

Saanich, s.e. Van. I., Nov. 16 (A. McCarter). A large Dark-eyed Junco passage was noted at Swan L., Yukon Sept. 3 when >129 were tallied (HG). Of interest was a Lapland Longspur, which remained aboard a ship 50 km s.w. of Nootka Sound, s.w. Van. I., for *two days* Oct 5–6 (JA).

A **Bobolink**, rare on Van. I., was banded at R.P.B.S., Sept. 22 (MGS *et al.*). Two additional birds were at Rither's bog, Saanich, Sept. 25 (KT). A **W. Meadowlark** was far west at Long Beach, s.w. Van. I., Oct. 29, and at nearby Tofino airport Nov. 2 (DGC). A **Brambling** in a flock of juncos at Masset, Q.C.I., Nov. 20 (†PH) provided the 7th Q.C.I. record since 1971 and the 5th since 1983. White-winged Crossbills continued to flood the higher elevations of the south. Observers driving the 35 km from Kelowna to Big White Ski Resort in mid-August made regular stops and counted about 35 White-wingeds at each (CC, CS, DW). Twenty-five White-wingeds were banded at R.P.B.S. during August and September!

Corrigenda

AFN 49:3: p. 298: Delete reference to Pitt L. in the Black Tern entry. On page 300, Table of late arrivals. the heading of column 3 should read "Number of days late."

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Oregon/ Washington Region

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The fall precipitation began early, with heavy rains by Labor Day. The remainder of the fall was wetter than usual, terminating with flooding in the northwest part of the region at the end of November. This fall was remarkable for a tremendous variety of really rare birds, but otherwise migration was very ordinary. The spectacular list of rarities included Murphy's Petrel, Steller's Eider, Little Stint, White-winged Dove, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Northern Wheatear, and Yellow-throated Vireo. The Oregon coast beat the desert oases of southeast Oregon for the good warblers, an unusual turn of events. Abundance of many pelagic species remained low, which was particularly true of local breeders, migrants from the Arctic, and Sooty Shearwater.

Abbreviations: P.N.P. (*Point No Point, Kitsap Co., WA*); Sauvie (*Sauvie I., Columbia Co., OR*); S.J.C.R. (*south jetty of the*



Columbia R., Clatsop Co., OR); O.S. (*Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor Co., WA*); W.W.R.D. (*Walla Walla R. delta, Walla Walla Co., WA*).

Loons to Ducks

One Red-throated Loon at Saddle Mt., *Grant, WA* Nov. 12 (AS) was the only interior report. Six Pacific Loons, less than expected, were reported from the Columbia Basin Oct. 14+ (J. Tangren, WH, AS, SM). A Yellow-billed Loon at Blue L., *Grant, WA*, Nov. 4+ (WH, m.ob.) provided the 3rd interior record for Washington, all since 1992. Coastal reports of Yellow-billed Loons included one at Salisbury Pt., *Kitsap, WA* Sept. 30+ (VN) and one at Sequim, *Clallam, WA* Nov. 30 (EK). A record number of fall reports of Clark's Grebe apart from breeding areas totaled 15; only eight of these were from coastal locations. The inland reports included five from reservoirs and lakes in the Cascade range: one at Agate L., *Jackson, OR* Sept. 6 (DC), one on Detroit Res., *Marion, OR* Nov. 14 (JL), one at Timothy L., *Clackamas, OR* Oct. 27 (PaSu), and two at Rimrock L., *Yakima, WA* Oct. 21 (N. LaFramboise).

Black-footed Albatross were found in normal numbers off both Oregon and Washington; 212 off Westport Sept. 9 (TW) was the peak. The Laysan Albatross found dying on the beach at Lincoln City, *Lincoln, OR* Sept. 16 (*vide* HN) was the only report. Northern Fulmar counts off Westport, WA peaked at 540 Oct. 8 (TW), typical numbers for a good fall. An unprecedented movement of fulmar into Puget Sound began at the end of November; the first sightings were five at P.N.P. (VN) and one at Pt. Wilson, *Jefferson* (J. Hampton), both Nov. 29. The first documented fall record of *Murphy's Petrel* in the coastal n.e. Pacific was of two off Westport Aug. 31 (†TW, ph., m.ob.). The largest numbers of Buller's Shearwater since 1988 were found off Washington, with a peak of 477 Oct. 7 (BT). The Oregon peak was only 11 out of Newport Oct. 7 (GG). Oregon and Washington also had disparate counts of Sooty Shearwater, with $\leq 100,000$ onshore in Oregon at S.J.C.R., Sept. 26 (MP), compared to a very low 6600 pelagic trip peak off Washington Aug. 26 (TW). Encouragingly, that was a larger number than last year's peak of 2250.

At least three imm. Brown Pelicans appeared in Puget Sound, where they are always unusual, with sightings as far south as Nisqually N.W.R., *Thurston, WA*, Aug. 22 (H. Fuss), n. to Picnic Pt., *Snohomish, WA*, Sept. 24 (SM, and P.N.P., Oct. 13 (VN). On the outer coast, 15 were still at Coos

Bay, *Coos, OR* Nov. 25 (RH). At least seven Great Egrets in the Puget Sound area, from Tacoma n. to *Skagit* (m.ob.) and ten at Dry Falls, *Grant, WA* Sept. 11 (JA, WH) were n. of their normal fall dispersal range. A pittance of Cattle Egrets, the lowest number since 1988, were reported. Two were found on the Oregon coast (RH), one on the Washington coast (TL), two in the Puget Sound lowlands (*vide* RR), and there was only one interior record (AS); virtually all the records were in November. Trumpeter Swans are scarce in w. Oregon: one at Eckman L., *Lincoln, WA*, was present for the entire period (*vide* JG) and the regular wintering flock returned to *Polk* by mid-November (RH). Mute Swans, an increasing exotic, were reported from Dungeness, *Clallam, WA* all fall (BN) and at Lummi Flats, *Whatcom, WA* Nov. 11 (KK). Emperor Geese at Sauvie Oct. 31–Nov. 2 (JM) and at Carlton, *Yamhill, OR* Nov. 18 (HN) were the only reports. The usual handful of Brant found inland included birds in the westside lowlands at Sauvie and nearby Ridgefield N.W.R., Oct. 24–Nov. 2 (JM, EA) and at Woodland, *Cowlitz, WA* Nov. 8 (EA). More unusual were three in the interior at Stratford L., *Douglas, WA* Sept. 26 (AS). The Canada Goose surveys of the lower Columbia R. found only 210 "Duskie" in the Vancouver–Woodland area and 28,000 "Cackling" in the same area (JE). These numbers fit the recent trend of very depressed numbers of Duskie and elevated numbers of Cackling geese. One Eur. Green-winged Teal was at Kent, *King, WA* Oct. 23+ (PtSu). A ♀ Blue-winged Teal with seven half-grown young at Lincoln City, *Lincoln, WA*, Aug. 29 (DF) provided a rare coastal breeding record for Oregon. A ♂ *Steller's Eider* at the W.W.R.D., Sept. 9–13 (†M&MLD, ph., m.ob.) represented the 2nd Washington record and the first occurrence in the interior of the lower 48. Other sea duck numbers from the interior were relatively normal, except two Harlequin Duck reports in the Columbia Basin: one at Lower Coulee Lakes, *Grant, WA* Sept. 24 (AS) and three at Soap L., *Grant, WA* Oct. 1 (AS). Normal numbers of inland reports for Oldsquaw totaled five, with 13 Surf Scoters and 13 White-winged Scoters.

Kites to Phalaropes

A census of Turkey Vulture migration over the Strait of Juan de Fuca Sept. 24 found >700 birds (D. MacRae). Eight sightings of Osprey in November from the Willamette Valley, the Umpqua Valley, and along the Oregon coast (m.ob.) were a good indication that more individuals are

remaining later than in previous decades, when the population was smaller. The nesting pair of Osprey in Pasco, WA fledged three young (BW); this is the first nesting in the Tri-Cities area in at least 30 years. Improved numbers of White-tailed Kite were noted: eight at Denman W.M.A., *Jackson, OR* Nov. 3 (HS) was the largest concentration. There was a good showing along the coast, with nine in *Tillamook* in November and birds as far north as Leadbetter Pt., *Pacific, WA* Sept. 2 (SM, BT). In s.w. Washington, birds were reported from the *Pacific* and *Wahkiakum* locations where they are regular Reports from unusual locales included one in the s. Cascades near Fish L., *Jackson, OR* Aug. 15 (E. Setterberg), one at Woodland, *Cowlitz, WA* Nov. 2 (†JE), one at Centralia, *Lewis, WA* Nov. 19 (PtSu), and two at LaGrande, *Pierce, WA* Nov. 19 (TB). Red-shouldered Hawk numbers continue to improve, with 4 reports n. of their usual range in w. Oregon (MN, BTi, HN, J. Beckman) and one from the interior at LaPine, *Deschutes, OR* Sept. 18 (SRu). The southernmost Gyrfalcon reports were from Baskett Slough N.W.R., *Polk, OR* Nov. 9–10 (†BTi) and Finley N.W.R., *Benton, OR* Nov. 11–18 (BK).

The count of 3860 Sandhill Crane at Sauvie and nearby Ridgefield N.W.R., Oct. 11 is the highest since surveys began in 1991 (JE). Improved numbers of golden-plovers were reported, primarily from w. Washington. The total of about 150 was evenly divided between unidentified birds, Americans, and Pacifics. A Pacific Golden-Plover, well described in close comparison with an American at Atkins L., *Douglas, WA* Sept. 8 (†JA), provided one of the first acceptable interior records for Washington. Black-necked Stilts at Portland Sept. 4 (S. Butt) and Am. Avocets at Stanwood, *Snohomish, WA* Sept. 4 (SM), at Nehalem, *Tillamook, OR* Sept. 9–14 (DB *et al.*), five at Sauvie Sept. 19–23 (JG, DB), and two at Coos Bay, *Coos, OR* Sept. 30 (T. Kenefick) were regular fall stragglers to the westside. Solitary Sandpiper reports were above average in w. Oregon, but not w. Washington. Fifteen reports from e. Washington was unremarkable. Most of the reports were from August, as is typical: singles at Forest Grove, *Washington, OR* Oct. 1 (DL) and Spencer I., *Snohomish, WA* Oct. 8 (SM) were late. A tattler, reported as a Wandering, found inland at Kirtland Rd., *Jackson, OR* Oct. 15 (T. Phillips) was later than any coastal sighting and an inland rarity. An Upland Sandpiper at Leadbetter Pt., *Pacific, WA* Aug. 20 (BTh, JC) represented the 4th fall record in the last 5 years,

there were no fall records in the previous decade. The imm. Hudsonian Godwit near Florence, *Lane*, OR Aug. 6 (DB) was the only report of the rarest of the 3 godwits in the Region. An ad. Bar-tailed Godwit at O.S. remained in alternate plumage Aug. 5 (D. Wright, M. Ahearn) and an immature was at Tokeland, *Pacific*, WA Sept. 27–Nov. 19 (BSu *et al.*, ph.). Marbled Godwit were still present on the Oregon coast Oct. 8: four were at Bandon, *Coos* (AC), and five were at Siletz Bay, *Lincoln* (PaSu). In Washington, birds at the Yakima R. delta, *Benton*, Aug. 16–21 (BW) and the W.W.R.D., Aug. 20–21 (AS, BW) were interior rarities. On the coast, the peak count of the wintering population at Tokeland, *Pacific*, was 440 Oct. 7 (SM), one of the highest totals ever reported there. Red Knots are rare in the interior; an adult was at W.W.R.D., Aug. 15 (SRa), an immature was at Atkins L., *Douglas*, WA Aug. 26 (SRa), and another was at W.W.R.D., Sept. 7 (M&MLD). At least 18 Semipalmated Sandpiper were reported from e. Washington and 16 from w. Washington. Photographs of a Little Stint at S.J.C.R., Aug. 10–11 (MP, HN) are being examined by the Oregon Records Committee to determine whether this provides the 3rd record for Oregon. Stepniewski found 105 Baird's Sandpiper at Atkins L., *Douglas*, WA Aug. 27 for one of the higher counts ever recorded in the Region. A few Baird's remained late: one at S.J.C.R., Oct. 1 (HN), two on the Waterville Plateau, *Douglas*, WA Oct. 1 (AS), and one at W.W.R.D., Oct. 13 (M&MLD). Pectoral Sandpiper numbers were undistinguished, with most localities peaking at ten or less. The number of Sharp-tailed Sandpiper reports was also low; they included singles at O.S., Sept. 10–15 (M&MLD), at Everett, *Snobomish*, WA Oct. 16–23 (SM), and Dungeness, *Clallam*, WA Oct. 24 (BN). Stilt Sandpiper numbers were below average, with 11 in e. Washington, five in w. Washington, and seven in w. Oregon. Buff-breasted Sandpiper numbers recovered somewhat from their absence last fall. Three in Oregon included birds at the Rogue R. mouth, *Curry*, Aug. 27–30 (DM *et al.*), the North Spit, *Coos* Bay, *Coos*, Sept. 9 (BK), and the Siuslaw R. mouth, *Lane*, Aug. 31 (TM). In Washington, \leq four were at O.S., Aug. 20–Sept. 5 (PtSu *et al.*). All 4 Ruff reports were from the westside: at Bandon, *Coos*, OR Sept. 3 (JG), at Tillamook, OR Aug. 26 (TJ), at Seattle Sept. 1–2 (R. Stogsdill, m.ob.) for a first *King* record, and at O.S., Sept. 4 (D. Jennings). For 6 consecutive years, Red-necked Phalarope numbers on the ocean have

been poor; the peak pelagic trip total was 105 off Westport Aug. 12 (TW). Coastal and inland counts were also low, with 300 at P.N.P., Sept. 8 (VN) the highest reported. Red Phalarope numbers were also lousy: Four off Westport Oct. 7 (BT) topped the pelagic counts, and none was reported from the interior.

Jaegers to Owls

Pomarine Jaeger numbers improved from the previous 2 falls with peak pelagic counts of 77 off Westport Aug. 26 (TW) and coastal counts of 15 at the N. Jetty, *Pacific*, WA Sept. 2 (SM, BT). Pelagic counts of Parasitic Jaeger remained in the single digits (TW), but Puget Sound counts were average or better, with a peak of 37 at P.N.P., Sept. 19 (VN). None was reported from the interior. Thirteen Long-tailed Jaegers off Newport, OR Aug. 20 was the highest pelagic total reported (GG); there were an unusual number of coastal and interior reports. One was at Richland, *Benton*, WA Sept. 7 (D. Rockwell), an adult was at Edmonds, *Snobomish*, WA Sept. 13 (J. Anderson), an adult was at Kingston, *Kitsap*, WA Oct. 7 (*vide* RR), and an immature was at P.N.P., Oct. 23 (VN). To complete the litany, S. Polar Skua numbers were also down: Three off Westport Oct. 7 (BT) was the peak.

Franklin's Gull numbers declined after showing some signs of increase last fall. Western Oregon had two: one at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, July 30–Aug. 6 (DF) and one at Tillamook Oct. 29 (P. Mueller, L. Weiland). Eastern Washington had one at W.W.R.D., Sept. 9–Oct. 9 (M&MLD), and w. Washington reports totaled nine. An ad. Little Gull was at the regular haunts at P.N.P., Nov. 5 (VN). Two unusual inland records of Heermann's Gull were a first-year at Roosevelt, *Klickitat*, WA Oct. 15 (LG) and a sub-adult at Richland, *Benton*, WA Oct. 25 (R. Fischer). A Mew Gull at Kennewick, *Benton*, WA Sept. 21 was early for the interior (BW), and another at McNary N.W.R., *Walla Walla*, WA Nov. 25 (AS) was the only other interior report. At least four Thayer's Gulls were found in the Columbia Basin: an adult at Roosevelt, *Klickitat*, WA Oct. 28 (LG), one at McNary N.W.R., *Walla Walla*, WA Nov. 5 (†AS), one at Blue L., *Grant*, WA Nov. 12 (KK), and one at Ice Harbor Dam, *Franklin*, WA Nov. 26 (AS). Rounding out the large gulls inland were W. Gulls at McNary N.W.R., *Walla Walla*, WA Nov. 5 (†AS), two at John Day Dam, *Klickitat*, WA Nov. 24 (SM), and five at McNary Dam, *Benton*, WA Nov. 26 (AS). A Western x Glaucous-winged Gull near Tou Velle S.P.,

Jackson, was a rarity for the Rogue Valley (E. Pugh, HS). The only Glaucous Gull report came from Pt. Roberts, *Whatcom*, WA Nov. 11 (PtSu), indicating a poor winter.

Two inland reports of Black-legged Kittiwake were from the Columbia R., a first-year at White Bluffs, *Grant*, WA Oct. 22 (†AS) and one downstream at John Day and the Dalles dams Nov. 24–26 (SM, WC). Eight were from Puget Sound: a first-year at P.N.P., Nov. 10 (VN), six adults at Sekiu, *Clallam*, WA Nov. 12 (BN), and one at Tacoma, *Pierce*, Nov. 13 (M. Roening). This represented an unusual number away from the outer coast. Inland Sabine's Gull numbers were similarly high, while pelagic totals were low. The inland numbers were topped by three immatures at Richland, *Benton*, WA Sept. 7 (BW); other reports were one immature at W.W.R.D., Sept. 8–10 (M&MLD), one at Soap L., *Grant*, WA Sept. 10 (AS), two immatures at Winthrop, *Okanogan*, WA Sept. 15 (P. Moorhead), one immature at Bainbridge I., *Kitsap*, WA Sept. 3 (D. Marshall), and one at P.N.P., Sept. 8 (VN). The peak pelagic count was 18 off Westport Aug. 12 (TW). Fall Elegant Tern numbers continue to decrease annually: Two were at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, OR Aug. 26 (A. Floyd), one was at O.S., Aug. 13 (BSu), five were at Alsea Bay, *Lincoln*, OR Sept. 5 (DF), one adult was at Gold Beach, *Curry*, OR Sept. 10 (AC), and two were at S.J.C.R., Sept. 10 (HN). Common Terns were sparingly reported; the peak count was 800 at P.N.P., Aug. 24 (VN) and the only inland report was one at Baskett Slough N.W.R., *Polk*, OR Sept. 7 (BTi). Arctic Tern numbers were low offshore, with a peak of eight off Westport Aug. 12 (TW), but there were an unusual number of Oregon coastal reports. They included two at the Siuslaw R. mouth, *Lane*, Aug. 6 (PaSu), one at Alsea Bay, *Lincoln*, Aug. 28–Sept. 5 (DF), one at Bandon, *Coos*, Sept. 3 (JG), and two at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, Sept. 10 (S. Dowlan). A Forster's Tern at Minto I., near Salem, *Polk*, OR Aug. 17 (D. Pederson) provided the usual single westside report. Similarly, Black Terns were at Finley N.W.R., *Benton*, OR Aug. 9 (K. Merrifield), at Fern Ridge Res., *Lane*, OR Aug. 20 (RK), three at Renton, *King*, WA Aug. 17 (JiF), at P.N.P., Sept. 9 (VN), at Possession Pt., *Island*, WA Sept. 10 (SM) and at P.N.P., Sept. 20 (VN).

There were 36 Marbled Murrelet at Cape Meares, *Tillamook*, OR Sept. 9, a good number for that location (JJ, DB). Two Xantus' Murrelets reported 40 mi off Newport, OR Oct. 7 (GG *et al.*) provided

about the 2nd fall report for the decade. The Ancient Murrelet peak in Puget Sound was a healthy 305 at P.N.P., Nov. 5 (VN), and on the Oregon coast a heavy migration was noted throughout November (JG). Cassin's Auklet have become less unusual in Puget Sound, but they are still noteworthy: One was off Port Townsend, *Jefferson*, Nov. 12 (RRi) and one was at P.N.P., Nov. 13 (VN).

A Band-tailed Pigeon w. of Richland, *Benton*, WA Oct. 1 (BRI) was a vagrant into the Columbia Basin. The **White-winged Dove** at Brookings, *Curry*, Oct. 5–11 provided Oregon's 4th record (J. Sheldon *et al.*). The Burrowing Owl that has wintered near Halsey, *Linn*, OR for 2 previous winters arrived Oct. 31 (RH, H. Herlyn). Wandering Barred Owls included one at North Plains, *Washington*, OR Sept. 10 (C. Gutmann) and two at Palouse Falls S.P., *Franklin*, WA Oct. 7 (M&MLD). A Great Gray Owl near Ruch, *Jackson*, in the Siskyou Mts., Nov. 30 was w. of its usual range in the Cascades (K. Chambliss). Boreal Owls were found at 3 locations in the Blue Mts.: above Tollgate, *Umatilla*, OR Oct. 6 (C. Corder), at Tablerock Lookout, *Columbia*, WA Aug. 27 (PtSu, KK) and at Mt. Misery, *Garfield*, WA Oct. 1 (PtSu, KK). One was reported from the North Cascades at Hart's Pass, *Okanogan*, Aug. 5 (D. Stephens).

Swifts to Finches

Black Swifts are rarely detected as migrants in Oregon: Singles were seen at Howard Prairie Res., *Jackson*, Aug. 23 (R. Thowless) and at Sutherlin, *Douglas*, Oct. 1 (KW). A **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** at Washougal, *Skamania*, Aug. 1–3 (†WC) would provide the first Washington record, if accepted. There were 3 very late records of Rufous/Allen's type hummingbirds: at Medford, *Jackson*, OR Oct. 10 (S. Janes), at Richland, *Benton*, WA Nov. 4 (*vide* T. Greager), and at Harbor, *Curry*, OR Nov. 28 (DM). Lewis' Woodpecker reports appeared to be on the increase after several scarce years. They were common in the Rogue Valley and adjacent foothills in September, but were scarce thereafter (HS). Four were found in *Josephine* Nov. 2, where they are normally hard to find, and scattered sightings from the mid-Willamette Valley from late September+ were improved numbers over recent years. One near Lester, *King*, Aug. 26 (EH) represented a first recent county report. The small population of Acorn Woodpeckers in Washington that was thought to have vanished was relocated near Lyle, *Klickitat*, in October (M&MLD, m.ob.). The area showed signs of several years of woodpeck-

er habitation. A Three-toed Woodpecker found on the trail to Red L., on the w. border of *Klamath* Oct. 8 (DC, HS) was at the very s. end of their range in the Oregon Cascades.

A Least Flycatcher was at Washtucna, *Adams*, WA Sept. 29 (KK) for the only fall report. Five reports of Say's Phoebe in w. Oregon was above average: two near Ashland, *Jackson*, Oct. 29 (K. Wagner, P. Trail), one at Sutherlin, *Douglas*, Sept. 21 (KW), one near Corvallis (MN), and one at S.J.C.R., Sept. 9 (A. Emlibn). Three Ash-throated Flycatcher reports from w. Oregon was also above average: one at Whaleshead, *Curry*, Sept. 2 (J. Bischoff), one at Fern Ridge Res., *Lane*, Aug. 20 (RK), and one at S.J.C.R., Aug. 25 (MP). Four Tropical Kingbird records from the coast are the largest fall total since 1986: one at Cape Blanco, *Curry*, OR Oct. 5 (CD), one at O.S., Oct. 16 (BW), one near Florence, *Lane*, OR Nov. 18–24 (TR *et al.*), and one at S.J.C.R., Nov. 27 (J. Epstein). A Tropical Kingbird photographed at Malheur N.W.R. on the very early date of Sept. 27 (D. Herr, S. Jones) provided an amazing record; it may be the farthest inland record of a fall dispersant. Probably eclipsing that sighting was the **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** at Chinook, *Pacific*, WA Sept. 12–13 (B. Ramsey, T. Kroha, m.ob., ph.). This was the first record for the Region.

At least ten Bank Swallows were reported from the westside, about normal, and on the eastside one at McNary N.W.R., *Walla Walla*, WA Oct. 13 (M&MLD) was quite late. Other late dates for swallows included a Cliff Swallow at Forest Grove, *Washington*, OR Nov. 19 (DL) and a Barn Swallow at Ankeny N.W.R., *Marion*, OR Nov. 18 (JL). A hybrid Cliff x Barn Swallow was at Deer Lagoon, *Island*, WA Aug. 20 (†SM, RR). Blue Jay numbers were low, providing a strong contrast to last fall. The only reports were one in Seattle, WA Nov. 10–18 (E. Peaslee) and two near North Bend, *King*, WA Nov. 25 (*vide* RR). A Scrub Jay at Goldendale, *Klickitat*, Aug. 26 (D. Paulson) was at the e. limit of its Washington range, and two in *Kitsap* in October (*vide* RR, VN) were at their n.w. limit. The White-breasted Nuthatch at Belfair, *Mason*, WA Sept. 5 (PtSu) was a new location, while two at the Flett Basin, *Pierce*, Oct. 23 (PtSu) were at their only remaining breeding location in the Puget lowlands. Bewick's Wrens at Colfax, *Whitman*, and Potholes, *Grant*, Oct. 2 (PtSu, KK) indicate that their range expansion in e. Washington is continuing.

W. Bluebirds had a successful nesting season in the mid-Willamette valley; 403 young were banded on the Corvallis Blue-

bird Trail (E. Eltzroth). An imm. **Northern Wheatear** at Tillamook Oct. 28 (JC, BTh, ph. †JJ) provided Oregon's 3rd report. Five N. Mockingbirds were reported from the expected places, one in the Rogue valley (DM) and two on the Oregon coast (C. Roberts, TJ, E. Specht); the pair that bred at Vernita, *Grant*, WA were last reported Aug. 5 (G. Hendrickson). A Brown Thrasher at Tigard, *Washington*, OR Nov. 9 (R. Rolfe) was the only report of this almost annual vagrant. Two Bohemian Waxwings appeared with Cedars near Salem, *Marion*, OR Oct. 23 (JL); they are always rare in the Willamette Valley. In the interior, they began appearing in November, as usual. The Loggerhead Shrike that has wintered for 4 consecutive years in *Jackson*, OR reappeared Oct. 27 (HS). There were several early arrival dates for N. Shrike in w. Washington: at Seattle Sept. 22 (E. Newbold) and at Lummi Flats, *Whatcom*, Sept. 28 (P. Hotlen). Their numbers were comparatively low.

The **Yellow-throated Vireo** at Spencer I., *Snohomish*, Oct. 26–28 (†KA, m.ob., ph.) provided the first Washington record. A Solitary Vireo at the same location Nov. 12 (RSa, J. Fryers) was very late. The "Eastern" Solitary Vireo at Seattle Sept. 8 was the first report of this subspecies for Washington (†KA); there are several recent Oregon records. The only Tennessee Warbler reported was one at Seattle Sept. 8–9 (†KA). A Nashville Warbler at Brookings, *Curry*, OR Nov. 1 (FH) was late, although there are previous November records. The best vagrant warbler reports were all from the Oregon coast: a Chestnut-sided Warbler netted and photographed Sept. 28 at Cape Blanco, *Curry* (D. Vroman, S. Hootman); a Magnolia Warbler at Seaside, *Clatsop*, Oct. 1 (JG); a ♀ Black-throated Blue Warbler netted and photographed at Cape Blanco Oct. 5 (CD, J. Blithe); and a Prairie Warbler at Brookings, *Curry*, Oct. 12 (FH, DM). A ♂ Black-throated Gray Warbler at Richland, *Benton*, WA Oct. 4 (BW) was unusually far east. Palm Warblers were found in their normal small numbers along the Oregon coast; there were no Washington reports. The Brewer's Sparrows on Sugarloaf Mt., *Polk*, in the Oregon Coast Range Sept. 2–3 (BTi) and at W.W.R.D., Sept. 7 (M&MLD) were both locally rare. A Chipping Sparrow was late in Brookings, *Curry*, OR Nov. 25–26 (CD *et al.*), along with the only fall report of Clay-colored Sparrow. Vesper Sparrows are unusual migrants on the outer coast. Singles were at Tillamook, OR Oct. 29 (H. Gilmore) and at S.J.C.R., Oct. 22 (SRu). Swamp Sparrows were reported in

the customary small numbers along the Oregon coast, seven were found in w. Washington, and none was reported from the interior. Only three Harris' Sparrow were reported, a very low fall total: singles at Waldport, *Lincoln*, OR Nov. 2-18 (D&B Mahler), at Coppei Cr., *Walla Walla*, WA Nov. 4 (M&MLD), and at Spencer I., *Snohomish*, WA Oct. 30 (S. Atkinson). It was a better-than-average year for Snow Bunting on the westside. Small numbers were found on the Oregon n. coast in November (J. Simmons, A. McGie). Two at Harbor, *Curry*, OR Nov. 19 were rare that far south (DM), one on Mary's Peak, *Benton*, OR Nov. 18 was rare in the Coast Range (BK *et al.*), six near Halsey, *Linn*, OR Nov. 11 were rare in the Willamette Valley (TR *et al.*), and 33 at the Samish Flats, *Skagit*, WA Nov. 12 (GB) were the largest westside count. The peak interior count was a healthy 300 at Harrington, *Lincoln*, WA Nov. 5 (JA).

Fall reports of Bobolink are unexpected; there were 5 this season: singles at Atkins L., *Douglas*, WA Aug. 27 (AS) and Seattle Sept. 5 (JiF), one banded at Sequim, *Clallam*, WA Sept. 12 (EK), another at Seattle Oct. 1-2 (BSu), and one in Newport, *Lincoln*, OR Nov. 12-16 (C. Philo *et al.*). Single Rusty Blackbirds were at Dungeness, *Clallam*, WA Sept. 24 (B. Boekelheide) and at Seattle Oct. 31 (KA). Juvenile Yellow-headed Blackbirds, rare westside breeders, were found at Deer Lagoon, *Island*, WA Aug. 19 (SM, RR), confirming breeding there. The White-winged Crossbill invasion that began in the summer continued through the fall, but was still confined to Washington. Birds were reported from all the n. mountain ranges in numbers ≤ 40 (m.ob.); ten at Stephens Pass, *King*, Sept. 30 (KK, PtSu) were the farthest south. A Com. Redpoll at a L. Oswego, *Clackamas*, OR feeder Nov. 25 (M. Craig) was very unusual on the westside. Reports of Lesser Goldfinch from 2 *Klickitat* locations through November indicate that the Washington population persists (RR, SM, AS).

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The entire fall season was very dry and warm throughout the Region. Perhaps the most notable effect was good observer turnout, as reports were many and widespread. No notable trends occurred over ocean waters. The mild weather throughout the West was to blame for most species of waterfowl staying to the north through the Season. The weather conditions were perfect for passerine migrants, and the vagrant pool was outstanding. Landbird vagrants came from all directions, so it was hard to tell what forces were in place. Our regular migrants and winterers were felt to be late, on average. Irruptives were noted by their widespread absence, especially among berry eaters such as Varied Thrush and waxwings.

