

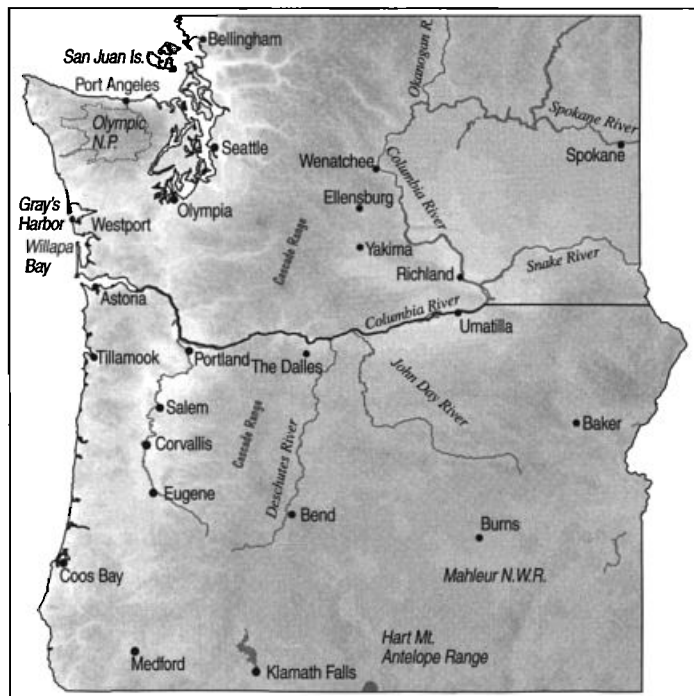
Northway in the e. Interior, where casual, 19 Jun (KWL). Western Tanagers were making news across suitable riparian habitat in S.E. all season. Notable were an above-average 8 around Juneau 5–13 Jun+ (RJG) and easily 25+/day in the Haines area 11–15 Jun (TT, LJO). More extreme was a single offshore at Ketchikan 5 Jul (JG), only the 4th there and 2nd in summer.

A **Swamp Sparrow** set up territory and teased Juneau observers from a sedge marsh 26 Jun–31 Jul (SZ, MWS, PS, TS), furnishing only the 2nd spring/summer Regional report of this casual fall visitor. Most unexpected in S.E., where it is rare in fall/winter, a White-throated Sparrow was mist-netted near Juneau 19–20 Jun+ (RJG, GB). There are only a handful of summer reports, usually of singing singles in the e. Interior. A late-season storm pushed Common Rosefinches into the Region, with 2 males 7 Jun and a female on the 12th at Shemya (DDG), and another bright male at St. Paul I. 13–14 Jun (ST PAUL, vt. GHR), a 2nd island record. Crossbills of both species were broadly but variably reported, with no trends to articulate. After quite a hiatus, White-winged did show in small numbers locally in S.C. White Spruce forests on the e. Kenai Pen. and north to U.C.I.

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Washington and Oregon had another interesting season. There were some fine rarities, including Oregon's first Yellow-throated Vireo and fourth Blue-winged Warbler, plus Washington's fourth Eastern Phoebe and fifth White-winged Dove. More interesting, however, were findings from June research cruises off the northern Olympic Peninsula, which recorded not only rarities (two

Murphy's/Solander's Petrels and three Manx Shearwaters) but out-of-season Laysan Albatrosses, Buller's Shearwaters, Short-tailed Shearwaters, Arctic Terns, and Ancient Murrelets. What they did not find were numbers of Cassin's Auklets. The decline of this species as a breeder in the Region is of grave concern. Another bird possibly in peril as a breeder here is Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel. On the other hand, numbers of other common seabirds such as Northern Fulmar, Sooty Shearwater, and Common Murres seemed to be rebounding from recent downtrends. Perhaps the most interesting report of the season, however, involved a family of grouse in the Olympic Mountains—a sighting which raises the specter of a relict Spruce Grouse population there.

Abbreviations: F.R.R. (Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane, OR); M.N.W.R. (Malheur N.W.R., Harney, OR); N.S.C.B. (North Spit Coos Bay, Coos, OR); O.S. (Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor, WA); P.N.P.

(Pt. No Pt., *Kitsap*, WA); eastside and westside (east and west of the Cascade crest, respectively).

LOONS THROUGH RAPTORS

A tally of 100 Pacific Loons at Boiler Bay, *Lincoln*, 17 Jun was exceptional for summer (PP). A Yellow-billed Loon was at O.S. 14–31 Jul (GR); this is the 5th in the past five summers, but only the 9th in the past 20. A pair of Red-necked Grebes with a chick at Alakai L., *Grant*, 2 Jul provided an extremely rare nesting record away from ne. Washington (SM, DD, CB). Eight Clark's Grebes were at F.R.R. 2 Jun, their only westside breeding area (WW), while one at Pacifica, *Josephine*, 27 Jun provided a rare summer record from elsewhere on the westside (DV). Two Laysan Albatrosses were off the n. Olympic Peninsula in late Jun (SMi, RRw); there have been summer records in three of the last ten years. Northern Fulmar numbers were up from the previous three summers, with a peak of 1746 off Westport 22 Jul (TRW). Two dark *Pterodromas*, both reported as Murphy's, were off the n. Olympic Peninsula 19 & 21 Jun (BLb, RRw); the summer distribution of Murphy's and Solander's in the ne. Pacific is still uncertain. Pink-footed Shearwaters improved over last summer's low numbers, with an average of 70 per trip off Westport. One Flesh-footed Shearwater was off the n. Olympic Peninsula on 18 Jun (BLb, SMi, RRw) was the only report. A very unusual scattering of summer Buller's Shearwaters included singles off the n. Olympic Peninsula on 18, 19 & 21 Jun (RRw, SMi) and off Westport 14–15 Jun (TRW). Sooty Shearwater numbers were respectable, averaging over 2300 per trip off Westport in July (TRW), apparently the highest summer numbers in a decade. Three Short-tailed Shearwaters off the n. Olympic Peninsula 17 Jun (BLb, SMi) provided rare summer records. Manx Shearwater sightings continue to increase, including no fewer than 6 this summer, with singles 32 nautical miles w. of Westport 23 Jun (†M. Force), at O.S. 9–23 Jul (v.t. SM, DD), 5 miles off Port Angeles, *Clallam*, 22 Jul (†PL), ±3 miles off Kalaloch, *Jefferson*, 22 Jun (†SMi, RRw), ±10 mi off the Hoh R., *Jefferson*, 21 Jun (RRw), and ±10 mi off the Raft R. mouth, *Grays Harbor*, 22 June (RRw); this was the 5th consecutive summer with Manx records. Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel numbers off Westport were very low, averaging only 20 per trip (TRW), and Leach's Storm-Petrel were found on only one of three

trips off Westport in July. Larger numbers of both species were found off the n. Olympic Peninsula in late June (RRw, SMi), maybe indicating a shift northward.

A few American White Pelicans continue to roam the westside, including 4 at Smith L., *Multnomah*, 10 Jun (R. Spencer) and 2 at Blaine, *Whatcom*, 16–28 Jun (D. Robinson). A Brown Pelican at Brinnon, *Jefferson*, 13 Jul was unusually far into the Puget Sound region, especially for summer (G. Dunham); most Puget Sound records are from fall. Snowy Egrets, now annual in Washington, were near Oroville, *Okanogan*, 9 Jun (†R. Foxall) and Wilson Creek, *Grant*, 13–15 Jul (†M.A. Thorbeck, C. Eagan). A Cattle Egret was near Burns, *Harney*, 25 Jun (JA); they are rare summer visitors to se. Oregon. Remnants of the May irruption of White-faced Ibis were found throughout the season, including 27 at Doerfler's Pond, *Linn*, 1 Jun (RG), one at Kingston, *Kitsap*, 1 Jun (BN), one at Columbia N.W.R., *Grant*, WA, 3 Jun (vt. SM, DD), 7 at R.N.W.R. 4 Jun (F&K Patrick), up to 16 at W. Richland, *Benton*, 1–3 Jun (B.&T. Clarke), one at Seattle 16 Jun (B. Feltner), one at N.S.C.B. 10 Jul (TR), one at Brookings, *Curry*, 11 Jul (CD), one at Wilson Creek, *Grant*, WA, 13 Jul (M.A. Thorbeck, C. Eagan), and one at Seneca, *Grant*, OR, 14 Jul (RG); this species typically is rare during summer in ne. Oregon and e. Washington and extremely rare on the westside.

Rare lingering geese included a Ross's near Burns, *Harney*, throughout the period (HN), a White-fronted at Ankeny N.W.R., *Marion*, 17 Jul (JL), and the Emperor at Port Angeles, *Clallam*, throughout the period (PL). Brant were present in above-normal numbers, with a maximum of 21 in *Clallam* 12–13 July (PL). No pure American Black Ducks have been seen at Everett, *Snohomish*, in over one year (SM); this introduced population is likely now extirpated, though some of the genes live on in Mallard x American Black Duck hybrids. Blue-winged Teal numbers were distinctly high Regionwide, and 74 at F.R.R. 6 Jun was exceptional for the westside (P.&S. Summers). A likely Cinnamon x Green-winged Teal was noted at F.R.R. 2 Jun (†P. Mathios). A Northern Shoveler with young at Baskett Slough N.W.R., *Polk*, was at Oregon's only regular breeding location (RG). A Ring-necked Duck brood at N.S.C.B. provided an extremely rare coastal breeding record (TR). Scarce breeders anywhere on the westside included a brood of Green-winged Teal at Hastie L.,

Island (SM, DD), 3 broods of Lesser Scaup at Everett (SM), and 4 broods of Lesser Scaup near Freeland, *Island* (SM, S. Terry). Greater Scaup seemed more evident than usual this summer, with a maximum of 40 at Hoquiam, *Grays Harbor*, throughout the period (TA) and 2 rare eastside summer records: 3 at Hines, *Harney*, 12 Jun (HN) and one at Othello, *Adams*, 2 Jul (SM). A Long-tailed Duck, rare during summer, was at Port Angeles 22 Jul (PL). A tally of 77 Barrow's Goldeneye at L. Lenore, *Grant*, 2 Jul was exceptional (SM, DD, CB). Buffleheads, very rare breeders, raised a brood near Chesaw, *Okanogan* (PL). The only report of nesting White-tailed Kites was from the vicinity of Central Point, *Jackson*, 22 Jul (DV). Nineteen Osprey nests at Port Gardner Bay, *Snohomish*, is likely the largest concentration on the westside (SM). Swainson's Hawks at Portland 3 Jun (M. Houck) and Sauvie I. 2 Jun (C. Hallett) were undoubtedly remnants of the spring invasion; typically this species is extremely rare on the westside. An ad. Merlin with 4 fledglings near Bellingham, *Whatcom*, provided extremely rare nesting evidence (TRW). Very late migrant Merlins were at the New R., *Coos*, 1 Jun (TR) and Walla Walla 12 Jun (MD, MLD). Extremely rare for summer w. of the Cascades was a Prairie Falcon near Lincoln City, *Lincoln*, 12 Jun (PP).

GROUSE THROUGH WOODPECKERS

SA Rumors of Spruce Grouse on the Olympic Peninsula have surfaced now and again. This June, Mark Lockwood closely observed and provided written documentation for a female with 3–4 chicks at low elevation about five mi. e. of Oil City, *Jefferson*. Notably, the large white spots on the uppertail coverts of Franklin's Grouse (the race elsewhere in Washington) were not noted. Mark's sighting strongly suggests an extant population of Spruce Grouse on the Olympic Peninsula, but documentation by photograph or specimen would be necessary to fully establish this fact. Furthermore, the question arises, if Spruce Grouse are present, what subspecies are they?

Two ad. Mountain Quail with 2 chicks were in *Pierce* 20 Jul, perhaps representing a previously unknown population (D.

Paulson); the only established populations in w. Washington are on the westside of the Puget Sound, mostly in *Kitsap*. A Sandhill Crane, casual w. of the Cascades during summer, was at Cape Arago, *Coos*, 15 Jul (TR). An American Golden-Plover at N.S.C.B. 22 Jul was the first during summer since 1996 (JG). Two Pacific Golden-Plovers at N.S.C.B. 4–29 Jun provided the Region's first oversummering record (TR), while 4 at Ten Mile Creek, *Coos*, 3 Jun were late spring migrants (DB). An ad. Snowy Plover with 2 young were at the Necanicum Estuary, *Clatsop*, 29 Jul (TT); they are very local nesters in the Region and have not nested in *Clatsop* for 15 years. Semipalmated Plovers unsuccessfully attempted nesting at N.S.C.B., where they have bred twice previously (DL, KC); the only other Oregon breeding records are from M.N.W.R. during the late 1980s. Five Black-necked Stilts were at Ankeny N.W.R., *Marion*, 18–31 Jul (JL); they are extremely rare on the westside during late summer/fall. American Avocets are not annual during summer on the westside, so singles at Port Orford, *Curry*, 17 Jun (J. Cramer) and the Sandy R. mouth, *Multnomah*, 27 Jun (S. Clark) were noteworthy; even more notable, however, was the westside's first nesting record at Crockett L., *Island*, where 8 adults raised 3 young (SM, DD, H. Opperman). The only Solitary Sandpiper was at Swanson Lakes, *Lincoln*, 8 Jul (JA); the Region has recently averaged 4/July. Several Upland Sandpipers near Seneca, *Grant*, OR, 18 Jun revealed that this species maintains its tenuous foothold in the Region (TR). A tally of 950 ad. Whimbrels at Tokeland, *Pacific*, 22 Jul was unprecedented for southbound migration (SM, DD, EK). Bar-tailed Godwits, formerly accidental during summer, are becoming annual in occurrence. This summer one was at Ten Mile Creek, *Coos*, 17 Jul (DB), an ad. female was at Tokeland from 14 Jul on (PL, vt. SM), and a male was at Tokeland 22 Jul (EK, vt. SM, DD); the Tokeland birds that were there last summer. There were 55 Semipalmated Sandpipers reported from 30 Jun onward, with a maximum of 10 at Crockett L., *Island*, 15 Jul (SM, DD), being about average. The only Baird's Sandpiper this summer was at Heceta Beach, *Lane*, 6 Jul (B.&Z. Stotz). Six Pectoral Sandpipers, from 6 Jul on, was about normal. A **Rock Sandpiper** at the Siltcoos R. mouth, *Lane*, 27 Jun was the Region's first in summer (J. Fukuda, DB). Early returning Dunlin included one at N.S.C.B. 25 Jun (TR), one at O.S. 13 Jul

(TA), and one near Sequim, *Clallam*, 13 Jul (PL). A Stilt Sandpiper at Othello, *Adams*, 3 Jun represented only the 3rd eastside record of a northbound bird (DD, SM). Wilson's Phalaropes, rare nesters on the westside, bred at Ankeny N.W.R. and Baskett Slough N.W.R. (RG, JL).

Four South Polar Skuas off the Olympic Peninsula in June (RRw, BLb, SMi) was a surprising number for summer. Two Parasitic Jaegers were flying over freshwater at Crockett L., *Island*, 17 Jun (DD, SM); jaegers are very rare during summer in the Puget Sound region. Franklin's Gulls continued their irruption into e. Washington, where very rare during summer, with up to 10 at L. Lenore, *Grant*, 8 Jun–2 Jul (TA), 3 at Wilson Creek, *Grant*, 1–4 Jul (PtS, SM), and 8 at Othello, *Adams*, 8 Jun (TA); most interestingly, a bird at L. Lenore on 8 Jun exhibited behavior suggestive of nesting (TA). On the westside, Franklin's are extremely rare during spring but rare-to-uncommon during fall; one at Lincoln City, *Lincoln*, 6 Jun was a holdover from spring (PP), while singles near Winchester Bay, *Douglas*, 18 Jul (DB) and the Necanicum R. mouth, *Clatsop*, 20 Jul (MP) were early fall arrivals. A **Little Gull** at P.N.P. 26–27 Jul was only the 3rd for summer in Washington (VN). A Mew Gull at L. Lenore is rare during any season, but one on 8 Jun likely provided the first eastside summer record (TA). A **Glaucous Gull**, casual during summer, was at Lincoln City, *Lincoln*, 4 Jun (JH). Elegant Terns were found annually in the Region from 1989–1998, but with the return of colder ocean temperatures, none were seen in 1999 and none were expected in 2000. Consequently, 3 at the Necanicum Estuary, *Clatsop*, 18 Jul (TT), one at Clatsop Spit, *Clatsop*, 19 July (TT), and one at O.S. 9 Jul (SM, DD) were quite surprising. Perhaps, like Brown Pelicans and Heermann's Gulls, their occurrence is becoming less linked to water temperature. Two Arctic Terns remained at Everett, *Snohomish*, to 21 Jun without any sign of successful nesting (TA). Furthermore, 26 summering Arctic Terns were off the Olympic Peninsula in June (SMi); midsummer records away from the Everett breeding colony are very scarce. Eleven Forster's Terns were at F.R.R. 2 Jun, with scattered sightings there to 10 Jul (WW). One was at Everett, *Snohomish*, 7 Jun and 9 Jul (D. Beaudette, G. Toffic) and another was at Monroe, *Snohomish*, 9 Jun (KK); Forster's are extremely rare spring migrants and are unknown as breeders on the westside. Black Terns were

at their only two westside nesting locations—25 at F.R.R. 2 Jun (WW) and 5 at Baskett Slough N.W.R., *Polk*, 13 Jun (J Geier). After a decade of breeding failure, Common Murres bred successfully for the 2nd consecutive summer; July trips off Westport found good numbers of chick/adult pairs moving north (TRW) About 10 Ancient Murrelets, some in pairs, were off the Olympic Peninsula in June (BLb, RRw), raising hopes that this species continues to breed in Washington. Cassin's Auklet numbers, a source of concern for a decade, remained very low off Westport, averaging only 2 per trip (TRW). To the north, 161 Cassin's were off the Olympic Peninsula 16–25 Jun, a low count for waters adjacent to their breeding colonies (SMi). A Horned Puffin was at Cape Foulweather, *Lincoln*, 15 Jul (B Thackaberry, †JH, S. Wratten); the species has been seen during Jul–Aug in three of the last four years on the Oregon coast

Band-tailed Pigeons, rare on the eastside, visited Fields, *Harney*, 1 Jun (M) and Frenchglen, *Harney*, 13 Jun (AC); most eastside records are from se. Oregon during spring/summer. Washington's 5th **White-winged Dove** was at Tatoosh I., *Clallam*, 12 Jun (ph. J. Parrish); all records are May–Nov. For the 5th summer of the last six, a Yellow-billed Cuckoo was in *Harney*, this time at M.N.W.R. 9–27 Jun (CC, AC) Another reported from Mountlake Terrace, *Snohomish*, 11 Jul is pending WBRC review (†J. Elder); this species is rare in Washington, with most records being Jun–Jul. Black Swifts were found at several Oregon locations far from Salt Creek Falls, *Lane*, their only known breeding site in that state; most were on the coast during early and mid-Jun. A Black-chinned Hummingbird at Mt. Pleasant, *Skamania*, 21 Jul was in sw. Washington, where very rare (WC). A Lewis's Woodpecker, rare in w. Washington, was near Little Rock, *Thurston*, during Jul (K. Li, K. Baker) Integrate Red-shafted × Yellow-shafted Flickers were in Lynwood, *Snohomish*, 12 Jun (P. Ross) and Seattle 8 Jul (TA); though common during winter, such birds are casual during summer.

FLYCATCHERS

THROUGH THRASHERS

Typical of the past decade, 9 Least Flycatchers were found, mostly on the eastside, with singles at Page Springs, *Harney*, throughout the period (W. Gross), Hamilton, *Skagit*, 4 Jun (SA), Vantage, *Kittitas*, 11 Jun (R. Lawson), Agency L.,

Klamath, 7 Jul (FM), Turnbull N.W.R., *Spokane*, 25 Jul (M. Frobe); 2 were at Holliday S.P., *Grant*, OR, 14 Jul (RG) and at Lower Hardy Canyon, *Yakima*, 17 Jun (PtS). A Gray Flycatcher in se. Washington at FEALE 30 Jul was well away from known breeding areas and may have been an exceptionally early migrant (BL, NL). Washington's 4th **Eastern Phoebe** was singing at L. Ozette, *Clallam*, 3 Jun (†S. Gremel). Eastern Kingbirds are very rare on the outer coast, so singles at Cape Blanco, *Curry*, 3 Jul (TJW) and Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, 12–13 Jun (R. Lowe) were noteworthy. This species is also a very local nester on the westside, but numbers may be increasing, as evidenced by 6 pairs plus 3 singles near Everett, *Snohomish*, during Jun (SM). A **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** near Burns, *Harney*, 15 Jul was the 13th for Oregon and the 5th for e. Oregon (ph. SD); previous e. Oregon records spanned 14 Jun–7 Aug. Oregon's first **Yellow-throated Vireo** was at M.N.W.R. 9 Jun (†CC, JS, AC, D Taylor); the prior Regional record was from Spencer I., *Snohomish*, 26–28 Oct 1995. A singing Hutton's Vireo near Husum, *Klickitat*, 17 Jun was in e. Washington, where extremely rare (SJ).

A family group of Western Scrub-Jays at Prineville, *Crook*, provided further evidence of range expansion (N. MacDonald). A tally of 2000 Bank Swallows at Walla Walla 8 Jul was exceptional (MD, MLD), while a colony of 10+ near Toutle, *Cowlitz*, 2 Jul was at a previously unknown breeding area (†F. Drobny); this very local breeder on the westside may be expanding its range. Very rare in w. Oregon n. of *Jackson* was a Pygmy Nuthatch at Big L., *Linn*, 12 Jul (M. Hunter); another at M.N.W.R. 29 Jul was also well out-of-place (HN). Two Bewick's Wrens at Page Springs, *Harney*, 11 Jun (HN) and 2 in the Trout Creek Mountains, *Harney*, 16 Jul (SD) were well east of their normal range. A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at Trout Creek Canyon, *Harney*, 1 Jun was east of this species' known breeding range (M). A summering Gray Catbird at Bend, *Deschutes*, was well west of this species' Oregon breeding areas (D Tracey). A pair of Northern Mockingbirds along Alder Creek Canyon, *Klickitat*, raised 4 young, while an additional male sang nearby (SJ); there are \pm 3 previous Washington breeding records. Other Washington reports included one at Hanford, *Benton*, 17 Jun (R. Johnson, D. Ward) and two near Pasco, *Franklin*, 23 Jun (R. Rawvett). In Oregon, mockingbirds were at Toledo, *Lincoln*, 17 Jun (DF) and

Glass Butte, *Lake*, 9 Jun (JL); the Region has recently averaged \pm 5/summer. A Brown Thrasher at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, 25 Jun was about the 21st for Oregon (†DF).

WARBLERS TO CROSSBILLS

Oregon's 3rd and the Region's 4th **Blue-winged Warbler** was at Indian Ford Creek, *Deschutes*, 24–31 Jul. (ph. GG, †CG, †J. Meredith); previous records came from May and September. A **Virginia's Warbler** was in the Trout Creek Mountains, *Harney*, 16 Jul (SD); in 1998 the first Oregon nesting evidence came from nearby areas in *Malheur*. Northern Parula sightings include a male at M.N.W.R. 10 Jun (CC), a female at M.N.W.R. 11 Jun (CC), and a male at Lincoln City, *Lincoln*, 12 Jul (PP); there are about 45 Oregon records, mostly from *Harney*. A male Magnolia Warbler banded at Galesville Res., *Douglas*, 14 Jul added to Oregon's \pm 35 records, but was exceptional for mid-summer (*vide* DV). At least one Black-and-white Warbler was at M.N.W.R. 13 Jun–5 Jul (K. Rodecap, RG, DP); the Region has recently averaged about 3/summer. There were a number of noteworthy American Redstart sightings. On the westside, a pair nested at Cape Blanco, *Curry* (TJW), 2 males were at Fortson Mill Ponds, *Snohomish*, for the 2nd consecutive year (SM, DD), 3 males were at traditional Skagit R. sites (SA), and one was at Cascade Head, *Lincoln*, 13 Jun (PP); redstarts are an extremely local breeder in w. Washington, have bred only once in w. Oregon, and are a rare spring migrant into mid-June. On the eastside, potential breeding occurred at Liberty, *Kittitas*, where a pair was found carrying food (SM, DD), and at Indian Ford Creek, where two females and a male were found (N. Pieplow, GG); redstarts are rare breeders on the east slope of the Cascades. A singing Ovenbird near Camp Sherman, *Jefferson*, 19 Jun was about the 43rd for Oregon (PaS), while one at Packwood, *Lewis*, 16 Jun–1 Jul was Washington's 15th (T. Eckert, †KK); relatively few records are from mid-summer. Northern Waterthrushes again occupied their only known w. Oregon breeding site at Salt Creek Falls, *Lane* (R. Freeman), while one singing at Liberty, *Kittitas*, 10 Jun was well away from Washington's known breeding areas (PtS). Yellow-breasted Chats at Pierce N.W.R., *Skamania*, 15 Jun (EA) and near Rockport, *Skagit*, 16–17 Jun (SA) furnished the 23rd and 24th w. Washington records since 1970, most of them from late May–late Jun.

A Green-tailed Towhee, casual in

Oregon w. of the Cascades, was in *Benton's* Coast Range 5 Jun (B. Newhouse). Recently considered a vagrant anywhere on the westside, Brewer's Sparrows certainly seem to be established, at least locally, in *Jackson* and *Josephine* with 3 adults and 3 juveniles near Central Point 22 Jul (DV), 4, Mt. Ashland 7 Jul (DV), and one singing, near Cave Junction 21 Jun (CM, MM). Other potential westside breeders included 3 at Detroit, *Marion*, 12 Jun (SD) and one at *Linn* Cascades, 8 Jul (RG). A true vagrant was a Brewer's at Lincoln City, *Lincoln*, 13 Jun (PP). Vesper Sparrows at Clatsop Spit, *Clatsop*, 4 Jul (TT) and Salmon R., *Lincoln*, 28 Jul (PP) were well away from known breeding areas. Black-throated Sparrows staged a mini-invasion into the westside, where it is irruptive usually from mid-May to early Jun. Singles were at Portland 5 Jun (J. Salmon), Gresham, *Multnomah*, 7 Jun (W. Stone), Cape Blanco, *Curry*, 7 Jun (TJW), and Graham, *Pierce*, 15 Jun (B. Holtz). In e. Washington, this species is rare and local. Two at Richland, *Benton*, 13 Jun (BL, NL, BW), and 3+ near Vantage, *Kittitas*, during Jun (R. Romea, S. Pink, M. Breece) were at or near traditional sites, but two exchanging food at Steptoe Butte, *Whitman*, 3–5 Jun (JA) potentially represented a substantial range expansion. A Grasshopper Sparrow, a rare-and-declining westside breeder, was at F.R.R. 9 Jun (S. Maulding). A Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow at Rattlesnake Ridge, *Benton*, 23 Jun was well away from this race's breeding area in the North Cascades and was about 4 weeks late locally (BL, NL). A Golden-crowned Sparrow at Cape Blanco 4 Jun was three weeks late, providing a rare summer record (TJW). A young **Gray-headed Junco** in the Trout Creek Mtns., *Harney*, 17 Jul provided Oregon's 5th record (SD); a small breeding population likely exists in extreme se. Oregon as nesting was confirmed in *Malheur* last summer. **Lapland Longspurs** were at Ten Mile Creek, *Coos*, 3 Jun (DB), Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, 12 Jun (DF), and Floras L., *Curry*, 14 Jun (DL, KC); there are only 3 previous summer records, including 2 last year during early Jun.

Oregon averages about 5 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks/summer, Washington about one/summer; this year 7 were in Oregon, all 2–12 Jun, while Washington had 3: Spokane, 5 Jun (†JA, W. Hall), near Twisp, *Okanogan*, 5 Jul (J. Robertson), and Anacortes, *Skagit*, 19 Jul (ph. H. Heneks). An Indigo Bunting was 28 mi. w. of Grants Pass, *Josephine*, 29 Jun (DV), about the

43rd for Oregon, most of which have been mid-May to early Aug. Washington's 10th **Indigo Bunting** and the 3rd this year was at Concrete, *Skagit*, 7 Jun (K. & J. Wiggers). Oregon's 8th **Dickcissel** was at Brookings, *Curry*, 2-11 Jul (K. Goldwater, DM, CD); most previous records were also from the outer coast and were scattered from Jul-Mar. Washington's only Tricolored Blackbird colony, near Wilson Creek, *Grant*, boasted up to 25 adults plus young (†TA, †SM). A Common Grackle at the New R., *Coo*s, 2 Jun was about the 24th for Oregon (TR). Great-tailed Grackles extended their spring push into Oregon with up to 2 at F.R.R. 9 Jun-11 Jul (D. Irons, D. Fix, AC, S. McDonald), one at Plush, *Lake*, 19 Jun (RG, D. Heyerly), 4 at Agency L., *Klamath*, 5 Jul (KS), and one at Eugene, *Lane*, 23 Jun (R. Titus); during the last several years, this species has been mostly limited to *Harney*. A White-winged Crossbill was at Waldo L., *Lane*, 5-13 Jun (WW, TR) and 2 were at Conrad Meadows, *Yakima*, 17 Jun (PtS); this species is unpredictable in the Region's montane forests.

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