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ELECTION RESULTS by Brian Bell

The ballots are in and the slate of Officers and Board members who were nominated for this next year were elected. All four officers were reelected: Brian H. Bell as President, Randy Hill as Vice-President, Carol Schulz as Secretary, and Joyce Meyer as Treasurer. They will be joined by continuing Board members Bart Whelton (position 3) and Bob Flores (position 4) and new Board member Cindy McCormack (position 2). Denny Granstrand (position 1) and Rachel Lawson (position 5) continue on the Board.

I would like to thank Diane Weber for her invaluable service to WOS during her term as a Board member, She helped us keep organized during our Board meetings, always had the facts at her fingertips and was a cheerful presence on the Board. Thanks also to Tom Weber who provided valuable support to her and during the arrangements both of them made for last years conference in Moscow/Pullman.

I welcome Cindy to the Board and look forward to her contributions to WOS and to her knowledge of eastern Washington.

The Board has challenges ahead during the next year and I know that this group will continue to provide WOS with excellent advice and service.



Cape May Warbler, Spokane, *Spokane*, February 7, 2005. Photo by Tom Munson.

Whidbey Island Field Trip by Brian Bell

A WOS group made a trip to Whidbey Island on Saturday, August 6th. We came onto the island from the north side and the fog was in. Our first stop was at Rosario Head and while we couldn't see very far, we did have three black oystercatchers on the rocks to the north. rhinoceros auklets and pigeon guillemots were visible dimly through the fog. We had white-crowned and song sparrows, California quail, Bewick's wren, house finch, dark-eyed junco and golden-crowned kinglets here also.

From there we went straight down to Crockett Lake and it cleared by the time we got south of Oak Harbor. We approached the lake from the north side and discovered that the lake was very high with almost no mud exposed – result few shorebirds. But we did get great side-by-side comparisons of greater and lesser yellowlegs you could really see the size difference and the bill length difference. A small pond was still present and it contained yellowlegs and least sandpipers, as well as brief looks at a Virginia rail.

The side of the lake near the state highway had good numbers of western and least sandpipers, often side-by-side for a nice comparison of size and plumage. We had both adult birds (some still in partial breeding plumage) and juveniles. More yellowlegs and a number of short-billed and long-billed dowitchers, again some adults and some juveniles made for a good study. Barn and cliff swallows overhead, a northern harrier scanning the grasslands, a flock of juvenile brown-headed cowbirds, As usual lots of American goldfinches working the thistles over. Many totally ratty glaucous-winged and California gulls were lounging on the mud, as well a Caspian terns.

Over by the Keystone ferry terminal there were several pelagic cormorants on the old structure, but no double-crested or Brandt's. There was a good grouping of Heermann's gulls on the end of the jetty. Up in Fort Casey we had an olive-sided flycatcher perched and calling in the picnic area, and a great horned owl obligingly perched out in the open for us. We had rhinoceros auklets and pigeon guillemots from the bluffs, as well as two common murrets.

Penn Cove was largely empty of birds, but we had five common loons near Kennedy Lagoon. We had harlequin ducks (immatures) at Libby Beach and Hastie Lake Rd. pigeon guillemots were scattered around at Hastie Lake Rd. At the overlook by Swantown we had probable Pacific loons, surf and white-winged scoters, but were again in the zone where fog limited vision to close to shore. Bos Lake had some exposed mud and lots of distant shorebirds partially in the fog – western and least sandpipers, semipalmated plover, dowitchers (too distant to pin down), lots of "eclipse" mallards, northern shovelers, and northern pintails.

Because of the fog, the day was relatively slow but we still saw 67 species, got good comparative views of many, and had lots of time to study many others.

WOS Field Trips

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.

Saturday, October 29th

Brad Waggoner will lead a trip in Kitsap County covering areas from Bainbridge Island to Point No Point. The focus for the day will be waterbirds, shorebirds, and late fall migrants. Target birds include yellow-billed loon, eared grebe, harlequin duck, long-tailed duck, ancient murrelet and rocky shorebirds, including possibly rock sandpiper. Dress for the weather and bring spotting scope. Limit of 6 birders. For details contact Brad at wagtail@sounddsl.com or call (206) 780-9581.

Saturday, November 19th

Gary Bletsch will lead a trip in Skagit County with stops at Rosario Head, Rosario Beach, Green Point at Washington Park, and March's Point. The focus for the day will be seabirds, and target birds would include red-throated and Pacific loon; western, horned and red-necked grebe; all three cormorants; common murre, pigeon guillemot, rhinoceros auklet, marbled murrelet, and maybe ancient murrelet. Afterwards, depending on what birds are currently being seen, the day would finish with a stop at either the Samish Flats (for raptors and shorebirds) or the Skagit Flats on Fir Island (for passerines). Limit of 8 birders. For details contact Gary at garybletsch@yahoo.com or call (360) 826-3750

Saturday, December 3rd

Kraig and Kathy Kemper will lead a trip on the Waterville Plateau in Douglas County. Areas covered will include Atkins Lake, Mansfield, Bridgeport Hill Road, and Central Ferry Canyon. Additional areas covered may include Bridgeport State Park, the Okanogan River mouth, and Cassimer Bar in Okanogan County. Target species include sharp-tailed grouse, Bohemian waxwing, American tree sparrow, Lapland longspur, snow bunting, gray-crowned rosy-finch, and common redpoll. An additional morning will be added for those participants willing to stay overnight in Pateros. Limit of 8 birders. For details, contact Kraig at K_Kemper@msn.com or call (206) 789-9255.

Hope Takes Flight: The Rediscovery of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker

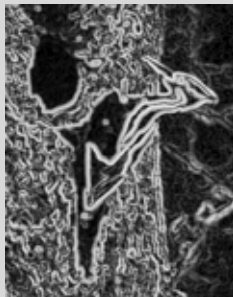
SAVE THE DATE: Attend a special evening at Town Hall in Seattle on November 9, 2005, hosted by The Nature Conservancy with support from the Woodland Park Zoo.

The recent discovery of the ivory-billed woodpecker, long thought to have vanished for good, has been hailed as one of the greatest moments in conservation history, a story of hope for our times. The ivory-billed woodpecker was last seen in the United States 60 years ago, after extensive clearing destroyed millions of acres of virgin forest in the South. Learn about the history that led to this majestic bird's near-extinction, efforts over the past two decades to save and restore its imperiled habitat, and personal accounts of its dramatic rediscovery in the forested swamps of Arkansas.

Presenters: Phil Hoose, author of *The Race to Save the Lord-God Bird*, and a Nature Conservancy staff member; and Gene Sparling, the first to spot the bird while paddling the Cache River in Arkansas

Town Hall in Seattle
1119 Eighth Avenue (at Seneca Street)
Wednesday, November 9th, 2005
7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$10

For more information and for tickets, visit nature.org/Washington, visit zoo.org, or call the Conservancy at 206-343-4345, ext. 345.



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From The Board

by Brian Bell

We hope everyone had a great summer. Certainly from the reports coming in from around the state the birding has been most interesting. Shorebirds began coming back fairly early and were scattered across the state – having more observers out there sure helps. The brief visit by a white-rumped sandpiper near the Walla Walla River delta generated some excitement. The invasion of stilt sandpipers later in August had folks active all over, with several county firsts reported. With regular coverage of eastern Washington we are learning in a timely manner where those warbler and shorebird migrations are touching down. Keep up the good work.

The Bellingham Conference will be over by the time you get this, and we expect it will be another great meeting. Lots of excellent field trips scheduled, and almost any bird can show up during September. Watch for a detailed report of the conference in the next issue. Our preliminary planning is underway for the 2006 conference in the Republic area. Lots of folks asked that we have a meeting in the northeastern part of the state and here it is.

The election results are in, and the slate presented to the membership was approved. A report is elsewhere in the newsletter. I look forward to working with the new Board, and we will be taking on a variety of activities during the year.

We will continue to be tracking our membership and are very interested in having lapsed members rejoin WOS. If you know of anyone whose membership has expired, or who you know used to be a member please pass the word along that we would love to have them rejoin us. For those who are current members, remember your expiration date is in the upper right corner of your mailing label on WOSNews. You good folks are an important part of WOS and are the folks who make WOS the great organization it is.

WOS Meetings

Monday, October 3rd - "Little Birds With Big Voices: How Do They Do It?" with Becky Hartley.

Have you ever wondered how small birds can sing such long and elaborate songs? In this presentation you will learn about the structure and function of the songbird syrinx, the vocal organ, and about the anatomy and physiology of the avian respiratory system, which powers vocalization. Some of the techniques scientists use in the laboratory to investigate the mechanisms of vocalization will also be discussed. If time permits, the song control areas of the brain, which vary by sex and season, will be introduced.

Becky Hartley is an Associate Professor of Biology at Seattle University, where she teaches undergraduate courses in vertebrate physiology, anatomy, and embryology. She has previously measured the respiratory patterns that accompany song in canaries and catbirds, and also studied lateralization of vocal organ function in these birds.

Monday, November 7th - Tony Angel and John Marzluff will make a presentation on corvids - a presentation that would coincide with publishing a new book on corvids - in November of 2005. Angel has illustrated several great books on owls and corvids. Dr. John Marzluff is a professor at the University of Washington and an avid birder with a love of corvids. As a member of the USFWS Recovery Team, John is a contributor to the recovery of the Hawaiian crow, one of the rarest birds in the world, with less than 30 individuals remaining worldwide, and has served on National Academy of Sciences panels to evaluate the Mariana crow. Dr. Marzluff also runs a research program on the ecology and conservation of birds of prey, notably the goshawk.

Monday, December 5th – Members slide night.

Note: Meetings are held the first Monday of each month (except July, August, and September) at the Center for Urban Horticulture on the University of Washington campus, 3501 N.E. 41st Street, Seattle, and are open to all. The social begins at 7:00 pm, and the program starts at 7:30 pm.

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

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Washington Field Notes December 2004 - February 2005

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Greater White-fronted Goose Uncommon in WA in winter. 3 at Stevenson *Skamania* from 12/1 (PS,RS) to 12/21 (SJ), 3 at Yakima *Yakima* from 12/4 to 12/25 (DGr), 5 at Oak Harbor *Island* on 12/12 (SM), 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/18 (RH), 1 at Sequim Bay *Clallam* on 12/20 (BN), 2 at Lacey *Thurston* on 12/31 (fide BT), 3 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 1/20 (PhK), 1 at Silvana *Snobomish* from 1/8 to 2/27 (SM), 13 at Kennewick *Benton* on 1/13 (NLa), 1 at Ocoosa *Grays Harbor* on 1/26 (TAv), 2 at West Seattle *King* on 1/29 (HJ), 3 at Carnation *King* on 2/6 (EH), and 1 at Kent *King* on 2/21 (SM).

Snow Goose Reports away from nw WA wintering areas included 1 at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* from 12/1 (DMo) to 2/21 (TO), 800 at Whitcomb Island *Benton* on 2/8 (NLa), 1 near Moses Lake *Grant* on 2/13 (DSc,RKo), and 1 at Cosmopolis *Grays Harbor* on 2/19 (SM).

“Blue” Goose Rare in WA. 1 at McNary NWR *Walla Walla* on 1/29 (MD,MLD), 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 2/2 (BSu) with 2 there on 2/5 (PLo), and 2 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 2/27 (SM).

Ross’s Goose Uncommon in WA. 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 1/30 (DSc), and 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 1/5 (fide JE).

Ross’s X Snow Goose Rarely reported. 1 *Chen* sp. thought to represent this hybrid at Kent *King* from at least 1/13 (MiH), to 1/22 (PS,RS).

Brant High counts: 1267 on the Padilla Bay CBC *Skagit* on 1/2 (fide BK), and 340 at Oak Bay CP *Jefferson* on 1/16 (DMu).

“Giant” Canada Goose Rare in WA. 1 reported at Yakima *Yakima* from 12/4 to 12/6, and 1 reported at Ice Harbor Dam *Franklin/Walla Walla* on 1/15 (DGr).

Cackling Goose Reports away from sw WA wintering areas included 1 at Yakima *Yakima* on 12/4 with 8 there on 12/15 (DGr), 2 at Oak Harbor *Island* on 12/12, 3 at Everett *Snobomish* on 12/16, 8 at Kent *King* on 12/23 (SM), 3 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/27 (DSc), 2 at Warm Beach *Snobomish* on 1/8, 1 at Silvana *Snobomish* on 1/13, 7 “Duskiess” thought to be *B.b. fulva* at Warm Beach *Snobomish* on 2/15 with 6 there on

2/19, 2 apparent *B.b. hutchinsii* reported with 215 “Duskiess” at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 2/19 (SM).

“Bewick’s” Swan Rare in WA. 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* from 1/13 (SM) to at least 1/16 (SSc,MiF), and 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 2/5 (SM).

Trumpeter Swan Reports away from *Skagit/Whatcom* included 5 at Columbia NWR *Grant* from 12/1 to 12/31 (RH), 3 at Trout Lake Marsh *Klickitat* on 12/18 (CF) with 2 there on 12/21 (SJ), 2 at Kent *King* from 1/2 (JiF) to 2/8 (JGi), 44 south of Chiamacum *Jefferson* on 1/4 with 57 there on 1/21 (RR), 6 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 1/9 (MPa), 13 at Duckabush *Jefferson* on 1/21, 4 at Quilcene *Jefferson* on 1/21 (RR), 8 at Juanita Bay *King* on 1/21 (MFM), 8 at Sequim *Clallam* on 1/22 (RR), 16 north of Raymond *Pacific* on 1/26 (TAv), and 31 at Crocker Lake *Jefferson* on 2/25 (RR). High count for WA: 1515 near Clear Lake *Skagit* on 2/15 (SM).



“Eurasian” (left) and “American” Green-winged Teal drakes, Bothel, *King*, January 27, 2005. Photo by Tina Klein-Lebbink.

Wood Duck High count: 120 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 1/6 (CrC,JuC).

Mandarin Duck Introduced species may be increasing. 1 male at Green Lake *King* on 1/23 (fide TAv).

Green-winged Teal High count: 1230 at Crab Creek *Grant* on 12/13 (fide RH).

“Common” Teal Uncommon in WA. 1 at Alice Bay *Skagit* on 12/2 (CWf), 1 at Sequim Bay *Clallam* on 12/5 (fide BN), 1 at Bellingham *Whatcom* on 12/19 (fide JMe), 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* from 1/10 to 1/21 (DSc), 1 at Kent *King* on 1/11 (RRo) with 2 there from 1/16 to 1/22 (CWf), 1 at Gorst *Kitsap* on 1/14 (BWg), 1 at Bothel *King* from 1/24 (LyB) to 2/28 (fide TAv), 1 at Butler Flats *Skagit* on 1/30 (GB), 1 at Juanita Bay *King* on 2/19 (MFM), 1 at Drayton Harbor *Whatcom* on 2/19 (DP), and 1 at Auburn *King* on 2/26 (CWf).

Green-winged X “Common” Teal Reports included 1 at Auburn *King* on 12/10 (CWf), 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 1/10 (DSc), 2 at Kent

King on 1/22, 1 at Olympia *Thurston* on 1/23 (BT), 1 near Bayview *Skagit* on 2/5, and 3 south of Kent *King* on 2/21 (SM).

FALCATED DUCK Rare in WA. 1 male at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 2/27 (DP,FBr).

Mallard High count: 90,000 near Edison *Skagit* on 12/12 (SM).

Northern Pintail High counts included 15,000 near Edison *Skagit* on 12/12 (SM), 2000 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/15 (JE), and 2000 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 2/17 (SJ).

Northern Pintail x Mallard Rarely reported. 1 at Crockett Lake *Island* on 12/12 (SM).

Cinnamon Teal Uncommon in WA in winter. 3 at Marysville STP *Snobomish* on 12/16 (SM), 1 at Sequim *Clallam* on 12/20 (BoB), 2 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 12/27 (NoS) to at least 2/5 (TAv), 1 male at Satsop *Grays Harbor* on 12/27 (BT), 2 males at Spencer Island *Everett* on 1/29 (CSi), 2 males at Warm Beach

Snobomish on 1/31 (DD,SP), and 1 at Brady Loop Road *Grays Harbor* on 2/13 (TO).

BAIKAL TEAL 1 male at Kent *King* from 12/12 (CWf) to 2/1 (BSu) will be the first state record if accepted by the WBRC.

Gadwall x Mallard Rarely reported. 1 duck thought to represent this hybrid at Kent *King* from 12/11 to 1/15 (SM).

Gadwall x American Wigeon Rarely reported. 1 at Kent *King* on 12/8 (JiF).

Eurasian Wigeon Uncommon in e WA. 2 at Desert Aire *Yakima* on 12/4 (SM), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* from 1/22 (BLa) to 1/26 (BW), 1 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 1/26 (fide JE), 2 at Iowa Beef *Walla Walla* on 2/12 (RKo), and 2 at Sheep Lake *Whitman* from 2/13 to 2/19 (JA). High count for w WA: 20 males at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 2/27 (DP).

American Wigeon High counts included 10,800 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/13, and 35,000 near Edison *Skagit* on 2/15 (SM).

Canvasback High count: 600 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 1/5 (fide RH).

Redhead High count for e WA. 4190 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/13 (fide RH).

Uncommon in w WA. 2 at Butler Flats *Skagit* on 12/3 with 1 there on 12/26 (GB), 2 at Yarrow Bay *King* on 12/11 (HO), 5 reported on the Bellingham CBC *Whatcom* on 12/19 (fide JMe), 3 at Union Bay *King* on 12/26 (fide EH) with 7 on 1/14 and 1 there on 1/31 (KAn), 2 at Sequim Bay *Clallam* on 1/2 (fide BN), and 2 at Lake Erie *Skagit* on 1/6 (RyM).

Ring-necked Duck High count: 350 at Stanwood STP *Snobomish* on 12/26 (SM).

TUFTED DUCK Rare in WA. 1 male at Bellevue *King* from 1/4 (HJ) to 1/15 (RFI), 1 male at Moses Lake *Grant* on 2/13 (DSc,RFl), and 1 male at Wanapum *Kittitas* from 2/20 (DGr) to 2/27 (BW).

Tufted Duck x Scaup sp. Rarely reported in WA. 1 male west of John Day Dam *Klickitat* on 1/1 (AS).

Greater Scaup High counts included 3900 at Priest Rapids Yakima on 12/4, and 1800 at Drayton Harbor *Whatcom* on 2/5 (SM).

Lesser Scaup High count: 650 at Stanwood STP *Snobomish* on 12/26 (SM).

Harlequin Duck Rare in e WA in winter. 1 female at McNary Dam *Benton* from 2/18 to 2/21 (CrC,JuC), 1 male at Wanapum *Kittitas* from 2/20 (DGr) to 2/25 (PS,RS).

Long-tailed Duck Uncommon in e WA. 2 at Wanapum *Kittitas* from 12/5 (CWr) to 2/27 (BLa,NLa), 1 at Potholes *Grant* from 12/12 to 2/21 (DSc), 3 at Washburn Island *Okanogan* on 2/13 (PS,RS), and 1 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 2/26 (CrC,JuC). High count for w WA: 1605 between Dungeness Spit and Protection Island *Clallam* on 12/20 (CWr).

Surf Scoter High count: 2000 at Liberty Bay *Kitsap* on 2/24 (DD,SP).

White-winged Scoter Rare in e WA in winter. 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 12/5 (SSc,MiF).

Common Goldeneye High count: 1000 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 1/6 (CrC,JuC).

Common x Barrow's Goldeneye Rarely reported. 1 male at Kingston *Kitsap* on 1/15 (MiH).

Barrow's Goldeneye High counts included 440 at Everett *Snobomish* on 12/24 (SM), and 68 at Drano Lake *Skamania* on 1/3 (SJ).

Red-breasted Merganser Uncommon in e WA. 2 at Banks Lake *Grant* on 12/12 with 10 on 1/9, and 4 there on 2/13 (DSc), and 1 female at Lower Monumental Dam *Walla Walla* on 1/22 (MD,MLD).

Chukar High count: 50 at Blue Lake *Grant* on 1/9 (DSc).

Sage Grouse Uncommon and local in WA. 8 at Leahy *Douglas* on 2/12 (PS,RS), with 13 there on 2/28 (MtB).

Northern Bobwhite Introduced species remains uncommon and local in WA. 1 at Weir Prairie *Thurston* on 2/19 (RNe).

California Quail Locally Uncommon. 6 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/26 (fide BM).

Mountain Quail Uncommon and local in WA. 6 north of Elma *Grays Harbor* on 12/14 and 1/14 (FO), and 1 at Port Orchard *Kitsap* on 1/14 (BWg).

Red-throated Loon High count: 925 recorded on the Padilla Bay CBC *Skagit* on 1/2 (fide BK). Rarely reported away from salt water in WA. 1 at Juanita Bay *King* on 2/9 (MFM).

Pacific Loon Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Little Goose Dam *Whitman* on 12/4 (MD,MLD), 3 at McNary Dam *Benton* from 12/5 to 12/19 (TG), 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 12/5 (CWr) and 1/28 (SDo), 1 south of Electric City *Grant* on 12/21

(PS,RS), 1 at Brewster *Douglas* on 2/15 (RKO). High count for w WA: 750 at Semiahmoo *Whatcom* on 2/27 (FBr).

Yellow-billed Loon Uncommon in WA. 1 albino loon thought to be this species at Dash Point *King* on 12/7 (MtP), 1 at Sequim Bay *Clallam* on 12/20 (CWr), 1 south of Electric City *Grant* on 12/21 (PS,RS), 1 at Oak Bay CP *Jefferson* from 1/2 to 2/28 (DMu), and 1 reported at Bayview SP *Skagit* on 2/15 (RbS).

Horned Grebe High counts for e WA included 12 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/4 (SM), and 9 at Kennewick *Benton* on 1/1 (NLa).

Red-necked Grebe Uncommon in e WA in winter. 1 west of Lyle *Klickitat* on 1/4 (SJ), and 1 at Bridgeport Bar *Douglas* on 1/24 (MtB).

Eared Grebe Reports included 1 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/4 (SM), 2 at Oak Bay CP *Jefferson* on 12/2 (BN,DMu), 3 at Oak Harbor *Island* on 12/12, 1 at Penn Cove *Island* on 12/12

Pink-footed Shearwater Uncommon in WA in winter. 1 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 2/19 (RH).

Shearwater sp. Reports included 1 probable Short-tailed Shearwater at Washington Park *Skagit* on 1/2 (fide BK), and 2 apparent Sooty Shearwater on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 2/19 (RH).

Short-tailed Shearwater Only report: 5 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 2/19 (RH).

MANX SHEARWATER Rare in WA in winter. 2 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 2/19 (SM).

Leach's Storm-Petrel Rarely reported in WA from land. 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/4 (PS,RS).

American White Pelican High count for e WA: 29 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 2/5 (RFI). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Bellingham *Whatcom* from at least 12/17 to 12/19 (fide JMe), and 1 at Juanita Bay *King* on 1/10 (fide MFM).

Brown Pelican Uncommon in WA in winter. 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/26 (fide BM).

Double-crested Cormorant High count for e WA: 162 at Lower Monumental Dam *Walla Walla* on 1/22 (MD,MLD).

Pelagic Cormorant Rare away from salt water. At least 3 at Altoona *Wabkiakum* on 1/8 (KK).

American Bittern Rare in e WA in winter. 3 reported on the Toppenish CBC *Yakima* on 12/19 (fide DGr), 1 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 1/26 (JE), and 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 2/4 (RH). Reports from w WA included 1 at Big Ditch *Snobomish* on 12/7 (MFM) with 2 there on 12/22 (RyM), 4 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 12/9 with 1 there on 2/17 (PhK), 13 reported on the Grays Harbor CBC *Grays Harbor* on 12/26 (fide



Tufted Duck, Phantom Lake, Bellevue, King, January 5, 2005.
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(SM), 2 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 12/22 (RyM), 30 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 12/22 (PS,RS) with only 3 remaining there on 1/9 (DSc), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* from 1/1 to 1/23 (BLa), 1 at Utsalady Bay *Island* on 1/8 (SM), 1 at Libbey Beach *Island* on 1/21 (RL), 122 at Birch Bay *Whatcom* on 2/5, 8 at Drayton Harbor *Whatcom* on 2/5 (SM), 5 at Vantage *Kittitas* on 2/11 (PS,RS) with 1 there on 2/27 (BLa,NLa), and 1 at Fish Hook Park *Walla Walla* on 2/19 (MD,MLD).

Western Grebe Reports from e WA included 10 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/4 (SM), 4 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/10, 4 at Banks Lake *Grant* on 1/29 (DSc), and 50 at Desert Aire *Grant* on 2/27 (BLa,NLa). High count for w WA: 2500 at Penn Cove *Island* on 12/12 (SM).

Clark's Grebe Uncommon in w WA. 3 near Tacoma *Pierce* on 12/20, 1 at South Bend *Pacific* on 1/8 (CWr), and 1 at Magnuson Park *King* on 2/14 (VK).

BM), 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 1/6 (RyM), 2 at Kent *King* on 1/13 (MiH), and 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 2/24 (TAv).

Great Egret Reports included 1 at Warm Beach *Snobomish* from 12/1 to 2/28 (DD), 145 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/6 (JE), 1 at Columbia NWR *Grant* on 12/9 (RH), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 12/14 (fide GW), 1 at Chinook *Pacific* on 1/5 (JSR), 1 at Lake Sammamish *King* on 1/16 (fide HJ), 1 at Union Gap *Yakima* on 1/28 (fide DGr), 18 at Woodland *Conlitiz* on 1/30 (RKO), 11 at Hanford Reach *Benton/Franklin* on 2/3 (fide BLa), 1 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wabkiakum* on 2/27 (RKO), and 1 at Bay Center *Pacific* on 2/28 (BN).

Cattle Egret Rarely linger in WA into winter. 4 at Burbank Heights *Walla Walla* from November to 1/1 (MD,MLD), 2 at Fir Island *Skagit* from November to 1/2 (NZ), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 12/5 (DR), and 1 at

College Place *Walla Walla* on 12/9 (MD,MLD),
Green Heron Uncommon in WA in winter. 1 at Marymoor Park *King* from 12/8 to 2/28 (MiH), 1 at Medina *King* on 12/11 (HO), 1 at Puget Island *Wabkiakum* on 12/28 (fide AE), 1 at Elwha River Dike *Clallam* on 1/9 (fide BoB), 1 at Warm Beach *Snobomish* on 2/13 (SM), and 1 at Elma *Grays Harbor* on 2/16 (TO).

Black-crowned Night-Heron High count for e WA: 48 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 1/30 (TG). Rare in w WA in winter. 2 adults roosting in cedars at Warm Beach *Snobomish* on 2/23 (JfG).

Turkey Vulture Rarely winters in WA. 1 at Poulsbo *Kitsap* on 12/15 (BWg), 1 near Sequim *Clallam* on 12/20 and 1/18 (fide BN) 1 at Longview *Cowlitz* on 1/8, 2 at Graham *Pierce* on 1/21, and 1 at Eatonville *Pierce* on 2/8 (fide DMA). Early migrant reports included 1 at Coulee City *Grant* on 2/20 (fide DMA), 2 near Belfair *Mason* on 2/23 (MHR), 1 at Longview *Cowlitz* on 2/25 (RKO), 1 at Ballard *King* on 2/27 (fide DMA), and 1 at Sedro Woolley *Skagit* on 2/28 (GB).

Osprey Rare in WA in winter. 1 at Snohomish *Snobomish* on 2/1 (MFM), and 1 at Seattle *King* on 2/4 (MM).

White-tailed Kite Uncommon and local in WA. 2 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wakiakum* on 1/8 (KK), 3 at Chinook Valley *Pacific* on 1/9 with 2 there on 1/23 (MPa), and 6 in Lewis County *Lewis* on 2/4 (fide SM).

Bald Eagle High counts included 99 at Northrup Canyon *Grant* on 1/22 (RH), and 243 from Rockport to Marblemount *Skagit* on 1/12 (RbS).

Northern Harrier High count: 35 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 1/6 (RyM).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK

Rare in WA. 1 immature at Hoquiam *Grays Harbor* from November to 1/26 (TAv), 1 immature at Johns River *Grays Harbor* from November to 1/29 (PS,RS), and 1 adult at Puget Island *Wabkiakum* on 2/5 (MtB).

Swainson's Hawk Few substantiated records from WA in winter. 1 reported at Eltopia *Franklin* on 2/18 (RFI).

"Harlan's" Hawk Reports included 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* from 12/6 to 12/15 (JE), 1 at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 12/18 (SJ), 1 light morph at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 12/26, 1 near Elma *Grays Harbor* on 12/27 (BT), 2 light morphs near College Place *Walla Walla* on 12/31, 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 1/8, 1 at Conway *Skagit* on 2/5 (SM), 1 east of Davenport *Lincoln* on 2/9 (GiS), and 1 light morph at Montesano *Grays Harbor* on 2/21 (TO).

Ferruginous Hawk Early reports included 2 west of Ewan *Whitman* on 2/12 (GiS), and 2 at Lyons Ferry Road *Walla Walla* on 2/26 (MD,MLD).

Golden Eagle Uncommon in w WA. 1 north of Elma *Grays Harbor* on 12/27 (PS,RS), 1 at Beaver Lake *Clallam* on 1/27 (JBu), and 1 reported at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 2/28 (JE).

Merlin Reports from e WA included 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 12/4 (SM), 1 near Walla Walla *Walla Walla* on 12/4 (MD,MLD), 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/18 (RH), 1 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 12/19 (DR), 1 at Peone *Spokane* on 12/19 (RD), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 1/1 (RFI), 1 at Bridgeport *Douglas* on 1/15 (KB), 1 at Banks Lake *Grant* on 2/3 (GiS), 1 east of John Day Dam *Klickitat* on 2/6 (KG), 1 at ALES *Benton* on 2/9 (fide BLA), 1 near Roosevelt *Klickitat* on 2/11 (SJ), 1 at Fish Hook Park *Walla Walla* on 2/12 (RKO), and 1 at Lyons Ferry Road *Walla Walla* on 2/26 (MD,MLD).

Peregrine Falcon Uncommon in e WA in winter. 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* from 12/4

American Coot High count. 11,000 at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/4 (SM).

Sandhill Crane Early migrant reports for e WA included 100 at Scooteny Reservoir *Franklin* on 2/22 (RFI) with 1000 there by 2/28 (RH), and 90 at West Richland *Benton* on 2/26 (fide BLA). High count for sw WA wintering flock: 1230 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/6 (JE).

Snowy Plover Reports included 1 at North Cove *Pacific* on 1/3 (CC), 54 at Midway Beach *Pacific* on 1/29 (PS,RS), and 18 at Grayland *Grays Harbor* on 2/8 (JBu).

Semipalmated Plover High counts for outer coast included 16 at North Cove *Pacific* on 1/3 (CC), 31 at Aberdeen *Grays Harbor* on 1/26 (TAv), and 100 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 2/3 (DD). Rare in Puget Sound in winter. 1 at the north end Swinomish Channel *Skagit* on 1/2 (BK), and 2 at Silverdale *Kitsap* on 1/23 (BWg).

Killdeer High count for e WA: 70 at Wallula *Walla Walla* on 12/31 (SM).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER Rare in WA. 1 north of Oysterville *Pacific* from 2/24 (JBu) to 2/27 (fide SM).

Black Oystercatcher Uncommon in Puget Sound. 1 at Fort Flagler *Jefferson* on 2/12 (GG,BWg).

American Avocet Rare in WA in winter. 1 at Blaine *Whatcom* on 1/15 (fide WW).

Greater Yellowlegs Uncommon in e WA in winter. 5 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/10 with 6 on 1/2 and 1 there on 1/10 (DSc), 1 near Yakima *Yakima* on 12/18 (fide DGr), and 1 at Yakima RD *Benton* on 1/20 with 3 there on 2/21 (BW). High count for w WA: 109 reported on the Grays Harbor CBC *Grays Harbor* on 12/26 (fide BM).

Lesser Yellowlegs Rare in WA in winter. 1 near Big Ditch *Snobomish* on 1/8 (SM).

Willet Extremely local in WA in winter. 20 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 1/3 (CC).

Spotted Sandpiper Uncommon in WA in winter. 1 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* from 12/2 to 12/11 (MD,MLD), 1 at Magnuson Park *King* from 12/11 to 2/13 (JB), 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 1/4 (SJ), 1 at Altoona *Wabkiakum* on 1/8 (KK), 1 at Kent *King* on 1/10 (MtB), 2 at Priest River *Snobomish* on 1/24 (DD,SP), 2 at Johns River *Grays Harbor* on 1/29, 1 at Mud Bay *Thurston* on 1/29 (PS,RS), and 1 at Kalama *Cowlitz* on 1/30 (RKO).

Whimbrel Extremely local in WA in winter. 2 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 1/3 (CC).

Marbled Godwit Reports included 2 at Port Townsend *Jefferson* on 12/16 (RSi), 4 near Stanwood *Snobomish* from 12/26 (SM) to 2/2 (TAv) with 2 there to 2/19 (fide SM), and 850 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 1/3 (CC) with 970 there on 1/26 (TAv).



Bohemian Waxwings, Electric City, *Grant*, December 23, 2004
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(PB) to 1/1 (BLA), 1 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 12/5 (TG), 1 at Othello *Adams* on 12/7 (RH), and 1 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 2/17 (SJ).

Prairie Falcon Uncommon in w WA in winter. 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 2/5 (BMe).

Gyrfalcon Uncommon in WA. 1 subadult at Samish Flats *Skagit* from November to 2/28 (PH), 3 reported on the Moses Lake CBC *Grant* on 12/18 with at least 1 seen there through 1/24 (fide DSc), 1 adult at Horse Heaven Hills *Yakima* on 12/28 (JHe), 1 reported at Kent *King* on 1/11 (RRO), 1 adult at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* from 1/29 to 2/12 (DMo), 1 adult near Leahy *Douglas* on 2/11, and 1 injured juvenile at Leadbetter Point *Pacific* on 2/26 (PS,RS).

Sora Uncommon in WA in winter. 3 reported on the Toppenish CBC *Yakima* on 12/19 (fide DGr), 1 at McChord AFB *Pierce* on 1/13 (fide VE), 1 heard at Juanita Bay *King* on 1/27 (MFM), and 1 at Belfair *Mason* on 2/19 (KvG).

Ruddy Turnstone Uncommon in WA in winter. 1 at Indian Island *Jefferson* on 12/5 (PS,RS).

Red Knot Rare in WA in winter. 1 reported at Indian Island *Jefferson* on 12/5 (PS,RS).

Least Sandpiper Rare in winter in e WA. 5 at Moses Lake *Grant* from 12/18 to 1/2 with 3 there on 1/10 (DSc), and 7 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 12/31 (SM). High count for w WA: 300 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 1/29 (CW_r).

Rock Sandpiper Uncommon and local in WA. 2 reported at Indian Island *Jefferson* on 12/5 (PS,RS), and 20 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/28 (RH).

Dunlin Reports from e WA included 1 at Bennington Lake *Walla Walla* on 12/2 (MD,MLD), 25 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/27 with 30 there on 1/2 (DSc), and 9 at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 12/31 (SM) with 16 there on 2/13 (TG). High count for w WA: 62,125 reported on the Grays Harbor CBC *Grays Harbor* on 12/26 (fide BM).

Long-billed Dowitcher Rare in e WA in winter. 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* from 12/10 to 1/2 (DSc).

Pomarine Jaeger Uncommon in WA in winter. 7 on the Westport Pelagic *Grays Harbor* on 2/19 (RH).

Franklin's Gull Rare in WA in winter. 1 immature at Carnation *King* on 2/6 (EH).

Bonaparte's Gull Rare in e WA in winter. 26 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/11 (DSc).

Mew Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/18 (DSc), 1 immature at Spokane *Spokane* on 12/30 with 1 adult there on 1/9 (JA), 1 adult at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 12/31 (SM), 1 adult at Priest Rapids *Yakima* on 12/31 (JHe), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 1/1 (DR)

and 1/20 (NL_a), 2 adults at Lower Monumental Dam *Walla Walla* on 1/22 (MD,MLD), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 2/5 (RH), 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 2/10 (fide SJ), and 1 at Wanapum *Kittitas* on 2/25 (PS,RS).

Ringed-billed Gull High count: 1280 at Wallula *Walla Walla* on 12/31 (SM).

California Gull High counts for e WA: 525 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 12/31 (SM), and 620 at Lower Monumental Dam *Walla Walla* on 1/22 (MD,MLD).

Herring Gull High count: 60 at Lower Monumental Dam *Walla Walla* on 1/22 (MD,MLD).

Thayer's Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Banks Lake *Grant* on 12/14 with 2 there from 1/29 to 2/12 (DSc), 1 immature at McNary Dam *Walla Walla* on 12/31, 1 adult at College Place *Walla Walla* on 12/31, 1 immature at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 12/31 (SM), 1 adult at Moses Lake *Grant* on 1/1 (DSc), 1 at

Yakima RD *Benton* on 1/22 (BL_a,NL_a) and 2/5 (DSc), and 1 at Lower Monumental Dam *Walla Walla* on 1/22 (MD,MLD). High count for w WA: 300 at Tacoma *Pierce* on 12/23 (SM).

SLATY-BACKED GULL Rare in WA. 1 first year bird reported at Renton *King* on 12/11 (SM), 1 adult at Everett *Snobomish* on 12/18 (DD), and 1 first year bird reported at Mud Bay *Thurston* on 12/19 (BT).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL Rare in WA. 1 adult reported at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 2/6 (MD,MLD).

Western Gull Uncommon in e WA. 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/4 (DSc), 1 at Lower Monumental Dam *Walla Walla* on 1/22 (MD,MLD), and 1 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 2/21 (CrC,JuC).

Glaucous-winged Gull High count for e WA. 16 at Lower Monumental Dam *Walla Walla* on 1/22 (MD,MLD).



Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, Marrowstone Point Lighthouse, Ft. Flagler S.P., *Jefferson*, December 5, 2004. Photo by Ruth Sullivan.

Glaucous Gull Uncommon in WA. Reports of immatures included 2 at Mud Bay *Thurston* from 12/16 (BS) to 12/19 (BT) with 1 there on 1/5 (CSc), 1 at Mukilteo *Snobomish* on 12/24 (SM), 1 at Elma STP *Grays Harbor* on 12/27 (PS,RS), 1 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 12/31 (SM), 1 at Wallula *Walla Walla* on 12/31 (SM) and 2/5 (MD,MLD), 1 near Richland *Benton* on 1/1 (BL_a,BW) and 1/20 (DR), 1 at Restoration Point *Kitsap* on 1/8 (BWg), 1 at Banks Lake *Grant* on 1/9 with 3 there on 2/12 (DSc), 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 1/13 (RyM), 1 at Lower Monumental Dam *Walla Walla* on 1/22 (MD,MLD), 1 at Satsop *Grays Harbor* on 1/23 (TO), 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* from 1/30 (GB) to 2/28 (PH), 4 at Cedar Hills *King* on 2/1 (LSw) with 3 there on 2/24 (SM), 1 at Tukwila *King* on 2/7 (CCx), and 1 at Vantage *Kittitas* from 2/19 (PS,RS) to 2/23 (SDo),

ICELAND GULL Rare in WA. 1 adult at Renton *King* on 12/8 (DD,SP), 1 second year

bird reported at Tacoma *Pierce* on 12/23, 1 first year bird at Walla Walla RD *Walla Walla* on 12/31 (SM), and 1 adult at Elwha River Dike *Clallam* on 2/8 (BSu) and 2/11 (BS).

Black-legged Kittiwake High count: 320 reported at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 1/29 (CW_r).

RED-LEGGED KITTIWAKE Rare in WA. 1 immature at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 1/10 (TG_u).

THICK-BILLED MURRE Rare in WA. 1 at Point Wilson *Jefferson* on 12/23 (SM_i).

Marbled Murrelet High counts: 50 at Point Wilson *Jefferson* on 1/16 (DP), and 30 from Fort Flagler to Salsbury Point CP *Jefferson/Kitsap* on 2/12 (BWg).

Ancient Murrelet High counts: 2460 from Dungeness Spit to Protection Island *Clallam* on 12/20 (CW_r), and 500 at Point Wilson *Jefferson* on 1/16 (DP).

HORNED PUFFIN Rare in WA. 1 adult found dead on Long Beach *Pacific* on 1/24 (fide SM).

Monk Parakeet Introduced species. 5 at cell tower nest near Port Orchard *Kitsap* on 2/17 (KB).

Snowy Owl Uncommon in WA. 1 at Big Ditch *Snobomish* on 12/7 (MFM), 1 at Yakima Training Center *Yakima* from 12/19 to 12/27 (fide DGr), 1 east of Davenport *Lincoln* from 12/21 to 2/27 (JA), 1 at Everett *Snobomish* on 12/27 (DD), 5 south of Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/27 with 1 there to 2/4 (DSc), and 1 at Mansfield *Douglas* on 1/12 (MSP).

Northern Pygmy-Owl Locally rare. 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 12/4 (SM).

Burrowing Owl Rare in w WA. 1 female captive released in British Columbia during April 2004 turned up at Fort Flagler SP *Jefferson* from 1/28 (fide RR) to at

least 2/4 (BWg,DWg).

Barred Owl Locally uncommon. 1 at Yakima *Yakima* on 1/30, and 1 north of Selah *Yakima* on 2/6 (fide DGr).

Great Gray Owl Uncommon in WA. 1 at Havillah *Okanogan* on 2/12 (SDo,CW_r).

Long-eared Owl Locally uncommon. 1 at Havillah *Okanogan* on 2/12 (CW_r,SDo). High counts: 11 at Van Hollebecke HMU *Walla Walla* on 2/12, and 12 at Wind Dust Park *Franklin* on 2/19 (MD,MLD).

Short-eared Owl Reports included 12 near Kittitas *Kittitas* on 1/1 (SM), 8 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 1/6 (RyM), 1 at Kent *King* on 1/16 (CW_r), and 2 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 2/17 (PhK).

Northern Saw-whet Owl Columbia Basin reports included 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 1/15 (TG), 1 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* on 2/5, 3 at Fish Hook Park *Walla Walla* on 2/12, 1 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 2/19, 1 at Wind Dust

Park *Franklin* on 2/19, and 6 at Kahlotus *Franklin* on 2/26 (MD,MLD).

Anna's Hummingbird Reports from increasingly widespread areas included 9 on the Grays Harbor CBC *Grays Harbor* on 12/26 (fide BM), 173 on the Seattle CBC *King* on 12/26 (fide EH), 1 at Oak Bay *Jefferson* on 12/27, 1 near Port Townsend *Jefferson* on 2/10 (fide BN), and 1 at Cowiche Canyon *Yakima* on 2/28 (DGr).

Selasphorus sp. Rare in early winter. 1 probable Rufous Hummingbird at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 12/11 (DnH).

Rufous Hummingbird Early migrants included 1 near Dungeness NWR *Clallam* on 1/30 (fide BN), 1 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 1/31, 1 at Nahcotta *Pacific* on 2/11, 1 at Maury Island *King* on 2/13, 1 at Vashon Island *King* on 2/13, 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* on 2/15, 1 at Tacoma *Pierce* on 2/18, 1 at Olalla *Kitsap* on 2/21 (fide MPa), and 1 at Greenbank *Island* on 2/22 (fide MPa).

Lewis's Woodpecker Uncommon and local in WA in winter. 1 at Satus Creek *Yakima* on 12/2, 4 at Dalles Mountain Ranch *Klickitat* on 12/19 (KGI), and 15 near Lyle *Klickitat* on 12/28 (SJ).

Acorn Woodpecker Rare and local in WA. 3 near Lyle *Klickitat* on 1/2 (AS).

Red-breasted Sapsucker Uncommon to rare in e WA. 1 at Lower Trout Lake Valley *Klickitat* on 12/17 and 12/30, 1 at Trout Lake Marsh *Klickitat* on 12/17 and 12/18 (KGI), 1 nw of Yakima *Yakima* on 12/18 (DGr), 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 2/21 (SJ), and 1 at North Richland *Benton* on 2/24 (fide BLa).

Williamson's Sapsucker Rare in WA in winter. 1 adult male from early December to 1/25 at Walla Walla *Walla Walla* (fide MD), and 1 adult male at Two Rivers CP *Benton* from 1/28 to 2/1 (DR).

Hairy Woodpecker Locally uncommon. 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 12/31 and 2/21 (SJ), 1 at Prescott *Walla Walla* on 1/8 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Steamboat Rock SP *Grant* on 1/9 (DSc).

American Three-toed Woodpecker Uncommon in WA. 1 at Sherman Pass *Ferry* on 2/12 (CWr,SDo).

Black-backed Woodpecker Locally rare. 1 east of Glenwood *Klickitat* on 2/17 (SJ).

"Yellow-shafted" Flicker Reports included 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 12/4 (SM), 1 at Russell Creek *Walla Walla* on 12/10 (MD,MLD), and 1 at Tenino *Thurston* on 12/12 (PH).

Least Flycatcher Rare and unprecedented in WA in winter. 1 at Kent *King* on 1/5 (KA).

BLACK PHOEBE Rare in WA. 1 at Vancouver Lake *Clark* from 2/11 (fide EBj) to at least 2/23 (ShH).

Say's Phoebe Uncommon in e WA in winter. 1 at Benton City *Benton* on 12/4 (fide BLa), 1 at Coppei Creek *Walla Walla* on 12/9 (MD,MLD), 1 at Columbia Hills *Klickitat* on 12/11 (fide SJ), 1 near Toppenish *Yakima* on 12/19 (fide DGr), and 1 at Columbia NWR *Adams* on 1/3 (RFI).

Rare in w WA in winter. 1 at Kent *King* from 12/6 (DSw) to 12/12 (MtB) and from 1/20 (DSw) to 2/28 (fide CWr).

Loggerhead Shrike Uncommon in e WA in winter. 1 at Columbia NWR *Adams/Grant* from 12/1 to 1/4 (RH), 1 west of Dixie *Walla Walla* on 12/12 (MD,MLD), 1 near Toppenish *Yakima* on 12/19 (fide DGr), 1 south of Washtucna *Adams* on 2/2 (RFI), 1 at Lower Crab Creek *Grant* on 2/12 (RH), 1 at Wanapum *Kittitas* on 2/25 (PS,RS), 2 at Old Vantage Highway *Kittitas* on 2/27 (MtB), and 1sw of Alderdale *Klickitat* on 2/27 (SJ).

Hutton's Vireo Rare in e WA. 1 at Blue Creek *Walla Walla* on 12/18 and 1/29 (MD,MLD).

Blue Jay Uncommon in WA. Widespread reports from a major irruption. Some continued

San Juan on 2/20 (SDo).

Western Scrub-Jay Northeast extension of range: 1 at Bickleton *Klickitat* on 1/20 (SJ).

Clark's Nutcracker Locally uncommon. 30 at Kettle Falls *Stevens* on 12/13 (fide SM), and 60 ne of Albion *Whitman* on 1/29 (DiW,ToW).

Horned Lark Locally uncommon. At least 2 at Pillar Rock *Wabkiakum* on 12/28 (fide AE), and 1 flyover at Bingen *Klickitat* on 1/2 (SJ). Locally rare as breeders. 1 pair with a singing male at Johnson Prairie *Thurston* on 2/10 (JLy).

Tree Swallow Rare in WA in mid-winter. 2 east of Tenino *Thurston* on 1/1 (BSu). Early migrant reports included 5 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 2/4 (BS), 2 at Vancouver Lowlands *Clark* on 2/5 (TAv), 6 at Tennant Lake *Whatcom* on 2/5 (HFJ), 3 at Kent *King* on 2/8 (JGi), and 3 at Potholes *Grant* on 2/27 (RH).

Violet-green Swallow Early report for e WA: At least 2 at Wanapum *Kittitas* on 2/27 (BLa,NLa).

Barn Swallow Reports from what has become an annual winter influx included 1 at Coupeville *Island* on 12/3 (SEI), 4 in the Ridgefield/Vancouver area *Clark* on 12/4 (fide TAv) with 3 on 12/27 (NoS) and 50 there on 2/21 (fide SM), 3 at Sequim *Clallam* on 12/20 (fide BoB) with 20 there on 1/23 (DSw), 4 at Big Ditch *Snobomish* on 12/22 (RyM) with 3 there on 1/10 (SGe), 5 at Bottle Beach *Grays Harbor* on 12/26 (fide BM), 2 at Fort Flagler SP *Jefferson* on 12/31 (DoW), 3 at Pasco *Franklin* on 1/1 (fide BLa), 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 1/2 (NZ) with 12 on 2/12 (KuR) and 1 there on 2/22 (PH), 9 at Kent *King* on 1/4 (JiF) with 3 there on 2/8 (JGi), 2 at Nisqually *Thurston/Pierce* on 1/20 (PhK) with 1 there on 2/25 (BT), 3 at Johns River *Grays Harbor* on 1/29 (PS,RS), 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* on 2/2 (TAv), 3 at Poulsbo *Kitsap* on 2/5 (BWg,EH), 6 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 2/5 (TAv), 60 at Tennant Lake *Whatcom* on 2/5 (HFJ), 1 Columbia NWR *Grant* on 2/8 (RH), and 6 at UW Arboretum *King* on 2/10 (fide TAv).

Black-capped Chickadee Evidence of irruption into the Columbia Basin included 2 at Potholes *Grant* on 1/1 with 1 there on 1/30 (DSc), 2 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 2/5 (RFI), and 1 at Bridgeport SP *Okanogan* on 2/12 (PS,RS).

Mountain Chickadee Widespread reports of lingering birds from an irruption to lowland areas included 1 at Othello *Adams* from 12/1 to 2/28 (RH), 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* from 12/1 to 1/5, 1 near Port Gamble *Kitsap* from 12/1 to 2/28 (BWg), 2 at Big Lake *Skagit* from 12/1 to 2/28 (fide DiB), 1 at Bellevue *King* on 12/4 (fide TAv), 5 at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* from 12/4 to 2/28 (MD,MLD), 4 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/4 with 7 there on 2/1 (DSc), 1 at North Richland *Benton* from 12/9 to 2/6 (BW), 1 at Lacey *Thurston* on 12/11 (fide SM), 1 at White Salmon *Klickitat* on 12/14 (SJ), 1 at Washtucna *Adams* from 12/16 (RH) to 2/20 (CrC,JuC), 1 at West Seattle *King* on 12/16 (fide



Northern Saw-whet Owl, Tower Mountain, Spokane, Spokane, 2/1/2005. Photo by Michael Woodruff.

from November. 3 at Spokane *Spokane* from 12/1 to 2/28 (JA) with a bird at a nearby location on 2/18 (MWO), 1 at Walla Walla *Walla Walla* on 12/2 (MD,MLD), 1 near Desert Aire *Grant* on 12/4 (SM), 1 at Grandview *Yakima* from 12/10 to 1/15 (JHe), 1 at Washtucna *Adams* on 12/16 (RH), 2 at Odessa *Lincoln* on 12/20 (MiC), 7 at Cheney *Spokane* on 12/29 (fide SM), 1 at Okanogan *Okanogan* on 1/7 (JnB), 1 at Pullman *Whitman* to 1/7 (DiW,ToW), 4 at Prescott *Walla Walla* on 1/8 (MD,MLD), 1 at Granger *Yakima* from 1/8 to 1/30 (JHe), 1 at Soap Lake *Grant* on 1/9 (DSc), 1 at Bridgeport *Douglas* from 1/15 (KB) to 2/12 (PS,RS), 1 at Fort Simcoe SP *Yakima* on 1/22 (DGr), 1 at Grand Coulee *Grant* from 2/3 to 2/6 (GiS), 1 at Port Hadlock *Jefferson* from 2/12 (BWg) to 2/28 (PH), and 1 at Orcas Island

TA), 2 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 12/19 (TG), 1 at Juanita Bay *King* from 12/24 to 1/9 (RyM), 1 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 12/26 (BT), 1 at Julia Butler Hansen NWR *Wabkiakum* on 12/28 (fide AE), 12 at Potholes *Grant* from 1/1 to 2/28 (DSc), 1 at Tokeland *Pacific* from 1/2 to 1/4 (CC), 1 at Fort Canby SP *Pacific* on 1/3 (fide TAv), 1 at Coupeville *Island* on 1/7 (SEI), 2 at Prescott *Walla Walla* on 1/8 (MD,MLD), 1 at Port Townsend *Jefferson* from 1/9 to 2/7 (BN,RSi), 1 at Olympia *Thurston* on 1/15 (RFl), 1 at College Place *Walla Walla* from 1/24 to 2/28 (MD,MLD), 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 1/28 (SDo), 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 2/5 (PLo), 1 at Johnson Point *Thurston* on 2/5 (fide SM), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* on 2/6 (TG), 1 at Ephrata *Grant* on 2/11, 10 at Bridgeport SP *Okanogan* on 2/12 (PS,RS), 1 at Fish Hook Park *Walla Walla* on 2/12 (RKO,MD), 2 at Washington Park *Skagit* on 2/12 (KuR), 1 at ALES *Benton* on 2/25 (BLa,NLa), and 2 at Wind Dust Park *Franklin* on 2/26 (MD,MLD).

Chestnut-backed Chickadee Evidence of irruption from montane areas included 2 at Potholes *Grant* from 1/1 to 1/31 with 1 remaining to 2/28 (DSc,RH), 2 at Blue Creek *Walla Walla* on 1/5 (MD,MLD), 1 at Bridgeport SP *Okanogan* on 2/12 (PS,RS), and 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 2/21 (MWo).

Great Tit Introduced species. 1 yellow-sided individual of the European race at Normandy Park *King* on 1/6 (RL) was also sighted across Puget Sound at Vashon Island *King* on 2/17 (ESw).

Red-breasted Nuthatch More reports than average from e WA lowlands included 10 at Richland *Benton* on 12/9 (NLa), 2 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/10 (DSc), 6 at Potholes *Grant* on 1/30 with 4 there on 2/28 (DSc).

White-breasted Nuthatch Evidence of irruption from montane areas included 1 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* from 12/5 (TG) to 2/28 (MD,MLD), 1 at North Richland *Benton* from 12/9 (BW) to 1/6 (NLa), 5 at Walla Walla *Walla Walla* on 12/19 (MD,MLD), 8 at Northrup Canyon *Grant* on 12/21 (RH) with 2 there on 1/29 (DSc), and 2 at Central Ferry Canyon *Douglas* on 2/13 (PS,RS) with 1 there on 2/28 (MtB). Reports from northern edge of w WA range: 4 west of Woodland *Cowlitz* on 1/19 (BT) with 1 there on 1/30 (RKO).

Brown Creeper Uncommon in e WA lowlands in winter. 2 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 12/4 (DSc), 1 at Potholes SP *Grant* on 1/1 (SM,RFl) with 2 there on 1/30 (DSc), 1 at Richland *Benton* on 1/2 (NLa), 2 at Kennewick *Benton* from 1/4 (NLa) to 1/28 (BW), 2 at Hood Park *Walla Walla* from 2/5 to 2/28 (MD,MLD), 1 at Davenport *Lincoln* on 2/13 (RKO), 1 at Spokane *Spokane* on 2/18 (MWo).

Rock Wren Uncommon in e WA in winter. 1 at Horsethief Lake SP *Klickitat* on 12/17, 2 east of John Day Dam *Klickitat* on 2/6, 1 at Rock Creek *Klickitat* on 2/6 (KGI), and 2 at Wanapum *Kittitas* on 2/25 (PS,RS).

Canyon Wren Unusual location: 1 at the Lyle

STP *Klickitat* on 1/2 (AS).

Winter Wren Uncommon in e WA in winter. 1 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 1/20, and 1 at Whitcomb Island *Benton* on 2/8 (NLa).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet High counts for e WA: 3 at Trout Lake *Klickitat* on 12/18 (SJ), and 3 at Potholes *Grant* on 1/1 (RFl).

REDWING Rare in WA. 1 at Olympia *Thurston* from 12/20 to 2/28 (GR,BT) will be the first state record if accepted by the WBRC.

Western Bluebird Uncommon in WA in winter. 1 male at Mill Creek *Walla Walla* on 12/18, 25 at Dixie *Walla Walla* on 12/25 (MD,MLD), 6 west of Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 1/1 (CF), 20 near Smithville *Klickitat* on 1/2 (AS), 9 at McChord AFB *Pierce* on 1/21 (VE), 4 at Fort Lewis *Pierce* on 1/25 (JLy), 3 south of Wahkiacius *Klickitat* on 2/3 (SJ), 3 north of Dewatto Bay *Mason* on 2/9 with 4 there on 2/16 (MHR), 2 at Bryant *Snobomish* on 2/25 (SK), and 3 at Spokane *Spokane* on 2/27 (MWo).

Mountain Bluebird Early migrant reports included 1 male at Hartline *Grant* on 2/6 (GiS), 15 east of John Day Dam *Klickitat* on 2/6 (KGI), 1 at Old Vantage Highway *Kittitas* on 2/19 (MiH) with 2 there on 2/27 (MtB), and 2 at West Richland *Benton* on 2/26 (fide BLA).

Townsend's Solitaire Uncommon in w WA in winter. 1 at Morse Creek Bluff *Clallam* on 12/11 (JMu).

Hermit Thrush High count: 16 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 12/4 (SM).

Northern Mockingbird Uncommon in WA. 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* from at least 12/28 (AnW) to 12/29 (RyM, KKe).

Sage Thrasher Rare in w WA. 1 at Lummi Flats *Whatcom* from November to 12/13 (WW).

American Pipit Uncommon in e WA in winter. 30 north of Walla Walla *Walla Walla* on 12/12 (MD,MLD), 1 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 12/31 with 3 there on 1/8 (SJ), 25 at Horsethief Lake SP *Klickitat* on 1/2, and 250 at Wishram *Klickitat* on 1/2 (AS). High count for w WA: 200 at Fir Island *Skagit* on 1/13 (RyM).

Bohemian Waxwing High counts for e WA included 150 at Wilbur *Lincoln* on 12/30 (MiC), 220 at Prescott *Walla Walla* on 1/8 (MD,MLD), 150 at Electric City *Grant* on 1/15 (KB), 200 at College Place *Walla Walla* on 1/24, 200 at Van Hollebecke HMU *Walla Walla* on 1/24 (MD,MLD), 200 at Bridgeport *Douglas* on 2/12 (PS,RS), and 200 west of Medical Lake *Spokane* on 2/12 (GiS). Rare in w WA. 4 at Discovery Park *King* on 12/26 (fide EH).

Cedar Waxwing High count: 200 at Van Hollebecke HMU *Walla Walla* on 2/12 (MD,MLD).

CAPE MAY WARBLER Rare in WA. 1 male at Spokane Valley *Spokane* from at least 2/5 (CMk) to 2/28 (ASH).

Black-throated Gray Warbler Rare in WA in winter. 1 at Vancouver *Clark* on 12/28 (ShH).

Palm Warbler Uncommon in WA. 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* from November to 1/22 (DD), 2 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/4 (PS,RS) with 4 there on 1/24 (TO), 1 reported

at Graysmarsh *Clallam* on 12/20 (fide BoB), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 2/2 (TAv).

BLACK & WHITE WARBLER Rare in WA. 1 at Richland *Benton* on 1/1 (AJ).

MacGillivray's Warbler Rare and unprecedented in WA in winter. 1 male at Bayview *Skagit* on 1/2 (KKe).

Common Yellowthroat Uncommon in WA in winter. 1 at Kent *King* on 12/17 (CW), 1 at Ridgefield NWR *Clark* on 12/27 (NoS), 1 at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 12/31 (JaW), 1 at Sand Point *King* on 1/15 and 1/16 (JB), and 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 1/16 (SSC,MiF).

Wilson's Warbler Rare in WA in winter. 1 female at Lyons Ferry *Franklin* on 12/4 (MD,MLD), 1 male at Bridgeport *Douglas* on 12/11 (MSP), and 1 at Samish Flats *Skagit* on 1/2 (PDb).

Western Tanager Rare in WA in winter. 1 at North Richland *Benton* on 12/9 (BW,NLa).

American Tree Sparrow High counts for e WA included 14 west of Espanola *Spokane* on 1/5 (JA), and 12 at Corfu *Grant* on 1/13 (RFl). Uncommon in w WA. 2 at Lummi Flats *Whatcom* on 12/1 (WW).

Clay-colored Sparrow Rare in WA in winter. 1 at Snohomish *Snobomish* on 2/1 (CCx).

Sage Sparrow Early arrivals included 2 at Old Vantage Highway *Kittitas* on 2/19 (MiH), and 1 at Zintel Canyon *Benton* on 2/21 (DR).

Savannah Sparrow Uncommon in e WA in winter. 8 near Badger *Benton* on 1/1 (BLA), 1 at Towal *Klickitat* on 1/1, 5 at Wishram *Klickitat* on 1/2 (AS), 2 at Columbia NWR *Adams/Grant* on 1/4 with 15 there on 2/4 (RH), and 1 at Bridgeport Bar *Douglas* on 1/15 (KB).

Fox Sparrow Reports included 2 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 12/19 (TG), 1 "Slate-colored" type at Snohomish *Snobomish* on 1/2 (SM), 1 "Slate-colored" type west of Woodland *Cowlitz* on 1/19 (BT), 1 "Sooty" type at Bateman Island *Benton* on 2/2 (NLa), 1 "Slate-colored" type at Fir Island *Skagit* on 2/5 (SM), and 1 at Lower Trout Lake Valley *Klickitat* on 2/10 (KGI).

"Red" Fox Sparrow Rare in WA. 1 thought to be *P.i. zaboria* at Crescent Lake WMA *Snobomish* on 12/6 (JO), and 1 well described *P.i. zaboria* reported at Nisqually NWR *Thurston* on 2/4 (BS).

"Thick billed" Fox Sparrow Status uncertain in WA. Previously unreported in winter. 1 reported near Snohomish *Snobomish* from 2/26 to 2/28 (SM).

Lincoln Sparrow Uncommon in e WA in winter. 2 at Snively Road *Benton* on 2/1 (NLa), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 2/5 (RFl), 1 at Potholes *Grant* on 2/27 (RH), and 1 near Alderdale *Klickitat* on 2/27 (SJ).

Swamp Sparrow Uncommon in WA. 1 at Everett STP *Snobomish* on 12/16 (SM) and 2/5 (AaM) with 3 there on 2/26 (SM), 1 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* from 1/5 (TAv) to 1/13 (RyM), 3 at Bay Center *Pacific* on 1/8 (CW), 1 at Snohomish *Snobomish* on 2/1 (CCx), 1 at Marymoor Park *King* on 2/2 (MiH), 1 at Moses Lake *Grant* on 2/22 (DSc), and 1 immature at Desert Aire *Grant* on 2/25 (BT).

White-throated Sparrow Reports included 1 at Bainbridge Island *Kitsap* from 12/1 to 2/28 (BfWg), 1 at Juanita Bay *King* from 12/1 to 2/28 (MfM), 1 at Bellevue *King* on 12/2 (fide TAv), 2 at Olympia *Thurston* on 12/11 (EK), 1 at Marymoor Park *King* from 12/15 to 2/28 (MiH), 1 at Yakima *Yakima* on 12/18 (JHe), 1 at Richland *Benton* from 12/31 to 2/3 (BW), 1 near Stanwood *Snobomish* from 12/26 to 2/5 (SM), 2 near Elma *Grays Harbor* on 12/27 (BT), 1 at Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 1/1 (AS), 1 at Madame Dorion SP *Walla Walla* on 1/2 (SDo), 2 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* from 1/2 (NZ) to 1/13 (RyM), 1 at Snohomish *Snobomish* from 1/2 (SM) to 2/16 (TAv), 1 at Woodland *Conlitz* on 2/13 (fide TAv) and 1 at Vancouver Lake *Clark* on 2/18 (BT).

Harris's Sparrow Uncommon in WA. 1 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 12/2 (CrC,JuC), 1 at Woodland *Conlitz* on 12/10 (fide TAv), 1 at Olympia *Thurston* from 12/11 to 1/9 (EK), 1 near Moses Lake *Grant* from 12/21 (PS,RS) to 2/6 (GiS), 1 near John Day Dam *Klickitat* on 1/1, 1 at Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 1/1, 1 at Wishram *Klickitat* on 1/2 (AS), 1 at Kennewick *Benton* from 1/10 to 2/28 (BLa,NLa), 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* from 1/13 to 2/5 (SM), 1 at Sunnyside *Yakima* on 1/16 (fide DGr), 1 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 1/28 (SDo), 1 at Mount Vernon *Skagit* on 2/1 (fide DiB), and 1 at Silvana *Snobomish* on 2/15 (SM).

Golden-crowned Sparrow Reports from e WA included 4 at McNary Dam *Benton* on 12/19 (TG), 5 at Goldendale *Klickitat* on 1/1 (SJ), 59 from John Day Dam to Maryhill SP *Klickitat* on 1/1 (AS), 1 at Bateman Island *Benton* on 2/5 (DSc), 1 at Whitcomb Island *Benton* on 2/8 (NLa), and 3 at Lower Trout Lake Valley *Klickitat* on 2/10 (KGl).

"Slate-colored" Junco Reports included 7 at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 12/4, 3 at Desert Aire *Grant* on 12/4, 1 at Coupeville *Island* on 12/12 (SM), 1 at Lower Trout Lake Valley *Klickitat* on 1/5 (KGl), 1 at Stanwood *Snobomish* on 1/8 (SM), 1 near Silvana *Snobomish* on 1/10 (SGe), 6 at Lummi Flats *Whatcom* on 1/14 (CW), 1 at Two Rivers CP *Benton* on 1/30 (DR), 2 at Snohomish *Snobomish* on 2/1 (CCx), and 1 at Spencer Island *Snobomish* on 2/26 (SM).

Lapland Longspur Locally uncommon. 1 at Rattlesnake Mountain *Benton* on 1/16 (BLa,NLa) and 2/6 (TG).

Snow Bunting High count for e WA was only 500 at Bridgeport Bar *Douglas* on 2/12 (PS,RS). Uncommon in w WA. 2 at Ocean Shores *Grays Harbor* on 12/4 (PS,RS), and 6 at Lummi Bay *Whatcom* on 12/19 (BK).

Tricolored Blackbird Rare but increasing in WA. 15 males near Othello *Adams* on 1/9 (RH) with 40 on 2/9 and 69 there on 2/20 (RFI), 2 east of John Day Dam *Klickitat* on 2/6 (KGl), and 1 male north of Sundale *Klickitat* on 2/11 (SJ,CF).

Yellow-headed Blackbird High count: 3000 near Othello *Adams* on 1/8 (RH). Uncommon in w WA. 1 at Sequim *Clallam* on 12/20 (fide BoB), 1 at Kent *King* on 1/2 (DSw), and 1 at Fir

Island *Skagit* on 1/15 (GAL).

Rusty Blackbird Rare in WA. 1 at Fir Island *Skagit* from 1/1 (RyM) to 2/1 (MiH), 1 at Conway *Skagit* on 1/5 (TAv) and 1/14 (CW), and 1 at Kittitas *Kittitas* on 1/28 (SDo).

Brewer's Blackbird High count: 3000 near Othello *Adams* on 1/9 (RH).

Brown-headed Cowbird High count: 800 near Othello *Adams* on 2/20 (RFI).

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch High counts for e WA included 800 near Grand Coulee *Grant* on 1/15 (KB), and 500 at Umtanum Ridge *Kittitas* on 1/30 (AS). Rare in w WA lowlands. 1 male at Marrowstone Point *Jefferson* from November to 12/5 (PS,RS) and 1 at Lummi Flats *Whatcom* on 12/1 (WW).

Pine Grosbeak Well reported in e WA. 3 at Spokane *Spokane* on 12/1 with 10 there on 2/21 (MWO), 7 at a nearby location from 12/19 to 2/7 (JA), 3 near Walla Walla *Walla Walla* on 12/19 (MD,MLD), 2 at Northrup Canyon *Grant* on 12/21 (RH), 35 at Blue Lake *Okanogan* on 12/25, 98 at Mary Ann Creek Road *Okanogan* on 12/27 (KKe), 16 at Electric City *Grant* on 1/15 (KB), 2 at Grand Coulee *Grant* on 2/3 (GiS), 15 at Sherman Pass *Ferry* on 2/11 (SDo,CW), and 20 at Bolster *Okanogan* on 2/12 (SDo). Rare in w WA lowlands. 6 near Sequim *Clallam* on 12/20 with 1 there on 1/5 (fide BoB).

Purple Finch Uncommon in e WA lowlands. 7 at Selah *Yakima* on 12/18 (DBr), 1 female reported at Osborne *Grant* on 12/21 (PS,RS), 1 male at Yakima *Yakima* on 1/14, and 1 male at Wahluke Slope WMA *Franklin* on 1/28 (SDo).

Common Redpoll High counts for e WA included 225 near Chesaw *Okanogan* on 12/26 with 250 there on 2/12 (SDo,CW), 500 at Mary Ann Creek Road *Okanogan* on 12/27 (KKe), and 110 at Conboy Lake NWR *Klickitat* on 1/26 (JE). Reports from w WA included 2 at Stanwood *Snobomish* on 12/2 (CW), 1 at Tenino *Thurston* on 12/4 (PH), 65 at Newhalem *Skagit* on 12/18 (BK,GB), 1 at Lake Forest Park *King* on 12/19 (EH), 2 at Olympia *Thurston* on 12/24 with 1 there on 1/5 (BT), 2 at Westport *Grays Harbor* on 12/26 (fide BM), 60 at Skagit WMA *Skagit* on 1/2 (NZ) with 6 there on 1/11 (JAu), 6 at Seattle *King* on 1/5 (KA), 2 at Port Angeles *Clallam* from 1/8 to 2/10 (fide BoB), 1 at Edmonds *Snobomish* on 1/21 (DD), and 1 at Redmond *King* on 1/22 (GH).

HOARY REDPOLL Rare in WA. 1 reported at Foster Creek *Douglas* on 12/24 (KKe).

Lesser Goldfinch Reports from periphery of WA range included 5 at Bingen *Klickitat* on 12/13, 14 at Goldendale *Klickitat* on 1/14 (SJ), and 5 at Underwood *Skamania* on 1/13 (SJ,CF). High count: 150 near Smithville *Klickitat* on 1/2 (AS).

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NORTHERN HARRIERS: Patagial markers have been placed on northern harriers as part of a long-term study of populations on Whidbey Island and in the Kent Valley. 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 Bettsworth, 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 360-956-2271.

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