thurston on 5/11 (BS), 1 male at Marymoor Park King on 5/17 and 5/23 (MiH), 1 male at Point No Point Kitsap on 5/18 (VN), 2 at Camas Clark on 5/20 (fide RR), 1 at Nisqually NWR Thurston on 4/28 (PS&RS), 3 males at Bothell King on 5/27 (HO&JoE), and 1 at Orcas Island San Juan on 5/31 (GbN).

INDIGO BUNTING Rare in WA. 1 at Mount Pleasant Skamania on 5/17 (WC).

TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD Uncommon and local in WA. 1 at Othello Adams on 3/23 (RFi) with 3 there on 4/3 (BSe), 2 reported at Marlin Grant on 4/11 (PS&RS), with 1 there on 4/18 (TAv, SGe), 35 at Wilson Creek Grant on 4/11 (PS&RS) 40 there on 5/28 (PM), and 1 at Alderdale Klickitat on 5/12 (fide SM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird Uncommon and local in w WA. 1 at Montlake Fill King on 4/15 (fide RR), 1 at Point No Point Kitsap on 4/25 and 4/26 and 5/19 (VN), 7 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 4/28 (PS&RS) with 8 there on 5/8 and 17 on 5/20 (PS&RS), and at least 2 at Johnson’s Marsh, Ft. Lewis Pierce on 4/30 (HO, AS).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD Rare in WA. 2 at Wallula Walla Walla on 3/10 (AS, DGr).

COMMON GRACKLE Rare in WA. 1 at College Place Walla Walla on 5/14 (PS&RS).

One of 35 Tri-colored Blackbird seen April 11, 2001 at Wilson Creek, Grant. Photo by Ruth Sullivan.

Pine Grosbeak Rare in lowlands. 2 at Burbank Walla Walla on 4/29 (fide SM), and 2 at Sequim Clallam on 4/17 (fide SM). High count. 12 at Mount Rainier NP Lewis/Pierce on 3/10 (CC).

White-winged Crossbill Sporadic and local in e WA. 3 at Mount Spokane Spokane on 3/7 (WH, JA).

Lesser Goldfinch High count. 24 at Maryhill SP Klickitat on 4/21 (PS&RS).

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