

Oregon-Washington



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The weather this winter was DRY, with drought or near-drought conditions through much of the Region. The snowpack in virtually all of Washington was below 70% of normal, and rainfall in western Washington was about 50% of normal. Temperatures were also generally subnormal, but the increased sunshine lent to an overall perception of mildness that seemed to lead to increased birder activity and perhaps bird survival.

The winter was a good one for finding less hardy species. Indeed, there were 11 species of warblers, four swallows, and two tanagers recorded, and sometimes shorebirding seemed more spring-like than wintery. There was also a good number of birds rare for any season, the top of which has to be Washington's first White

Ibis, though few would turn up their noses at Arctic Loon, Short-tailed Albatross, or Whooper Swan. Some trends from the fall also continued, including excellent numbers of tubenoses from shore, the continuing irruption of Red-shouldered Hawks, and even more Northern Hawk Owls. On the downside, duck numbers seemed quite low, perhaps due to the relative scarcity of wetlands this winter. Finally, almost certainly relating to observer effort, a wide array of hybrids were reported—from geese to sapsuckers to buntings.

Abbreviations: F.R.R. (Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane); Malheur (Malheur N.W.R., Harney); N.S.C.B. (N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos); O.S. (Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor); P.N.P. (Pt. No Pt., Kitsap); Ridgefield (Ridgefield N.W.R., Clark); W.W.R.D. (Walla Walla R. delta, Walla Walla); Y.R.D. (Yakima R. delta, Benton, WA). Eastside and westside = east and west of the Cascade crest, respectively.

Loons Through Raptors

One of the season's grand questions was "How many Arctic Loons were there in Washington?" Two **Arctic Loons** were at P.N.P. 9-10 Dec

(†EH, G. Gerds, †BLb), with one being seen intermittently there until 19 Jan (VN). An Arctic was also at Edmonds, *Snohomish* 29 Jan-4 Feb (DB, DD) and at Port Angeles, *Clallam* 7 Feb (†BS). Edmonds is only 10 mi from P.N.P. as the loon flies, but Port Angeles is nearly 70 mi away; the presence of at least 3 birds seems likely. Yellow-billed Loons are very rare on the eastside, so singles at Wallowa L., *Wallowa* 17-20 Jan (CC, JC) and at Priest Rapids L., *Yakima* 30 Dec (AS) were noteworthy. On the westside, Yellow-billed appeared in near normal numbers, with 2 near Sequim, *Clallam* 18 Dec (E. Kridler, BLb), and singles at Cape Meares 5 Dec (M. Burke, P. Sher), Netarts Bay 16 Dec-20 Jan (HN), and Tacoma to 10 Dec (BLb). Three Clark's Grebes from w. Oregon and 5 from w. Washington furnished an average winter's total for the westside, but one near Clarkston, *Asotin* 2 Dec provided a very rare eastside winter record (M. Koliner). A Westport pelagic trip 27 Jan had an imm **Short-tailed Albatross** and about 5 Laysan Albatross, but shockingly, only one Black-footed Albatross (†BLb); the Short-tailed was the 9th for the Region since 1950. Northern Fulmars continued near shore in unusual numbers, with a peak in Oregon of 1500 at Boiler Bay, *Lincoln* 22 Dec (PP) and in Washington of 150 at Cape Flattery, *Clallam* 3 Dec (SM, DD). Pink-footed Shearwaters are not annual during winter, especially from shore, so 2 at Bandon, *Coos* 30-31 Dec were exceptional (AC, D. Irons). A **Buller's Shearwater** seen off *Curry* 7 Jan by experienced observers was the Region's first winter record (A. Barron, TJW). A tally of 300 Short-tailed Shearwaters at Boiler Bay 12 Dec provided an exceptional from-shore count (PP). Two others were in Tacoma 17 Dec (R. Romea), and a Short-tailed/Sooty Shearwater was over freshwater at Capitol L. in Olympia 23 Dec (K. Brady)! Short-taileds are more common during winter than Sooties, but they are still not quite annual in the Puget Sound region. Westside American White Pelicans included 2 at F.R.R. throughout the winter (D. Pettey) and 2 at Sauvie I. 11 Feb (M. Michalchcyk). Several Brown Pelicans lingered into Jan on the Oregon coast, a regular phenomenon during the last few years, but one found moribund at Milwaukie, *Clackamas* 4 Feb was extraordinary for date and inland location (*vide* HN), and another near Florence, *Lane* 1 Feb was also late (B&Z Stotz). Two Great Egrets at Ringold, *Franklin* 5-6 Jan were in e. Washington, where

very rare during winter (L. Ness, M. Hollen). The only Cattle Egrets this winter were 2 at Burbank Heights, *Walla Walla* 2 Dec (MD, MLD)—a below-average showing. Washington's first **White Ibis** was at Bay Center, *Pacific* 30 Dec and then relocated 8-17 Jan near Raymond, *Pacific* (ph. CH, BSh); this subadult was possibly, but not definitely, the same bird seen during Nov near Newport, Oregon. A Turkey Vulture near Carlsborg, *Clallam* 28 Jan was two to three weeks early (B. Davies).

"Old Stumpy," the Port Angeles Emperor Goose, remained throughout the winter (vt. SM), while singles were also present at Sauvie I./Ridgefield throughout the winter (HN) and in *Polk* 3 Dec (M. Lippmeyer). Single Ross's Geese were near Dayton, *Yamhill* (FS), Grants Pass, *Josephine* (DV), Warrenton, *Clatsop* (MD, MLD, MP), Finley N.W.R., *Benton* (HH), and White City, *Jackson* (N. Barrett); this is about average for recent winters but would have been unthinkable a decade ago. Inland Brant, always rare, included one at Sauvie I./Ridgefield throughout the winter (HN) and 2 at Canby, *Clackamas*, 9-16 Feb (ES, TS, EM). The **Whooper Swan** (with 3 young, possibly hybrids) wintering in Lower Klamath N.W.R., California, wandered n. into the Oregon side of the refuge 18 Feb (ph.KS, FM); this is likely the same family group that visited Summer L. in Nov. Four Eurasian Wigeon were reported from the eastside, 3 in *Benton* (BW, BL, NL) and one at Orondo, *Douglas* (PtS). A Common Teal at Richland, *Benton* 17-28 Feb was on the eastside, where extremely rare (ph. BL, †RF); on the westside, the seasonal total of 12 Common (Eurasian form of Green-winged) Teal plus one Common x Green-winged hybrid was probably a Regional record. Tufted Ducks included a female at Everett, *Snohomish* 6 Dec (vt. SM), the overwintering male at Bingen, *Klickitat* (WC, †CH), a female at Bingen 20 Feb (†T. Love), a male at Astoria, *Clatsop* 3 Feb-Mar (MP, ph. J. Woodhouse), and a male in Issaquah, *King*, 24 Feb (†CH); the Region averages about 2 per winter. *Garfield's* first White-winged Scoters were 2 at Lower Granite Dam 28 Jan (J. Lipar); the only other eastside report was one at Wanapum Pool 14 Feb (BF). Eight Long-tailed Ducks on the eastside this winter was well above normal. Questions as to the origin of a male **Smew**, well inland at Malheur 26-28 Feb, will undoubtedly vex the O.B.R.C. (m.ob.); there is only one previous Oregon record. There were a number of unusual hybrid waterfowl this winter including a Canada (probably Cackling) x Greater White-fronted Goose at Ridgefield 14 Dec (†TA), 2 male Northern Pintail x Mallards at Spencer I., *Snohomish* 17 Dec (SM) and 2 more at McNary N.W.R., *Walla Walla* 22 Dec

SA Washington had eight Red-shouldered Hawks this winter. To fully comprehend the importance of this occurrence, consider that Washington's first was during Dec 1979 and that state's 3rd was found as recently as Apr 1992. The expansion of this species's range into the Region began during 1971 in sw. Oregon (Henny and Cornely 1985, *Murrelet*), and it has continued steadily since then. Red-shoulders have been annual in Washington since 1992. Nonetheless, this winter's irruption was well beyond expectations. Immatures this winter included 2 at Ridgefield until 14 Feb (†TA, JE) and singles at Everett throughout the winter (vt. SM), at Nisqually N.W.R. 17 Dec-mid-Feb (S. Nord, BSh, ph. RS), near Brady, *Grays Harbor* 15 Jan-Feb (GT, ph. RS), and at Steigerwald L., *Clark* 24 Jan (WC). Single ads. were at Ridgefield 10 Dec (JE) and Woodland, *Cowlitz* 11 Dec (JE). Will this species soon breed in Washington?

(MD, MLD), and a male Common x Barrow's Goldeneye at Ediz Hook, *Clallam* 15 Feb (†TA).

Winter Ferruginous Hawks are very rare on the eastside away from se. Oregon, and they are casual on the westside. This winter, on the west side, one was at Fernhill Wetlands, *Washington* 5 Jan (HN), and possibly the same bird was at

nearby Cornelius 20 Jan (D. Lusthoff), while another was at Ridgefield 15 Jan (†RK). On the eastside, one was at Enterprise, *Wallowa* 10 Dec (PaS), and another wintered near Kahlotus, *Franklin* (TA). Fifteen Gyrfalcons were reported, including one exceptionally far s. near Klamath Falls, *Klamath* throughout the winter (KS); the Region averages about 11 per winter. Fifteen Prairie Falcons on the westside, 8 in Oregon and 7 in Washington, was also well above average.

Plovers Through Woodpeckers

A number of wintering shorebirds was present in above-average to record numbers at Washington's Willapa Bay, perhaps a reflection of the relatively mild winter or possibly due to increased coverage (Table 1). A **Mountain Plover** at Ilwaco, *Pacific* 22 Dec-6 Jan was Washington's 3rd and the Region's 11th (†G. Fredericks, ph. RS, vt. SM, †EH, †CH); most previous Regional records have been on the westside between Nov and Mar. Lesser Yellowlegs have become virtually annual during winter in Oregon but are still casual in Washington, with only one record during the previous eight winters. This winter in Washington, up to 2 were near Raymond, *Pacific*, 28 Dec-13 Jan (vt. SM, MD, MLD) and up to 3 were near Marysville, *Snohomish* 11 Feb-10 Mar (DB, DD, SM); in Oregon, one was at Coos Bay, *Coos* 16 Dec-4 Jan (AC, HH, TR)



This Mountain Plover spent the holidays at Fort Canby State Park, Ilwaco, Pacific County, Washington. A state third, it was photographed 26 December. Photograph by Ruth Sullivan.

Table1: Peak counts of wintering shorebirds along Willapa Bay.

Species	Maximum	Location	Date	Observers
Black-bellied Plover	2700	Leadbetter Point	7 Feb	TA, BG
Snowy Plover	32	Midway Beach	10 Feb	PtS
Semipalmated Plover	25	Midway Beach	20 Jan	PWS
Greater Yellowlegs	88	Nemah	4 Jan	SM, TA, SG
Willet	17	Tokeland	28 Dec	SM
Marbled Godwit	585	Tokeland	4 Mar	SM, DD, RTS
Western Sandpiper	690	Leadbetter Point	4 Jan	SM, TA, SG
Least Sandpiper	260	Tokeland	4 Mar	SM, DD, RTS
Dunlin	55,000	Leadbetter Point	7 Feb	TA, SG

Single Spotted Sandpipers, casual during winter in e. Washington, were near Pasco, *Franklin* 27-28 Jan (C&J Johnson) and at Prosser, *Benton* 3 Feb (BW). The Blaine, *Whatcom* Long-billed Curlew remained until 10 Dec (SM, DD); this species is very rare during winter away from the outer coast. Two Marbled Godwits remained at Blaine until 28 Dec (TA), and up to 2 were near Sequim, *Clallam* 9-18 Dec (BN, G. Gerdts); this species is rare during winter away from the outer coast. Red Knots are not annual during winter, so one at Blyn, *Clallam* 17 Dec was noteworthy (BB). Least Sandpipers, very rare during winter in e. Washington, overwintered at Y.R.D., with a maximum of 10 on 5 Jan (BL, NL). The nominate-race **Rock Sandpiper** remained at O.S. throughout the winter (TA, RTS). Dunlin, very rare during winter in e. Washington, overwintered at Y.R.D. and W.W.R.D., with a maximum of 143 at W.W.R.D. 29 Dec (MD, MLD). Single Short-billed Dowitchers were found at Tillamook 16 Dec (JG) and Nemah, *Pacific* 25 Dec (PtS); they are now almost annual during winter.

A Franklin's Gull at Scappoose Bottoms, *Columbia* 27 Jan was about the 9th winter record for Oregon (MD, MLD). A first-year Little Gull was at Everett, *Snohomish* 2 Dec (+EH), and perhaps the same bird was at P.N.P. intermittently from 12 Dec to 1 Mar (VN); a second-year bird was at Tacoma, *Pierce* 14 Jan (J. Tangren). Three Heermann's Gulls were at Boiler Bay, and one was at Cape Foulweather, *Lincoln* 12 Dec (PP); they are now rare but annual during winter. A gathering of 3 Mew Gulls at Two Rivers Park, *Benton* 22 Dec was unusual for the eastside (DR). The **Lesser Black-backed Gull** returned to W.W.R.D. 29 Dec-12 Feb (MD, MLD) but wandered briefly to Groves Park, *Benton* 8 Jan (+BW, NL, DR); this bird provided Washington's first record last winter. A paltry 13 Glaucous Gulls were reported; the Region averages about 24 per winter. A remarkable 1500 Black-legged Kittiwakes passed Boiler Bay 25 Feb (PP). Ancient

Murrelets numbers were exceptional off the Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas during Dec, with a maximum of 1878 near Sequim, *Clallam* 18 Dec (*vide* BN).

Snowy Owls appeared in above-average numbers, but this was definitely not an irruption year. Eleven were in w. Washington, 7 were in e. Washington, and 5 were in w. Oregon, the southernmost of which was at Eugene, *Lane* 27 Dec (*vide* TM). The **Northern Hawk Owl** invasion continued in Washington with singles near Custer, *Whatcom* 30 Dec-24 Feb (vt. SM) and near Bickleton, *Klickitat* 2 Feb (ph. BL, NL); prior to fall 2000, there were only about 11 Washington records, and the *Whatcom* bird was the first w. Washington record since 1924! Single Burrowing Owls in w. Oregon included one wintering near Salem, *Marion* (SD), another wintering at Baskett Slough, *Polk* (*vide* HN), and one at Medford, *Jackson* 26 Jan (DV); this represents a fairly typical winter. In e. Washington, where rare during winter, single Burrowing Owls were at Pasco, *Franklin* 7 Jan (PtS), Othello, *Adams* 21 Jan (BF), Pullman, *Asotin* 8 Feb (BW), and Rancho Reata 13 Feb (NL). Very rare during winter on the eastside, Anna's Hummingbirds were at Bend, *Deschutes* 18 Feb (DT) and Wenatchee, *Chelan* early Dec-mid-Feb (M & D Baker). The hybrid Red-naped x Red-breasted Sapsucker returned to Ridgefield 17 Dec (TA). Red-naped Sapsuckers were at Dundee, *Yamhill* 25 Jan (S. Rinard) and near Williams 20 Dec (DV); they are rare during winter anywhere away from *Klamath* and are very rare w. of the Cascades at any time.

Flycatchers Through Mimids

Black Phoebes continue their range expansion with singles at Milwaukie, *Clackamas* throughout the winter, near Dayton, *Yamhill* 21 Jan-18 Feb (FS), and near Klamath Falls, *Klamath* 6 Dec (FM); the latter bird provided the first eastside winter record in at least eight years. Ten Say's Phoebes in w. Oregon was more than twice the usual total. Single **Tropical Kingbirds**,

holdovers from this fall's invasion, were at Floras L., *Curry* 3 Dec (TJW), near Port Orford, *Curry* 4 Dec (TJW), and at O.S. 4 Dec (BN), there are only two previous Regional winter records, both from s. Oregon during Dec 1997. Loggerhead Shrikes, very rare during winter on the westside, were at the Sixes R., *Curry* throughout the winter (TJW) and at Brownsville, *Linn* 28 Jan (D. Copeland). Loggerheads are also rare during midwinter in e. Washington, so one along Crab Creek, *Grant* 24 Jan was noteworthy (BF, RH). Two Blue Jays were in e. Oregon, and 7 were in e. Washington, including 4 in Spokane during late Jan (S Hagen); the Region averages 7 per winter. First found during Nov, the Black-billed Magpie at Monmouth, *Polk* remained through the winter (J. Geier); magpies are very rare on the westside.

A Tree Swallow at Wilson State Wildlife Area 26 Jan was a couple weeks early (D. Budeau). Two Rough-winged Swallows at Ankeny N.W.R., *Marion* 10 Dec (NW) were more than two months late, while one at Albany, *Linn* 3 Feb was about two months early (J. Geier). Four Barn Swallows were in w. Oregon and 9 in w. Washington; this species is surprisingly regular during winter, even in Jan and Feb. More than 20 Mountain Chickadees remained in w. Oregon after this fall's irruption. A Rock Wren, extremely rare during winter on the westside, was at Newport, *Lincoln* throughout the winter (J. Metzler). Continuing this species's range expansion on the eastside, a Bewick's Wren near Clarkston, *Asotin* 24 Feb was nearly in Idaho (M. Kolinier). Two American Dippers were near Pasco, *Franklin* 18 Dec-29 Jan (MD, MLD), though widespread in the Region, this species has only been seen twice before in the well-birded Lower Columbia Basin. The Cutler City, *Lincoln* Blue-gray Gnatcatcher remained until 6 Dec (A. Scmierer, SD), and another was found in Portland 21 Dec (S. Replin); gnatcatchers are very rare during winter in the Region, and both birds were nw. of the this species's breeding range. Mountain Bluebirds are rare during mid-winter in e. Washington, so 4 along Crab Creek, *Grant* 24 Jan were noteworthy (BF, RH). Washington Northern Mockingbirds were in W Richland, *Benton* 10 Jan-1 Feb (R. Hinz) and near Chehalis, *Lewis* 30 Jan (*vide* BSh); 7 more were in w. Oregon, representing an above-average winter.

Warblers Through Finches

Single Nashville Warblers, very rare during winter, were at Riverside, *Coos* 31 Dec (D. Irons) and Central Pt., *Jackson* 10 Feb (N. Barrett). A **Yellow Warbler** at Neah Bay, *Clallam* 3 Dec provided Washington with its 2nd winter record (SM, DD). A **Cape May Warbler** at Gold Beach,

Curry 4 Feb into Mar was about the 12th for Oregon and the first for winter (N. Barrett, CD, ph. DT). A Black-throated Gray Warbler was at Floras L., Curry 25 Feb (C. Lawes, M.A. Sohlstrom); the Region averages about one every other winter. Even rarer was a Hermit Warbler at Astoria, Clatsop 24 Dec–13 Jan (TT) and another at Corvallis, Benton 19 Jan–Mar (A. Ansell). A Townsend's x Hermit Warbler at Sumner, Pierce 31 Jan may be the first ever in the Region during winter (†C. Wright). Palm Warblers are not annual away from the outer coast, so one in Seattle that overwintered was noteworthy (KA). A Common Yellowthroat overwintered at Everett, Snohomish (DB), another was at Bay Center, Pacific 31 Dec (RTS), and one was near Snohomish 27 Jan (D. Froehlich); yellowthroats are very rare in Washington after Dec. Three Wilson's Warblers were found this winter, below last winter's 5, but well above average: Sauvie I. 10 Dec (DMa), Grants Pass, Josephine 18 Dec (DV), and Monmouth, Polk 4 Jan (M. Meikle).

A **Summer Tanager** at Cedar Mill, Washington 10 Jan–Mar was about the 10th for Oregon and furnished the 2nd Regional winter record (M. Conners, K. Kopacek, ph. DT). Single **Western Tanagers** in Seattle 4 Jan (KA) and near Sequim, Clallam 9 Dec (E. Kridler) provided Washington's 4th and 5th winter records. A **Green-tailed Towhee** at Ledgewood Beach, Island, 16 Dec–1 Jan furnished Washington's 3rd winter record and was also the 3rd for w. Washington (†K. Barker, vt. SM). American Tree Sparrows are not quite annual in w. Oregon, so one at Baskett Slough, Polk 2 Dec (K. Patterson) and 2 at F.R.R. throughout the winter (L. McQueen, A. Prigge) were noteworthy. A winter record 13 Chipping Sparrows were near Hillsboro, Washington 11 Jan (PaS), while a single was near Corvallis, Benton 5 Feb (M. Cutler, PV); Chippings are barely annual during winter. A Clay-colored Sparrow at Frenchman's Bar, Clark 14–30 Dec provided w. Washington with its 14th record (TA, BSh). In Oregon, singles were near Dayton, Yamhill 2 Dec (FS), at Warrenton, Clatsop 17–25 Dec (TT), and near Newport, Lincoln, 25 Dec (C. Philo); there are now about 40 winter records for the Region, nine of which accrued during the last two winters. Single Lark Sparrows were near Monmouth, Polk 26 Dec (M. Cutler, PV) and at Salem, Marion, 6 Jan (SD); they are very rare during winter away from the Rogue R. valley. Probably setting a record early arrival date for Washington were 2 Sage Sparrows at Saddle Mountain and one at Wahluke Slope, both Grant, 3 Feb (H. Brunkal, M. Jacky, BF); the first are usually found in late Feb. A concentration of 125 Savannah Sparrows near Vancouver, Clark 14 Dec set a new Washington winter record

(TA). A **Grasshopper Sparrow** at Provolt, Josephine 23 Dec provided about the 4th Regional winter record (DM, J. Bischoff). Slate-colored Fox Sparrows are very rare at best during winter, so singles at Bateman I., Benton, 7–8 Dec (NL, BW, BL) and at N. Richland, Benton throughout the winter (BW) were noteworthy. Swamp Sparrow numbers were very low, with only 8 in Oregon and 3 in Washington; Washington reports included singles near Snohomish 9 Dec (SM), at Snohomish 16–17 Jan (K. Knittle, TA), and at Bingen, Klickitat 27 Jan (BL). White-throated Sparrow numbers were above average, with 29 reported from Washington. Twelve Harris's Sparrows were recorded in Washington, and 10 were found in Oregon; the Region averages about 15 per winter. Six **McCown's Longspurs** at Lower Klamath N.W.R. 19 Feb–Mar furnished Oregon's 5th record and the first since 1990 (N. Barrett, FM, †CM&MM); three of the previous records were also from Klamath. A bird closely resembling a Snow x McKay's Bunting was among a flock of 30 Snow Buntings at Midway Beach, Pacific 13 Feb (ph. S. Mills); there are three records of apparently pure McKay's from Washington.

Single **Black-headed Grosbeaks** were in Portland throughout the winter (A. Shalas) and at Brookings, Curry 8 Jan (DM); there are fewer than 10 Regional winter records. A male **Tricolored Blackbird** near Vancouver L., Clark 13 Dec was likely one of the 3 seen there in Nov (TL). A Yellow-headed Blackbird was near Vancouver L., Clark 31 Dec (BSh), 45 were at McNary N.W.R., Walla Walla 10 Dec (L. Fritz, W. Heinz), and 14 were at Iowa Beef, Walla Walla 31 Dec (MD, MLD); they are barely annual during winter in Washington. A **Rusty Blackbird** at Gold Beach, Curry 2 Feb–Mar was only about the 11th for Oregon (CD), but one at Iowa Beef 31 Dec was in se. Washington, where nearly annual (MD, MLD). Washington's long overdue 2nd **Great-tailed Grackle** was at Stanwood, Snohomish from 7 Jan–Mar (†AK, M. Donahue, vt. SM); later evidence revealed that this bird had actually been photographed on 2 Sep 2000 (ph. R. Canniff). Washington's first was found eating french fries in Yakima during May 1987 (Stepniewski 1999, *The Birds of Yakima County*). Bullock's Orioles are not annual during winter, so singles at Brookings, Curry in late Dec (NW) and in Portland during Jan (D. van den Broek) were noteworthy. Eight White-winged Crossbills at Santiam Pass 23 Feb were the only members of this erratic species seen in Oregon (SS), while 5 at Mt. Spokane, Spokane 27 Feb (M. Moskwik) and one at College Place, Walla Walla 10 Feb (*vide* MD) were the only ones in Washington.

Addenda

A recent meeting of the Washington B.R.C. added these sightings to the Washington record-book: A subad. **Short-tailed Albatross** off Edmonds, Snohomish 27 Apr 1997 was Washington's 2nd in modern times and is still the only one from near shore (†DD). An alternate-plumaged **Long-billed Murrelet** was found by Marbled Murrelet surveyors at the Elwha R. mouth, Clallam 16 Aug 1995 (†M. Nixon); notably, these observers, who are exquisitely familiar with Marbleds, described this bird's call as being "higher pitched" and "more singular—not a drawn out 'keer' like a Marbled." There are now 5 Washington records of Long-billed Murrelet. A Horned Puffin was close to shore at Dungeness Spit, Clallam 21 Aug 2000 (†E. Sigda); most Regional summer records are near shore. Washington's 2nd **Yellow Wagtail**, apparently an ad., was at O.S. 14 Sep 2000 (†R. Simons); the timing of this record fits well with others from s. of Alaska but may be only the 2nd such ad. (Heindel 1999, *Birders Journal* 8:182–193). A **Tennessee Warbler** at Skagit W.M.A. 7 Sep 1997 was about Washington's 9th (†SA).

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