The 17th Annual Conference of the Washington Ornithological Society
will be held at the Best Western Lakeway Inn and Conference Center in Bellingham, Washington, from Friday, September 9th through Monday, September 12th. Field trips, led by local and experienced birders, will be conducted on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The conference also features interesting local speakers who will address topics relevant to the Bellingham/NW Washington area on Friday and Saturday evenings. Vendors will be present.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1
Registrations postmarked after September 1st will be assessed a $10 late fee.
Registration begins August 15th. Registration materials received as of August 15th will be processed in random order. Materials received after August 15 will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. Space on field trips is limited.
Registration at door - Applications for registration at the door of the Annual Meeting will have no guarantee of participation in the field trips or of breakfast or lunch meals. In addition, there will be a $10.00 late fee.
Cancellations received prior to September 1 will receive a refund, less a $10 processing fee. Additionally, cancellations received after September 1 may not receive a refund for meals.
Lodging is not included in Conference fees. Please refer to the information provided and make your own arrangement.

FIELD TRIPS
In order to optimize the birding experience for participants, there will be car-pooling for all field trips. WOS will reimburse field trip drivers who carry at least three people in addition to themselves at the current federal government mileage rate. If you have a Washington State Park pass or a WDFW parking sticker please bring them. For the cross-border trips: 1) be sure to bring positive i.d., a passport is best, and 2) be prepared to purchase lunch during the trip to avoid border food issues. Unless noted in the description, all field trips will depart from the Best Western Lakeway Inn at 6:30 am

Naneum Ridge and the Surrounding Areas
By Doug Schonewald

Naneum Ridge divides the Kittitas Valley to the south and the Columbia River to the north. Lying within the geographic area often referred to as the Colockum, Naneum Ridge runs from Wenatchee Mountain to the Old Vantage Highway. As such, it would be impossible to cover all of the birding opportunities available in such a large geographic area, so I will cover the Coleman Canyon Road, Swift Creek Road, and Naneum Ridge Road corridors.

The ridge can be reached from several directions, but my personal favorite is to use the Coleman Canyon Road. This Road is also known as Road 9. Other routes that are available are: Colockum Pass Road, Schaler Road (leaving from Wenatchee Heights’ Loop Road), and several longer and much rougher routes. While you may refer to DeLorme, pages 51 & 69, a map of the area is available from the Department of Natural Resources. This “Green Dot Map” as it is referred to, shows the roads that are open to vehicle traffic and those that are closed. Do not make the mistake of thinking that because the road is ok for vehicle traffic that it is passable. Many of the roads in this area are passable only with high clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles. Use caution and common sense.

This is an area that is best birded over a weekend, as there is no way to effectively reach and bird all of the available habitats in one day. Even then, you might wish you had a few more days to explore the area.
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**Vulture’s Roost**

by Diann MacRae

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From the Board by Carol Schulz

Fall is here . . . at least in the birding world. Fall as defined by North American Birds starts on August 1. What a season it is in Washington state! We look forward to sightings of rarities, large lists of shorebirds in both eastern and western Washington, and migration of passerines, especially after windstorms. In 2004 we had a number of exciting rarities to see in August including common eider, little stint, and black-tailed gull. During this season, folks hike to the snow at Mount Rainier and elsewhere to find white-tailed ptarmigan. And we travel to see raptors migrating along high ridges in August and September. It's a grand time to bird in our state.

We on the WOS Board are also looking forward to visiting Bellingham and Canada in September during the annual WOS Conference. The boat trips and field trips with birding experts sound very interesting. And birding in British Columbia should be exciting and educational as we are shown the locals' favorite birding spots up there, and we learn about that area. Also, here is a final reminder: there is a ballot enclosed with this issue of WOSNews. Please support this organization by sending in your vote today.

Membership News

Just a little reminder from your membership chair: if you have any changes to your address or email please pass them on to me via email or in writing. Send corrections to Membership@wos.org or to PO Box 31783 Seattle WA 98103-1783.

We are striving to improve our member support which will include publishing the directory on a regular basis. In 2002 we initiated a “Welcome to WOS” letter for new members that includes a complementary checklist and information about membership meetings. We appreciate your feedback. Send us your comments and especially any suggestions you might have to improve WOS.

Susan Fallat, Membership chair

WOS Field Trips

Saturday, August — 6th Brian Bell will lead a trip in Island County to Whidbey Island. The focus for the day will be the fall migration of shorebirds, with stops at Crockett Lake, Swantown, and Penn Cove. Target birds include plovers, peeps, yellowlegs, and dowitchers. Time will also be spent looking for waterbirds and passerines.

All participants should bring scope, waterproof boots, and lunch. Limited to (8) participants. For details contact Brian at (425) 485-8058 or email at bellasoc@isomedia.com.

Saturday, September 17th — Patrick and Ruth Sullivan will lead a trip in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties covering areas from Brady Loop Road to Tokeland, with possible stops at the Johns River Wildlife Area, Bottle Beach State Park, Westport, and Midway Beach. Species of interest will be migratory shorebirds as well as other coastal species of waterbirds and landbirds. Plan to encounter over (100) species during the all-day field trip, including up to (27) species of shorebirds possible. Target species include Pacific and American golden-plover, snowy plover, willet, bar-tailed godwit, “streaked” horned lark, and Lapland longspur.

Dress for the weather and bring scope, waterproof boots, and lunch. Limit (10) participants. For details contact Patrick and Ruth at (253) 564-7419 or email godwit@worldnet.att.net.

Saturday, October 15th — Bart Whelton will lead a trip to Salmo Pass (elevation 5,910 feet) in Pend Oreille County looking for boreal owl. The surrounding subalpine forest is prime habitat for northern goshawk, spruce grouse, three-toed woodpecker, boreal chickadee, pine grosbeak, and white-winged crossbill. This is probably the best easily accessible site in the northeast to search for boreal owl. Expect to be up most of the night and be prepared for cold weather. Limit of (6) participants. For details contact Bart on or after August 20th at (509) 747-0161 or email at nhawkowl@comcast.net.

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 Kraig Kemper and Ken Knittle at FieldTrips@wos.org.

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The Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands was designated as a wildlife refuge in 1909 by President Theodore Roosevelt. The first unit, Nihoa Island, is about 250 miles northwest of the last main Hawaiian island, Kauai. Stretching over 800 miles of ocean almost to Midway Atoll on the west, it consists of small rocky islands and atolls which are remnants of large underwater volcanoes. They range in size and height with Nihoa almost 500 feet high with sheer cliffs on the east, south, and west sides to sandy Laysan Island of about 1,100 acres and only 40 feet above sea level. Necker and Gardiner Pinnacles are also sheer rocks. French Frigate Shoals is an atoll of 160.00 acres with a number of small islets similar to Pearl and Hermes Reef. It is 60 miles in circumference with tiny islets scattered within. The refuge is a breeding area for over 14 million seabirds plus the entire world population of four small, endangered land birds found on two of the islands. Most of the endangered Hawaiian monk seal population and numbers of the threatened green sea turtle are also found there.

Years passed without any management, and the refuge was largely ignored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and its predecessor agency, the U.S. Bureau of Biological Survey. I was designated as the first USFWS representative in the Central and West Pacific islands in 1964. Among my duties was being the first refuge manager for this fantastic refuge.

I was based in Honolulu and transportation to the refuge was furnished by the very cooperative U.S. Coast Guard. It was done on a “not to interfere basis.” Their semi-annual trips, usually in March and September, were to deliver supplies to their Loran stations at French Frigates Shoal, Kure Atoll, and Midway Naval Air Station and to service channel buoys. I was limited to a crew of 4 people, usually consisting of personnel of the USFWS and the Hawaii Fish and Game Department, at least one scientist, usually from the University of Hawaii (and of different expertise in botany, archeology, fish, Audubon, corals, seals, sea turtles, and birds), and other journalists and equipment and clothes to make sure we were not introducing pest plants and insects which would result in devastating the fragile ecosystem.

One time, a Japanese longliner was wrecked on Laysan Island. The Coast Guard went up there and rescued them and brought them to Honolulu. Our concern was that rats may have gotten ashore. When the captain of the ship was questioned, he swore up and down that there were no rats aboard his ship. When we got up to Laysan again, we managed to get aboard the wreck and found poison stations. This gave me gray hairs worrying about whether rats had made it to shore. Subsequent trips proved negative. That was a relief.

Landing on the islands depended on favorable seas. Sometimes we had to pass up an island because of very rough seas, particularly the rock islands which had no beaches, like Nihoa, Necker, and Gardiner Pinnacles. We used small rubber boats powered by an outboard motor. Several times a person was washed off an island by 25-30 foot waves. Pinnacles. We used small rubber boats powered by an outboard motor. Several times a person was washed off an island by 25-30 foot waves.

One of the first things I did was to post the islands with standard “No Trespassing” signs as well as signs with the name of each particular island. Among my duties were estimating populations of birds and also banding various species of seabirds. I later zeroed in on the endemic and endangered land birds such as the Nihoa finch, Nihoa mullerbird, and the Laysan finch and Laysan duck. Endangered Hawaiian monk seals and threatened green sea turtles were also tagged.

All told, my colleagues and I banded 1,625 Laysan and 4,280 black-footed albatross; 186 red-footed, 71 masked, and 7 brown boobies; 48 red-tailed tropic bird; 394 black, 101 brown, and 33 blue-gray noddy tern; 140 gray-back and 107 white (fairy) tern; 96 wedge-tailed and 13 Christmas Island shearwater, 239 sooty storm petrel and 402 Bonin Island petrel, and 3 greater frigatebird.

Seabirds were there for the grabbing, chicks as well as adults. Hot work as well as getting bites from sharp-billed albatross and boobies. Albatross had the habitat of regurgitating their foul-smelling stomach contents of squid and fish on you while banding them. Boobies also have a serrated bill, and they could inflict painful bites if carelessly handled.

Among other observations were those of wandering birds such as a black brant at French Frigate Shoals, pintail at Laysan, mockingbird at Nihoa, an emperor goose on Laysan, and even a short-tailed albatross on Laysan. Later on we devoted our banding to endangered and endemic birds as such as the Laysan duck (229), Laysan finchbill (692), Nihoa finchbill (130) and Nihoa mullerbird (5). The mullerbird was thought to be derived from the Old World warblers and the finchbill from New World tanagers. We also banded 352 ruddy turnstone, 130 Pacific golden plover, 69 bristle-thighed curlew, and 7 Polynesian tattler.

At times we captured adult birds at night by use of headlamps and fish landing nets. We were limited in our times on the islands, which depended on what were scheduled to accomplish that particular trip. Sometimes we worked almost around the clock. It was hot work since there wasn’t much shade. At times, at the end of days, we took several unopened cans of pop, occasionally beer, and plunged in the surf and swam underwater to lose hordes of pesky flies. Being careful to duck our heads frequently under the surface of the water to be sure there were no sharks around.

We tagged 800 Hawaiian monk seal and over 500 green sea turtle. These involved capturing them on the beaches. We started out tagging 800-pound adult seals, but that was a real struggle and several times one of us was bitten by a seal. We used a tarp between two bamboo poles to immobilize them. Later on, we limited our tagging to pups and yearlings. That resulted in obtaining data of known-age animals and obtaining information of possible movement between various islands and atolls of the refuge. One pup tagged on Laysan Island traveled to Johnston Island 600 miles to the south.

Tagging over 500 green sea turtles resulted in finding out that a lot of them migrated over 500 miles to seas around the main Hawaiian Islands and were taken by fishermen. As a result, the State of Hawaii also listed them as threatened and prohibited their taking since they were covered by the Federal Endangered Species Act. We measured carapaces with log calipers. Weights were taken with small scales. Animals were lifted on a tarp and were hoisted by a man on each end of stout bamboo poles. Some turtles weighed up to 350 pounds. Two men lifting heavy turtles by this primitive method was cause for a lot of grunting on our part. Oof, whew! A third man read the scale for weights.

Sharks of five different species were around islands and islets, especially during the time when seabird chicks were leaving their nests and trying their wings in the water. They also took pups of the seals. One tiger shark was longer than our 16-foot Boston Whaler when we later had such boat to operate around the atolls. We had to be extremely careful ourselves and keep an eye out for sharks when skin or Scuba diving.

Later on, my recommendation to the Service was that the refuge be given more protection and be declared a Natural Area. Entry would be by permit only; scientists only would be permitted, and any research be confined to that which would benefit the refuge.
**Report Your Sightings** (updated May 2005)

ACCOPITERS: Winter site fidelity study. Cooper's hawks: Blue VID bands (Note right or left leg and engraved number and letter on VID band). Sharp-shinned hawks: either one or two color (only) bands on the same leg (Note right or left leg and top/bottom color if two bands). Other leg has standard aluminum band. Note date, time and location. Report to Jack Bettesworth, 2569 12th Ave W, Seattle, WA 98119, 206-285-5276, jgbett@comcast.net.

AMERICAN CROWS wanted: dead or alive. We still want your observations of color-banded crows. If possible, please record the color and location (top/bottom left leg, top/bottom right leg) of bands. Recently banded crows now have TWO colors AND a metal band on one leg, and two colors on the other. In addition, as part of our urban-nesting ecology. Each color band is uniquely coded with two 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. To date, five different birds have been reported from Washington. Report all sightings to Andy Stewart, BC Conservation Data Centre, Victoria, B.C. (250) 387-9780, or e-mail to: andy.stewart@gems6.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.

NORTHERN HARRIERS: Patagial markers have been placed on northern harriers as part of a long-term study on its urban-nesting ecology. Each color band is uniquely coded with two vertical, alphanumeric characters and is placed on the left leg; black bands are on males, red bands on females. Please note the color of the tag (yellow, blue, green, or white), which wing it 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 date, time, and exact location. Report to Jack Bettesworth, 2569 12th Ave W, Seattle WA 98119, (206) 285-5276. jgbett@comcast.net.

SONGBIRD SURVEY: We have colormarked ~500 crows as well as many other songbirds in the area and would appreciate any sightings of these. Be on the lookout for banded robins, Wilson's warblers, Swainson's thrushes, song sparrows, spotted towhees, Oregon juncos, winter and Bewick's wrens, and Pacific-slope flycatchers. If possible please record the color and location (top/bottom left leg, top/bottom right leg) of bands. Please report any sightings to Dr. John Marzluff, corvid@u.washington.edu.

STREAKED HORNED LARK RESEARCH: We colormarked ~80 streaked horned larks in Washington and would appreciate any sightings of these birds (coast, Puget trough, Columbia River islands, Willamette Valley, etc.). Please record the color combination (e.g., red over USFWS on right and white over red on left - right and left are the bird's right and left), location and date observed and send to Dr. Scott F. Pearson, scott.pearson@wadnr.gov.

TURKEY VULTURES: Turkey vultures often migrate in large flocks in the fall. The Olympic Vulture Study from Salt Creek County Park has recorded as many as 3,000 birds over a 3-week period. Observations of fall migrating turkey vultures from British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho are needed for this long-term study of the Northwest’s only vulture. Date, location, and number of birds is needed. If possible, report weather, time, and any aspect of behavior to: Diann MacRae, 22622 – 53rd Avenue S.E., Bothell WA 98021, or to: tvulture@vei.net.

New: CLARK’S NUTCRACKERS: Sightings are needed for a three year study of the distribution and timing of movements of nutcrackers throughout Washington, but especially in the Cascades, lowland western Washington, and Olympic Mountains. Year round sightings are important, but sightings outside of the late summer months would be most valuable (November through June). Send information on the exact location, date and a conservative estimate for number of birds observed (for flocks) to: Teresa Lorenz, teresalorenz@fs.fed.us or 360-956-2277.

**RARE BIRD ALERTS**

- **WOS BirdBox** (206) 281-9172
- **Tri Cities Area** (509) 627-2473
- **SE Wash/N Idaho** (208) 882-6195
- **South Idaho** (208) 236-3337
- **Oregon** (503) 292-0661
- **Vancouver, B.C.** (604) 737-3074
- **Victoria, B.C.** (250) 592-3381
- **Okanagan, B.C.** (250) 491-7738

**Field Notes & Washington Field Notes**

**SUMMER DEADLINE: AUGUST 15**

(June — July sightings)

Send bird sightings to:

**Tom Aversa**
305 NW 75th St
Seattle WA 98103
FieldNotes@wos.org

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

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

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

Report to:

**Bird Banding Laboratory**
12100 Beech Forest Road, Suite 4037
Laurel MD 20708
Phone: (800) 327-BAND
E-mail bandreports@patuxent.usgs.gov
http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl
Habitat variation is extreme as with all other foothill regions of eastern Washington, varying from agricultural to low-elevation shrub-steppe to alpine types of habitats and everything in between.

Coleman Canyon is a small stream that contains year-round water and excellent riparian habitat. As you climb, it is well worth the effort to stop at the many wide spots and pish and search for those species that frequent the riparian zone. Expect Nashville, MacGillivray’s, as well as an occasional yellow warbler. Hairy and downy woodpeckers and red-naped sapsuckers are the dominant Picidae in the riparian zone, but white-headed woodpeckers have also been seen along the creek in the mature ponderosa pine. Other species often seen in this area include blue and ruffed grouse, Steller’s jay, western wood-pewee, and olivesided flycatcher. The air is usually filled with Vaux’s swifts and violet-green swallows.

As you continue to climb, the ponderosa pine and riparian broadleaf begin to give way to Douglas-fir and the bird species begin to shift to those that prefer this type of habitat, with Townsend’s and yellow-rumped warblers predominating. Steller’s jays still are found and gray jays begin to show up. Ruffed grouse give way to mostly blue grouse. Chipping sparrows begin to show

At the end of Coleman Road you begin to get into a large tract of western larch with meadows under them. It is here that one can truly search for both black-backed woodpecker and Williamson’s sapsucker. Blue grouse also frequent the area and there are a few spruce grouse, but they are very few and difficult. At the end of the road you will come to a ‘T’ intersection. At this point you have climbed to approximately 6000 feet in elevation.

Turn right on this road (Swift Creek Road) and take the time to search as you cruise this road for Clark’s nutcracker, hermit thrush, and gray jays. It was in this area a few years ago that a field trip located several barred owls, a single spotted owl, and northern goshawk. Pine grosbeaks are possible and several boggy areas offer breeding Lincoln’s sparrow.

If you are going to camp, there are several areas along the Swift Creek Road to do so, but mosquitoes can be bad near the bogs and springs.

The Swift Creek Road eventually (after about 3 or 4 miles) runs into the Naneum Ridge Road. Taking a left on the Naneum Ridge Road will take you above the tree line with vistas of the Kittitas Valley, the Stewart Range of the Cascades, and the Columbia River. At several points Mt. Rainier is an awesome view as well. Last year we camped in an area to the left-hand side of the road (we followed a small dirt track to the left) and had wonderful views as we sat on the edge of the ridge overlooking the Kittitas Valley. The elevation at our campsite was 6400 feet and we eventually went to 7000 feet at Naneum Point.

Highlights on last year’s trip included mountain bluebirds at nearly 7000 feet, vesper sparrows at over 6000 feet, house wren at 6500 feet, great horned owl at 6500 feet, eight black-backed woodpeckers, northern goshawk, and a myriad of common high-country birds.

The species count is pretty surprising with over 80 species located in this general area in the past several years of Central Basin Audubon campouts. We hope to push that up this year when we return to the high country to camp in the stars this July.

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PELAGIC TRIP IN THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS - A birding and natural history tour aboard the 65-foot vessel "Snow Goose." The trip will start with a tour through the Whatcom Waterway to learn about local salmon restoration and sediment cleanup efforts by the Port of Bellingham and Georgia Pacific; next, travel across Bellingham Bay to mouth of the Nooksack River where the rich estuarine waters provide prime bird habitat. From there we will cross the Bay and explore along Lummi Island passing the wildlife reserve of Viti Rocks which is a nesting site for gulls and cormorants. Continuing west, we will wind our way along Cypress Island and into the more exposed waters of Rosario Straits to look for pigeon guillemots, rhinoceros auklets and other seabirds. On the return trip we will look for seals and birds on Eliza Rocks before hugging the shoreline of Bellingham and discussing shoreline uses and management. Limited to (24) participants (subject to a minimum no).

SA-1 Saturday, SU-1 Sunday.

POINT ROBERTS - Point Roberts – actually a peninsula, not a point – is part of Whatcom County, Washington, but can be reached by land only by way of Canada. Lighthouse Marine Park and Lily Point are two of the best birding spots. Here, especially at Lighthouse Marine Park, deep waters come close to shore, and strong currentsbring fish or other edibles to the surface, attracting many seabirds. This is one of the best places for sea bird rarities in Washington's inland marine waters. We are likely to see Bonaparte's gulls, common and Caspian terns, parasitic jaegers, common murres, pigeon guillemots, and rhinoceros auklets, with a possibility of harbor porpoises or orcas. On the beach we will likely see black turnstones and sandpipers, and possibly black oystercatchers. In the maturing forest at Lily Point, likely birds include piliated woodpecker, Hutton's vireo, brown creeper, red-breasted nuthatch, and red crossbill. Additional stops may be made at Boundary Bay Regional Park in B.C. for fall migrant shorebirds, or the Tsawwassen Jetty for additional species of waterbirds and shorebirds. A passport is a good idea for border crossing. Purchase lunch after crossing border to avoid border food restrictions. Limited to (12) participants.

SA-2 Saturday, SU-2 Sunday.

REIFEI BIRD SANCTUARY - The George C. Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary is operated by the non-profit B.C. Waterfowl Society. The Reifel Sanctuary embraces extensive cattail marshes, dike impoundments (good for waterfowl and shorebirds), agricultural fields, and wooded dikes that are home to many songbirds. Reifel Sanctuary is known for the snow geese, trumpeter swans, and many other waterfowl species that winter here plus the birds of prey that are present. However, Reifel is also noted for shorebirds. In spring and fall, many migrant shorebirds can be seen at high tide in the West Field, Southwest Marsh, and House Pond. Regular shorebird migrants include semipalmated, western, least, Baird's, pectoral, sharp-tailed (rare), and stiltsandpipers (the last three mostly in fall), and both dowitchers. Reifel is one of Vancouver's three top spots for shorebird ultra-rarities. Stops at Blackie Spit and/or Crescent Beach Park will be made to look for additional shorebirds and fall migrating passerines, and could include waterfowl and seabirds. Bring $4 Canadian for admission, to be paid to trip leader. A passport is a good idea for border crossing. Purchase lunch after crossing border to avoid border food restrictions. Limited to (12) participants.

FR-3 Friday, SA-3 Saturday.

MOUNT BAKER - A quest for mountain birds is the order of the day, going east of Bellingham on the Mount Baker Highway (SR542) and entering the North Cascades National Park to walk out one of several forest trails (i.e. Ptarmigan Ridge). Unlike the Mount Rainier ptarmigan sites, there is much less uphill hiking required to reach white-tailed ptarmigan habitat. Birding in the mountains can be quite slow - the birds few in number and often seen briefly at a distance. However, the birding can be quite enjoyable if expectations are not too high! Other mountain species like blue grouse, bald eagle, Cooper's and sharp-shinned hawk, Vaux's swift, gray jay, horned lark and American pipit are possible too. Expect a beautifully scenic day with a fair chance to find one of the hardest birds to see in the state. Limited to (12) participants.

FR-4 Friday, SA-4 Saturday, SU-4 Sunday.

DRAYTON HARBOR - This trip starts with a walking tour of Blaine Marine Park on Drayton Harbor in Whatcom County, where the focus will be on the fall migration of shorebirds. The tide flats on the north (Semiahmoo Bay) side of Marine Drive often have the low bluff along the edge of the bay. Shorebirding is best near the base of the spit as the incoming tide pushes the feeding birds toward shore. Besides the species expected for Washington's inland marine shorelines, uncommon species and even rarities are possible. This trip will complete the circuit of Drayton Harbor, ending at Semiahmoo Spit. Limited to (12) participants.

FR-5 Friday, SA-5 Saturday, SU-5 Sunday, MO-5 Monday.

TENNANT LAKE AND LAKE TERRELL - Tennant Lake, along the Nooksack River south of Ferndale, is at the heart of a 720-acre tract jointly administered as a county park and a state wildlife area. Varied habitats make this an excellent birding site at any time of year. An observation tower and a boardwalk through a cattail marsh to the lake provide opportunities to view green heron, American bittern, waterfowl, and raptors. Other trails run south and west through grasslands, wetlands, and deciduous forest. Lake Terrell Wildlife Area, established in 1947, offers 1500 acres of open water, marshlands, grasslands, and mixed deciduous-coniferous forest. From spring into September you will find a good variety of waterfowl, marshbirds, swallows, and other songbirds. Lake Terrell regularly attracts unusual passerines in spring and fall, among them least flycatcher, Say's phoebe, bank swallow, house wren, American redstart, and white-throated sparrow. Time permitting, we may work our way north and west from Lake Terrell, past the entrance to Birch Bay State Park and walk the half-mile Terrell Marsh Trail through some of the park's 193 acres of lowland forest looking and listening for the unusual woodpecker and fall migrating passerines. Limited to (12) participants.

FR-6 Friday, SA-6 Saturday, SU-6 Sunday, MO-6 Monday.

SKAGIT AND SAMISH FLATS - The Skagit Flats and the adjacent Samish Flats in Skagit County form a floodplain where fertile soil and ample rainfall provide for a thriving farming industry. A wide variety of habitats, mild temperatures, and a profusion of food makes this area home to nearly 300 resident and migrant bird species. Although birding is interesting all year, one of the best seasons to bird is during fall migration (mid-July through September). The Skagit Wildlife Area on Fir Island, a 12,000 acre marsh, tideland, and estuarine preserve, offers several access points for viewing Skagit specialties. The Game Range consists of a series (Continued on page 8)
of dikes, fields, and marshes intensively managed for waterfowl and upland gamebirds. A two-mile loop trail follows the dikes from both parking areas, weaving through hedgerows, deciduous forest, fresh and saltwater marshes, and farm fields. Fall passerine migration (mid-August through September) is as good as anywhere in Western Washington. At the Jensen Access of the Skagit Wildlife Area we will check the fields at the intersection and along the access road, excellent for fall shorebirds and American Pipits. Parking by the dike at the end of the road, we can access the dike and saltmarsh to the south. Among other species of shorebirds, pectoral, sharp-tailed (rare), and silt (uncommon to rare) sandpipers have been seen in the marsh. The Samish Flats are one of the best locations in the state for winter raptor viewing. The area is intensively covered by birders, so it is no surprise that many unusual records have occurred here, including falcated and tufted ducks, Iceland gull, tropical kingbird, clay-colored sparrow, rusty blackbird and orchard oriole. More records of cattle egret (fall to early winter) come from the Samish Flats than from any other Western Washington locality. At the Samish Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area, known to birders as the West 90, we will check the fields southwest of this corner where state wildlife managers have created a series of shallow ponds that have shown promise for waterfowl and fall shorebirds. Continuing north on the Samish Island Road we will check Alice Bay, one of the last corners of Samish Bay to fill at high tide. Western, least, Baird’s (rare), pectoral (rare) and semipalmated sandpipers have been seen in fall migration. Limited to (12) participants.

FR-7 Friday, SA-7 Saturday, SU-7 Sunday, MO-7 Monday

WHIDBEY ISLAND - Whidbey Island offers fine Western Washington birding in a magnificent setting at the top of Puget Sound. The moderate climate gives rise to a variety of habitats including bays, rocky and sandy shorelines, tidal mudflats, salt marsh, upland forests, freshwater lakes, remnant prairies and shrubby thickets. This wide variety of habitats supports nearly 250 resident and migrant bird species. One of the most productive times to bird Whidbey is during fall (late July through September) migration. Crockett Lake is outstanding for shorebirds in fall (mid-July through September). Common species include black-bellied and semipalmated plovers, killdeer, both yellowlegs, spotted, Western, least, Baird’s, and pectoral, sandpipers, dunlin, both dowitchers, Wilson’s snipe, and red-necked phalarope. Whimbrel and sanderling are fairly common. American and Pacific golden-plovers, American avocet, solitary sandpiper, black turnstone, red knot, sharp-tailed and stilt sandpipers, ruff, and Wilson’s phalarope are uncommon to rare. A stop at the west end of Penn Cove has a rocky and sandy shore that is one of the most accessible examples of this habitat type left within the inland marine waters of Washington. Rock-foraging shorebirds are present much of the year: black turnstone, and surfbird are common, ruddy turnstone is fairly common in migration, and rock sandpiper occur occasionally. From West Beach Road, at the intersection with Hastie Lake Road, is a parking area and boat launch on the left providing an excellent point from which to view the eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca and the many seabirds associated with the bull kelp groves that thrive just beyond the low-tide line. Rarities like yellow-billed loon and king eider have been seen here. Black oystercatchers sometimes use the cobble-and-boulder beach. West Beach road continues north and descends a hill to beach level at a spot called Swantown, with a small lake and salt marsh on the right. Looking out over the eastern end of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, there is a high probability of seeing seabirds year round – especially large numbers of loons, grebes, and ducks (including harlequin and long-tailed). We will look for sanderlings on the beach and Caspian terns offshore. Bos Lake and the surrounding salt marsh (aka Swantown Lagoon), east of the road, are notable for migrating shorebirds, gulls, and terns. In fall migration Bos Lake is an important shorebird stopover, second on the island only to Crockett Lake for numbers and species diversity. Limited to (12) participants.

FR-8 Friday, SA-8 Saturday, SU-8 Sunday, MO-8 Monday

DIGISCOPING - An introduction to Digiscoping, including a discussion of the equipment used, successful techniques, resources for additional information, and in the field tutorial. Please come equipped with your digital camera, spotting scope, a way to attach the camera to the scope, and a good working knowledge of your camera. Limited to (8) participants.

SA-9 Saturday, SU-9 Sunday

SPEAKERS

Friday night: Joe Meche, “Welcome to Whatcom County”

Whatcom County and the surrounding area, reaching up into British Columbia are notable for having a variety of habitats and a rich birdlife. Joe is an active member of North Cascades Audubon as well as being an officer and active on several committees. He is very knowledgeable about the area and will provide us with an overview that will acquaint us with the geography and birds we will be seeing during the conference.

Saturday night: Terry Wahl, “A Perspective on the Birds of Whatcom County and Surrounding Waters Over the Years”

Terry Wahl is well known to WOS members for his long-running pelagic trips out of Westport, for his bird guide with Dennis Paulson that helped many of us find many of the great bird areas in Washington, now as one of the co-editors for the recently issued Birds of Washington. Terry also is one of the people who knows the birds of Whatcom County and the surrounding vicinity in great detail. He will share this knowledge and some thoughts on the birds of the area with us as our keynote speaker on Saturday night.

MEALS

Meals include box breakfasts and lunches on Saturday and Sunday and a served banquet dinner on Saturday evening. If you order both breakfast and lunch, we recommend you bring a back-pack or bag to carry your boxes. Prices include tax and gratuity.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms have been set aside for conference attendees at the Best Western Lakeway Inn and Conference Center, 714 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226, phone 360-671-1011, toll-free 888-671-1011, www.bellingham-hotel.com. Conference attendees must make their own reservations by contacting the University Inn. You must mention the WOS conference room block to obtain the special $79 rate.
The 17th Annual Conference of the Washington Ornithological Society
Bellingham, Washington, September 9-12, 2005

REGISTRATION FORM

NOTICES

ONE FORM PER PERSON. Failure to comply will result in delays in processing your registration. Download additional form(s) from www.wos.org, photocopy, or print all information on a separate piece of paper.

REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 WILL BE ASSESSED A $10 LATE FEE.

REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 15. Registration materials received as of August 15 will be processed in random order. Materials received after August 15 will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. SPACE ON FIELD TRIPS IS LIMITED.

REGISTRATION AT DOOR - Applications for registration at the door of the Annual Meeting will HAVE NO GUARANTEE OF PARTICIPATION in the field trips or of breakfast or lunch meals. In addition, there will be a $10.00 late fee.

CANCELLATIONS received prior to September 1 will receive a refund, less a $10 processing fee. Additionally, cancellations received after September 1 may not receive a refund for meals.

LODGING IS NOT INCLUDED in Conference fees. Please refer to the information provided and make your own arrangement.

REMEMBER TO WRITE AND SIGN THE RELEASE.

Attendee:
Name:____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
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City, State/Province, ZIP: _____________________________
Phone(s): _________________________________________
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E-mail: ___________________________________________
Field trip carpooling: check if you are willing to drive _______

Conference Fee:
$25 Adult / $10 Student                                      $__________
$10 late fee if postmarked after Sept. 1, 2005   $__________

Membership: (all attendees must be WOS members):
Current Member ($0)                                           $__________
Renew 12-month Individual ($20) / Family ($25) $__________
New WOS Individual Member ($20)                             $__________
New WOS Family Member ($25)                                 $__________
Upgrade from Individual to Family Membership ($5) $__________

Conference Fee / Membership Subtotal $__________

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REGISTRATION FORM (continued from other side)

Field Trips:
Carpool trips are $20, except for the Pelagic boat trips, which are $75. Please indicate 1st through 9th (where applicable), choices for trips. Field trips will be assigned based on choices indicated and space available. If you absolutely do not want to go on a particular field trip, please cross it out completely (e.g., _____ SA-1 Pelagic Boat Trip).

If you wish to be partnered with someone on field trips, write their name(s) here: ________________________________________________________________

Note: registration will not be processed until your partner’s registration form and fees are received. We cannot guarantee that we’ll be able to pair you.

Friday, September 9
____ FR-3 Reifel Bird Sanctuary — Keith and Jan Wiggers
____ FR-4 Mt. Baker — Jim Duemmel and Ken Knittle
____ FR-5 Drayton Harbor — Dick McNeely
____ FR-6 Tennant Lake and Lake Terrell — Paul Woodcock
____ FR-7 Skagit and Samish Flats — Kraig Kemper
____ FR-8 Whidbey Island — Howard and Thais Armstrong

Saturday, September 10
____ SA-1 Pelagic Boat Trip — Keith and Jan Wiggers
____ SA-2 Point Roberts — Wayne Weber
____ SA-3 Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary — Kraig Kemper
____ SA-4 Mt. Baker — Ken Knittle
____ SA-5 Drayton Harbor — Victor Burgett
____ SA-6 Tennant Lake and Lake Terrell — Marv Breece
____ SA-7 Skagit and Samish Flats — Gary Bletsch
____ SA-8 Whidbey Island — Steve Ellis
____ SA-9 Digiscoping — Denny Granstrand

Sunday, September 11
____ SU-1 Pelagic Boat Trip — Kraig Kemper and Bob Kuntz
____ SU-2 Point Roberts — Brian Self
____ SU-3 Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary — Kraig Kemper
____ SU-4 Mt. Baker — Ken Knittle
____ SU-5 Drayton Harbor — Marv Breece
____ SU-6 Tennant Lake and Lake Terrell — Jim Edwards
____ SU-7 Skagit and Samish Flats — Steve and Gail Aslanian
____ SU-8 Whidbey Island — Steve Ellis
____ SU-9 Digiscoping — Denny Granstrand

Monday, September 12
____ MO-5 Drayton Harbor — Dick McNeely
____ MO-6 Tennant Lake and Lake Terrell — Paul Woodcock
____ MO-7 Skagit and Samish Flats — Howard & Thais Armstrong
____ MO-8 Whidbey Island — Brian Bell

Field Trips Subtotal: $__________

Meals:
Friday - breakfast, lunch, and dinner on your own

Saturday
Breakfast (box) ($8.50) ______
Lunch* (box lunch) ($10.00) ______ T H B V (circle one)
Banquet Dinner** ($25) ______ C V (circle one)
*circle sandwich preference:
** circle entree preference:
Turkey (T); Ham (H); Beef (B), Veggie (V)
Lemon herb chicken (C), or Vegetarian (V)

Sunday
Breakfast (box) ($8.50) ______
Lunch* (box lunch) ($10.00) ______ T H B V (circle one)

Monday - breakfast, lunch, and dinner on your own

Meals Subtotal: $__________

Make checks payable to: WOS
Send Registration Form and payment to:
Washington Ornithological Society
Attn: Treasurer
P. O. Box 31783
Seattle WA  98103-3783

Conference Fee / Membership Subtotal: $__________
Field Trips Subtotal: $__________
Meals Subtotal: $__________

Grand Total $__________

RELEASE FORM

Pertaining to the activities organized by the Washington Ornithological Society for September 9, 10, 11 and 12 2005:
I, ________________________________, as a member of WOS, understand the dangers involved in the activities in which I plan to participate. I will be fully responsible for any personal injuries and my personal well-being and will hold harmless the Washington Ornithological Society and its Board of Directors, agents, and staff.

Signed: ___________________________________________
Dated: ___________________________
NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to members of the Washington Ornithological Society that, pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws, this is the Ballot for the Annual Election of Officers and Directors. Individual members are entitled to one vote. Family membership allows a second vote by another member of the household. (Photocopy this ballot for the second voter). The results of the Annual Election of Officers and Directors will be officially ratified at the October 2005 meeting of the WOS Board. Terms of Elected Officers and Directors begin on October 1, 2005.

Please return your ballot by September 1, 2005.

STATEMENT
I am a member in good standing. I hereby cast votes for Officers and Directors as shown on the reverse side.

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PLEASE VOTE, SIGN, FOLD, TAPE, STAMP, and MAIL

WASHINGTON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ELECTIONS
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President: Brian Bell began birding as a kid growing up in the Santa Monica Mountains, but didn’t realize he was birding until 1972 when, as an environmental planner, he did bird surveys. The birding bug grabbed him and he has wallowed in it ever since. He’s birded extensively in WA, CA, HI, other parts of the northwest and AK, the East (particularly MA), Southeast, and Southwest. He particularly likes discovering new parts of WA in which to bird. He is a Birding and Natural History Guide for clients in WA and from out of state. He is a member of WOS, Seattle Audubon, Seattle Peregrine Project, ABA, and Western Field Ornithologists. Brian is a Master Birder and teaches classes and leads field trips for Seattle Audubon. He is the current WOS President.

Vice-president: Randy Hill grew up on the wet side of Northern California where wine country meets the redwood forest. An early encounter with a California Thrasher requiring ID from a field guide was the start of birding interest and eventually a career in wildlife management. After college (Humboldt State University) wanderings across most of the US included extensions to Mexico and Australia. The job market presented short-term opportunities in CA, AZ and MN before longer stays in NM (co-president of Mesilla Valley Audubon) and ND (president of the Bismarck-Mandan Bird Club.) The last 15 years have been in the Potholes area of the Columbia Basin as a Wildlife Biologist at Columbia NWR. After ten years of soccer administration and coaching, the Othello Sandhill Crane Festival took over as the #1 activity commitment, where he organizes most of the lectures and field trips. Randy is the current WOS Vice President.

Treasurer: Joyce Meyer’s career in telecommunications did not leave time for active birding. However, camping in the Sequoias as a kid in CA, attending college in Santa Barbara, and living in VA introduced her to the natural world. She moved to the Seattle area in 1975. After retiring from work as a Financial Analyst, she joined Audubon and explored the birding world. By the mid-1990s she joined WOS and had become an active participant and volunteer. In pursuit of the joy of birding she has visited Mexico, Latin America, Great Britain, Spain, Africa, Australia, and Malaysia/Borneo. Locally she leads field trips for ELWAS and conducts bird inventories on request through that chapter’s Birds in the Balance Committee. She is the current WOS Treasurer.

Secretary: Carol Schulz grew up in Seattle, then started moving around the country with her family before returning to WA. She became serious about birding after joining Rainier Audubon in South King County in 1998. She is currently Rainier Field Trip Chairman, takes classes and trips with Audubon groups, and is an ABA member. She teaches birding classes and is a Tahoma Audubon Master Birder. Carol is retired from Boeing and lives in Des Moines. She is the current WOS Secretary.

Board Position 2 (two years): Cindy McCormack is an eastern Washington native–born and raised in Spokane. Her interest in birds started at an early age, waiting patiently for the hummingbirds to visit the backyard trumpet vine, watching robins pull earthworms out of the ground, and excitedly anticipating mountain rest area stops just to see the Steller’s Jays. It was during college (WSU) when the true birding bug hit—when she enrolled in Dr. Johnson’s Ornithology class. After finishing college, Cindy spent the next seven years working for various projects performing wildlife and botanical surveys, although specializing in birds. She currently works as a registered veterinary technician (RVT) and manager of a local veterinary hospital, but she still volunteers for WDFW. She runs the MAPS banding station on the Little Spokane River, leads local birding trips, and is the secretary and newsletter editor for the Spokane Audubon Society. The last three years she has been teaching a three-day bird identification workshop for International Migratory Bird Day and she and Gary Blevins are planning to expand the bird classes offered by the local Audubon Society. Cindy has also been serving on the Reardan’s Audubon Lake Committee, which was formed to preserve an important habitat for wildlife and wildlife watching. Cindy is the only nominee not currently holding a WOS position, and the only nominee with no gray hair (editor’s note).

Board Position 3 (two years): Bart Whelton has a BS in Chemistry and a PhD in Medicinal Chemistry. On the faculty at Eastern Washington University from 1974-2000, he is currently retired and has emeritus status. His research interests have included toxicology of mammalian and marine systems, synthesis of anti-cancer agents, and the distribution and ecology of the boreal owl in the Northwest. He is a fly fisherman, a wildlife photographer, a sea kayaker, and an active birder. He has birded 17 countries on five continents, 49/50 states, 10/13 Canadian Provinces, and several specialty islands including St. Lawrence, Attu, Pribilofs, Galapagos, and New Guinea. He is a member of WOS, ABA, OFO, and WFO, and has been a Board Member and Field Trip Chairman and leader for Spokane Audubon. He is a current WOS Board member.

Board Position 4 (two years): Bob Flores is a native of Chico CA and received a BS in Wildlife Management at Humboldt State University, where he became a serious birder. While in college he worked for CA Fish and Game on lead poisoning in waterfowl and on black bears. After graduating he began a career as a Refuge Manager with USFWS that has spanned 20+ years. He has crossed the country working at different NWRs including Loxahatchee (FL), Wheeler (AL), Charles M Russell (MT), Kesterson and Kern (CA), Stillwater (NV), and presently at Columbia here in WA. Besides being obsessed with birding Bob is interested in soccer and football, and loves bluegrass music and making beer. He is a current WOS Board Member.

Board Position 5 (two years): Other___________
Greater White-fronted Goose  Widely scattered reports included high counts of 209 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 10/12 (HB), 55 flyovers at Port Angeles Clallam on 10/7 (SDo), 50 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/9 (WC), and 63 at Kent King on 10/22 (CWr).

Snow Goose  Reports away from nw WA wintering areas included 4 near Brady Grays Harbor on 10/14 (PS,RS) with 2 there on 11/30 (PH), 12 at Brooks Lake Grant on 10/16 (SSc), 140 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/20 (fide JE), 5 at Graysmarsh Clallam on 10/24 (SA), 5 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/24 with 1 there on 11/7 (PS,RS), 1 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 10/25 (NLa), 1 at Curlew Lake SP Ferry on 10/31 (MHo), 1 at Wanapum Kittitas on 10/31 (SDo) and 11/14 (PS,RS), 1 at Confluence SP Chelan on 11/11 (DS), 1 at Marymoor Park King on 10/28 (HJ) to 11/10 (MIh), and 1 at Hoquiam Grays Harbor on 11/13 (PS,RS).

“Blue” Goose  Rare in WA. 1 near Stanwood, Snohomish from 10/9 to 10/14 (SM), and 1 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/27 (RL).

Ross’s Goose  Uncommon in WA. 1 west of Wind Dust Park Franklin on 11/16 (CWr).

Brant  Early reports included 19 at Jamestown Clallam on 10/21 (fide BN), and 5 at Point Roberts Whatcom on 10/23 (WW).

Tundra Swan  Early reports included 4 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 10/15 (MD,MLD), 7 at Grimes Lake Douglas, 50 at St Andrews Douglas, 11 at Banks Lake Grant all on 10/20 (RH), 18 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/22 (JE), 6 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla on 10/24 (MD,MLD), 7 at Juanita Bay King on 10/26 (MFM), and 160 at McNary NWR Walla Walla on 10/27 (BW).

Trumpeter Swan  Uncommon in e WA. 2 reported at Thrall Kittitas on 10/31 (SDo), 1 at Bridgeport Bar Douglas on 11/1 (MHo), 1 at Trout Lake Klickitat on 11/6 (KGi), 2 at Othello Adams on 11/23 (RFi), and 5 at Columbia NWR Grant from 11/23 to 11/30 (RH). Early reports from w WA included 4 at Fir Island Skagit on 10/21 (TAv), and 12 at Stanwood Snohomish on 10/23 (JoM).

Green-winged Teal  High count: 1600 near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/21 (TAv).

American Black Duck  Introduced species rarely reported. 1 at Juanita Bay King from 10/31 (AaM) to 11/22 (MFM).

Mallard  High count: 20,000 at Padilla Bay Skagit on 11/28 (SM).

Northern Pintail  High count: 15,000 at Padilla Bay Skagit on 11/28 (SM).

Cinnamon Teal  Late reports included 10 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/13 (WC), and 12 at Warm Beach Snohomish on 11/18 (DD,SP).

Eurasian Wigeon  Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Confluence SP Chelan on 11/11 (DS), and 2 at Kennewick Benton on 11/27 (fide BLa).

American Wigeon  High count: 25,000 at Padilla Bay Skagit on 11/28 (SM).

Canvasback  High count: 70 at Hoquiam STP Grays Harbor on 11/30 (PH).

Black Scoter  High count: 30 at Point Roberts Whatcom on 11/25 (WW).

Surf Scoter  Uncommon away from salt water. 8 at Twin Lakes Ferry on 10/15 (MHo), 1 at Sun Lakes SP Grant on 10/18 (WW), 1 at Rimrock Lake Yakima on 10/20 (JHe), 2 at Sammamish King on 10/20 and 10/21 (LDJ), 1 male at Mount Rainier NP Lewis on 10/21 (AWa), 1 at Juanita Bay King on 10/22 (MFM), 1 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/26 to 10/28 (NLa), 2 at West Medical Lake Spokane on 10/29 (GiS) with 5 there on 10/31 (MWo), 1 at Woodland Cowitz on 10/30 (SM), 1 at Washougal STP Clark on 10/31 (WC), 2 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/4 (TAv,HO), and 1 at Kittitas Kittitas on 11/14 (PS,RS), and 1 at Magnuson Park King on 11/21 with 3 there on 11/25 (JB).

White-winged Scoter  Uncommon away from salt water. 1 at Hood Park Walla Walla on 10/5 (MD,MLD), 1 at Mossy Rock Lewis on 10/27 (PS,RS), 1 at Bateman Island Benton on 10/28 (NLa), 3 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/4 (TAv,HO) to at least 11/14 (PS,RS).

Hooded Merganser  High count: 80 at Ediza Hook Clallam on 10/21 (BN).

Red-breasted Merganser  Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Richland Benton on 10/28 (BW,NLa), 1 at Confluence SP Chelan on 10/29 (DBe), 1 at Potholes Grant on 10/29 (DSC), 3 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/12 (JHe), 1 at Chelan Falls Chelan on 11/15 (DBe), and 1 at Bonneville Dam Skamania on 11/6 (SJ).

Spruce Grouse  Reports included 1 male at the North Fork of Altamac Creek Yakima on 10/13 (He) with 1 female there on 10/15 (DGr).

White-tailed Ptarmigan  Seldom reported so late in season. 4 above Bagley Lakes at Mount Baker Whatcom on 11/21 (KrA).

Wild Turkey  High count: 130 at Touchet River Road Columbia on 11/20 (MD,MLD).

Mountain Quail  Uncommon and local in WA. 3 north of Elma Grays Harbor on 10/29 (TO).

Pacific Loon  Uncommon in e WA. 1 at McCarley Dam Benton on 10/10 (Cr,JuC) with 12 there on 11/7 (MD,MLD), 1 at Park Lake Grant on 10/12 (MHo), 3 at Pateros Okanogan on 10/20 (MSp), 1 at Richland Benton on 10/28 (BW), 1 west of John Day Dam Kittitas on 10/29 (DSc), 2 at Silver Lake Spokane from 10/29 (GiS) to at least 11/3 (MWo), 7 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/4 (TAv,HO), 1 at Rimrock Lake.
Yakima on 11/7 (HHe,AS), 1 at Sun Lakes SP Grant on 11/13 (DSc), and 1 at Palouse Falls Franklin on 11/14 (MD,MLD).

**Common Loon** High counts included 42 at Blue Lake Grant on 10/3 (DSc), 42 at Lake Wenatchee Chelan on 10/23 (fide DS), and 120 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/10 (CC).

**Yellow-billed Loon** Uncommon in WA. 1 near Hansville Kitsap on 10/9 (DoW), 1 near Bonneville Dam Skamania from 10/29 to 11/13 (fide SM), 1 at Fort Worden SP Jefferson from 11/4 (BN,DMu) to 11/7 (MR), 1 near Anderson Island Pierce on 11/13 (BS), 1 at Salsbury Point CP Kitsap on 11/14 (BWg), 1 albino near Dash Point Pierce on 11/26 (HJF) and 11/27 (PS,RS), and 1 near Neah Bay Clallam on 11/27 (BN,Mu).

**Pied-billed Grebe** High count on 10/6 (TAv), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 10/6 (JE).

**Horned Grebe** High count for e WA: 47 at Van Trump Kittitas on 11/4 (TAv,HO).

**Red-necked Grebe** Migrant reports away from the coast included 2 at Blue Lake Grant on 10/6, 1 at Soap Lake Grant on 10/6 (TAv), 1 at Bateman Island Benton from 10/14 to 11/6 (NLa), 1 at Coyle City Grant on 10/16 with 2 there on 11/13 (DSc), 1 at Confluence SP Chelan on 10/26 (Db), 4 at John Day Dam Klickitat on 10/29 (SJ), 1 at Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 10/30 (DSc), 2 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/4 (TAv,HO), and 1 at Spring Creek Fish Hatchery Skamania on 11/21 (WC).

**Eared Grebe** Reports included 2 at Twin Lakes Ferry on 10/15 (MHo), 1 at Oak Bay CP Jefferson on 10/17 (BWg), 2 at Spencer Island Snohomish on 10/23 (MiH), 3 at Luhr Beach Thurston on 10/25 with 1 there on 11/30 (JPA), 3 at Stanwood STP Snohomish on 10/28 (RL), 5 at Vantage Kittitas on 11/4 (TAv) with 3 there on 11/4 (PS,RS), 104 at Utsalady Bay Island on 11/6 (SM), 2 at Midway Beach Pacific on 11/6 (PS,RS), 1 at Dog Lake Yakima on 11/7 (AS), 4 at Henderson Inlet Thurston on 11/12 (KB), 1 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap on 11/20 (BN,Mu), and 1 in breeding plumage at March Point Skagit on 11/27 (PC).

**Western Grebe** High counts included 1000 at Edmonds Snohomish on 10/11 (TP), 140 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 11/12 (MD,MLD), 3500 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap on 10/21 (BWg), and 2500 at the mouth end of Camano Island Island on 11/6 (SM).

**Clark's Grebe** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/9 (KB) and 10/24 (PS,RS), 1 at Oak Bay CP Jefferson from 10/16 to 10/21 (DMu), 1 at Riffe Lake Lewis on 10/27 (PS,RS), and 1 at Edmonds Snohomish on 11/17 (DD).

**Short-tailed Shearwater** Reports of shearwaters thought to be this species included 1 or 2 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap on 11/4 with 1 there on 11/27 (BWg), and 2 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 11/13 (PS,RS).

**Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel** Uncommon in Puget Sound. 1 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap on 10/2 (BWg).

**Leach's Storm-Petrel** Uncommon in Puget Sound. 1 at Edmonds Snohomish on 10/11 (DD,TP), and 1 at Luhr Beach Thurston on 11/11 (BS).

**American Bittern** Late for e WA. 1 at Mosab WMA Yakima on 11/28 (AS).

**Great Egret** Reports included 1 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap from September to 10/21 (BWg), 1 at Big Ditch Skagit on 10/23 (DB), 7 at Grays Harbor Nisqually on 10/29 (DD,TP), and 1 at Luhr Beach Thurston on 11/13 (BS).

**Brown Pelican** Reports included 2 at Shores Grays Harbor on 11/13 (PS,RS), and 6 at Westport Grays Harbor on 11/13 (BT).

**Western Grebe** Uncommon in Puget Sound. 1 at Edmonds Snohomish on 11/4 (DSc), 3500 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap from September to 10/21 (BWg), Hollow Walla Walla on 11/8 (MD,MLD), 1 at Montlake Fill King 11/11 (FB) to 11/18 (KaN), 1 at Chelan Falls Chelan on 11/15 (Db), 1 near Orthello Adams on 11/17 (fide RH) with 3 there on 11/19 (RF1), 1 at Guemes Island Skagit on 11/17 (SuM), and 5 at Burbur Heights Walla Walla on 11/29 (MD,MLD).

**Green Heron** Rare in e WA. 1 at Columbia NWR Grant on 10/25 (RH). Late reports for w WA included 1 at Skagit WMA Skagit on 11/20 (GB), and 1 at Marymoor Park King on 11/24 (MiH).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** Uncommon and very local in w WA. 4 at Warm Beach Snohomish on 11/6 (SM).

**Plegadis sp.** 1 probable White-faced Ibis flyby near Stanwood Snohomish on 10/3 (SM).

**Turkey Vulture** Reports included 50 at Port Angeles Clallam on 10/5 (fide BoB), 11 at Des Moines King on 10/9 (DP) with 1 there on 10/23 (fide DMA) and 11/23 (MiH), 2 at Glacial Heritage Thurston on 10/23 (KB), and 1 at Sequim Clallam on 11/20 (EKr).

**Osprey** Late reports included 1 at Purdy Spit Pierce on 10/20 (fide SM), 1 at Kent King on 10/23 (CWr), 1 at Lake Chelan Chelan on 11/5 (DBe), 1 near Lynden Whatcom on 11/11 (PD), and 1 at Snohomish Snohomish on 11/16 (DD,SP).

**White-tailed Kite** Uncommon and local in WA. 3 near Adna Lewis on 10/23, 1 at Mima Mounds Thurston on 10/23 (KB), 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark on 11/16 and 11/23 (JE), and 1 at Chohoonop Valley Pacific on 11/19 (MPa).

**Bald Eagle** Locally uncommon. 1 near Paradise at Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 10/14 (TAv).

**RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** Rare in WA. 1 immature at Johns River Grays Harbor on 10/2 (PS,RS) and 10/4 (PH), 1 near Monroe Snohomish on 11/10 (SM), and 1 immature at Hoquiam STP Grays Harbor on 11/26 (RL).

**Swainson’s Hawk** Late for WA. 1 light morph adult reported near Sunrize at Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 10/5 (PS,RS).

**“Harlan’s” Hawk** Reports included 1 at Ridgefield NWR Clark from 10/6 to 11/23 (JE), 1 at Byrnes Road Walla Walla on 11/5 (MD,MLD), and 1 light morph immature reported at Kent King on 11/19 (CWr).

**Rough-legged Hawk** Locally uncommon. 1 at Kent King on 10/20 (fide CWr), and 1 at Woodinville King on 11/21 (BBc).

**Golden Eagle** Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Hurricane Ridge Clallam on 11/5 (RR).

**Merlin** Reports from e WA included 1 at Orthello Adams on 10/13 and 11/24 (RF1), 2 at Walla Walla Walla Walla on 10/25 (MD,MLD), 1 at Potholes Grant on 11/7 (DSc), 1 at Naches...

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Franklin's Gull  Late reports included 1 at Edmonds Snobomish on 10/1 (DD), 1 at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 10/4 (MD,MLD), 1 near Stanwood Snobomish on 10/14 (SM), 1 at John's River Grays Harbor on 10/16 (CW), 1 at Norman Snobomish on 10/21 (TAe), and 2 reported on 10/31 (MB) and 1 there on 11/5 (DD,SP).

Little Gull  Rare in WA.  1 at Edmonds Snobomish on 11/21 (BLa,NLa).

Bonaparte's Gull  Uncommon in e WA but widely reported during this period.  High counts and unusual locations included 1 at Winthrop Okanogan on 10/9 (MHo), 75 at Soap Lake Grant on 10/16 (DSc), 1 at Rimrock Lake Yakima on 10/17 (KT), 100 at Columbia NWR Grant on 10/21 (RH), 1 at Molson Okanogan on 10/22 (BLa,NLa), 27 at Yakima RD Benton on 10/24 (BW), 145 at John Day Dam Klickitat on 10/28 (SJ), 40 at Potholes Grant on 10/29 (DSc), 250 at McNary Dam Benton on 10/31 (CGr,JuC), and 20 at Moses Lake Grant on 11/29 (DSc).

Mew Gull  Uncommon in e WA.  1 reported at Confluence SP Chelan on 10/19 (DBe), and 2 adults at Walla Walla RD Walla Walla on 11/9 (MD,MLD).

Thayer's Gull  Reports from e WA included 2 at Rimrock Lake Yakima on 10/17 (DGr), 1 first year bird at Moses Lake Grant on 11/7 (DSc), 1 first year bird at Steamboat Rock SP Grant on 11/13 (DSc), 1 adult at Lower Monumental Dam Walla Walla on 11/16 (CWs), and 1 at John Day Dam Klickitat on 11/19 (SM). High count for w WA: 200 at Elwha River Dike Clallam on 10/12 (BN,JMu).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL  Rare in WA.  1 in second year plumage at Sun Lakes SP Grant from 10/8 (DSc) to at least 10/15 (TP).

Western Gull  Uncommon in e WA.  1 adult at Alkali Lake Grant on 10/13 (RFl), 1 first year bird reported at Priest Rapids Yakima on 11/15 (AS), and 1 at Moses Lake Grant on 11/26 (DSc).

Glaucous Gull  Uncommon in WA.  2 reported at McNary Dam Benton on 10/31 (CGr,JuC), 1 near Silvana Snobomish from 10/28 (CWs) to 11/6 (SM), and 1 immature at Kennedy Creek Mason from 11/22 to 11/25 (JBu).

Black-legged Kitiwake  Locally uncommon.  1 at Samish Island Skagit on 10/28 (CWs).

Sabine's Gull  Uncommon and late for e WA.  1 at Yakima RD Benton from September to 10/10 (fide BLa), and 1 at John Day Dam Klickitat on 10/12 (MD,MLD).

Caspian Tern  Late report: 1 at Tokeland Pacific on 11/6 (PS,RS).

Common Tern  Late reports included 4 at Semiahmoo Whatcom on 10/2 (ChD), and 1 at Point No Point Kittap on 10/12 (WW).

Forster's Tern  Very late and at unusual location.  1 reported at Rimrock Lake Yakima on 10/17 (KT).

THICK-BILLED MURRE  Rare in WA.  1 south of Lime Kiln Point SP San Juan on 10/19 (WBT).

Ancient Murrelet  Rare away from salt water.  1 at Bonneville Dam Skamania on 11/6 (fide SJ) with 2 there from 11/7 (CF) to 11/14 (SSc), and 1 found in November at Little Pend Oreille NWR Stevens later died (fide SM). High count for w WA: 90 at Edmonds Snobomish on 11/19 (DD,SP).

Mourning Dove  High counts for w WA included 40 east of Tenino Thurston on 10/6 (BSu), 49 south of Sequim Clallam on 10/7 (fide BN), and 40 at Crockett Lake Island on 11/28 (WW).

Monk Parakeet  Introduced species rare in WA.  At least 2 near Port Orchard Kittap on 11/30 (MHr).

Snowy Owl  Irregular and uncommon at the locations.  1 north of Pasco Franklin on 11/20 (fide BLa), and 1 at Big Ditch Snobomish from 11/25 (MBw) to 11/27 (KKe).

NORTHERN HAWK-OWL  Rare in WA.  1 at Salmo Mountain Pond Onoyle from 10/1 (MHo) to at least 10/15 (MBw).

Barred Owl  Locally uncommon.  1 at 6200' near Sunrise at Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 10/2 (TAv,ArG), and 1 in downtown Seattle King on 10/20 (AAM).

Great Gray Owl  Uncommon in WA.  1 south of Chelan Yakima on 10/17 (SM).

Long-eared Owl  High elevation report: 1 at 6100' near Sunrise at Mount Rainier NP Pierce on 10/2 (TAv,ArG).

Common Nighthawk  Very late for WA.  1 reported at Moses Lake Grant on 10/5 (fide RFl).

Black-chinned Hummingbird  Late reports thought to be this species included 1 at Pullman Whitman on 10/2 (DiW), 1 at Colville Stevens on 10/4 (WCu), 1 at College Place Walla Walla on 10/5 (fide SM), and 1 at Orohella Adams from 10/6 to 10/8 (RFl).

Anna's Hummingbird  Evidence of range expansion continues.  1 female at Spokane Spokane from 10/1 to 10/5 (MiC), 1 at Lyle Klickitat from 10/10 (SJ) to at least 11/19 (SM), 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 11/7 (PS,RS), 1 adult male at Gleed Yakima on 11/9, 1 female at Selah Yakima on 11/15 (fide DGr), and 1 near Anacortes Skagit on 11/20 (GB).

Selasphorus sp.  Rare after early fall in WA.  1 Rufous or Allen's Hummingbird at Selah Yakima on 11/13 (fide SM).

Lewis's Woodpecker  Migrant reports from e WA included 1 near Orohella Adams on 10/14 (RFl), 1 at Ahtanum Creek Yakima on 10/31, and 1 at Yakama Indian Reservation Yakima on 11/21 (KT). Rare in w WA.  1 south of Porter Grays Harbor on 11/6 (KK) and 11/7 (TO).

Acorn Woodpecker  Rare and local.  4 near Lyle Klickitat on 11/19 (SM).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER  Rare in WA.  1 at Hood Park Walla Walla on 10/7 (MD,MLD).

Red-breasted Sapsucker  Uncommon in e WA.  1 south of Mount Adams Yakima on 11/8 (SDa), 1 east of Lower Trout Lake Valley Klickitat on 11/9, 1 at Lower Trout Lake Valley Klickitat from 11/19 to 11/29 (KGd), and 1 near Lyle Klickitat on 11/26 (MD,MLD).

Hairy Woodpecker  Locally uncommon.  1 at Wenatchee Chelan on 11/3 (DS), 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 11/7 (TG), and 2 at Bennington Lake Walla Walla from 11/8 to at least 11/16 (MD,MLD).

White-headed Woodpecker  Reports included 1 at Ahtanum Creek Yakima on 10/31 (KT), and 1 south of Mount Adams Yakima on 11/8 (SDa).

American Three-toed Woodpecker  Reports included 1 at the North Fork of Ahtanum Creek Yakima on 10/7 (RH), 1 at the Togo...
Say's Phoebe  thought to be this species at Tenino Pacific-slope Flycatcher Bonneville Steller's Jay 11/6 (fide BN).

KINGBIRD TROPICAL/COUCH’S and 1 at Columbia NWR 1 at Joyce for WA. 1 seen singing at Red-eyed Vireo reports included 1 near Loggerhead Shrike on 10/31 (SM), and 1 found dead at Skamania on 10/31 (CF).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher Late report: 1 thought to be this species at Tenino Thurston on 10/2 (PH).

Say's Phoebe Late reports included 2 at Tocchet Walla Walla on 11/5 (MD,MLD), 1 at Wind Dust Park Franklin on 11/13 (BLa,NLa), and 1 at Columbia NWR Adams on 11/23 (RFi).

TROPICAL/COUCH’S KINGBIRD Rare in WA. 1 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 11/7 (PS,RS), 1 at North Cove Pacific on 11/20 (BnS), 1 near Coupeville Island on 11/27 and 11/28 (CpE), and 1 at Neh Bay Clallam on 11/27 (Mu,BN).

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER Rare in WA. 1 at Moses Lake Grant from September to 10/9 (DR).

Loggerhead Shrike Late reports included 1 near Bridgeport SP Okanogan on 10/22 (BLa,NLa), 1 east of Maryhill Klickitat on 11/20 (SJ), and 1 at Columbia NWR Adams/Grant on 11/15 (RH).

Red-eyed Vireo Extremely late for WA. 1 seen singing at Naselle Pacific on 10/3 (AR).

Gray Jay Uncommon at low elevation away from outer coast.

1 at Joyce Clallam on 10/25 with 3 there on 11/8 (BN), and 6 near Salt Creek CP Clallam on 11/9 (fide BN).

Steller's Jay High counts of migrants included 65 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/1 (PS,RS), and 30 at Columbia Hills Klickitat on 10/18 (SJ,TmH).

Blue Jay Uncommon in WA. Reports from a major irruption included 1 at Orthello Adams from 10/6 to 11/19 (RFi) with 1 at a nearby location on 10/9 (RH), 1 at Rice Stevens on 10/9 (TmD), 1 at Moses Lake Grant on approximately 10/10 (fide DSc), 3 at Walla Walla Walla Walla Walla from 10/12 to 10/19 (fide MD), 1 at Bridgeport Douglas from 10/14 (MSP) to at least 10/22 (BLa,NLa), 2 at Spokane Spokane on 10/15 (Ja) with 1 at a nearby location on 10/15 (Gis), 9 at Dayton Columbus on 10/16 with 15 there on 11/20 (MD,MLD), 3 at Silver Lake Spokane on 10/16 with 1 there on 10/29 (fide Gis), 1 at Pomeroy Garfield on 10/21 (MD,MLD), 1 at Grandview (Jim).

Violet-green Swallow Late report: 1 at Walla Walla Walla Walla Walla Walla on 11/5 (MD,MLD), 1 at Lummi Island Whatcom from 10/23 (fide JMc) to 11/2 (NWV), 1 at Washucuna Adams on 10/25 (fide RH) with 2 there to 11/30 (TG), 1 at Waterville Douglas on 10/28 (fide DS), 1 at Colville Stevens on 10/30 (MHo), 1 at Bayview Skagit on 10/31 (AS), 1 at Kennewick Benton on 11/6 (fide BLa), 1 at West Richland Benton on 11/6 (NLa) and 11/7 (DR), 1 at Prosser Benton on 11/13 (fide BLa), 1 at Port Hadlock Jefferson from 11/13 to 11/30 (DWg), 1 at Nile Yakima on 11/21 (He), and 1 at Townsend Jefferson on 11/26 (JaA).

Western Scrub-Jay Locally uncommon. 1 at Bellevue King on 10/4 (Can).

Clark's Nuttacker Rare in w WA lowlands. 1 near Johns River Grays Harbor on 10/1 (PS,RS), 1 south of Brinnon Jefferson on 10/13 (SoDo), and 1 at Discovery Park King on 11/4 included 2 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/2 (PS,RS) with 15 on 10/10 and 2 there on 11/15 (CC), 5 at Edmonds Stanwood on 10/3 (TP), 6 at Discovery Park King on 10/10 (ST), 16 at Fort Worden SP Jefferson on 10/10 (DWe), 5 at Moses Lake Grant on 10/25 (DSc), 4 at Foulweather Bluff Kitsap on 10/26 (MDH), 3 at Lummi Island Whatcom on 11/5 (fide JMc), 16 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 11/7 (TG), 9 at Banks Lake Grant on 11/13 (DSc), 3 at Midway Beach Pacific on 11/13 (BT), 5 at Orthello Adams on 11/17 (fide DR), 18 at Potholes Grant on 11/29 (DSc), and 1 at Naselle Pacific on 11/29 (AR).

Chesnut-backed Chickadee Evidence of an irruption e WA lowlands included 1 at College Place Walla Walla from 10/15 to 11/30, 4 at Walla Walla Walla Walla on 10/24 (MD,MLD), 1 at Bridgeport Douglas on 10/27 (MSP), 3 at Naches Yakima on 11/7 (AS), and 1 at Daroga SP Douglas on 11/21 (DBe).

Boreal Chickadee Uncommon and local in WA. 6 at Salmo Mountain Pond Omilo on 10/13 (Ja).

Red-breasted Nuthatch Many reports from e WA lowlands during the period included 6 at Hood Park Walla Walla Walla on 10/7 (PS,RS), 1 south of Brinnon Jefferson on 10/13 (SoDo), and 1 at Discovery Park King on 11/4 included 2 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/2 (PS,RS) with 15 on 10/10 and 2 there on 11/15 (CC), 5 at Edmonds Stanwood on 10/3 (TP), 6 at Discovery Park King on 10/10 (ST), 16 at Fort Worden SP Jefferson on 10/10 (DWe), 5 at Moses Lake Grant on 10/25 (DSc), 4 at Foulweather Bluff Kitsap on 10/26 (MDH), 3 at Lummi Island Whatcom on 11/5 (fide JMc), 16 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 11/7 (TG), 9 at Banks Lake Grant on 11/13 (DSc), 3 at Midway Beach Pacific on 11/13 (BT), 5 at Orthello Adams on 11/17 (fide DR), 18 at Potholes Grant on 11/29 (DSc), and 1 at Naselle Pacific on 11/29 (AR).

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Boreal Chickadee Uncommon and local in WA. 6 at Salmo Mountain Pond Omilo on 10/13 (Ja).

Red-breasted Nuthatch Evidence of an irruption from habitats where normally rare or absent. 1 at Northrup Canyon Grant on 10/4 (fide DSc), 1 at Hood Park Walla Walla Walla on 10/4 (MD,MLD), and 11 at Potholes Grant on 11/7 (DSc).

White-breasted Nuthatch Evidence of an irruption from montane areas included reports from habitats where normally rare or absent. 1 at Northrup Canyon Grant on 10/4 (fide DSc), 1 at Hood Park Walla Walla Walla on 10/4 (MD,MLD), and 2 at Vashon Island King on 11/8 (fide ESw), and 1 at Port Townsend Jefferson on 11/13 (JaA).

Rock Wren Rare in w WA lowlands. 1 at Discovery Park King on 11/11 (ST).

Western Bluebird Reports included 5 at Little Oklahoma Clallam on 10/3 (fide BN), 1 at Lost Mountain Clallam on 10/11 (SoDo), 4 north of Elma Grays Harbor on 10/19 (TO), 16 at Fort Lewis Pierre on 10/24 (DDe), 5 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 10/30 (KK), and 3 near Lyle Klickitat on 11/19 (SM).

Mountain Bluebird Late reports included 20 east of Bickleton Klickitat on 11/7 (MMi), and 1 at Seven Mile Road Walla Walla on 11/20 (MD,MLD).
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Snow Bunting Uncommon in w WA. 2 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 10/29 (MB), 6 at Midway Beach Pacific on 10/30 (PS,RS), 2 at Stanwood Skagit on 10/31 (GA), 1 at Port Williams Clallam on 11/3 (fide BoB), 1 at Ediz Hook Clallam on 11/19 (MU), 1 at Dash Point Pierce from 11/20 (BLa,NLa) to 11/25 (PS,RS), and 1 at Point Roberts Whatcom on 11/25 (WW).

Black-headed Grosbeak Late reports included 1 at Lake Forest Park King on 10/3 (AlM), and 1 at Everett Skagit on 10/9 (SM).

Bobolink Rare in w WA. 1 at Tokeland Pacific on 10/10 (KB,DCg).

Tricolored Blackbird Rare and local in WA. 5 at Otello Adams on 10/6 (TAv) with 3 there on 10/17 (RFl), 3 males at a location 3 miles west of there on 11/16 (CWr), 1 adult male at Frog Hollow Walla Walla on 11/9 (MD,MLD), and 2 at Vancouver Lowlands Clark on 10/30 with 1 there on 11/20 (SM).

Yellow-headed Blackbird Uncommon in w WA. 3 at Stanwood Skagit on 10/5 (DD), and 1 east of Burlington Skagit from 11/11 (ChD) to 11/14 (GB).

Brewer's Blackbird Locally uncommon, 5 near UW in Seattle King on 10/24 with 1 there on 11/28 (JB).


Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch Rare in w WA lowlands. 1 at Marrowstone Point Jefferson on 11/28 (GW,TS).

Pine Grosbeak Uncommon in WA but reports were widespread during the period. 1 at Salmo Mountain Pend Oreille on 10/13 (Ja) with 10 there on 10/15 (MtB), 2 near Paradise at Mount Rainier NPS Pierce on 10/14 (TAv), 2 at Bayview Skagit on 10/31 (AS), 2 at Spokane Spokane on 11/3 with 20 there on 11/30 (MWO), 3 at Dungeness NWR Clallam on 11/5 (BoB), 1 at Sleeping Beauty Skamania on 11/5 (KGl), 3 near Foulweather Bluff Kitsap from 11/7 (BWg) to 11/26 (DoW), 2 south of Mount Adams Yakima on 11/8 (SDo), 1 at Tokeland Pacific on 11/8 (DD), 20 at Table Mountain Skamania on 11/9 (CJa), 2 east of Lower Trout Lake Valley Klickitat on 11/9 (KGl), 1 at North Richland Benton on 11/17 (NLa), and 8 at Mount Townsend Clallam/ Jefferson on 11/21 (fide BoB).


Red Crossbill Locally uncommon. 19 at Walla Walla Walla Walla on 10/23 (MD,MLD), and 6 at Washucena Adams on 11/13 (BLa,NLa) with 3 there on 11/14 (DSc).

White-winged Crossbill Rare in w WA lowlands. 3 at Ocean Shores Grays Harbor on 11/28 (TKL).

Common Redpoll Reports included 1 at Two Rivers CP Benton on 11/4 (DR), 18 at Walla Walla Walla Walla on 11/12, 1 at Lyons Ferry Franklin on 11/14 (MD,MLD), 1 at Bainbridge Island Kitsap on 11/19 (BWg), 9 at Mill Creek Walla Walla on 11/20 (MD,MLD), 5 at Otello Adams on 11/20 (RH), and 2 at Moses Lake Grant on 11/29 (DSc).

Evening Grosbeak Locally uncommon. 3 at Richland Benton on 10/13 with 2 there on 10/28 (BW).

Nutmeg Mannikin Introduced species rarely reported. 1 at Snohomish Skagit on 11/11 (SM).

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