Moveable Feasts

Barn and Cliff Swallows Nesting on a Mobile Structure between Lincoln and Ferry Counties, Washington. By Mike Denny

Driving up onto the Keller Ferry on the south shore of Lake Roosevelt in Lincoln County on the 4th of July, 2002, my wife, MerryLynn, and I sat in the car until the little ferry was loaded. I soon stood out on the right front corner of the ferry and watched as 4-5 bank swallows flew low over a small beach to the east of the ferry landing. With several jerky lurches the ferry began to pull away from the Lincoln County shore as a lone osprey flew west overhead. With the ferry some 200 feet off the shoreline a lone adult barn swallow came zipping in low over the lake’s surface and up under the railing of the ferry. It was greeted by a loud group of hungry young in a nest glued on a support under the base of the hand rails, 20 inches above the lake’s surface. The adult swallow repeated this low level run three more times before being joined by an adult cliff swallow also ripping in from the now-distant south shore.

The cliff swallow aimed for a nest of noisy young located about three feet above the water on the lake side of a storage box. Both adult birds would sally out off the ferry to snag flying insects out over the lake and then return to the moving ferry to feed their growing young. I could hear the screaming young above the ferry engines with each visit of the adult birds. This was a first for me: to see two species of swallow (Continued on page 4)

Ten Years Counting Turkey Vultures

by Diann MacRae

Photo by Bob Davies

This year marks the tenth year of the Olympic Vulture Study, the vulture/raptor monitoring project at Salt Creek County Park in Clallam County, a few miles west of Port Angeles. What have we seen in ten years? 12,926 of our target bird, the turkey vulture, have passed over the site; probably easily a few hundred more that we haven’t spotted due to distance, weather, or not being on site.

Other raptors pass over the strait, it seems, more on a broad front since we do not see flocks of any of the raptors. The red-tailed hawk and sharp-shinned hawk are noted most frequently. Northern harriers, osprey, bald eagles, merlins, and peregrines make regular appearances. Northern goshawk, rough-legged hawk, and golden eagle are rarities.

Lots of other interesting migrants pass by our watch site: sandhill cranes, swallows, various passerines, several species of waterfowl, and, one year, many brown pelicans. Visitors are always welcome at the site which is at one of the tidepool accesses in the park. We can’t guarantee the birds, but it’s a beautiful setting. We’ll be set up around the 18th of September this year and stay into early October, the usual time for vulture crossings.

If you can’t come out to Salt Creek but happen to see migrating turkey vultures, please let us know how many and where. We’ll add them to the totals. Send any information to Diann MacRae, Coordinator, OVS, 22622 – 53rd Avenue S.E., Bothell, WA 98021 or e-mail to tvulture@vei.net.
WOS Membership Meetings 2002

October 7th – first meeting of the new season. Come find out in which neck of the woods white-headed woodpeckers like to raise their kids! Russell Rogers will present data and results of a 1999 Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife nest site selection study of white-headed woodpeckers for the east slope of the Cascade Mountains as well as some trade secrets about how to find their nests.

November 4th – Tom Bloxton will give a talk entitled "Northern Goshawk Research in Intensively Managed Forests of Western Washington." He will discuss research he conducted from 1996-2000 relating to both nesting and foraging habitat as well as the impact of the 1998-99 La Nina season on goshawks in western Washington.

Tom received a Bachelor of Science degree in the Wildlife Science Group, College of Forest Resources at the UW before conducting this research in the same department. He is now an employee of the Rural Technology Initiative in the College of Forest Resources where he is developing wildlife-habitat models for use in forest management planning.

December 2nd – Member's slide night is an always popular event. Bring photos from your trips, your backyards, or your specialties. Programs should be under ten minutes.

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.

Directions: From I-5 take SR520 East. Take the Montlake Blvd NE exit and turn North towards the University of Washington campus. Stay in the right lane and drive North on Montlake Blvd (over the bridge and past the stadium). The road will curve to the right around the Montlake Fill and merges with NE 45th St. You will quickly approach a 5 way intersection. At the intersection turn right onto Mary Gates Memorial Drive. The Center for Urban Horticulture is 2 long blocks down on the right. There is plenty of free parking at the facility. We use the main meeting room, the backside of which faces the road.

WOS Field Trips 2002

Sunday, October 20th
Ken Knittle will lead a field trip in Wahkiakum County to the Julia Butler Hansen NWR near Cathlamet. Here, and on nearby Puget Island, the main target bird will be the white-tailed kite. Species of interest will also include tufted duck mixed in with scaup, sandhill crane, western scrub-jay, American pipit, and fox, Lincoln’s and white-throated sparrows. Plan to spend the afternoon in the Altoona area where several species of loon are possible, and pelagic cormorant along with surf and white-winged scoters may be observed about as far up the Columbia River as the salt water birds go on a regular basis. Limit of 8 birders. For details contact Ken at (360) 574-2590 or washingtonbirder@hotmail.com

Saturday, November 23rd
Mike and MerryLynn Denny will lead a diurnal owling field trip to southeastern Washington. Birding Columbia, Garfield, and Walla Walla Counties, target birds will include barn, western screech, great horned, northern pygmy, barred, great gray, long-eared, short-eared, and northern saw-whet owl. Other species of interest will include American tree, white-throated and Harris’s sparrows. All three accipiters (sharp-shinned hawk, Cooper’s hawk, and northern goshawk) are possible. Limit of 12 birders. For details contact Mike or MerryLynn at (360) 529-0080.

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.

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FROM THE BOARD . . .

The WOS Board and Officers want to offer many thanks to both Warren Hall and Mike Donahue for their service as board members during this last year. The election of officers and directors to the next year’s board is complete and we would like to welcome Diane Weber (Pullman) and Denny Granstrand (Yakima) as the new board members. The new board is:

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It is time to remind everyone that the “Washington Field Notes” bird sightings for fall (August, September, October, November) should be sent to Tom Aversa by December 15th, 2002. Sightings may be sent to Tom at: Tom.aversa@zoo.org or by surface mail 305 NW 75th St. Seattle, WA 98117. Sightings should also be sent to Steve Mlodinow (NW editor for American Birds) at: SGMlod@aol.com or 4819 Gardner Avenue, Everett, WA 98203. If the e-mail addresses are too hard to remember you can send your reports to WOS at: FieldNotes@wos.org and they will be automatically be forwarded to both Tom and Steve.

VULTURE’S ROOST

by Diann MacRae

The editors of our journal (Mike Donahue and Joe Buchanan), report that work on Washington Birds 8 is well on its way to completion. They anticipate being able to send the manuscript to the printer sometime after mid-September. Allowing for review of galley proofs, corrections, and printing time, the journal should be ready to mail near the end of October.

The editor of WOSNews, Diann MacRae, is always glad to receive articles, announcements, photographs and other items of interest to the membership for consideration for publication.

Following our successful meeting in the Okanogan (many people have suggested returning there next year!), the Board will be starting discussions on a location for our next Annual Meeting. Following our usual pattern of alternating meetings on the east and west sides of the state, we will be meeting at a westside location. We want your suggestions: We need a place and time of year that offer good birding and a venue that can accommodate our large group - we had 120+ this year.

Volunteer opportunities continue to present themselves.

1. We still need a Program Chair, but speakers have been arranged for many of the meetings. We have programs arranged for October, November, December, February, and March (contact Kraig Kemper).
2. We will be looking for a Merchandise Chair or Co-Chair (contact Kathy Ehrenberg).
3. We would like someone to assist with Hospitality (contact Joan Velikanje at the October meeting).
4. Someone to assist with the membership database and recruiting new members (contact Tracee Geernaert).
5. Help to assist with maintaining an information table for WOS at special events.

Thanks to all WOS members who have volunteered their time during this last year. We appreciate your comments and suggestions whether sent by e-mail through the WOS website (www.wos.org) or by mail (WOS, P.O. Box 31783, Seattle, WA 98103-1783).

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feeding young on a moving ferry with no problems at the moment. I doubt the rate of success will be very high considering how young barn swallows like to fly out and practice landing wherever they can. We wondered if these birds could survive this tiny Washington State Ferry plying the waters of Lake Roosevelt between Lincoln and Ferry Counties.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat Gently with that Wren
By Michael Hobbs

The email note to me, July 15, 2002, from the director of the Sammamish Rowing Association contained hints of both worry and wonder. From what she wrote, some kind of small bird was nesting in a boat trailer which they had been shuttling in and out of the Marymoor Park boathouse in Redmond, Washington, daily for weeks.

The rowers had noticed 3-4 nestlings in a nest in a square tube jutting forward at an angle from the front of the trailer. I reassured her that if the birds had managed long enough for the eggs to hatch, that they need not do anything different in the handling of their trailer.

I had forgotten about our email discussion by the following Thursday, when my weekly survey brought me over to the rowing club. Just by chance I happened to notice a Bewick’s wren acting somewhat agitated. Suddenly remembering, I inspected the boat trailer I was standing near and I quickly found some nestlings. Three or four fuzzballs with yellow gapes and big eyes looked up at me. They seemed perfectly fine, and when I stepped back a few feet, the parent successfully delivered a morsel. By the following Thursday, the young had apparently fledged and the nest was empty.

The trailer had a 3-inch square tube rising at about a 45 degree angle on which the prow of the boat would rest. A hand-crank was bolted through this tube about 3 inches down from the open end. The wrens had built a minimal nest structure anchored to the bolt. While Bewick’s wrens are cavity nesters, this location stretched that definition somewhat, as the nest formed just a simple cup. The top of the tube was angled such that there was no overhang, and the nest was only 3 inches deep at its deepest point.

Bewick’s wrens have an incubation period of around two weeks, and the young take another two weeks to fledge. For a period of about a month, therefore, the wrens had to deal with a boat trailer that was loaded with a small boat each night and pushed into the boathouse. Each day, the trailer was wheeled out of the boathouse, taken about 100 feet to the boat launch. During the day, the trailer would sit outside the boathouse, before reloading the boat again in the evening. Somehow, the wrens managed to follow the trailer in and out of the boathouse each night.
Aberrant Plumaged Brewer’s Blackbird Near Wishram, Klickitat County, Washington.

By Mike Denny. Photo by MerryLynn Denny.

On 3 May 2002 MerryLynn and I were returning home from a great day of birding Rock Creek Canyon in southern Klickitat County. As we drove east along Hwy 14, just pulling away from the tiny hamlet of Wishram, I noticed several police cars monitoring passing traffic and so stayed within speed limits. In doing so we noticed three or four pairs of Brewer’s blackbirds patrolling the south edge of the highway. As we approached, four of these birds flew up and over our car and down into the dried, brown weeds and cheat grass along the north edge of the road. “What was that!!” I yelled as I nosed the car into the next handy turn-around. Coming to a slow stop we soon saw a very interesting Brewer’s blackbird.

This bird was with three other Brewer’s blackbirds slowly working their way uphill away from the highway at the edge of the turn-around. It was an adult female with a black beak, dark eyes, and a pure white head, throat, nape, and side of neck, with intermittent white feathers down onto the upper chest. Both of us now grabbed our cameras and took several photos of this striking individual. We continued watching this female blackbird as it foraged through the burnt sage and dried grasses on the hillside, picking at insects on the ground and then jumping up into low, dead sage in search of more prey items.

Suddenly, we remembered a very similarly-plumaged female Brewer’s blackbird along Woodward Canyon Road in southern Walla Walla County in March of 1997. That individual had only a white head and a light sprinkling of white feathers down the nape, across the side neck, and below the throat. This bird did not have the extensive white on the throat and neck that the Klickitat County bird did.

So . . . two white-headed, adult female Brewer’s blackbirds in six years, yet we have never seen a male with a white head. Do male birds display this genetic anomaly in Washington State?

Purple Martins

Kevin Li took these photos in Ballard, King, August 9, 2002. Purple martin activity had been at a high level during the week, with adults feeding both nestlings and fledglings at Ballard’s Shilshole Bay and at Port of Seattle’s Jack Block Park. At times as many as 10-15 martins were flight, with others still in the boxes or gourds.
Red-throated Loon Uncommon away from coast. 1 at White Salmon River Mouth Klickitat/Skamania on 1/10 (KK), 2 at Elma Grays Harbor on 12/5 (TAv), 1 at Woodland Cowlitz on 12/8 (PS&RS) with 1 there on 12/29 (RKo) and on 1/22 (BT), and 1 at Longview Cowlitz on 1/1 (RKo).

Pacific Loon Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Wenatchee Chelan on 12/8 (DBe), 1 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 12/9 (DGr,AS), 1 at Bridgeport Douglas on 12/22 (PS&RS), 3 at Chelan Falls Chelan on 12/23, with 1 there on 1/1 (DBe), 1 at Wells Dam Chelan/Douglas on 12/23 (PS&RS), 4 at Oroondo Douglas on 12/23 (DBe) with 2 there on 12/27 (PS&RS), 1 at Clarkston Asotin on 1/19 (fide MK), 1 at McNary Dam Benton on 1/19 (Cr&CJuC), 1 at Vantage Kittitas on 1/21 (SDo) with 2 there on 2/11 and 2/16 (SP), and 2 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 2/10 (DGr,AS).

Yellow-billed Loon Uncommon in WA. 2 at Dungeness Chilcum from the boat on the CBC on 12/17 (BL), 1 at Salsbury Point CP Kitsap on 1/26 (SM,BT), and 1 at Grays Harbor on 12/27 (PS&RS) with 1 there on 1/2 (ST), 12 at Soap Lake Grant on 1/9 (TAv,SGe), 2 at Pateros Okanogan on 1/17 (JaPa), 16 at Port Orchard Kitsap on 1/20 (PS&RS), 1 at Westport Grays Harbor on 2/16 (SM,BT), and 1 at Clarkston Asotin on 2/23 (fide MK).

Western Grebe Winter reports from e WA included 30 at Kennewick Benton on 1/21 (BW) with 24 there on 2/2 (BLa&NLa), 32 at Richland Benton on 1/21 (NLa,BW), 1 at Banks Lake Grant on 1/25 and 1 at Blue Lake Grant on 1/25 (RK).

Clark’s Grebe Uncommon in w WA in winter. 1 at Bay Center Pacific on 1/18 (SM), and on 1/20 (KKe).

American White Pelican Reports included 12 at Hanford Reach Grant on 12/7 (RK), 11 at Richland Benton on 12/29 (BW) with 6 there on 2/4 (MLy), 8 at Wanapum Dam Kittitas on 1/9 (RKo), 5 at Wallula Walla Walla on 1/12 (PS&RS), and 4 at Kennewick Benton on 1/24 (TAv).

Double-crested Cormorant High count for e WA 200 at Kennewick Benton on 12/29 (Cr&CJuC).

American Bittern Uncommon in winter in w WA. 1 at Spencer Island Snohomish on 1/6 (SM).

Great Egret Reports included 37 at Woodland Cowlitz on 12/8 (PS&RS) and on 12/17 (WC) with 29 there on 1/12 (RKo) and 17 on 2/2 (SM) with 5 remaining to the end of the period (TAv,RSh), 1 at Oroondo Douglas on 12/25 (DBe) until at least 12/27 (PS&RS), 1 at Richland Benton on 12/29 (ML), 1 at Stanwood Snohomish on 12/29 (SM) and on 1/20 (Ps), 1 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 1/5 (MD&MLD) until at least 1/12 (PS&RS), 1 at Satus WMA Yakima on 1/8 (GuAm), and 1 at Bay Center Pacific on 1/20 (KKe) and 2/2 (PS&RS).

Cattle Egret Uncommon in WA. 2 at Burbank Walla Walla from November until at least 1/21 (fide BLa) 1 at Stanwood Snohomish on 12/2 (SM), 1 near Snohomish Snohomish on 12/27 (fide SM) and 1 at Tualco Valley Snohomish on 1/6 (EH).

Green Heron Uncommon in winter in w WA. 1 at Bothell Snohomish on 12/2 (JB), 1 at Olympia Thurston on 1/6 (JaPa), and 1 at Longview Cowlitz on 1/21 (RKo).

Black-crowned Night Heron Reports included 30 at Two Rivers CP Benton on 12/29 (DB), 2 at Confluence SP Chelan on 12/29 with 3 there on 1/14 and on 2/23 (DBe), 1 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 1/8 (HB), and 1 adult at Fir Island Skagit on 2/21 (TAv,SGe) and 2/22 (PS&RS).

Turkey Vulture Rare in WA in winter. 1 at Everett Snohomish on 2/5 (BD), 1 on San Juan Island on 2/14 (BJ).

Tundra Swan Reports from e WA included 125 at Columbia NWR Adams/Grant on 12/3 (RK), 30 flying over ALES Benton on 12/8 (BLa&NLa), 3 at Buchanan Lake Yakima on 1/4 (RKo,JD), 4 at Richland Benton on 1/6 (ML), 27 at Othello Adams on 2/2 (RFI), and 8 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 2/15 (DeJ). High counts from w WA included 1314 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 1/5 (JE), and 400 at Mount Vernon Skagit on 1/13 (TAv).

Trumpeter Swan Wintering birds becoming more widespread. Reports included 2 at Sequim Chilcum on 12/8 with 10 on 1/5 (DMu) and 15 there on 2/24 (EKo), 20 at Chimacum Jefferson on 12/9 with 24 on 1/3 (DMu), and 15 there on 2/7 (TAv,SGe), 2 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 12/16 (TAv), 2 at Bridgeport Bar Douglas on 12/26 (PS&RS), 8 at Fort Canby SP Pacific on 1/3 (MD&MLD) and on 1/16 (TAv,BSe), 900 at Mount Vernon Skagit on 1/13 (TAv), 10 at Cedar RN Pacific on 1/14, 87 at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 1/19 (PS&RS), 1 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 2/2 (SM), 25 at Oakville Grays Harbor on 2/9 (RO,DC), 400 at Stanwood Snohomish on 2/10 (SM), and 2 at West Richland Benton on 2/14 (MCr).

Greater White-fronted Goose Reports included 9 at Nisqually Thurston on 12/10 (fide TAv), 1 at Lake Aspen Yakima on 12/16 (DGri), 5 at Gardiner Chilcum on 12/30 (BoB), 4 at Kennewick Benton on 1/17 (NLa,BW), 7 at Cowichan Grant on 1/19 (RFI), 1 at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 1/29 (JaPa), 2 at Carnation King on 2/2 (SP), 4 at Aberdeen Grays Harbor on 2/10, 16 west of South Bend Pacific on 2/16 (PS&RS), 4 at Snohomish Snohomish on 2/22 (SGe), and 43 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 2/23 (MD).

Snow Goose Reports away from nw WA wintering grounds included 2 at Tonpennish NWR Yakima on 12/9 until at least 1/4 (RR), 2 at Kennewick Benton on 1/12, 2 at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 12/2 (PS&RS), 2 at Tokeland Pacific on 12/20 (TAv,DSw), 200 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 12/26 (EA) with 1500 on 1/5 (DFr) and 5 there on 2/28 (TAv,RSh), and 1 at Woodland Cowlitz on 1/31 (TAv).

“Blue” Goose Rare in WA. 1 reported at Fir Island Skagit on 12/22 (fide SM).
Ross’s Goose Rare but increasing frequency of reports in winter. 1 immature at Confluence SP Chelan on 12/15 (DBe,KK), 1 at Burbank Walla Walla on 2/2 (PB), 1 west of South Bend Pacific on 2/16, 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 2/20 (PS&RS) and on 2/28 (TAv,RSh).

EMPEROR GOOSE Rare in WA. 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 12/7 (WC) and on 12/26 (EA), 2 adults and 1 immature found on the CBC at Dungeness Spat Clallam on 12/17 (EHi,JAc), and 1 between South Bend and Raymond Pacific on 1/18 (SM) until at least 2/20 (GW).

Brant Rare away from coast. 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 12/26 (DFr,EA) and on 2/28 (TAv,RSh). High counts included 800 at Lummi Bay Whatcom on 12/12 (fide TAv), 370 at Tolkuend Pacific on 1/19 (PS&RS), and 450 at Jamestown Clallam on 2/7 (TAv,SGe).

“Eurasian” Green-winged Teal Uncommon in WA. 1 at Sequim Bay Clallam on 12/11 (EKr) and on 12/12 (GW), 1 at Johns River Grays Harbor on 2/10 (PS&RS), 1 at Centralia Lewis on 2/13 (GW), 1 at Stanwood Snohomish on 2/14 (TAv), 1 at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 2/17 (TAv,PS&RS), 1 at Crockett Lake Island on 2/21 (SP), and 4 reported at Samish Flats Skagit on 2/22 (PS&RS).

“Eurasian X American” Green-winged Teal Uncommon in WA. 1 at Snohomish STP Snohomish on 1/1 (SM), 1 at Centralia Lewis on 2/13 (GW), 1 at Stanwood Snohomish on 2/14 (TAv), and 2 at Samish Flats Skagit on 2/22 (PS&RS).

FALCATED DUCK Rare in WA. 1 male in breeding plumage at Samish Flats Skagit on 2/21 (TAv,SGe) until the end of the period (SM).

Northern Pintail High Count. 10,000 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 2/22 (MD).

Blue-winged Teal Rare in WA in winter. 2 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 2/18 (KK) and on 2/20 (PS&RS).

Cinnamon Teal Uncommon in winter. 5 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 2/26 (KKe).

Eurasian Wigeon Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Two Rivers CP Benton on 12/8 (DR), 1 at Richland Benton on 12/16 (Dej) with 2 there on 1/26 (EH).

Ring-necked Duck High count. 1200 at Franz Lake NWR Yakamania on 12/20 (IE).

Tufted Duck Rare in WA. 1 male at Hoquiam STP Grays Harbor on 2/9 (PH), until at least 2/20 (GW).

Greater Scaup High counts included 240 at Pateros Okanogan on 12/22 (SM), 417 at Magnuson Park King on 12/25 (JB), and 225 at Woodland Cowlitz on 1/31 (TAv).

Lesser Scaup High count. 1550 southeast of Brewster Douglas on 12/23 (MD&MLD).

Harlequin Duck High count. 101 at Sequim Bay Clallam on 12/4 (EHi).

Long-tailed Duck Uncommon away from coast. 2 at Vantage Kittitas on 1/11 (KK) with 4 on 1/25 (SDo) and 8 there on 2/18 (SR), 1 male at Fruit Valley STP Clark on 12/16 (WC) until at least 12/21 (SGe), 1 female at Stanwood STP Snohomish on 12/21 until at least 2/23 (DLo). High count. 974 from the boat on the CBC at Dungeness Clallam on 12/17 (BL). Surf Scoter Uncommon in e WA. 1 at East Wenatchee Douglas on 12/8 (DBe), and 1 at Orondo Douglas on 12/23 (PS&RS).

Common Goldeneye High counts included 200 at Pateros Okanogan on 12/22 (SM), and 60 at Banks Lake Grant on 1/11 (MD&MLD).

Bufflehead X Goldeneye Seldom reported. 1 male thought to be a hybrid Bufflehead and Common Goldeneye at Wenatchee Chelan on 12/2 until at least 12/22 (DBe).

Bufflehead High count. 898 from the boat on the CBC at Dungeness Clallam on 12/17 (BL).

Red-breasted Merganser Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Bingen Klrickat on 12/4 (KGl), 18 at Banks Lake Grant on 1/5 (RFi) with 8 there on 1/25 (RH). High count for w WA. 242 at Sequim Bay Clallam on 12/17 (EKr).

Ruddy Duck High count. 800 southeast of Brewster Douglas on 12/23 (MD&MLD).

Osprey Rare in winter. 1 at Issaquah King on 12/7 (HJ), 1 at Longview Cowlitz on 1/19 (fide SM), and 1 at Fall City King on 2/2 (SP).

White-tailed Kite Uncommon and local. 2 at Longview Cowlitz on 12/9 with 3 there on 2/23 (RKe), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 12/18 (DFr), 1 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR Walkiuskam on 12/30 (MPa) with 6 reported there on 12/31 (PS&RS), 2 at Chinook Pacific on 1/16 (TAv,BSx), 35 in Lewis County Lewis, and 3 in Thurston County Thurston on 2/2 (RO).

Bald Eagle High count for e WA. 25 at McNary NWR Whatcom on 2/23 (MD).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK Rare in WA. 1 adult at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 12/5 (TAv).

“Harlan’s” Hawk Reports included 1 at Lummi Flats Whatcom on 12/12 (TAv), 1 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR Walkiuskam on 12/31 (PS&RS), 2 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 1/1, 1 at Steigerwald Lake NWR Clark on 1/3 (JE), 1 light morph intergrade at
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Tualco Valley Snobonish on 1/3 until at least 2/20 (TAv), and 1 at Samish Flats Skagit on 2/21 (TAv,SGe).

Ferruginous Hawk Early reports included 1 at Hanford Benton on 1/26 (PB), 1 at Chandler Benton on 2/2 (AS), and 1 at Byrnes Road Walla Walla on 2/25 (MD).

Golden Eagle Uncommon in winter in e Benton and 1 at Rattlesnake Mountain Walla Walla (DR), 1 at College Place on 1/11 (PS&RS), 1 at Lost Harrison Okanogan on 12/24 (KKe), and 2 at the Ellensburg airport Kittitas on 2/18 (SP,Jif).


Sharp-tailed Grouse Uncommon and local. 38 at Scotch Creek WMA Okanogan on 12/19 (JOL), 4 at Foster Creek Douglas on 12/23 (KKe), with 20 on 12/27 and 10 there on 1/10 (PS&RS).

Wild Turkey Reports included 11 at Lower Trout Lake Valley Klickitat on 12/8 (KGI), 57 at Twisp on 1/10 (PS&RS), 15 at Sinlahekin Road Okanogan on 12/25 (KKe), NWR Clark on 1/3 with 500 there on 1/30 (DFr). Early migrants reported from e WA included 5 at Corfu Grant on 2/23 and 82 at Scootney Reservoir Franklin on 2/24 (RH).

Snowy Plover Reports only from this location. 25 at Midway Beach Pacific on 1/18 (SM) with 22 there at least until 2/3 (KKe).

Semipalmated Plover Uncommon and local in winter. 2 at Midway Beach Pacific on 12/20 (TAv,DSw) with there on 2/17 (EH), 1 at Tokeland Pacific on 12/20 (TAv,DSw), and 18 at Johns River Grays Harbor on 2/10 (PS&RS).

Black Oystercatcher Locally uncommon. 1 at Westport Grays Harbor on 2/9 and 2/16 (BL).

Greater Yellowlegs Reports included 1 west of Kingston Kitsap on 12/19 (TAv), 16 at Ocosta Grays Harbor on 12/20 (TAv,DSw), 1 at Magnuson Park King on 12/25 (J, 2 at Yakima RD Benton on 1/3 (PL) with 4 there on 2/8 (NLa,RF), 77 at Nemah Pacific on 1/14, 24 at Mud Bay Thurston on 2/3 (PS&RS), and 6 at Nordland Jefferson on 2/7 (TAv,SGe).

Lesser Yellowlegs Rare but increasing in winter. 1 near Bruceport Pacific on 1/18 (SM), and 1 at Johns River Grays Harbor on 2/10 and 2/16 (PS&RS).

Willet Local and uncommon in WA. 12 at Tokeland Pacific on 12/5 (TAv), until at least 1/18

Peregrine Falcon Uncommon in winter in e WA. 1 at Richland Benton on 12/29 (BW) and on 1/6 (RF), 1 at Corf Grant on 1/19 (RF).

Gyrfalcon Uncommon and local in WA. 1 at Columbia NWR Adams/Grant on 12/3 (RH), 1 near Mansfield Douglas on 12/21 (MSt) and 12/23 (KKe) and on 1/24 (SR), 1 adult at Snobonish Snobonish on 1/3 until at least 2/20 (TAv), 1 at Electric City Grant on 1/6 (PS&RS), 1 reported at Woodland Cowitz on 1/10, 1 reported at Centralia Lewis on 1/10 (KK), 1 immature at Tualco Valley Snobonish on 1/26 (EH), 1 at Lowell Snobonish on 2/3 (DSw), 1 west of Grand Coulee Douglas on 2/10 (DB), and 1 adult at Othello Adams on 2/28 (RF).

Prarie Falcon Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Woodland Cowitz on 1/2 (GT) and on 1/13 (KKe), 1 adult at Samish Flats Skagit from at least 1/13 (TAv) to 2/16 (J, 1 at Cowitz Prairie Lewis on 1/21 (RO), and 1 at Stanwood Snobonish on 2/4 (fide SM) until at least 2/14 (TAv).

Gray Partridge Reports included 21 at Central Ferry Whitman on 12/6 (MD), 9 at Kipling Road Okanogan on 12/24 (KKe), and 2 at the Ellensburg airport Kittitas on 2/18 (SP,Jif).

Long-tailed Duck found by Arden Hagen, Mark Miller and Sherry Hagen at the Fruit Valley Sewage Lagoon, Vancouver, Clark, on Dec. 16, 2001. Believed to be a county first. This photo was taken the next day by Sherry Hagen with an Olympus C700 digital camera through a Swarovski scope.

Spotted Sandpiper Uncommon in winter. 1 at Esquatzel Flume Franklin on 1/3 (LN), 1 at Raymond Pacific on 1/18 (SM), and 1 at Olympia Thurston on 1/28 (JPa).

Whimbrel Local and uncommon in winter. 2 at Tokeland Pacific on 12/5 (TAv) until at least 1/18 (SM), 1 at Ediz Hook Clallam on 1/26 (BN,SM).

American Coot High count. 15,000 southeast of Brewster Douglas on 12/23 (MD&MLD).

Black-billed Cuckoo Reports from w WA included 100 at Woodland Cowitz on 12/23 (WC) with 350 on 1/17 (KKe), and 60 there on 1/31(TAv), and 327 at Ridgefield (SM).

Bar-Tailed Godwit First winter for WA. 1 juvenile remaining from at least 2/17 (RSh).
Marbled Godwit Reports included 675 at Tokeland Pacific on 12/5 (TAv) with 950 on 1/18 (SM) and 580 there on 2/23 (PS&RS), 30 at Dungeness Clallam on 12/17 (EH,JAc) with 17 there until at least 2/7 (TAv,SGe), and 1 at Blaine Whatcom on 2/23 (JKi).

Ruddy Turnstone Uncommon and local in winter. 1 at Penn Cove Island 12/13 (SM), and 1 at Westport Grays Harbor on 1/19 (PS&RS) and 2/16 (EH).

Western Sandpiper Reports included 15 at March Point Skagit on 1/17 (KKe), 100 at Willapa Bay Pacific on 1/18 (SM), 228 at Tokeland Pacific on 2/3 (PS&RS), 8 reported at Discovery Park King on 2/9 (RL), and 30 at Samish Flats Skagit on 2/23 (TAv).

Least Sandpiper Uncommon in e WA in winter. 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 12/29 (BLa,HBr) and on 1/3 (NLa), and 9 at Othello Adams on 2/2 (RFi). High counts for w WA included 38 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR Wabkiakum on 1/13 (PS&RS), 35 at March Point Skagit on 1/17 (KKe), and 147 at Tokeland Pacific on 2/3 (PS&RS).

Rock Sandpiper Uncommon and local in WA. 2 at West Seattle King on 12/14 (SD), 1 at Tacoma Pierce on 12/15 (BL), 1 at Point Roberts Whatcom on 12/20 (SM), 1 at Westport Grays Harbor on 1/19 (PS&RS) and on 2/2 (RKS), and 4 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 2/13 (BW).

Dunlin Uncommon in e WA in winter. 75 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 12/21 (NLa,RF) with 80 there until at least 1/24 (TAv), 14 at Yakima RD Benton on 1/1 (BW) with 24 there with 2/11 (NLa,RF), 18 at Othello Adams on 2/2 (RFi), and 160 at Scooteney Reservoir Franklin on 2/24 (RH). High count for w WA. 12,000 on Long Beach Pacific on 1/3 (MD&MLD).

Red Phalarope Uncommon from land. 1 at Long Beach Pacific on 1/3 (MD&MLD).

Franklin's Gull Rare in winter in WA. 1 at Kent King on 12/3 (MaB), 1 winter adult at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 12/5 (TAv), and 1 winter adult photographed at Woodland Cowitz on 12/8 (PS&RS).

Bonaparte's Gull High count. 3974 at Tacoma Pierce from the Sound on the CBC on 12/15 (BL).

Mew Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Two Rivers CP Benton on 12/7 and on 1/17 (BLa&NLa), 2 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 12/21 until at least 2/22 (MD), 1 at Kennewick Benton on 12/29 (PB) and on 1/12 (PS&RS), 1 at McNary Dam Benton on 1/1 (CrC&JuC), and 1 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 1/24 (NLa,MD).

Thayer's Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Lower Monumental Dam Walla Walla on 12/8 (fide MK), 1 at Buchanan Lake Yakima on 12/12 (DGr,AS), 1 first winter bird at McNary Dam Benton on 1/1 (CrC&JuC), 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 1/6 (AS&EIS) and on 2/2 (BLa&NLa), 1 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 1/13 (MD&MLD) with 2 there on 1/24 (SM), 1 at Walla Walla Walla Walla on 1/14 (KK) and on 2/2 (RH), and 2 at Wallula Walla Walla on 1/27 (BLa&NLa).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL Rare in WA. 1 adult at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 12/21 (MD&MLD), 1 at McNary Dam Benton on 1/1 (CrC&JuC), 1 third year bird at Little Goose Dam Columbia on 1/19 (KK), and 1 at Ice Harbor Dam Franklin/Walla Walla on 1/24 (NLa,MD).

Glaucous Gull Reports included 1 immature at Olympic Game Farm Clallam on 12/19 (TAv), 1 adult at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 12/21 and 12/29 (MD&MLD), 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 1/6 (AS&EIS), 2 immatures at Wallula Walla Walla on 1/11 with 1 adult there on 1/12 (PS&RS) and 1/27 (BLa&NLa), 1 immature reported at Julia Butler Hansen NWR Wabkiakum on 1/13 (PS&RS), 1 immature at Green Lake King on 2/1 (GT), and 1 immature reported at Woodland Cowitz on 2/19 (KK).

Black-legged Kittiwake Rare in e WA. 1 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 1/13 (MD,KT) and on 1/14 (MD&MLD). High count for w WA. 237 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 2/16 (BL).

THICK-BILLED MURRE Rare in WA. 1 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 2/17 (RSh,SM).

Pigeon Guillemot High count. 616 at Dungeness Clallam from the boat on the CBC on 12/17 (BL).

Ancient Murrelet reports included 26 at Marrowstone Point Jefferson on 12/2 (DoW), 411 at Dungeness Clallam from boat on the CBC on 12/17 (BL), and 4 reported at Oak Bay CP Jefferson on 1/25 (DMu).

Cassin's Auklet The only report received was of 42 on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 2/16 (BL).

Band-tailed Pigeon Rare in e WA in winter. 11 reported on the CBC at Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 1/5 (RFi).

Mourning Dove High count for w WA. 80 near Toledo Lewis on 1/19 (SM).

Snowy Owl Reports included 2 south of Moses Lake Grant on 12/22 (MD&MLD) with 1 there on 1/4 and 2/1 (RH), and 1 at Mondovi Lincoln on 12/22 with 4 on 1/16 and 5 on 2/23 and at least 1 until the end of the period (JA).

Burrowing Owl Uncommon in winter in e WA. 19 found on surveys in Grant & Adams counties during the week of 12/11 Grant/Adams (fide RH), 1 at MP 151 on 1/9 Grant on 12/31 (DFe), and 1 at WSU campus in Richland Benton on 2/4 (BLa&NLa) and on 2/13 (RF).

Barred Owl Locally uncommon. 1 spent most of the winter at Zillah Yakima (AS), 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 2/15 (BM).

Great Gray Owl Rare in w WA. 1 at Samish Island Skagit on 2/16 (KKe,Jb).

Long-eared Owl Uncommon in w WA. 1 reported on the CBC at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 12/16 (fide WC).

Short-eared Owl Low numbers reported this winter. 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 1/1 until at least 1/31 (fide JF), 4 at Samish Flats Skagit on 1/13 (TAv) with 3 there on 2/23 (PS&RS).

Northern Saw-whet Owl Locally uncommon. 1 at Richland Benton on 12/29 (fide BLa), 1 at Hood Park Walla Walla on 1/24 (TAv,SM) until at least 2/22 (BLa&NLa), and 1 at Clarkston Astun on 2/3 and 2/9 (RIW).

Anna’s Hummingbird Locally uncommon. 1 at Yakima Yakima from 12/10 through 2/10, 1 at Cottonwood Canyon Yakima from 12/28 through 1/30 (DGr), 1 at Kennewick Benton from fall throughout the period (RG,BLa), 1 at Joyce Clallam on 12/7, and 1 at Sequim Bay Clallam on 12/11 (BN).

Lewis’s Woodpecker High count. 100 at Fort Simcoe SP Yakima on 12/20 (SGe).

ACORN WOODPECKER Rare and local. 1 at Balch Lake Road Klickitat on 12/20 (SGe).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER Rare in WA. 1 juvenile at Kent King on 12/30 (DSh) until at least 1/5 (KKe).

Red-breasted Sapsucker Uncommon in e WA. Reports from an apparent mini-invasion included 1 at Lower Trout Lake Valley Klickitat on 12/1 and 12/15 (KGl), 1 at Rooks Park Walla Walla on 2/3 (GSh), and 1 at Walla Walla Walla Walla on 2/3 (GSh), 1 at
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Yakima. Yakima on 2/3 at least until 2/28 (RRe), 1 at Lincoln Rock SP Douglas on 2/5 (DBe), 2 at Oak Creek Game Range Yakima on 2/6 until at least 2/20 (LaR), and 1 at Cle Elum Kittitas on 2/18 (IWo&KWo).

Red-breasted X Red-naped Sapsucker Reports included 1 at Winthrop Okanogan on 12/22 (SM), and 1 at Lincoln Rock SP Douglas on 2/5 (DBe).

Williamson's Sapsucker Rare in winter in WA. 1 male, 3 miles southwest of Trout Lake Klickitat on 12/22 (SM), and 1 at Lincoln Rock SP Douglas on 2/5 (DBe).

Hairy Woodpecker Locally uncommon. 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 12/29 (NLa,RF), 1 at Vantage Highway Kittitas on 1/9 (TAv,SGe), and 1 at Kennewick Benton on 1/27 (PB,NLa).

White-headed Woodpecker Reports included 2 at Icicle Ridge Chelan on 12/22 (KCa), 1 at Tonasket-Havillah Road Okanogan on 12/24 (KKe), and 1 at Conboy Lake NWR Klickitat on 2/28 (KGJ).

BLACK PHOEBE Rare in winter in WA. 1 from fall at Julia Butler Hansen NWR. Early reports included 6 at Centralia Lewis on 2/13 (GW), 1 reported at Skagit WMA Skagit on 2/13 (DBe), 7 at Elma Grays Harbor on 2/16 (PS&RS), 2 at Chief Timothy SP Asotin on 2/23 (CSw), and 100 and at around Ridgefield NWR Clark on 2/28 (TAv,RSh).

Violet-green Swallow Early reports included 2 reported at Elma Grays Harbor on 2/16 (PS&RS), 1 at Potholes Grant on 2/17 (DBe), and 1 at Magnuson Park King on 2/12 (PS&RS), 1 at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 1/29 (JPa) with 14 reported there on 2/17 (PS&RS), 5 at Lowell Snohomish on 2/3 (DSw), 3 at Snohomish Snohomish on 2/14 (SP), 4 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 2/9 (PS&RS), with 13 there on 2/21 (TAv,SGe), 13 at Elma Grays Harbor on 2/10 with 20 reported there on 2/17, 2 at Johns River Grays Harbor on 2/10 (PS&RS), 6 at Centralia Lewis on 2/13 (GW), and 8 at Sequim Klickitat on 2/17 (AS).

Rock Wren Uncommon in winter in e WA. 3 at Downriver Road Whitman on 12/14 (fide MK), 3 at ALES Benton on 1/5 (BLa&NL), 3 at Crab Creek Adams on 1/29 (RF), 1 near Rocky Reach Dam Chelan on 2/20 (DBe), and 6 at Vantage Kittitas on 2/24 (KKc).

Winter Wren Locally uncommon. 3 at Two Rivers CP Benton on 12/29 (DR), 1 at Woodland Clark on 1/31 (TAv).

Brown Creeper Locally uncommon. 2 at Richland Benton on 12/29 (HB), 1 at Northrup Canyon Grant on 1/11 (MD&MLD), and 3 at Hood Park Walla Walla on 1/27 (BLa&NL).

American Dipper Locally uncommon. 1 at Lower Trout Lake Klickitat on 12/22 (KGJ), 1 at Little Goose Dam Columbia on 1/11 (KK), 1 at Cottonwood Creek Asotin on 12/30 (fide MK), 1 at Nisqually Station Thurston on 12/16 (GW), 1 at Vashon Island King on 12/30 (fide ESw), and 1 at Dewarto Bay Mason on 2/17 (RCa).

Western Bluebird Reports included 9 at Elma Grays Harbor on 12/5 (TAv), 8 at Whitewake Lake Okanogan on 12/25 (KKe), 1 at Couse Creek Asotin on 1/3 (CV), 6 at West Richland Benton on 1/7 (CJ,NLa), 8 and Twisp Okanogan on 1/10


Horned Lark Locally uncommon in w WA. 1 reported at Woodland Cowitz on 12/8 (PS&RS), 1at Ediz Hook Clallam on 1/17 (BMo) and on 1/26 (JMu), 4 at Midway Beach Pacific on 1/19 (PS&RS) with 9 there on 1/30 (JPa).

Tree Swallow Early reports included 6 at Centralia Lewis on 2/13 (GW), 1 reported at Skagit WMA Skagit on 2/13 (DBe), 7 at Elma Grays Harbor on 2/16 (PS&RS), 2 at Chief Timothy SP Asotin on 2/23 (CSw), and 100 and at around Ridgefield NWR Clark on 2/28 (TAv,RSh).

White-breasted Nuthatch Unusual location. 1 at Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 1/5 (RF).

Western Scrub-Jay Locally rare. 1 at Chelan Chelan on 1/13 (DBe), and 1 at Chief Timothy SP Asotin on 2/17 (CSw) and 2/21 (Djo).

Say's Phoebe Uncommon in winter in e WA. Reports included 1 at Touchet Walla Walla on 12/16 (LN), 1 at Ten Mile Creek Asotin on 12/18 (RIW), 1 at Chief Joseph Dam Douglas on 12/27 (PS&RS), 1 at Columbia NWR Adams/Grant on 12/31 (RF), 1 at Chelan Falls Park Chelan on 1/4 (DBe), and 1 at Nelms Road.

Barn Swallow Winter reports in unprecedented numbers from w WA included 1 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR Wabakiakum on 12/30 (MPa), 2 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 1/5 (DFr), with 6 on 1/27 (JE) and 3 there on 2/28 (TAv,RSh), 15 at Spencer Island Snohomish on 1/13 (DP) with 6 there on 1/21 (LAb), 1 at Bay Center Pacific on 1/14 (PS&RS), 3 at Carnation King on 1/17 and 1/21 (MW), 5 at Monroe Snohomish on 1/17 (KK), 6 at Magnuson Park King on 1/19 with 3 there on 2/24 (JB), 10 at Deep River Wabakiakum on 1/19 (SM), 2 at Auburn King on 1/21 (DE), 1 at Elwha Clallam on 1/26 (JMu), 6 at Kennewick on 12/30 (NL), and 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA Franklin on 1/26 (RF).

Loggerhead Shrike Uncommon in winter in e WA. 1 at Columbia NWR Adams/Grant throughout the period (RF), 1 reported at Bridgeport Douglas on 12/22 (PS&RS), 2 at ALES Benton on 1/5 (BLa&NL), and 1 at Corfu Grant on 1/9 (RF).

Blue Jay Uncommon in WA. 1 at Spokane Spokane throughout the period (JA), and 1 at Sunnyside Yakima from the beginning of the period until at least 1/5 (KT).

Western Scrub-Jay Locally rare. 1 at Chelan Chelan on 1/13 (DBe), and 1 at Chief Timothy SP Asotin on 2/17 (CSw) and 2/21 (Djo).

2/23 (JB), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 2/23 (MaB), and 2 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 2/28 (TAv,RSh).

Rock Wren Uncommon in winter in e WA. 3 at Downriver Road Whitman on 12/14 (fide MK), 3 at ALES Benton on 1/5 (BLa&NL), 3 at Crab Creek Adams on 1/29 (RF), 1 near Rocky Reach Dam Chelan on 2/20 (DBe), and 6 at Vantage Kittitas on 2/24 (KKc).

Winter Wren Locally uncommon. 3 at Two Rivers CP Benton on 12/29 (DR), 1 at Woodland Clark on 1/31 (TAv).
Mountain Bluebird Uncommon in winter. 1 at Johnson’s Corner Pier on 12/12 (fide TAv), 1 at Eby’s Prairie Island on 12/15 (BMe), 2 at Whitestone Lake Okanogan on 12/25 (KKc), 1 male at Samish Flats Skagit on 2/16 (PeK,SGe), and 2 males at Havillah Okanogan on 2/20 (SGe).

Townsend’s Solitaire High counts from e WA included 4 at Twisp Okanogan on 12/22 (PS&RS), 3 at Kennewick Benton on 12/29 (CrG&JuC), 3 at Bridgeport Bar Douglas on 1/10 (TAv,SGe), and 3 at Hanford Benton on 1/26 (DWA). Uncommon in w WA in winter. 2 south of Sequim Clallam on 12/17 (fide BN), 1 at Sequim Clallam on 2/2 (JMu), and 1 at Oak Bay CP Jefferson on 2/7 (DMu).

Hermit Thrush High counts from e WA included 6 at Richland Benton on 12/29 (BW), and 5 at West Richland Benton on 2/28 (NLa,BW).

American Robin High count. 1270 at Lower Crab Creek Grant on 1/21 (RFi). 1 observed 2 miles out to sea on Westport Pelagic Grays Harbor on 2/16 (BL).

Northern Mockingbird Uncommon in WA. 1 at Stanwood Snobomish on 1/20 (PS) until at least 2/5 (SP), 1 at Olympia Thurston on 2/14 (JPa) until at least 2/20 (GW), 1 reported at Port Angeles Clallam on 2/15 (fide BN), and 1 at Big Flat HMU Franklin on 2/16 (PhIB).

Sage Thrasher Rare in winter. 1 reported at Lower Crab Creek Grant on 2/5 (RFi).

Bohemian Waxwing Reports from e WA included 31 at Hooper Junction Adams on 12/7 (RFi), 215 at Methow Okanogan on 12/22 (PS&RS), 635 in the Winthrop-Twisp area Okanogan on 12/22 (SM), 400 at Bridgeport Bar Douglas on 12/27 with 150 there on 11/10 (TAv), 250 at Chelan Chelan on 1/13 (DBe), and 1 at Richland Benton on 2/5 (BW). Irregular and rare in w WA. 1 near Olympia Thurston photographed on 12/28 (KM).

Orange-crowned Warbler Reports included 1 at Richland on 12/7 (BLa&NLa), 1 at Port Hadlock Jefferson on 2/7 (TAv,SGe), 1 at Potholes Grant on 2/17 (DBe), and 1 at Lowell Snobomish on 2/20 (TAv).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER First record for WA. 1 at Twisp Okanogan on 12/8 until at least 1/21 (RMu).

Palm Warbler Uncommon in WA. 1 reported at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 2/17 (PS&RS).

Common Yellowthroat Uncommon in winter. 1 juvenile at Confluence SP Chelan on 12/1 (DBe), 1 reported at Julia Butler Hansen NWR Wabikiakum on 12/31 (PS&RS), 1 at Everett STP Snobomish on 1/10 (SM), and 1 reported at Raymond Pacific on 2/2 (PS&RS).

Wilson’s Warbler Rare in winter. An unprecedented number of reports were received. 1 male at Lakewood Pierce on 12/15 (CC,SS), 1 male reported at Woodland Park Zoo King on 12/19 (fide TAv), 1 at Montesano Grays Harbor on 1/2 until at least 2/17 (PS&RS), 1 male at Bayview Landfill Skagit from at least 1/14 (fide SM) until at least 2/23 (PS&RS), and 1 male at Short School Road Snobomish on 2/22 (SGe).

Western Tanager Rare in winter in w WA. 1 at Blaine Whatcom on 1/30 (JKi), and 1 male at Tacoma Pierce on 2/2 (DAd) with a report of a bird from a different location in Tacoma Pierce from 2/10 until at least 2/15 (LRo).

American Tree Sparrow Reports included 2 at Hooper Junction Adams on 12/7 (RFi), 2 at ALES Benton on 12/8 (BLa&NLa), 1 at Pasco Franklin on 12/29 (LN), 15 at Columbia NWR Adams/Grant on 1/3 (RFi), 19 at Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 1/5 (RFi), 8 at Corfu Grant on 1/9 with 12 there on 2/5 (RFi), 8 at Electric City Grant on 1/10 (PS&RS) with 9 there on 1/16 (GW,JPa), 2 at Twisp Okanogan on 1/17 (GW), 6 at Gloyd Seeps WMA Grant on 1/26 (MD&MLD), and 1 near Sequim Clallam on 1/26 (SM).

Chipping Sparrow Rare in winter in WA. 1 reported near Lyle Klackitat on 12/1 (RSh,MDo).

Clay-colored Sparrow Rare in WA in winter. 1 from fall at Woodland Cowlitz on 12/8 (PS&RS) until at least 1/22 (BT).

Sage Sparrow First report of wintering birds in WA. 2 at ALES Benton on 12/8 with as many as 4 observed until 1/31 (BLa&NLa). Early reports of returning birds included 3 at the Old Vantage Highway Kittitas on 2/16 (SP,JiF) with 15 reported there on 2/18 (SDo).

Savannah Sparrow Uncommon in winter in e WA. 1 at Kennewick Benton on 12/29 (DR,KT), 1 at Corfu Grant on 1/19 (RFi), and 8 at Columbia NWR Adams on 1/30 (RH). High count for w WA. 90 at Leque Island Snobomish on 12/29 (SM).

Fox Sparrow Uncommon in e WA in winter. 1 at Otello Adams on 12/6 (RFi), 1 Slate-colored type at Kennewick Benton from 12/28 to 1/31 (fide BLa), 1 at Richland Benton on 12/29 (ERy), 2 Sooty type at Kennewick Benton on 1/27 (BLa&NLa), 1 Sooty type at Richland Benton on 2/15 (RF), and 1 Sooty type at ALES Benton on 2/24 (BLa&NLa).

Lincoln’s Sparrow High counts for w WA included 40 near Stanwood Snobomish on 12/29, 40 near Monroe Snobomish on 1/1 (SM), and 40 at Kent King on 1/2 (TAv).

Swamp Sparrow Uncommon in winter in WA. 1 at Confluence SP Chelan on 12/23 (PS&RS), 1 near Monroe Snobomish on 1/1 (SM), 1 at Kent King on 1/2 (TAv), 1 at Everett STP Snobomish on 1/10 (SM), 1 reported at Woodland Cowlitz on 1/13 (PS&RS), 1 at Deep River Wabikiakum on 1/19, and 1 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 2/2 (SM).

White-throated Sparrow Increasing numbers of reports included 1 at Two Rivers CP Benton throughout the period (DR), 1 at Yakima Yakima from 12/1 to 2/20 (DGr), 2 at Brady Loop Road Grays Harbor on 12/5 (TAv), 1 at Orcas Island San Juan on 12/6 (GBl), 4 at Everett Snobomish on 12/9 (SM), 1 at Elma Grays Harbor on 12/12 (PS&RS), 1 at Lummi Flats Whatcom on 12/12 (TAv), 3 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 12/16 (JEv), 1 at Kennewick Benton on 12/22 (TG), 1 at Confluence SP Chelan on 12/23 (PS&RS), 1 at Spokane Spokane on 12/26 (JEv), 3 at Silvana Snobomish on 12/29 (SM), 1 at San Juan Island San Juan on 2/2 (SM), 1 at Port Hadlock Jefferson from 12/1 to at least 12/24 (BW,NLa), 1 at Port Hadlock Jefferson on 2/7 (TAv,SGe), 1 at Potholes Grant on 2/17 (DBe), and 1 at Lowell Snobomish on 2/20 (TAv).
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(KE), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 12/18 (EA), 1 at Wallula Walla Walla on 12/23 (MD&LMD) with 2 there on 1/11 (PS&RS), 1 at Ebey Island Snohomish on 12/25 (SM), 1 at Bridgeport Bar Douglas on 12/26 and 12/27 (TAv&CFr), 1 at Canyon Terrace Benton on 12/28 with 2 there until the end of the period (BLa&NLa), 1 at Norman Snohomish on 12/29 (SM) and on 2/9 (SP), 1 at Richland Benton on 1/1 (BW) and on 1/4 (BLa), 1 at Elma Grazes Harbor on 1/2 (PS&RS), 1 at Clarkston Astin on 1/5 (CV), 1 at Tucannon Columbia on 2/1 (KK), 1 at Desert WMA Adams on 2/2 (TMa), 1 at Rooks Park Walla Walla on 2/9 (KKe) and on 2/13 (MD), and 1 near Othello Adams on 2/23 (RH).

“Puget” White-crowned Sparrow Uncommon subspecies in e WA in winter. 1 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 1/24 (SM,MD).

Golden-crowned Sparrow Uncommon in e WA in winter. 1 at Richland Benton on 12/12 (BW) with 5 there on 1/14 (SM,TAv), 1 at Lower Trout Lake Valley Klickitat on 12/16 (KGl), 1 at Cle Elum Kittitas on 1/9 (TAv,SGe), 1 at Rooks Park Walla Walla on 1/16, and 2 at Coppe Creek Walla Walla on 2/2 (MD). High count for w WA. 180 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 2/2 (SM).

“Slate-colored” Junco Reports included 2 at Lower Trout Lake Valley Klickitat on 12/2 and 12/18 (KGl), 1 at Winthrop Okanogan on 12/22 (SM) with 2 there on 1/10 (PS&RS), 1 at Bridgeport Douglas on 12/26 (TAv), 1 at Queen Anne King on 1/6 (RL), 1 at Everett Snohomish on 1/13 (SM), 1 at Magnuson Park King on 1/26 (JB), 1 at Kent King on 2/13 (TAv), and 1 at Brady Loop Road Grazes Harbor on 2/16 (PS&RS).

Lapland Longspur Uncommon in WA in winter. 4 along Route 26 Adams on 12/6 (RFi), 3 at Mansfield Douglas on 12/27 (PS&RS), 1 at ALES Benton on 1/1 (AS&EI), 2 at Hanford Benton on 1/26 (RJo), 12 at Hartline Grant on 2/18 (SP,JHf), and 14 reported at Samish Flats Skagit on 2/22 with 2 there on 2/23 (PS&RS).

Snow Bunting Reports included 50 at Atkins Lake Douglas on 12/23, 120 at Havillah Okanogan on 12/26 (KKe), 3 at Anacortes Astin on 12/29 (KKc), 1 at Pasco Franklin on 12/29 (LN), 200 west of Grand Coulee Douglas on 1/19 (DBe), 250 at Mondovi Lincoln on 2/2 (JA), 2 at Midway Beach Pacific on 2/2 (PS&RS), and 10 at Hartline Grant on 2/18 (SP,JHf).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK Rare in winter in WA. 1 immature male photographed west of Port Angeles Clallam on 12/20 (KDa).

PAINTED BUNTING First record for WA. 1 adult male at South Seattle King from at least 2/10 to 1/15 (fide RL), with the same bird at Capitol Hill King from at least 2/5 (HO) until the end of the period (SM).

TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD Rare in winter in WA. 9 reported at Othello Adams on 2/2 (RFi), with 15 reported there on 2/3 (RH) and remaining on 2/10 (KK), 3 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 2/2 (SM).

Western Meadowlark Reports from w WA included 75 near Stanwood Snohomish on 12/29 (SM), 25 at Monroe Snohomish on 1/3 (TAv), 38 at Woodland Cowling on 1/13 (PS&RS), 1 at Fort Flagler SP Jefferson on 1/13 (ST), 60 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 2/2 (SM), 44 at Brady Loop Road Grazes Harbor on 2/16 (PS&RS), 9 at Big Ditch Snohomish on 2/17 (BN), and 75 at Samish Flats Skagit on 2/22 (PS&RS).

Yellow-headed Blackbird High counts for e WA included 30 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 1/24 (TAv), and 100 at Othello Adams on 2/2 (RFi).

Bullock’s Oriole Rare in WA in winter. 1 male at Kennewick Benton on 1/6 and on 1/7 (RMc).

BRAMBLING Rare in WA. 1 basic plumaged male reported at Bridgeport Douglas on 12/23 (MD).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch Reports included 75 at Yakima Canyon Yakima on 1/1 (AS&EI), 5 at Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 1/5 (RFi), 3 at Coulee-Hite Road Spokane on 1/6 (KGl), 50 at Chief Joseph WMA Astin on 2/1 (RoH), and 30 west of Banks Lake Grant on 2/16 (SP,JHf).

Pine Grosbeak Reports from e WA included 55 near Winthrop Okanogan on 12/22 (SM) with 12 and 12/26 and 48 there on 1/10 (PS&RS), 5 at Tonasket-Havillah Road Okanogan on 12/24 (KGl), 2 at Mount Spokane Spokane on 12/25 with 5 on 1/9 (RD) and 10 there on 12/12 (JA), 1 male southwest of Trout Lake Klickitat on 12/28 (KGl), 6 at Cle Elum Kittitas on 1/2 (LbA), with 51 on 1/26 (MDo,AG) and 12 there on 2/16 (SP,JHf), 25 at Sherman Pass Ferry on 1/27 (SDo,CWr), and 6 at Peone Spokane on 2/8 (RD). Uncommon in w WA. 12 at Atkisson Sno-Park Skamania on 12/9 (KGl), 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 12/15 (AK,MDo) with 4 there on 2/9 (SP) and on 2/17 (BN).

Purple Finch Uncommon and local in e WA. 1 at Canyon Terrace Benton on 12/13 (NLa), 1 at Bridgeport Bar Douglas on 12/27 (TAv&CFr), and 1 at Richland Benton on 1/26 (ChS).

Cassin’s Finch Uncommon and local in winter in e WA. 5 at Twisp Okanogan on 12/27 (TAv&CFr).

White-winged Crossbill Irregular and local in e WA. 22 at Mount Spokane Spokane on 2/14 (RD).

Common Redpoll Reports from e WA included 60 at Wenatchee Chen on 12/2 with 80 there on 1/19 (DBe), 6 east of Davenport Lincoln on 12/2 with 75 on 12/23 and 40 there on 1/26 (JA), 500 at Mount Spokane Spokane on 12/4 with 40 on 2/14 (RD), 13 at Toppenish NWR Yakima on 12/9 (KT), 19 at Conboy NWR Klickitat on 12/15 (DFr), 4 at Colton Whitman on 12/15 (fide MK), 3 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on 12/17 (MD&LMD), 3 at Lower Trout Lake Valley Klickitat on 12/20 (KGl), 175 at Twisp Okanogan on 12/22 (PS&RS), 45 at Bridgeport Douglas on 12/23 (MD), 125 at Tonasket-Havillah Road Okanogan on 12/24, 75 at Cameron Lake Road Okanogan on 12/26 (KKe), 100 at Winthrop Okanogan on 12/26 (PS&RS), 34 at Richland Benton on 12/31 (NLa,BW) with 1 there on 2/21 (CHS), 50 at Swauk Prairie Kittitas on 1/1 (DFa), 25 at Cle Elum Kittitas on 1/2 (LbA), 200 near Ellisburg on 1/3 (SDo), 150 at Coulee-Hite Road Spokane on 1/6 (KK), 21 at Electric City Grant on 1/8 (RFi), 55 at Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 1/11 (MD&LMD), 5 at Othello Adams on 1/20 (RFi), 10 at Yakima Yakima on 1/23 (REa), 100 at Sprague Lake Adams on 1/26 (Cr&Jr), 95 at Chesaw Okanogan on 1/27 (SDo), 2000 near Blue Lake Grant in mid-February (fide SM), 15 at Little Spokane Natural Area Spokane on 2/16 (JA), and 70 near Route 395 Adams on 2/22 (Cr&Jr). Reports from an unprecedented irruption in w WA included 25 at Diablo W Saltome on 1/14 (KKe), 100 at Fir Island Skagit on 12/22 (SGe) with 20 on 12/27 (GT) and 100 there on 2/9 (fide SM), 105 at Camano Island Island on 12/23 (SM), 38 at Spencer Island Snohomish on 12/25 (DiV) with 3 there on 12/16 (SGe), 70 at Snohomish STP Snohomish on 12/24 (GT), 80 at Seattle King on 12/30 (SM) with 25 there on 1/1 (KKe), 150 at Stanwood Snohomish on 1/1 (RT,JuD) with 100 on 1/6 (ST) and 50 there on 2/5 (SP), 3 at Kent King on 1/9 (ST) with 14 there on 2/7 (MaB), 20 at Everett Snohomish on 1/13 (KKc).
On August 12th, six endangered California condors arrived at Tijuana’s airport, the first time the species has been documented in Mexico since the late 1930s. They didn’t fly there, they were flown. It took two months of four-seven day work weeks to transfer between countries.

Five young condors will be released later this fall into the mountains of Sierra de San Pedro Martir National Park in northern Baja, California, Mexico, after a period of several weeks in an acclimation pen. The sixth condor, an adult female, is along as a “mentor” bird and will return to the Los Angeles Zoo after the release. The tentative release date is Thursday, September 26th.

The goal of the California Condor Recovery Program is to establish two geographically separate populations, one in California, one in Arizona, each with 150 birds and at least 15 breeding pairs. Researchers expect that the Mexican birds may one day unite with condors in California to form one population.

Check Web sites for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Los Angeles Zoo for further updates on this project.

by Diann MacRae, taken from various press releases, 12 August 2002.

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More classes and field trips . . .

Seattle Audubon bird classes that may be of interest to WOS; many are taught by WOS members.

All classes held at the UW Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle, unless otherwise noted.

Master Birder Class 2003-2004

Seattle Audubon’s Master Birder Program will begin in February, 2003. Instructor Dennis Paulson and an array of expert guest speakers will lead participants toward an in-depth understanding of ornithological concepts and the identification, behavior, habitat, and distribution of Washington birds. Applicants should be strong, intermediate birders and prepared for the level of commitment that this program requires. The “fee” for the program is a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer service to Seattle Audubon over three years. Participants may choose to volunteer in any of Seattle Audubon’s education, advocacy, preservation, or scientific programs. Classes will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm at the Center for Urban Horticulture from February through April, 2003, and then continue in February and March of 2004.

Applications will be available October 1. For an application or more information, contact Mary Anne Thorbeck at 206-324-8278 or maryannethorbeck@attbi.com.

Physiology of Birds: Gene Lagerberg

How can birds breathe without a diaphragm? How do they maintain warmth in the deep, dark cold of winter? Learn about the avian functions of respiration, reproduction, and circulation. Observe the internal organs of birds while learning how they differ, yet in many ways resemble those of mammals.

Class: Wednesdays, October 9 and 16, 7:00-9:00PM
Location: Douglas Classroom, Center for Urban Hort.
Cost: $30 SAS members, $45 nonmembers
Limit: 15

Water Birds of the Northwest: Brian Bell

Improve your birding skills in finding and identifying those water birds we see in fall and winter. This class will cover loons, grebes, cormorants, geese and ducks, alcids, and other species that use the sound and our waterways. Slides and recordings will help you learn the identifying characteristics and calls of these birds.

Class: Tuesdays, October 15, 22, and 29, 7:00-9:00PM
Location: Douglas Classroom, Center for Urban Hort.
Field trips: Choose one: Friday, Nov. 1 or Saturday, Nov. 2
Cost: $100 SAS members, $115 non-members for lecture and field trip, $75 SAS members, $90 non-members for lecture only
Limit: 25 spaces for lecture/field trip; 5 participants lecture only.

For more information or to register contact the SAS Nature Shop at 206.523.4483.

Feather Patterns - Watercolor Style: Lance Smith

The incredible patterns and colors of avian plumage fascinates us to no end as does the majestic flow of colors in a fresh watercolor painting. This watercolor technique workshop and painting session will familiarize you with painting using plumage patterns as a subject. Watercolor paper and paints will be provided as well as a beginner’s watercolor brush. Bring advanced brushes if so desired. The resulting artwork and experience are yours to keep. You will come away from this class with a new perspective and a piece of art that you’ve created.

Class: Saturday, October 12, 9:00AM - 1:00PM
Location: Douglas Classroom, Center for Urban Hort.
Cost: $25 members, $40 non-members.
Bring a lunch if desired, time will be provided.

Gulls of the Puget Sound Region: Michael Donahue

Gulls are one of the most challenging groups of birds to identify. If you’re a birder who says “it’s just a gull” this class is for you! Nine species of gulls spend the winter in the Puget Sound region, offering birders a great opportunity to practice their gull identification skills. This class will provide an in-depth look at the gulls wintering in our region. Three sessions in the classroom will present an approach to gull identification, focusing on identification basics such as structure, plumage sequence and molt, and will detail identification of both adult and immature gulls. It is possible to identify those Thayer’s gulls!

There will be a half day (8AM – 1PM) field trip by carpooling to visit several local gull hotspots.

Classes: Fridays, November 1, 8, and 15, 7:00-9:00PM
Location: Douglas Classroom, Center for Urban Hort.
Field Trip: November 9 or 10. Instructor will lead field trip both days; participants will sign up for one of these days at the first class.
Cost: Class with Field Trip-$80 members, $95 non-members; Class only-$70 members, $85 non-members.
Limit: 40 for class, 26 class + field trip

Beginning Birding: Brian Bell, Master Birder

Are you a new birder (age 15 and up), new to Seattle Audubon or the Northwest, or would you like to improve your birding skills? Then join this easy-going class with two field trips for an introduction to “bird watching." We will cover identification and techniques, habitats and songs, selection of equipment, basic references, birding etiquette, and ethics.

Class: Fridays, September 20 & 27, October 4 & 11, 7:00-9:00PM
Location: Douglas Classroom, Center for Urban Hort.
Field trips: Saturday, September 28 (half day), and Saturday, October 12 (full day)
Cost: $130 members, $150 nonmembers
Limit: 25
Report Your Sightings

American crows: Looking for large roosting sites in the Seattle area. The area of interest is north to S. Snohomish County-Edmonds, Bothell, and the east side of Lake Washington, south to Southcenter area, and west to the sound. Also, the I-90 corridor to the Pass. Information needed is number of crows, location of sighting, time of day, behavior (roosting, staging), direction headed if flying. In terms of numbers, only those that could be potentially headed to/from a roost, or at a roost, in excess of a hundred, at least, not 10 or 20. Report to: John Withey, jwithey@u.washington.edu, phone:543-2764.

Cooper’s hawks: Color bands have been placed on over 700 nestling Cooper’s hawks in Victoria, British Columbia since 1996. This is part of a long-term study on its urban-nesting ecology. Each color band is uniquely coded with 2 vertical, alphanumeric characters and is placed on the left leg; black bands are on males, red bands on females. Please note band code and color, date, time, and location. Four birds have been reported from Washington, to date. Report all sightings to Andy Stewart, BC Conservation Data Centre, Victoria, B.C. (250) 387-9780, or e-mail to: andy.stewart@gms6.gov.bc.ca.

Merlins: Detailed year-round observations are needed for scientific research on the merlin in Washington. Sightings should include exact location/map, date/time, description of bird(s) and behavior. Send to David Drummond, Coastal Forest Merlin Project, P.O. Box 4123, Bellingham, WA 98227, (360) 671-3804 or e-mail to: merlinology@hotmail.com.

Mute swans: All encounters. Provide date seen, number of swans, adult or juvenile, location, habitat type, and whether they were in the company of other swans or geese. Report to: Martha Jordan, Washington Swan Working Group, 914 164th St SE, #272, Mill Creek WA 98028 or e-mail to martha@swansociety.org.

Northern harrier: Patagial markers have been placed on some northern harriers as part of a long-term study of populations on Whidbey Island and in the Kent Valley. One of the study objectives is to learn more about post-nesting dispersal or migration. Please note the color of the tag (yellow, blue, green, or white), which wing is on, the letter or number printed (in black) on the tag, and if there is a black circle around the letter or number. Note the date and time and the exact location. Report to Jack Bettesworth, 256912th Ave W, Seattle WA 98119, (206) 285-5276.

Purple martins: Banding continues this year of western purple martins in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia, although any observations of martins west of the Rocky Mountains would be appreciated. What to look for: site location, date and time, look for bands and note the sequence of which color on which leg, whether any color band is coded, and read the band, if possible (binos or scope). Report sightings and any banded birds to Stan Kostka at lynndanstan@earthlink.net.

Horned and red-necked grebes: Marked in the Northwest Territories with unique combinations of color bands. Horned grebes were banded with red, yellow, green, and blue. Red-necked grebes with more obscure colors – burgundy, orange, white (off-white), and light blue. Report to Bonnie Stout, bestout@sfu.ca.

Songbird survey: We have colormarked ~500 crows as well as many other songbirds in the area and would appreciate any sightings of those. Be on the lookout for banded robins, Wilson’s warblers, Swainson’s thrushes, song sparrows, spotted towhees, and Oregon juncos. Please report any sightings to Dr. John Marzluff, corvid@u.washington.edu.

Western bluebirds in western Washington: Please report any sightings of western bluebirds in western Washington, especially away from known breeding sites, to Michael Hobbs, 13506 NE 66th St, Kirkland, WA 98033 or to Hummer@isomedia.com. Sightings from previous years also welcome.

Birds of Yakima County: For a weekly column in the Yakima Herald-Republic newspaper, Denny Granstrand requests reports of recent bird sightings in Yakima county. Please send reports by early Monday evening for inclusion in that week’s paper to Denny Granstrand, osprey@nwinfo.net, or post to Tweeters@u.washington.edu.

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.

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Report to:
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Phone: (800) 327-BAND
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