

NORTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION / John B. Crowell, Jr. and Harry B. Nehls

A slightly warmer-than-usual August was followed by a cool, wet September. October started warm in at least the southern portion of the Region, but frost had been experienced almost everywhere by the middle of the month. November, always a wet month, brought almost twice the usual amounts of rainfall while temperatures were about average for the month.



LOONS, GREBES, PELAGICS — The 53 Red-throated Loons at Tswassen, B.C., Sept. 24 (WC et al., fide MSch) were an early and unusual concentration; so were the 88 Red-necked Grebes off Tofino, B.C. Sept. 25 (MSh). Eared Grebes appeared in the Region this fall in unprecedented numbers, scattered from Vancouver and the San Juan Is. to coastal Washington and n.w. Oregon, including the Willamette Valley; the estimated 400 at Ganges on Saltspring I., B.C. Nov. 2-3 (IR, fide WW) is an extraordinary count. Black-footed Albatrosses were found on most of the offshore trips from Aug. 17-Nov. 9 with a spectacular count of 141 individuals around a fishing boat 46 mi. out of Westport, Wash., Sept. 12 (TW et al.). A Laysan Albatross was photographed 46 miles out of Westport, Sept. 12 (TW et al.). Gerald Sanger observed 16 individuals of that species off coastal Washington and British Columbia between Oct. 16 and Nov. 4. Wayne Campbell, on another vessel, saw a Laysan Albatross 10 mi. off n. Vancouver I. Oct. 26; 3 more followed the ship southward off Vancouver I. the next day and were photographed at about 50°15' N, 130° 11' W. Another observation was made of a single bird at 45° 30' N, 128° 40' W off n. Oregon Oct. 28 (WC, fide WW). Fulmars, too, were found on most of the pelagic trips this fall, commencing with 30 off Westport Aug. 29; peak counts were an estimated 400 Sept. 12 and 325 Oct. 16, both off Westport, in which dark birds

predominated (TW et al.). A half dozen Fulmars were observed Oct. 28 at 44° 30' N, 128° 40' W (WC, fide WW). Pink-footed Shearwaters were seen at sea Aug. 17-Oct. 16 with maximum numbers the estimated 300 individuals seen Sept. 12 out of Westport (TW et al.). The same observers had the great good fortune of finding two Pale-footed Shearwaters that day also. Single Pale-footed Shearwaters were seen just off Tofino Sept. 18 (SC, fide WW) and Sept. 25 (RA, MSh, ASi, fide WW). New Zealand Shearwaters were recorded in unprecedented numbers and to surprisingly late dates. There were 7 off Depoe Bay, Oreg., Aug. 17 (FZ et al.); four trips from Westport on Aug. 29, Sept. 11, Sept. 12 and Oct. 16 encountered the species in number from 3 to over 150, the high count being made on the last trip (TRW et al.); four birds were seen 15 mi. out of Tofino Sept. 25 (MSh et al., fide WW), and a total of 70 individuals were observed Oct. 26-Nov. 2, 30 f them being in one flock off the Washington coast Oct. 20 and 1 being off Dixon Entrance n. of Graham I., B. C., Nov. 2 (GS). Sooty Shearwaters were seen regularly offshore; many were still in the vicinity of Gray's Harbor, Wash., Nov. 25 (GH). Two Manx Shearwaters were seen off s. Vancouver I. at 49° 00' N, 129° 40' W on Oct. 27; the birds were as close as 50 ft. (WC, fide WW). Fork-tailed Petrels were recorded in maximum number up to 30 on each of the four boat trips from Westport (TW et al.) and on the two from Tofino, Sept. 18 & 25 (fide WW). Seven of these birds were seen Oct. 26 off the n. end of Vancouver I. (WC, fide WW), and 2 were well inside Johnstone Strait between Vancouver I. and the mainland Nov. 4 (GS). A Leach's Petrel was seen in the same area on the same day (GS). An estimated 50 Leach's Petrels were found well out of Westport Aug. 29 (TW et al.); a bird of this species was killed Sept. 16 at Brookings, Oreg., when it collided with a power pole (RG).

PÉLICANS, HERONS — The more-than-usual number of Brown Pelican reports from the Oregon coast during this report period undoubtedly reflects both an increase in numbers of observers and concern for the status of this species, but upon analysis also indicates that there has been little or no observable change in the status of the Brown Pelican with respect to its fall appearances in this Region in the last decade. The estimated 150 birds — almost all adults — in the Tillamook area Sept. 18-19 (RH & GW, fide HN) represents the highest count of individuals from the c. and n. Oregon coasts of which we have a record. Last year gave us the highest count in at least a decade from s.w. Oregon. Reports of immature birds were not lacking this season from other observations made along the Oregon coast. Additionally, single birds were seen at Gray's Harbor Sept. 2 (WB), Sept. 8 (fide TW), and at the n. jetty of the Columbia R. on the latter date also, for additions to the comparatively few Washington records of this species. A White Pelican appeared at the Nooksack R. delta in n. Washington Oct. 2 (TW). There were nearly a score of Green Heron sightings from the Vancouver area during the report period (WW); on Sept. 18, an individual of this species was found at Tofino on the w. side of Vancouver I. (RA et al., fide WW). Additional observations from

scattered points further south were centered around mid-September for the most part. Up to 5 **Com. Egrets** were seen in the vicinity of Ilwaco, Wash., in September and early October attracting attention of the local newspaper, which in the Oct. 6 issue printed several excellent photographs from which the birds are unmistakably identifiable; the occurrence may well be the first documented one of s.w. Washington. Individuals were at Tillamook (MK & HN) and at Reedsport, Oreg., the first week in October and at Finley N.W.R. Nov. 8-18 (FZ). An imm. Black-crowned Night Heron was observed carefully at Westham I. near Vancouver Aug. 21 (JW, fide WW); the same bird or another was seen at nearby Iona I. three days later (WC, fide WW). Another imm. was at Brookings, Oreg., Sept. 19-26 (RG). An Am. Bittern appeared at Duncan, B.C., Sept. 11 (JCo); other observations were of two birds from Lulu I. near Vancouver Sept. 18 (LB), 4 from Reifel Refuge, also near Vancouver, Nov. 11 (BM), and single birds from Leadbetter Pt., Wash., Sept. 12 (JBC et al.), Tillamook, Sept. 11 (GK et al.), and Finley N.W.R. Aug. 29 (fide FZ).

WATERFOWL — Three Trumpeter Swans were at Duncan, Nov. 20-30 (JCo). A sick or wounded Brant was seen on log booms at Bellingham, Wash., Nov. 27 (TW). Migrations of Black Brant, Canada, White-fronted and Snow Geese evidently occurred without unusual observations, except the early arrival in good numbers of Snows in late September in the Vancouver area. Three Gadwall at Baskett Slough w. of Salem, Oreg., Aug. 27 (fide FZ) were early. A male **Common Teal** was discovered at Finley N.W.R. Nov. 29 (DG & FZ). An estimated 3600 Green-winged Teal at Sea and Iona Is. near Vancouver Sept. 12 was a good concentration (BC, fide WW). Two ♂♂ Cinnamon Teal were still at Seattle Nov. 25 (MP). European Widgeon were widely reported from the Region after mid-October, with a dozen in evidence around Victoria, B.C. (ARD). Uncommon concentrations of Shoveler for this Region were the 200 at Iona I. Sept. 3 (BH, fide WW) and 150 at Ladner, B.C. Nov. 8 (RA et al., fide WW). The 350 Wood Ducks at Finley N.W.R. by mid-November (FZ) was also a noteworthy aggregation. About two dozen Redhead were seen from the last week in September to the end of the period from Vancouver s. to Seattle; a lone bird was at Duncan Oct. 16-30 (JCo). Canvasbacks were sparsely reported from the Vancouver, Victoria and Tillamook areas with no more than 50 at any one place. A Tufted Duck was again discovered at Stanley Park in Vancouver on Oct. 13 (EM), the same date last year's first of two birds was found; it remained until Nov. 5 and in the interim was seen by many observers. An estimated 800 to 1000 goldeneye, 75 per cent of which were said to be Barrow's, were at Olympia, Wash., during October and November (GH); there were 300 of the latter at Vancouver's Stanley Park Nov. 5 (RK, fide WW). An albino Bufflehead, totally white with pink bill and brighter pink legs and feet except for a few dusky feathers on the underparts, was seen at Victoria Oct. 31 (VG). An injured ♂ Oldsquaw at Tsawassen Aug. 17 (GAP, fide MSch) was early. Oldsquaw were also reported from Victoria, Pt. Roberts — where 80 were present Oct. 24 (WW et

al.) — Ocean Shores, Wash., and the n. end of Willapa Bay. White-winged Scoters seem from a number of reports to have been present in the San Juan Is. in unusually large numbers as early as the first week in August; large numbers of Surf Scoters arrived in the vicinity of Vancouver in late September with 2000 seen at Pt. Roberts to the south Sept. 30 (WW). A flock of 80 Com. Scoters at Vancouver Sept. 6 (MSch) is of interest. A group of 47 Hooded Mergansers on Elk I., Vancouver I., Nov. 27 (ARD) was an extraordinary concentration, as was the total of 200 or more Red-breasted Mergansers at Sea I. Nov. 17 (WC, fide MSch).

VULTURES, HAWKS, EAGLES — Migrating Turkey Vultures were in groups of 14 at Pt. Roberts Sept. 29, an estimated 40 at Seattle on the same day, 50 on the Rogue R. between Gold Beach and Agness Aug. 21, and 28 at Medford Oct. 3. A. R. Davidson recorded 62 Turkey Vultures passing Victoria between Sept. 11 and Oct. 5. Single Turkey Vultures were seen at Sidney, B. C. (VG), and at Pt. Roberts (KB, fide MSch), both Oct. 17. There seem to have been the usual number of scattered fall sightings of Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks. A **Red-shouldered Hawk** was reported at Ship-ashore on the Oregon - California border Sept. 19 and then at the Winchuck R. mouth just into Oregon Oct. 3 (RG); the species has been recorded regularly in the n.w. corner of California in the last several years. The first Rough-legged Hawk of the fall appeared in the Frazer R. delta Sept. 11 (WC). There were six reports of Golden Eagles from mid-September to the end of the report period — 3 from the Vancouver area, and 3 in the Oregon Cascades from near Portland s. to Ashland. Reports of Bald Eagles were not numerous, but after late September came from throughout the s. half of the Region which is where virtually all our observers operate. Marsh Hawks were said to be in good numbers in the Vancouver area and in n. Washington, but were reported as scarce in the Willamette Valley. There were thirteen different reports of Ospreys, some covering more than one bird, from over much of the s. portion of the Region, the highest number of reports for a single season in at least ten years. Gyrfalcons were recorded four times during the report period; 3 were seen in the Frazer R. delta Sept. 5, Oct. 11, and Nov. 13, and one was found on the Oregon side of the Columbia R. mouth Nov. 6 (RF & HN) where it was harassing Marsh Hawks. A Prairie Falcon was at Medford from Nov. 4 to the end of the report period (JH & MM). Migrating Peregrines were reported from ten different locations and could have involved as many as two dozen individual birds; no sightings were made in Oregon. Pigeon Hawks were very well recorded this fall from the s. portion of the Region, the earliest being a single bird at Sea I. near Vancouver Aug. 25 (KS). Sparrow Hawks seem to be holding their numbers well in the s. half of the Region also.

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS, CRANES, SHOREBIRDS — Two White-tailed Ptarmigan were seen on Mt. Baker, Wash., at the 6000 ft. level Sept. 19 (AS, fide WW). Eight California Quail were found at Pt. Roberts Oct. 13 (WR et al., fide WW), while 5 adults accompanying at least 4 downy young were discovered Sept. 12 near

Sidney (VG). Sandhill Cranes were widely reported from favored localities after the first of October; a flock of 300 over Terrace, B.C., well to the north, in the first week of November (FF) is of considerable interest. A count of 64 Black Oystercatchers at Victoria Oct. 23 (ARD) is a large one for this species; 4 of these birds Nov. 14 at Deception Pass in the San Juans (AB, fide TW) were at an unusual locality. Semipalmated Plovers were noted at many places in the Region this fall, as is usual. The individual at Lummi Bay near Bellingham Nov. 25 (JD, fide TW) was late and 1 at Ross L., Wash., Sept. 30 and Oct. 2 (BM) was at an unlikely place. Am. Golden Plover were reported from thirteen different places in the Region, with multiple occurrences at about half those places, from an early date of Aug. 1, when three birds were seen at Whidbey I., Wash. (MP), to Nov. 12 when 1 was found at Samish I., Wash. (TW); high count was the 25-30 birds at Ocean Shores, Wash. Sept. 20 (GH). An amazing total of 4000 Black-bellied Plovers was seen at Boundary Bay Sept. 6 (MSch). Surfbirds moved into the Region Aug. 28 with a vanguard of 66 birds at Victoria (ARD). There were four reports from scattered localities of Ruddy Turnstones. Counts of 180 Com. Snipe at Iona I. Oct. 23 (GAP, fide MSch) and of 100 at Sea I., nearby Sept. 29 (RP) are remarkable concentrations; 1 at Duncan performing its nuptial flight Sept. 25 (JCo et al.) was a curiosity. Long-billed Curlew in groups of two to five birds were seen at Ship-ashore, Aug. 29 (RG), at Whidbey I., Sept. 20 (MP), at Ocean Shores Sept. 20 & 25 (GH), and at Yaquina Bay, Oreg., Oct. 24 (PZ). Whimbrel were seen at many coastal localities and at Vancouver and Victoria; one still at Victoria Nov. 13 (ARD) was late. Three Solitary Sandpipers were at Iona I. Sept. 2 (BM, fide WW) and one was there the next day (WR et al., fide WW); another was seen Sept. 19 near Metchosin, B.C. (VG). A Willet was seen at Leadbetter Pt. Sept. 7 (RV, fide TW). Wandering Tattlers and both species of yellowlegs were found regularly at favored places; a Lesser Yellowlegs at Whidbey I. Nov. 26 (NL, fide TW) was abnormally late. Knots were seen at Leadbetter Pt., Whidbey I., and Iona I. only in the first half of September and only singly, or in one instance, a pair. Rock Sandpipers appeared considerably earlier than normal, one being found at Westport, Aug. 28 (MP) and another at Ocean Shores Sept. 13 (RE). Four Sharp-tailed Sandpipers were observed at Leadbetter Pt. Sept. 6 (JH & MM), one was at Victoria Sept. 7 (RS, fide ARD), and birds were seen regularly from Sept. 11 through Oct. 30 at Iona I. with 6 there Oct. 10 (WC et al., fide WW) being a high count. Pectoral Sandpipers were well reported for September; a count of 200 at Sea I. Sept. 15 (KS, fide MSch) is extraordinary, while one still there Nov. 13 (WR et al., fide TW) was very late for British Columbia. Baird's Sandpipers were seen at five localities during the latter part of August with the 7 at Vancouver Sept. 18 (KS, fide WW) being both the peak number and the last date. Lingering Long-billed Dowitchers were found at Burnaby, B.C., Nov. 6 (BM, fide WW), at Finley N.W.R. Nov. 8 (FZ) and at Victoria, Nov. 16 (ARD). The last Short-billed Dowitcher of the season was one at Iona I. Oct. 19 (BM, fide WW). The

rare Stilt Sandpiper was found at Iona I. Sept. 9 (KS, fide MSch); another was discovered at Whidbey I. Oct. 10 (MP). A Semipalmated Sandpiper at Iona I. Sept. 3 (LB; & MP) may have been joined by 2 others, as 3 were banded there Sept. 12 (MSch, fide MSch). There were seven records of Marbled Godwits involving up to 12 individual birds in September and the first few days of October from Tofino and Vancouver, B.C., southward. Four good photographs of a Ruff taken at Reifel Refuge Aug. 7 (JW;) have been deposited with the U.B.C.; it may have been the same imm. ♂ bird which was at Whidbey I. Sept. 4-19 (LB; MP, TW et al.). An Am. Avocet appeared at Baskett Slough, w. of Salem, Oreg., Sept. 20-23 (JM, fide FZ). Red Phalaropes were seen at sea off Westport Aug. 29, Sept. 11-12, but not on Oct. 16 (TW et al.); none were seen out of Tofino Sept. 11, 18 & 25, but one was seen off the n. end of Vancouver I. Oct. 26 and 14 were 200 mi. off the Oregon coast Oct. 28 (WC, fide WW). Northern Phalaropes were seen on most of the same trips, and were scattered through the Strait of Georgia and in most coastal areas after mid-August until the end of September, with peak numbers evident the first half of the latter month; 1000 birds were estimated at Ucluelet, B.C. Sept. 4 (JB, fide WW); there were also a number of sightings at Finley N.W.R. and one at Baskett Slough at the end of August and Sept. 2 (FZ).

JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS — Pomarine Jaegers were seen on each of the four boat trips from Westport, the maximum being 12 Aug. 29; individuals were also seen off Vancouver I., Sept. 25 and Oct. 27, and 2 out of Prince Rupert, B.C., Sept. 25 (AD, fide WW); others were seen at Victoria, Sept. 8 (RS, fide ARD), at Grayland, Wash., Sept. 11 (GH), and off Depoe Bay, Oreg., Aug. 17 (FZ et al.). Parasitic Jaegers were much more common, being seen on all boat trips except the Oct. 16 trip from Westport, 10 on Sept. 12 being the peak number, and on numerous occasions in the Straits of Georgia and Juan de Fuca from late August until mid-November. Long-tailed Jaegers were seen off Westport — 4 Aug. 29, 2 Sept. 11, 4 Sept. 12 — and at Ocean Shores where one was noted Sept. 25 (GH). A Skua was seen out of Westport Sept. 11, from where 3 were seen on both the Sept. 12 and Oct. 16 boat trips (TW et al.); 2 individuals were also seen far at sea off Washington and Vancouver I. on a cruise Oct. 16-Nov. 4 (GS). Glaucous Gulls were in the Vancouver — Bellingham area by November; one was seen 30 miles up Washington's Skagit R. Nov. 28 (DHe, fide TW) and up to 5 individuals, 2 of which were adults, followed the vessel off Vancouver I., Oct. 27 (WC, fide WW). An estimated 50,000 Glaucous-winged Gulls were roosting at Vancouver Nov. 9 (JW, fide WW); 6 of these birds were 200 miles off the Oregon coast, Oct. 28 (WC, fide WW), while Nov. 7 one was noticed inland at Corvallis, Oreg. (JBu, fide FZ). An adult W. Gull was at the Vancouver dump Nov. 22 (JW, fide MSch). Single Franklin's Gulls were seen at Duncan and at Victoria the last two weeks of August; up to 15 were in the Vancouver — Victoria — Bellingham area from early September to mid-November. Bonaparte's Gulls were present in large numbers in the same vicinity, particularly in September and

October, with some still present in mid-November. Black-legged Kittiwakes were seen at sea on about half the offshore trips in September and October; four 200 mi. at sea off the Columbia R. Oct. 28 (WC, fide WW), and one photographed at Iona I. Oct. 11 (BM, fide MSch) are of special interest. Sabine's Gulls were seen off Westport Aug. 29, Sept. 11 & 12 when over 400 birds were counted, 300 of them 46 mi. at sea; an imm. was at Blaine, Wash., Oct. 17 (KB, fide MSch) and single birds were at Pt. Roberts Oct. 22 (D & MH, fide MSch) and off Depoe Bay Aug. 17 (FZ et al.). Common Terns were seen regularly in the San Juan Is. and the Strait of Georgia for the first six weeks of the report period, with up to 200 noted Aug. 29 (MSch); one was at Vancouver, Oct. 25 (WC, fide WW) and another was at Olympia, Wash., Oct. 26 (GH). A Caspian Tern was near White Rock, B.C., Nov. 11 (AS, fide MSch) and one was still at Ocean Shores Oct. 31 (GH). A Black Tern was observed at Iona I., Sept. 2 (BM) and again Sept. 5 (JW, fide MSch).

ALCIDS—Marbled Murrelets with young were prominent in the Gulf Is. of the Canadian San Juans the fourth week of August (JBC). A *Xantus' Murrelet* was collected 57 mi. at sea s.e. of Moresby I., B.C. in Queen Charlotte Sound after it flew on board the vessel at 0430 Oct. 25 (GS); it establishes a new northernmost record of occurrence for this species, considerably exceeding the remarkable reports of just one year ago. An Ancient Murrelet was seen captured by a Peregrine from a scattering of 70 individuals off n. Vancouver I. Oct. 26 (WC, fide WW); 2 of these birds were found at Victoria Nov. 6 (VG). Cassin's Auklets were found by most of the off-shore boat trips during the report period, with the maximum being 150 from Westport Aug. 29. Rhinoceros Auklets were seen regularly on waters around Vancouver I. and in Puget Sound, the maximum being 450 birds Aug. 22 at Deception Pass in the San Juans (RR, GAP, fide WW); very few were sighted along the Oregon or Washington coasts. Tufted Puffins were found on three of the four boat trips from Westport and on two occasions off Vancouver I., 10 being the peak number for one day.

OWLS, NIGHTHAWKS, SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS—By the end of November there were apparently more than a half-dozen Snowy Owls in the Frazer R. delta (fide WW). A Nighthawk was still at Iona I. Sept. 22 (MSh, fide WW). A flock of 200 Black Swifts was seen at Surrey, B.C., Sept. 2 (AS, fide WW). An estimated 400 Vaux's Swifts roosted at Sumas, Wash., Sept. 28, but were gone the next night (SL, fide TW); 'hundreds' had been there Sept. 19 (AS, fide WW). Up to 200 Vaux's Swifts were along the Sandy R., e. of Portland Sept. 30 (HN) and a flock of about 100 had been seen at Hoquiam, Wash., Sept. 13 (RE). Four Anna's Hummingbirds were said to be frequenting the Medford area since early October (fide OS). A Rufous Hummingbird approached the boat 40 mi. off Westport, Aug. 29 (TW et al.); single birds were seen at Duncan, Oct. 6 (JCo) and at Vancouver, Oct. 10 (JW, fide MSch).

WOODPECKERS, FLYCATCHERS, SWALLOWS—Yellow-shafted Flickers were reported singly from Ladner, Vancouver, and N. Vancouver in September

and from Duncan in early October. Lewis' Woodpeckers appeared in numbers at favored localities in Oregon's Willamette Valley this fall. There were 20 E. Kingbirds present at Pitt Meadows in the Frazer R. delta Aug. 29 (GAP, fide MSch). Three W. Kingbirds were near White Rock, B.C. Sept. 5 & 6 (fide MSch); single birds were at Finley N.W.R., Aug. 21 (BA, fide FZ) and at Duncan, Oct. 2 (JCo). An Ash-throated Flycatcher at W. Vancouver Sept. 8-11 was photographed (GAP, WW et al.). A total of 51 Traill's Flycatchers was banded at Medford Sept. 6 (OS). Horned Larks were more generally reported than usual, indicating possibly a larger-than-usual movement through the Region in September and early October. Hundreds of Violet-green Swallows in the vicinity of Portland the last days of September and the first two days of October had gone thereafter. A total of 8 Bank Swallows was found at four different s. British Columbia locations on four dates in September. A remarkable count of 200 Rough-winged Swallows was made at Sea I. Sept. 5 (BC, fide MSch). Up to 700 Barn Swallows were estimated to be at Tillamook Sept. 11 (GK, et al.); 'many' were still at Westham I. Nov. 8 (GA, fide WW) and 2 were observed at Reifel Refuge Nov. 27 (MP). Three Cliff Swallows still at Westham I. Nov. 11 (BM et al., fide WW) were out of the ordinary. Purple Martins were very sparsely reported, with only three sightings involving 16 individuals being brought to our attention this fall.

JAYS, NUTHATCHES, WRENS, MIMIDS, THRUSHES—Two Black-billed Magpies were at Ross L., Wash., Oct. 4 (BM, fide WW). A minor influx of Red-breasted Nuthatches occurred in the Vancouver area in September (WW). Two Wrentits were recorded at Finley N.W.R. Nov. 20 (FZ). A House Wren was observed at Salem Sept. 10 (TM). A Long-billed Marsh Wren was caught at Tofino on the w. side of Vancouver I. in late August (DHR, fide WW). A Mockingbird appeared at Lulu I. in the Frazer R. delta Nov. 27 (WC, fide WW) and a Catbird was seen at Pitt Meadows Sept. 20 (RL, fide MSch). Western Bluebirds were reported only from Iona I. where 3 were recorded, Medford where 8 were found, and Finley N.W.R. where 7 were discovered. Between 20 and 30 Mountain Bluebirds were at Ross L., Wash., Sept. 30 (BM, fide WW). Townsend's Solitaires appeared singly at Lulu I. Oct. 10, Westham I., Nov. 29, and at Salem in mid-November.

PIPITS, WAXWINGS, SHRIKES, VIREOS, WARBLERS—As were the Horned Larks already mentioned, Water Pipits, too, were reported much more widely and in larger numbers than usual, indicating an uncommonly large movement through the Region after the first 10 days of September. Bohemian Waxwings appeared at the Ankeny N.W.R. near Dallas, Oreg., as early as Oct. 2 when 2 were found; 10 were there four days later, and then 5 appeared at the Finley N.W.R. Oct. 18 (fide FZ); small flocks were seen several times at Vancouver Oct. 30 and Nov. 2 (WW et al.). Cedar Waxwings were well represented throughout the s. portion of the Region through the report period. Northern Shrikes appeared in several places as early as Oct. 2 and within the next two weeks

were being seen frequently in the Puget Sound trough and in the Willamette Valley. Crested Mynahs are reported to be common in the Vancouver area. Single Hutton's Vireos were sporadically recorded from Vancouver and points south. The 12 Solitary Vireos seen at Vancouver on Aug. 30 (GAP, fide MSch) were quite an unusual total. A Red-eyed Vireo was also found there on that date by the same observer. Warbling Vireos were again sparsely reported, which raises the question of whether this species has experienced a sharp decline in this Region or is simply not being mentioned by reporters. Two Nashville Warblers were discovered at Leadbetter Pt., an unusual location for this species, Sept. 26 (GH). A late Yellow Warbler was at Samish I., Wash., Oct. 11 (NL, fide TW); 4 at Tofino Oct. 2 (WW et al.) are also of interest. A Palm Warbler which came close enough to the boat for identification was seen 40 mi. off Westport Oct. 16 (TW et al.). Similarly, a Wilson's Warbler was seen 25 mi. off shore from Tofino Sept. 18 (RA et al., fide WW).

BLACKBIRDS, FINCHES, SPARROWS — Ten Yellow-headed Blackbirds were still at Westham I. Sept. 11 (BH, fide WW) with one still there Sept. 26. Single birds of this species were seen at Whitmarsh, Skagit Co., Wash., Sept. 3 (MP) and at McCleary, Wash., Oct. 2 (GH). A late Bullock's Oriole was observed on the N. Alouette R., B.C., Oct. 9 (RL). A jaeger killed one of four Brown-headed Cowbirds spotted over the ocean off Westport Aug. 29 (TW et al.). Two W. Tanagers were still at Vancouver Sept. 25 (BM, fide WW) and a late Black-headed Grosbeak was at Finley N.W.R. Oct. 1 (FZ). A ♂ Brambling in winter plumage turned up at Reifel Refuge on Westham I., Nov. 7; first discovered feeding on the ground with Oregon Juncos and House Sparrows (J & EHu), it was seen in the next two days by two other observers (BD; ND); the latter took 15 color photos. The bird is of questionable origin since one is said to have escaped from the Bloedel Conservatory in Vancouver early in November and several people in Vancouver keep Bramblings "although local aviculturists seemed to think an escaped bird would not wander more than a mile or so." (WW). Evening Grosbeaks were common only around Vancouver this fall. Purple Finches were scarce. On Sept. 21, 31 imm. ♂ Pine Grosbeaks were noted at Mt. Rainier, Wash. (JT); a lone bird of this species appeared in W. Vancouver Nov. 14 (RB, fide WW) and at Chuckanut, Wash., 3 were seen Nov. 5 and 12 were seen Nov. 28 (fide TW). Between 15 and 20 Gray-crowned Rosy Finches were carefully observed at Haney, B.C., Oct. 31 (DH, fide WW). Three Com. Redpolls were discovered feeding with juncos in birch trees at Vancouver's Stanley Park Nov. 27 (WW). Pine Siskins were comparatively little noted anywhere in the Region during the report period. A count of more than 300 Am. Goldfinches at Sea I. Sept. 14 (KS, fide WW) is of interest. About 15 **Lesser Goldfinches** were found in the vicinity of Tillamook Sept. 11 (GK et al.); the species has not previously been recorded on the Oregon coast north of Coos Bay to our knowledge. Red Crossbills were noted only from Leadbetter Pt. in mid-September, Tillamook three times in October, and at Orcas I., Wash. in November.

Migrating Savannah Sparrows were seen numerously in coastal areas the latter half of September and through October. A late Vesper Sparrow was at the Finley N.W.R. Nov. 7 (FZ). A number of Slate-colored Juncos were observed in the Vancouver - Victoria - Bellingham areas after Oct. 2. Two Tree Sparrows were near Bellingham on the early date of Oct. 4 (DHe, fide Tw); one was discovered in Vancouver Oct. 27 (RK, fide MSch). Two imm. Harris' Sparrows were at Samish I., Oct. 4-10 (NL, fide TW), another was in the Skagit Valley n. of Ross L. also Oct. 4 (JM, fide WW), still another was at Duncan Oct. 6 (JCo et al.), and a fourth record was another imm. at Victoria Nov. 20 (RS, fide ARD). An imm. White-throated Sparrow turned up at Samish I. Oct. 6 (NL, fide TW); a bird of this species was also seen at Medford Oct. 27 (OS). Lincoln's Sparrows were seen in the Frazer R. delta, at Victoria, at Bellingham, and at Whidbey I., between Aug. 22 and Oct. 10; one was at Salem Nov. 11. Lapland Longspurs were seen regularly at favored localities from Masset, Queen Charlotte Is., s. to the Columbia R. mouth, the peak count being 300 at Leadbetter Pt. Oct. 19 (RR). Snow Buntings appeared at widely scattered coastal localities throughout the Region for the last week of October except for a very early sighting at Duncan Sept. 25 (JCo et al.).

CORRIGENDA — The Spotted Redshank sighting reported at 25:791 has already been retracted by a notice at 25:893. The report of Skylarks at the Vancouver International Airport for late July, 1970, AFN 24:711, now appears to have also been erroneously reported to the regional editors and should be deleted.

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