

on the Mackenzie CBC Dec. 16, 903 on the P.G. CBC Dec. 17, and 401 on the Whse. CBC Dec. 26. Contrast this with the single redpoll seen in the Comox area Dec. 14-15 (DWI), and the two seen on the Vernon CBC Dec. 17 (CC, DW). As usual, s. Yukon feeders hosted several Hoary Redpolls, with six at Watson L. (LE) and four at Porter Cr. (CE, PS), both Jan. 27. Pine Siskins were abundant in the n. OK. Vly, as the record-high 1400 birds on the Vernon CBC Dec. 17 attests. Contrast this with the less populated and thus less feeder-filled s. Ok. Vly, where only 19 were found on the Oliver-Osoyoos CBC Dec. 31. Evening Grosbeaks are hard to find in s.w. Yukon at any season; noteworthy, then, was an ad. female at a Whse. feeder Dec. 17-20 (LC). Another female at other Whse. feeders Dec. 23+ (BaSt, BoSt, CE, HG) was thought to have been a different bird based on comparison of photos. They were very scarce throughout the Ok. Vly, Kamloops, and Revelstoke areas, with the 300 at a feeder at Hullcar just n. of Armstrong in early December (*vide* MCo) an anomaly.

Corrigenda

In *AFN* 49:3: The White-tailed Kite at Pitt Meadows reported as a potential first record was in fact a potential 4th record for the Region.

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Seattle had its wettest winter since record-keeping began in 1942. Accordingly, the Region experienced three major flood events: in the northern half of Region at the beginning of season, on the middle coast at the end of December, and throughout the Region in February. Two storms in December brought very high winds to the central coast, producing a Leach's Storm-Petrel and Red Phalarope wreck, and notable records of Laysan Albatross, Northern Fulmar, Mottled Petrel, and Cook's Petrel.

Temperatures remained generally moderate throughout the season, so there were a substantial number of lingering species. The fall display of rarities continued through the winter, with several first state records.

Abbreviations: P.N.P. (*Point-No-Point, Kitsap Co., WA*); Ridgefield (*Ridgefield N.W.R., Clark Co., WA*); Sauvie (*Sauvie I., Columbia Co., OR*).



Loons to Waterfowl

More Red-throated Loon reports than normal from freshwater locations on the westside included one on Roslyn L., *Clackamas*, OR Dec. 3–11 (TJ), one at Salem, OR Dec. 16–17 (SD), one at the mouth of the Clackamas R., *Multnomah*, OR Dec. 31–Jan. 27 (TJ *et al.*), one at Fern Ridge Res., *Lane*, OR Jan. 1–2 (TM), two at Woodland, *Cowlitz*, WA Jan. 1 (JE), one at Scoggins Valley Park, *Washington*, OR Jan. 14–25 (PLSu), one at Beaverton, *Washington*, OR Jan. 21 (R. Forbes), and one at Elma, *Grays Harbor*, WA Feb. 13 (B&GR). The only Pacific Loon report from fresh water was one at Vancouver L., *Clark*, WA Dec. 13 (R. Korpi). The Yellow-billed Loon found in the fall in the interior at Blue L., *Grant*, WA was last seen Dec. 25 (MD). Saltwater reports totaled six, and included singles at Winchester Bay, *Douglas*, OR Dec. 22 (KG), Coos Bay, OR Dec. 17 (TK, S. Langenstein), Dungeness Spit, *Clallam*, WA Dec. 16 (EH), Ediz Hook, *Clallam*, WA Dec. 20 (M. Houston), Gamble Bay, *Kitsap*, WA Jan. 16 (VN), and Sequim Bay, *Clallam*, WA Jan. 20–Feb. 10 (AS, BBo). Red-necked Grebes are scarce winterers in the Columbia Basin; singles were at Priest Rapids, *Yakima*, WA Dec. 2 (AS, KK), at Walla Walla, *Walla Walla*, WA Dec. 22 (MD), at Blue L., *Grant*, WA Dec. 29 (D. Rockwell), and at Clarkston, *Asotin*, WA Jan. 1–7 (DG). Ten reports of Clark's Grebe is above average: One was at Edmonds, *Snohomish*, WA Dec. 2–5 (DBe), three were at Seattle, WA Dec. 4 (RiR) and one there Dec. 16 (B. Freeman), one was at Vancouver L., *Clark*, WA Dec. 23 (WC), one was at Everett, *Snohomish*, WA Dec. 30 (SM), one was at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, OR Jan. 14 (DM), one was at Pt. Roberts, *Whatcom*, WA Jan. 21 (SM), one was at the Rogue R. mouth, *Curry*, OR Jan. 26–Feb. 2 (DM), and one was at P.N.P., Feb. 5 (VN).

Thirty Black-footed and Laysan albatross each were seen off the s. Washington coast between Astoria and Grays Canyons Dec. 3 (RiR), and three Laysans were found dead on n. Oregon beaches: at Oceanside, *Tillamook*, Dec. 2 (FS) and Clatsop Beach, *Clatsop*, Dec. 3 (MP) and Jan. 1 (MP). These are unusually high winter albatross numbers. There was a heavy mortality of N. Fulmar along the Oregon coast from late November–mid-December (RL *et al.*); representative counts included 25 dead on Bayocean Beach, *Tillamook*, Dec. 1 (CR) and many dead on *Tillamook* beaches Dec. 2 (FS). Simultaneously, large numbers were seen in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Admiral-

ty Inlet, including one–two at P.N.P., Dec. 1–2 (VN), five at Ediz Hook, *Clallam*, Dec. 2 (BN, BBo), 60 in the Strait of Juan de Fuca Dec. 4 (RiR), one off Sequim, *Clallam*, Dec. 15 (BN), and one off Dungeness Spit, *Clallam*, Dec. 16 (EH). A live bird on Netarts Bay Jan. 19 (CR) was the last of the winter sightings. A Mottled Petrel found dead on Oceanside Beach, *Tillamook*, OR Dec. 1 (CR, *) and three seen offshore between Astoria and Grays Canyons Dec. 3 (†RiR) provided the first Regional records since 1993. A Cook's Petrel found dead on the beach at Grayland, *Pacific*, Dec. 15 (C. Strohmeier, R. Droker, * to University of Washington) provided a first record for Washington. Very few Short-tailed Shearwaters were reported in comparison with the other tubenoses: ≤eight were at Boiler Bay, *Lincoln*, OR Dec. 2 (TS) and one was at Edmonds, *Snohomish*, WA Jan. 15 (DBe). Several Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels were reported: two off P.N.P., Dec. 4 (RiR), one at Ediz Hook, *Clallam*, WA Dec. 16 (BN), one at Astoria, *Clatsop*, OR Jan. 31 (MP), and six were at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, OR and one at Waldport, *Lincoln*, as late as Feb. 23 (SD, WT). Less expected was the remarkable invasion of Leach's Storm-Petrels in Puget Sound in mid-December; the first was seen off Seattle Dec. 14 (DBe), and singles were off Tacoma, *Pierce*, Dec. 15 (M. Roening) and in Budd Inlet, *Thurston*, Dec. 16 (MN). The only multiple count was *ten* off Tacoma, *Pierce*, Dec. 18 (PtSu). At least one remained off Seattle through Dec. 27 (J. Tangren). One on Padilla Bay, at Bayview S.P., *Skagit*, Jan. 9 (SM) represented the only n. Puget Sound record, and two at Naselle, *Pacific*, WA Dec. 12 (AR) provided the only coastal records.

Two Brown Pelican were flying N past Harbor, *Curry*, OR Dec. 18 (DM) and one remained very late at Ocean Shores, *Grays Harbor*, WA Feb. 19 (BW). There were >42 Great Egret reported from n.w. Oregon and another 14 from s.w. Washington. The species is remaining later, in larger numbers, and farther north each year. The only Cattle Egret report was at Grants Pass, *Josephine*, OR (*fide* HS); the fall flight was scanty.

The midwinter count of Tundra Swan in the Columbia R. bottomlands from Portland, OR to Longview, WA Jan. 10 (JE) totaled 4100. Up to 2500 Snow Geese wintering at Sauvie apparently exhibited continual interchange with the large Puget Sound population (HN), which could indicate that the "Blue Goose" found at Post Office L., *Clark*, WA Jan. 7 (SM) and at Skagit W.M.A.,

Skagit, WA Jan. 27 (EH) were the same bird. Winter Ross' Geese records are increasing in frequency; the 5 reports were higher than any previous winter total. They included one immature at Post Office L., *Clark*, WA Dec. 3–Feb. 3 (WC, †JE), one at Samish Flats, *Skagit*, WA Jan. 28–Feb. 22 (†BS, m.ob.), one at Pacific City, *Tillamook*, OR Feb. 8 with "Aleutian" Canada Geese (RL); one at Ashland, *Jackson*, OR Feb. 5 (*fide* AF), and one, probably an early migrant, at McNary N.W.R., *Walla Walla*, WA Feb. 28 (BW). The number of Emperor Goose reports dropped from 6 last winter back to 2: one in *Multnomah*, OR from late December+ (m.ob., *fide* HN, J. Olson) and one at Salem, OR Feb. 29 (*fide* BBe).

Three reports of "Eur." Green-winged Teal is near average: at Scoggins Valley Park, *Washington*, OR Jan. 12 (G. Gilson), at Everett, *Snohomish*, WA Jan. 15 (KK), and at Kent, *King*, WA Jan. 21 (D. Veit). A ♂ N. Pintail x Mallard hybrid was at Blaine, *Whatcom*, WA Dec. 2 (†SM). Six Cinnamon Teal reports was above average: 2 pairs at Independence, *Polk*, OR Dec. 13 (WT), one at Willapa N.W.R., *Pacific*, WA Dec. 31 (HG), and a male at Fern Ridge Res., *Lane*, OR Feb. 14 (*fide* HN). Ring-necked Ducks appeared to be in well above-normal numbers in w. Oregon (HN), and counts of 33 at Priest Rapids, *Yakima*, Dec. 2 (AS, KK) and 460 at Everett, *Snohomish*, Dec. 31 (SM) indicate the same about Washington. A ♀ Tufted Duck at Ocean Shores, *Grays Harbor*, WA Jan. 12 (G&WH) provided the only report; we urge caution in identifying females, as hybrids are regular. An imm. ♂ King Eider at the Hastie L. Boat Landing, *Island*, Dec. 24 (E. Deal, m.ob.) remained to Feb. 19 for the first Washington record since 1990. A Harlequin Duck hit by a car at Richland, WA Dec. 1 (*fide* BW) provides the only *Benton* record, and one at Walla Walla, *Walla Walla*, WA Jan. 13 (DG) was a local rarity.

Raptors to Alcids

Eleven Turkey Vultures were reported, all from Oregon, and 6 Osprey reports came primarily from Oregon. Both species appear to be changing their status to rare, but regular, wintering species. White-tailed Kite numbers were good in Oregon, highlighted by 60 in the Rogue valley in December (*fide* JJ). In s.w. Washington, nine were found in their accustomed locales. Red-shouldered Hawks are increasing in frequency: An adult wintered on upper Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, OR (WT, m.ob.), two wintered at Ridgefield (HN, †JE), and the count of 19 in the Coquille

Valley, *Coos*, in December (*fide* AC) must represent a record high for Oregon. Four "Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawks, a scarce annual visitor, were found: at Two Rivers W.M.A., *Snohomish*, WA Jan. 10 (SM), Ebey I., *Snohomish*, WA Jan. 10 (SM), Samish Flats, *Skagit*, WA Feb. 25 (SA), and Ridgefield Feb. 26 (JE). Two Ferruginous Hawks were found in the Rogue Valley, OR, where they may be annual in winter: in the Applegate Valley, *Josephine*, Dec. 22 and n. of Lower Table Rock, *Jackson*, Jan. 22 (*fide* HS). One at Burbank, *Walla Walla*, WA Dec. 26 (BW) was in an area where they occasionally winter. Rough-legged Hawks were found in moderate numbers in the interior, with a peak count of 22 on the Waterville Plateau, *Douglas*, WA Dec. 10 (AS), but they were quite scarce on the westside, with five reported. Two Golden Eagles were found on the westside, lower than last winter's six: at Baskett Slough N.W.R., *Polk*, OR Jan. 5 (AM) and near Bayview, *Skagit*, WA Feb. 4–16 (SA, PtSu).

Gyrfalcon numbers were outstanding (15 total!). Three were in w. Oregon: at the S Jetty of the Columbia R., *Clatsop*, Dec. 13+ (MP, *et al.*), in the Finley N.W.R. and Corvallis area, *Benton*, all winter (RH, *et al.*), and at Bayocean Spit, *Tillamook*, Jan. 1 (DVB). Eastern Washington Gyrfalcon reports included \geq three from *Douglas* (MD, BT, RiR), two from *Lincoln* (JA), two from *Grant* (JA), and one at Moxee, *Yakima*, Jan. 30–Feb. 1 (DB, AS). On Washington's westside, at least one was in *Skagit* (m.ob.), one was at Ocean Shores, *Grays Harbor*, Feb. 15 (KK), one was at Seattle Feb. 15 (RR), and one was at Long Beach, *Pacific*, Feb. 24 (J. Bent).

More than 300 Sandhill Cranes wintered in the Sauvie and Ridgefield area, providing a higher-than-normal number (JJ, HN, M. Stern). Two records of Pacific Golden-Plover provided the 5th and 6th recent winter records for the Region. One was near Corvallis, *Benton*, OR Dec. 21 (TS, PMu, LW, m.ob.) and the bird that wintered on the Samish Flats, *Skagit*, WA Jan. 1–Feb. 19 (G. Toffic, m.ob.) may have been the same individual found there last winter. A Mountain Plover s. of Corvallis, *Benton*, Dec. 22 (C. Lundberg, m.ob.) and probably seen earlier at Ankeny N.W.R., *Marion*, Dec. 4 (†J. Lundsten) provided the 6th Oregon record. American Avocets are rare in winter; singles were at Fern Ridge Res., *Lane*, OR Feb. 9–14 (S. Sherwood, TK, *fide* HN) and the Skagit flats, *Skagit*, WA Jan. 7 (C. Blake). In addition to the Willets that are normally found wintering at Ediz Hook, *Clallam*, WA (BN) and on n. Willapa Bay, *Pacific*, WA, one

wintered at Olympia, *Thurston*, WA Dec. 15–Feb. 13 (T. Kluh, m.ob.). Long-billed Curlew are rare winterers, except at Tokeland, *Pacific*, WA where 80 were counted Dec. 26 (B&GR), so ten at Coos Bay, OR Dec. 17 (*fide* JJ) and two s. of Forest Grove, *Washington*, OR Feb. 8 (K. Shive) were noteworthy. Marbled Godwits exhibit a similar winter distribution. The peak count was 200 at Tokeland, *Pacific*, WA Feb. 11 (G&WH); other sightings included one at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, OR Dec. 13 (DVB) and one at Dungeness, *Clallam*, WA Feb. 27 (B&GR). There were 2973 Sanderling at Ocean Shores, *Grays Harbor*, WA Dec. 4, the high count at that location (S. MacKay). The total of 10,000 Dunlin at Fern Ridge Res., *Lane*, OR Jan. 1 (TM) was lower than the numbers reported there the last few winters, but is still a sizable number for an inland location. A Short-billed Dowitcher, identified by call, was at Dungeness, *Clallam*, WA Dec. 16–Jan. 31 (BBo, BN).

SA An unprecedented influx of Red Phalaropes followed both December wind storms, with the heaviest concentrations along the outer coast and in the c. Willamette Valley. The first storm deposited moderate numbers, including ten at Tillamook, OR Dec. 1 (CR), one–two at P.N.P., Dec. 1–9 (VN), 52 at Chinook, *Pacific*, WA Dec. 2 (HG), and four at Seattle Dec. 4 (RiR). The 2nd storm precipitated impressive numbers, with many lingering until the CBC period. At least 300 were reported prior to the CBCs, and hundreds more were found during the CBC period. Reports on Dec. 13 included large numbers flying S along the Oregon coast following the storm (DBa), 80 at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, OR (DVB), six near Sheridan, *Yamhill*, OR (DVB), 30 in Linn, OR (AM), 85 at 19 locations in *Pacific*, WA (RiR) and >one at Seattle through Dec. 19 (BS, m.ob.). Sightings from the next 3 days (excluding CBCs) included 60 near Willamina, *Yamhill*, OR (DBa), two at P.N.P. (VN), one at Ridgefield (JE), one at Mollala, *Clackamas*, OR (TJ), and two at Budd Inlet, *Thurston*, WA (MN). Other non-CBC reports included two at Edmonds, *Snohomish*, WA Dec. 17 (SM), 60 at Neah Bay, *Clallam*, WA Dec. 18 (BN, BBo), eight at Tacoma, *Pierce*, WA Dec. 19 (B. LaBar), five at Seattle Dec. 20 (D. Buckley), several near Corvallis, OR Dec. 21 (PMu, LW), and 20 at Tillamook, OR Jan. 1 (DVB).

A Little Gull wintered at American L., *Pierce*, WA Dec. 14–Feb. 20 (PtSu, m.ob.) for the 8th consecutive winter, and two were at P.N.P., Feb. 18–26 (VN). A count of 3500 Bonaparte's Gull at P.N.P., Feb. 22 was the first big migrant flock (VN). Up to ten Heermann's Gull remained at Edmonds, *Snohomish*, WA through Dec. 4 (SM), with one continuing until Jan. 15; they are very rare in winter on Puget Sound. One at Westport, *Grays Harbor*, WA was the only other wintering bird (G&WH, BT). A Mew Gull in Spokane, WA Dec. 5 (J. Wisman) provided the only interior report. The Slaty-backed Gull at Nisqually N.W.R. and the nearby *Thurston* landfill Dec. 30–Feb. 22 (†BT, †T. Schooley, RR) represented the 3rd documented Washington record. A W. Gull was at Richland, *Benton*, WA Dec. 6 (BW, B&NL) for the only interior report. There were 16 Glaucous Gull reports from w. Washington, an above-average number, but no reports from e. Washington.

Relatively few Black-legged Kittiwakes were reported following the wind storms. Three were reported from Puget Sound: one at Pt. Partridge, *Island* Dec. 2 (*fide* RR), one immature at Edmonds, *Snohomish*, Dec. 2–5 (DBe, SM), and one at Tacoma, *Pierce*, Dec. 14 (PtSu). One was reported from the coast at Neah Bay, *Clallam*, WA Dec. 19 (BN, BBo), and two were in the interior—one at John Day Dam, *Klickitat*, WA Nov. 24–Dec. 5 (B. O'Brien) and one at Fern Ridge Dam, *Lane*, OR Jan. 20 (S. Johnson, *fide* HN). A Red-legged Kittiwake was seen 40 mi offshore of Tillamook, OR Dec. 3 (RiR, *fide* HN). A late Sabine's Gull was dead on Newport Beach, *Lincoln*, OR Dec. 4 (B. Wilson, *fide* HN). An equally late Forster's Tern was at Bandon, *Coos*, OR Dec. 13 (S. Brown, *fide* AC). Good numbers of Ancient Murrelets were along the Oregon coast and on Puget Sound to late December: 100 were at Boiler Bay, *Lincoln*, OR Dec. 16 (LW, PMu), >1000 were off Bandon, *Coos*, OR Dec. 23 (BT, MP), 430 were in the Strait of Juan de Fuca Dec. 4 (RiR), and 182 were off Dungeness, *Clallam*, WA Dec. 16 (G. Gerdtts). Few were reported after December. A Parakeet Auklet was picked up on Agate Beach, *Lincoln*, Feb. 24 and died in rehabilitation (RL, *fide* HN); it provided the 2nd consecutive winter record.

Owls to Jays

Five Snowy Owl reports, all from e. Washington, represented only a slight increase from last winter's disappointing numbers: one at Mondovi, *Lincoln*, Dec. 23 (JA) and four at Moses Lake, *Grant*, Jan.

18-Feb. 10 (PMA, AS). A N. Hawk Owl photographed at Winthrop, *Okanogan*, Dec. 28 (*fide* PMA) provided the first record since the invasion in the fall/winter of 1992–1993. A Burrowing Owl at Pasco, *Franklin*, Feb. 24 (B&NL) was probably an early arrival. Three Great Gray Owls were found in Washington, the highest winter total in a long time: at Couse Cr., *Asotin*, Jan. 13 (†D&D Ferguson, W. Hepburn), Havillah, *Okanogan*, Feb. 28 (†RiR), and Bayview, *Skagit*, Feb. 12–26 (B. Anderson, D. Paulson, m.ob.). A Costa's Hummingbird at Ashland, *Jackson*, OR Feb. 11–26 (m.ob., *fide* HS) provided the first winter record since 1990–1991.

A goodly number of Lewis' Woodpecker reports continued the fall trend. They included six near Mollala, *Clackamas*, OR Dec. 19 (TJ), one in *Linn*, OR Dec. 21 (AM), 15 in the Ballston-Perrydale area, *Polk*, OR Dec. 25 (D. Whorton), one at Sauvie Dec. 26 and Feb. 29 (M. Lichi-Strattner, HN), one at Washougal, *Skamania*, WA Feb. 29 (WC), and flocks of ≤ 12 along the Winchuck, Chetco, and Pistol Rivers, *Curry*, OR during January and February (DM). An Acorn Woodpecker was noted near Lyle, *Klickitat*, Feb. 20 (B. Hansen), which is their only regular haunt in Washington. An incredible number of winter tyrannid reports included all 3 phoebe species. A Black Phoebe wintered n. of the usual range on upper Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, Jan. 1+ (AF, m.ob.) and in the Coquille R. Valley, *Coos*, an Oregon record one-day count of 59 was made Dec. 23 (AC). An Eastern Phoebe at Independence, *Polk*, Feb. 19–20 (†SD, WT, AM, TK) provided Oregon's 2nd record. Say's Phoebes were found wintering at 3 Willamette valley locations (RH, B. Combs, SD) and along the lower Rogue R. (DM). A Vermilion Flycatcher at Ridgefield Dec. 31–Jan. 28 (HN, †JE, m.ob.) provided Washington's 2nd record. The Dusky-capped Flycatcher at Newport, *Lincoln*, Jan. 1–8 (P. Dickey, †JJ, m.ob.) provided Oregon's first record.

The number of swallow reports was unusually large. Tree Swallows were present Jan. 10+ (WT), and were everywhere by February. More unusual were the numbers of Violet-green Swallows, with a December report near Everett, WA (J. Flynn), a January report at Ridgefield (E. Anderson), and numerous westside reports after Feb. 11 (P. Adamus). Two eastside reports were quite early: one at Spokane, WA Feb. 15 (H. Ferguson) another at Malotte, *Okanogan*, WA Feb. 18 (EH). Late southbound Barn Swallows were at Salem, OR Dec. 10 (*fide* BBc) and at the mouth of the Siuslaw R.,

Lane, OR Dec. 22 (DF). Apparently wintering birds included ≤ 3 at Ridgefield Jan. 13–20 (JE), one at Canby, *Clackamas*, OR Feb. 9 (TJ, DVB), one at Eugene, OR Feb. 14 (TK), and one at Roseburg, *Douglas*, OR Feb. 23 (KG). The only Blue Jays reported were near Cave Junction, *Curry*, OR Feb. 25 (AF) and at Cheney, *Spokane*, WA Feb. 22 (JA); this is compared to 15–20 last winter.

Thrushes to Finches

Two Blue-gray Gnatcatchers at Roxy Ann Butte, *Jackson*, OR Feb. 5 (AF) were either very early, or wintering, either of which would be rare. A ♂ Mt. Bluebird at the S. Jetty of the Columbia R., *Clatsop*, OR Dec. 17–24 (S. Russell) was unusual for the outer coast. Five N. Mockingbird records was a very average total: singles at Astoria, *Clatsop*, OR Dec. 17 (MP), Coos Bay, OR Dec. 22 (KG), wintering at Eugene, OR (TM, m.ob.), at Seattle, WA Jan. 7–14 (A. Taylor, EH), and Stanwood, *Snobomish*, WA Feb. 3–29 (J. Edison). The Brown Thrasher at Reardan, *Lincoln*, Jan. 28–Feb. 19 (JA, m.ob.) provided the long-overdue first photographed record for Washington. Bohemian Waxwing numbers in e. Washington were average and well distributed; 20 at Richland, *Benton*, WA Feb. 8 were locally rare (BW). Loggerhead Shrikes at Baskett Slough N.W.R., *Polk*, OR Feb. 17 (G. Boyce) and in *Douglas*, WA Feb. 5 (PtSu) provided the only reports of this scarce winterer.

Ten species of warblers were recorded in the Region, probably a record number. Rarities included a Yellow Warbler at Bandon, *Coos*, OR Dec. 23 (RH), a Black-throated Gray Warbler at Roseburg, *Douglas*, OR Dec. 21 (*fide* JJ), an imm. ♂ Prairie Warbler at Newport, *Lincoln*, Dec. 10–15 (E. Horvath, m.ob., ph.), a Black-and-white Warbler at Roseburg, OR Feb. 9+ (KG, m.ob.), a N. Waterthrush at Tillamook, OR Dec. 16 (DVB), and a Wilson's Warbler in the Coquille Valley, *Coos*, OR Dec. 23 (DF). The infrequent wintering species included ≤ 5 Palm Warblers at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, OR all winter (DF, m.ob.), one Palm at Skamokawa, *Wahkiakum*, WA Dec. 22 (S. Jagers), a Palm at Dungeness, *Clallam*, WA Jan. 28–Feb. 1 (S. Gremel, m.ob.), two Palms at Ocean Shores, *Grays Harbor*, WA Feb. 25 (PtSu), two Com. Yellowthroat near Creswell, *Lane*, OR Feb. 3 (S. Nelson), and one Yellowthroat at Salem, OR Dec. 17.

The Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Hunter Cr., *Curry* Dec. 15–Jan. 1 (†CD) represented one of few Oregon winter records. A ♂ Dickcissel at Ocean Shores, *Grays*

Harbor, Feb. 18–25 (N. Schut, m.ob., ph.) provided the 5th Washington record. Westside reports of Am. Tree Sparrow, where they are rare, included one at Kent, *King*, WA Jan. 1–7 (DBc, m.ob.), one at Lummi Flats, *Whatcom*, WA Jan. 27 (JD), two at Dungeness, *Clallam*, WA Feb. 1 (PtSu), and one at Eugene, OR Feb. 3 (R. Kelsh). Two Chipping Sparrows near Finley N.W.R., *Benton*, OR Dec. 2 (RH, H. Herlyn) were late. The tally of Swamp Sparrows consisted of seven from w. Oregon, a relatively low number, and 15 from w. Washington, a relatively large number. None was reported from the eastside. There were 16 reports of White-throated Sparrow from w. Washington and one from the eastside. Harris' Sparrow numbers seem to have declined in recent years, so 13 reports was a heartening total. The distribution of records was six in w. Oregon, two in e. Washington, and five in w. Washington. Two of these were from the outer coast, where they are highly unusual at North Bend, *Coos*, OR Dec. 17 (TK) and at Brookings, OR Feb. 7–8 (M. Stevens, m.ob.), where it provided only the 2nd *Curry* record. Very small numbers of Lapland Longspurs were reported: one at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, OR Dec. 3 (DF), four on the Waterville Plateau, *Douglas*, WA Dec. 10 (AS), and three at Hadley, *Walla Walla*, WA Feb. 6 (BW). The Chestnut-collared Longspur at Seattle Dec. 3–6 (C. McInerny, m.ob., ph.) provided the 2nd report of this species in 1995, after a 20-year absence in Washington. Large numbers of Snow Bunting were reported from both sides of the Cascades. On the westside, where they occur in small flocks along shorelines, ≤ 45 were at Clatsop Beach, OR all winter (MP) and 16 were at Lummi Flats, *Whatcom*, WA Dec. 1–17 (JD). Some impressive peak counts from the interior were 4000 on the Waterville Plateau, *Douglas*, WA Jan. 19 (RiR), 3000 at Mondovi, *Lincoln*, WA Feb. 15 (JA), 250 at Molson, *Okanogan*, WA Dec. 9 (AS), and 250 at Davenport, *Lincoln*, WA Feb. 18 (JA). Four s. of Kiona, *Benton*, WA Feb. 1 (BW, B&NL) and three at Hadley, *Walla Walla*, WA Feb. 6 (BW) were locally rare.

Six Rusty Blackbird reports from Washington provided a single season record. They included a male at Walla Walla, *Walla Walla*, Dec. 2 (MD), one at Bayview, *Skagit*, Jan. 8–20 (†BT, m.ob.), two at Dungeness, *Clallam*, Jan. 17 (E. Kridler), a female at College Place, *Walla Walla*, Jan. 26 (MD), and one at Moxee, *Yakima*, Feb. 12 (DB). None was reported from Oregon. There were 2 December records of Bullock's Oriole at Brookings,

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Curry, OR Dec. 1 (*fide* DM) and at Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor, WA Dec. 3–17 (J. Kaba, m.ob., ph.).

A Brambling at Naselle, Pacific, WA Dec. 6–Jan. 15 (AR, m.ob., ph.) provided the first Regional record since 1993. Very small numbers of Red Crossbills were reported by the few observers who commented on them. White-winged Crossbills, however, attracted some attention, particularly as the summer/fall invasion finally reached Oregon, where ≤ 120 were at Santiam Pass in the c. Cascades Jan. 6–30 (SD *et al.*) and ≤ 50 were at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood Jan. 26–Feb. 10 (D. Copeland, DVB). None was found in the Washington Cascades, but ≤ 40 were on Mt. Spokane, Spokane, Dec. 25–Jan. 3 (JA) and two were in c. Ferry Feb. 15 (PtSu). Common Redpolls were numerous in Okanogan (AS, RiR). Elsewhere, ten in Seattle, WA Dec. 1 (K. Aanerud) and one at Warm Beach, Snohomish, WA in early December (S. Richardson) were unusual. Two Lesser Goldfinch in Brookings, OR Jan. 27 (CD) were unusual in winter on the outer coast. Very small numbers of Evening Grosbeaks were reported; the largest group was 60 on Mt. Pleasant, Skamania, WA Feb. 29 (WC).

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Middle Pacific Coast Region

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The following report was received incomplete. Red Phalaropes, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Northern Fulmars, and Ancient Murrelets staged major early-winter irruptions, and kittiwakes and fulmars remained abundant in Monterey Bay all winter. A strong storm Dec. 11–12 moved some seabirds to unusual sites, affected shorelines, and blew down many trees.

Loons to Storm-Petrels

Two Pacific Loons on Lewiston Res., Trinity, Dec. 18 (JSt, JEHu) were scarce inland. As in winter 1994–1995, three Yellow-billed Loons appeared in the Monterey area. The adult off Pacific Grove stayed through Feb. 10 (RT, †JM, ph. BMCK). Another adult was off Ft. Ord Dec. 29 (DLSh, SFB, ph. BMCK) and an immature was off Pt. Pinos Feb. 5 (RT). Probably both adults were returning birds.

Warm temperatures and open water allowed 4 species of grebes to linger into Winter at Modoc N.W.R. (RLR). Thus the “early” Horned Grebe at Tule L., Siskiyou, Feb. 17 (R.R.O.S.) might have wintered there.

The high count of Laysan Albatrosses was >16 offshore Monterey Jan. 14 (DLSh). Exciting news to landlubbing birders was the return of the Laysan Albatross to Pt. Arena Cove, Mendocino, Dec. 5–Mar. 14 (GS, m.ob.).

The N. Fulmar irruption was exemplified by 1025 counted flying N past Pillar Pt., San Mateo, Dec. 2 (RSTh). The proportion of white morphs increased in February to about one-third (DR). A



Adult Yellow-billed Loon near Pacific Grove, California, December 29, 1995. Photograph/Bert McKee.



This Laysan Albatross again spent most of the winter just offshore at Point Arena, California, where it was photographed December 9, 1995. Photograph/Steve Metz.

