

Oregon–Washington



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This spring again provided an amazing spectrum of rarities, but excluding holdovers from winter, spring 2002 didn't quite match spring 2001. Perhaps the most interesting event was an influx of shorebirds that normally pass east of the Region during spring, including Hudsonian Godwit, Baird's Sandpiper, and Pectoral Sandpiper. Interestingly, American Golden-Plovers, which one might expect to share in such an incursion, were not present in unusual numbers. Possibly these shorebirds arrived here due to drought farther east, but the Pacific Northwest did not have a repeat of last year's drought-related irruptions of American White Pelican, White-faced Ibis, and other species. And on a happy note, several species continue to expand

their range/numbers in the Region, including Manx Shearwater, Black-necked Stilt, Anna's Hummingbird, Black Phoebe, and Bewick's Wren.

The weather was cold throughout the Region for virtually the entire spring. March was dry on the eastside and normal on the westside, but this arid tendency strengthened throughout the spring, so that only the denizens of nw. Washington were still receiving normal rainfall in May. Possibly due to these chilly conditions, both the arrival and departure of spring passerine migrants seemed delayed by one to two weeks.

Abbreviations: F.R.R. (Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane, OR); Malheur (Malheur N.W.R., Harney, OR); N.S.C.B. (N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, OR); O.S. (Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor, WA); Ridgefield (Ridgefield N.W.R., Clark); W.W.R.D. (Walla Walla R. delta, Walla Walla, WA). "Eastside" and "westside" denote locations east and west of the Cascade crest, respectively.

LOONS THROUGH FALCONS

Peak loon counts from Boiler Bay, Lincoln included 7500 Red-throateds on 4 Apr and 80,000 Pacifics on 25 Apr (PP). In Washington, 30,000 Pacifics flew past Westport in one hour on 27 Apr (BTw). Pacifics at W.W.R.D. 19 May (MD, MLD), Richland, Benton 24 May (BW),

and Vantage, Kittitas 30 May (TA) were exceptionally late for the eastside. A tally of 209 Common Loons at Wickiup Res., Deschutes 21 Apr was remarkable for an inland site representing an average spring, 4 Yellow-billed Loons were found, with singles at Anacortes, Skagit 1-22 Mar (m. ob.), Yaquina Bay, Lincoln 1-27 Mar (C. Philo), Florence, Lane 1 Mar—5 Apr (D. Pettey), and Boiler Bay 30 Apr (PP).

Five pelagic trips took place this spring three out of Westport during Apr—May and one out of Newport in both Mar and Apr Laysan Albatrosses were again found this spring, with 3 off Newport 21 May (GG) Northern Fulmar numbers dropped quickly from their high winter totals, averaging 15 per trip. Pink-footed Shearwaters were extremely scarce at only 12 per trip. Very rare during spring, and about six weeks early, was a Flesh-footed Shearwater at Perpetua Bank 23 Mar (GG). Sooty Shearwater abundance may be returning to its long-term average, as over 2000 per trip were recorded. Manx Shearwaters were reported for the 3rd consecutive spring. Two were about 3 km off Westport 18 May (†BTw, RTS), and 3 were seen from Boiler Bay 25 Apr (PP); additionally, singles were seen sporadically from Boiler Bay 1 Apr—7 May (PP) Totally unexpected was Washington's 2nd **Brown Booby**, which landed on a boat in the Puget Sound and hitched a ride into port at Tacoma 18 May (†J. McMillan); though there are records from every month in the sw. U.S., most have been Jul—Oct, and the two previous Regional records were from Oct. Rare on the westside, 4 American White Pelicans were at F.R.R. 26 Apr (DDW), and 2 were there 12 May (R. Robb). Brown Pelicans returned early this year, with one at Yaquina Head, Lincoln 3 Apr being the first (E. Horvath). Now annual in Washington, single Snowy Egrets were at Edmonds, Snohomish 20-22 May (†TP) and Corfu, Grant 20-25 May (RH, ph. SR, †BTw) This spring's Cattle Egret was at Burbank, Walla Walla 5 May (D. Bagley). Two Green Herons at Easton, Kittitas 2 May were on the eastside, where barely annual (TA). Despite the irruptions of the last couple years, White-faced Ibis are still rare in Washington and w. Oregon, so 8 at W.W.R.D. 19 May (MD, MLD), 5 at W Richland, Benton 6-8 May (M. Crowder), and 4 at Baskett Slough, Polk 24 Apr (BT) were noteworthy.

Two Emperor Geese remained from the winter's influx, with singles at Coos Bay to 5 Apr (TR) and at Nestucca N.W.R., Tillamook 19 Mar (RH); additionally, the long-staying

Emperor at Port Angeles, *Clallam* survived another spring (B. Boekelheide). Five blue-morph Snow Geese were at Malheur 24 Mar (SS) and one at Whitcomb I., *Benton* 10 Mar (KK); they are rare in the Region. Ross's Goose numbers were about average for the last decade, with nine records involving 14 birds from Washington and 3 singles in w. Oregon, all from 2 Mar—4 May. Rare away from salt-water was a Black Brant at Finley N.W.R. 20 Apr (HH). Very rare in sw. Oregon were 2 Trumpeter Swans at Coquille, *Coos* 8 Mar (TR). A **Bewick's Swan**, the first in Washington since at least 1990, was nicely described from Dodson Rd., *Grant* 1 Apr (†E. Kane), and another (or the same?) was near Antone, *Wheeler* 10 Mar, providing the first Oregon record in several years (†CC, JC, D. Lusthoff, D. Anderson). Washington's 3rd **Falcated Duck**, found in Feb, remained at the Samish Flats, *Skagit* until 26 Mar (BF, †BTw). Seventeen eastside Eurasian Wigeon was well above normal but below the impressive totals from 2000 and 2001; one at Richland, *Benton* 22 May was the latest ever for e. Washington (NL, BW, RF). Reported annually in the Region, male Blue-winged Teal x Cinnamon Teal were at Dry L., *Chelan* 25 Apr (DB) and Spencer I., *Snohomish* 1 May (TP). Common Teal were again widely reported, with 8 found on the westside, 1 Mar—20 Apr. One hybrid Common x Green-winged Teal was also noted (GG) Two Long-tailed Ducks were at Hood R. 26 Apr (D. Roll), plus singles were at Clarkston, *Asotin* 24 Mar (DB), Upper Klamath L. 28 Apr (T. Janzen, S. Russell), and Nile L., *Stevens* 11 May (S. Ellis); this species is very rare on the eastside during spring and casual after mid-Apr

A White-tailed Kite was at Hines, *Harney* 10 Apr (L. Bardeen); in addition to increasing numbers on the westside, this species is now almost annual in se. Oregon. A dark-morph **Broad-winged Hawk** was at Phileo L., *Spokane* 1 Apr (†MMo); Washington has only four previous records of northbound Broad-wingeds spanning 11 Apr—4 Jun. A Ferruginous Hawk, very rare on the westside, was at Sauvie I. 21 Mar (HN). Four Gyrfalcons this spring was about average, with singles near Snohomish 12 Mar (S. Pink), near Grand Mound, *Thurston* 17 Mar (BTw, R. Orness), near Burlington, *Skagit* 5 Apr (RH), and a reported white morph at Astoria, *Clastop* 22 Apr (MP). Given the late date and the extreme rarity of white morphs in the Region, one must seriously consider the possibility of an escapee. Westside Prairie Falcons included 2 in *Linn* 18 Mar (J. Fleischer) and a late bird at F.R.R. 20 Apr (A. Prigge)

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Pacific Golden-Plovers this spring included singles at Westport 5 May (T. Bock) and N.S.C.B. 15 May (TR), while the only American Golden-Plover was at N.S.C.B. 15 May (TR), and an unidentified golden-plover was at Seattle 15 May (R. Orness); this represents a below-average spring for both species. A Snowy Plover at Iowa Beef, *Walla Walla* 25-26 May (DR, KK, MD) was only about the 6th for e. Washington and the first since 1993.

The Black-necked Stilt population in e. Washington continues to explode, with a record count of 117 at Othello, *Adams* 30 May (SM). On the westside, numbers were again exceptional but not up to those from last year's irruption. In w. Oregon, 23 were found at eight+ locations 7 Apr—15 May. In w. Washington, 5 were at Ridgefield 25 Apr (KK) and one at Stanwood, *Snohomish* 27 Apr (DD, SM, CB). American Avocets returned to their only known w. Washington breeding location as of 27 Apr (J. Stephens), with 3 ads. and one nest present by mid-May (B. Merrick). Generally rare on the westside, other avocets included 2 at Bay Center, *Pacific* 8 May (TA), one at Nisqually N.W.R., *Thurston* 25-26 May (D. Hayden), Hammel Pond, *Jackson* 14 May (N. Barrett), and one at Coos Bay to 4 Mar (TR).

Thirty Solitary Sandpipers, 21 Apr—17 May, was about average, with a maximum of 5 near Rock L., *Whitman* 11 May (JL, MD, MLD). Willets are very rare away from the outer coast and se. Oregon, so singles at Baskett Slough, *Polk* 26 Apr (N. Wander), Othello 26 May (SM, BF, CB), and Nisqually N.W.R. 26 May (S. Nord) were noteworthy. Lone Long-billed Curlews were near White City, *Jackson* 28 Apr (C. Brummit), Portland 2 May (J. Fitchen), and Sequim, *Clallam* 27 May (BN); they are rare on the westside away from the outer coast. Three **Hudsonian Godwits** this spring was an unprecedented number: one was at Texas L., *Whitman* 11 May (JL, KK, MD, ph. MLD), and 2 were at Bottle Beach, *Grays Harbor* 12 May (†C. Chappell), with one there 21 May (CW); there are only seven previous Regional records of northbound birds spanning 26 Apr—8 Jun.

Four Semipalmated Sandpipers, 7-18 May, was typical for spring. The Region averages 3-4 Baird's Sandpipers per spring. This year, there were 24 from 29 Apr to 19 May, with top counts of 11 at Sprague, *Lincoln* 5 May (JA) and 6 at Swanson Lakes, *Lincoln* 9 May (JA). Pectoral Sandpipers, which usually occur at a rate of one to 2 per spring, staged an unprecedented invasion: at least 72 were found, mostly 3-20 May, with a record spring maximum of

30 at Sauvie I. 9 May (HN); additionally, 2 at Lamont, *Whitman* 13 Apr probably set a record-early date for the eastside (MD, MLD, P. Bartley). A male Ruff near White City, *Jackson* 11 Apr provided Oregon with its 7th spring record, most of which have been early Apr—early May (M. Moore, ph. J. Lividaise): A tally of 30 Wilson's Phalaropes at Baskett Slough, *Polk* was exceptional for the westside (R. Gerig); notably, several pairs nested at this location last summer.

Long-tailed Jaegers at Clatsop Spit 15 May (TT) and off Westport 20 Apr and 18 May (BTw) furnished very rare spring records. As many as 14 Franklin's Gulls were found along the Oregon coast, mostly flying past Boiler Bay as pairs or singles, 21 Apr—25 May (PP, TT, R. Cheek); until recently, Franklin's Gulls were very rare on the outer coast, but reports from there have been steadily increasing over the past five years. In e. Washington, where rare, 3 Franklin's were at Sprague L., *Lincoln* 12 May (JA). Little Gulls, barely annual during spring, were at Pt. No Pt., *Kitsap* 16-19 Mar (VN) and the Winchuck R. mouth, *Curry* 16 May (K. Goldwater). A Heermann's Gull at Edmonds, *Snohomish* 14 Apr was at least a month early (DD). Only 3 Glaucous Gulls were found this spring, including one that was a month late at Lincoln City 23 May (PP). An ad. **Iceland Gull** at Clarkston, *Asotin* 2-21 Mar was Washington's 9th (MD, MLD, KK, ph. SR); 4 of the previous records were 17 Mar—16 Apr. Hot in pursuit of the Iceland Gull, observers found Washington's 2nd **Lesser Black-backed Gull** at Clarkston 16-24 Mar (ph. BF, †DB) A tally of 9000 Black-legged Kittiwakes flying past Boiler Bay 16 Mar provided a new Oregon record high count (PP).

A Caspian Tern at Brookings, *Curry* 3 Mar was about three weeks early (DM). Western Washington's first nesting Black Terns were at Ridgefield last summer; 7 had returned there as of 19 May (JE, D. Friesz, KK). They also returned to their traditional w. Oregon site at F.R.R. by 16 May (N. Stryker). Otherwise, it was a subpar spring for this species on the westside with 2 at Monroe, *Snohomish* 24 May (J. O'Connell) and one at Jackson Bottom 24 May (D. Manzer). Oregon's 5th **Thick-billed Murre** was at Boiler Bay 19 May (†W. Hoffman); all prior Regional records were Aug—Feb. Thirteen Ancient Murrelets were off Newport 23 Mar (GG), and 2 were off Westport 20 Apr (BTw); they are irregular in spring. Cassin's Auklets averaged nearly 100 per trip; we hope these numbers indicate a population rebound.

A previously unknown population of Mountain Quail was discovered on Rock

Candy Mt., *Thurston* 9 May, when at least 10 birds were noted (RTS, CW); the only known established populations in w. Washington are on the westside of the Puget Sound, mostly in *Kitsap*, but there was a recent record of 2 ads. with young from *Pierce*. An apparent Eurasian Collared-Dove x Ringed Turtle-Dove hybrid was photographed at Othello, *Adams* 7 May (BF, RH); there is still only one record of Eurasian Collared-Dove from Washington. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo was near Fields, *Harney* 26 May (TR); this species is nearly annual in se. Oregon, late May—mid-Jun. The last of the winter's Snowy Owls was rather far s. at Halsey, *Linn* 13 Mar (J. Fleischer). Three w. Oregon Burrowing Owls was above average: near Perrydale, *Polk* 2 Mar (D. Elliott), N. Medford, *Jackson* to 20 Mar (*vide* M. Moore), and at Baskett Slough, *Polk* to 24 Mar (M. Ratzlaff). Common Poorwills are very rare on the westside n. of the s. Willamette Valley, so one at Salem 30 Apr was noteworthy (J. Hannum).

A flock of 25 Vaux's Swifts at Falls City, *Polk* 21 Mar was about three weeks early (S. Burgett). A Black-chinned Hummingbird, very rare in w. Washington, was at Mt. Pleasant, *Skamania* 17 Apr (WC); less unusual but still noteworthy was another Black-chinned in w. Oregon's Rogue R. valley at Eagle Pt. 20-21 May (H. Sands, M. Miller). Anna's Hummingbirds seem to be increasing in e. Washington. One was found during mid-Mar in Lyle, *Klickitat*, where this species is somewhat regular (DG), but a female with a nest far to the n. in Ephrata, *Grant* 14-15 Mar (BF) was unprecedented. Additionally, the Anna's that wintered in Kennewick, *Benton* lingered until 21 Mar (R. & N. Gregory). Washington's 3rd **Costa's Hummingbird** was at Redmond, *King* 18-24 May (M. Wile, ph. RS). In Oregon, 5 Costa's were spread throughout the period and the state, excluding the ne. quadrant—well above the one or 2 per spring average. Twelve Calliope Hummingbirds w. of the Cascades in Oregon was distinctly above average and included one about three weeks early at Eugene 29 Mar (L. Bloch). A Calliope was also at Mt Pleasant, *Skamania* 15-25 Apr (WC); they are not quite annual w. of the Cascades in Washington. Lewis's Woodpecker reports, rare on the westside n. of se. Oregon, included 4 near Perrydale, *Polk* 23 Mar (N. Wander) and one at Cottage Grove, *Lane* 20 May (H. Lown). Up to 3 Acorn Woodpeckers were found throughout the spring at their sole Washington site near Lyle, *Klickitat* (K. Kemper, WC, KK). Three westside Red-naped Sapsuckers 11-26 Apr was a normal number. A Red-breasted Sapsucker, very rare e. of the Cascades, was at Othello, *Adams* 27 Apr (BF).

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH WARBLERS

Five Least Flycatchers this spring was about twice normal, with singles at Wenatchee, *Chelan* 20 May (DB), Malheur 25 May (JG, TR), near Wenas, *Yakima* 25 May (m. ob.), Corfu, *Grant* 26 May (BF, SM, CB), and the Kalispell Indian Reservation, *Pend Oreille* 30 May (MMo). Six Gray Flycatchers at Detroit Flats, *Marion* 19 May likely provided a record westside high count (SD). Three were also at Detroit Flats 5 May (SD), and singles were at Rogue Valley Manor, *Jackson* 21 Apr (J. Kemper), Eugene 7 May (A. Prigge), and Portland 11-14 May (†JG); this species is rare in w. Oregon, with most records being late Apr—early May. Dusky Flycatchers are very rare in Washington w. of the Cascades, so one in Seattle 18 May was noteworthy (DP). Also unusual were 6 Dusky Flycatchers in the n. Willamette Valley 22 Apr—3 May. Black Phoebes at Grand I., *Marion* 17 Mar (F. Shrock) and Ankeny N.W.R., *Marion* 21 May—Jun (J. Lundsten) were well n. of their usual range, perhaps evidence of further range extension. Say's Phoebes staged a major invasion onto the westside, with 23 in Oregon and 4 in Washington—fourfold greater than normal; most were in Mar, with the latest being 2 birds at N.S.C.B. 7 May (TR) and the maximum being 5 near Portland 24 Mar (P. Osburn). Ash-throated Flycatchers at Eugene 19 May—Jun (D. Wendt) and near Portland 22 May (I. Tomlinson, J. Fitchen) were n. of their breeding range in sw. Oregon; most such records are May—Jun. A **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** at Cape Blanco, *Curry* was about the 15th for Oregon; most records have been during May and Nov (TJW). Loggerhead Shrikes were at N.S.C.B. to 24 Mar (TR) and at Detroit Flats 6, 14, & 26 Apr (SD); the westside averages about 3 per spring.

A **Plumbeous Vireo** at Portland 11-15 May provided a first westside record (†JG); another at Malheur 25 May was in se. Oregon, where reported annually during late May through early Jun (TR). The season's only Blue Jay lingered from winter to 18 Apr in Spokane (JA); the Region averages about 3 per spring. Washington's first **woodhouseii/nevadae Western Scrub-Jay** remained at Chief Timothy S.P., *Asotin* until at least 31 Mar (KK). Coastal Western Scrub-Jays continue their push northward as evidenced by one near Sequim, *Clallam* 6-7 Apr (S. Chickman, B. Lynette).

A Mountain Chickadee at Corvallis, *Benton* 22 Apr was the only westside lowland report and rather late (J. Geier). An isolated population of White-breasted Nuthatches in s. Puget Sound has dwindled to nearly zero. One at Sumner, *Pierce* 8-16 Apr raises hopes of addi-

tional surviving individuals, though it could have been a vagrant from the interior (CW) Rare on the westside, Rock Wrens were at N.S.C.B. 18 May (R. Hoyer, TR) and Finley N.W.R. 26 May (R. Jameson). Wayward records of Bewick's Wrens included one near Fossil, *Wheeler* 10 Mar (D. Lusthoff) and 2 near Blueslide 26 May (MMo), which provided *Pend Oreille's* 2nd record. Washington's 8th **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** built a nest and vigorously proclaimed its territory at Hardy Canyon, *Yakima* 25 May—Jun (B. McGarry, T. Davis, ph. RS); all previous records were Sep—Jan, and the nearest breeding areas are over 400 km to the s. in s. Oregon. More modestly out of range was a Blue-gray at Page Springs, *Harney* 17 May (D. Pettey).

A **Western x Mountain Bluebird** hybrid was nicely described from Conboy NWR, *Klickitat* 6 Apr (†DG); to our knowledge, this hybrid has not been previously found in the Region. The only westside Mountain Bluebirds were at Eugene 27 Mar (J. Turner) and near Sequim, *Clallam* 31 Mar (P. Wenger) A jaw-dropping 200,000 American Robins moved past a point near Union Gap, *Yakima* 15 Mar (D. Brown); the previous Washington record was of 40,000 during Feb 1998 in *Yakima* Rare away from breeding areas, a Veery was at Malheur 17 May (M. Kleinbaum) and at Windust S.P., *Franklin* 18 May (MD, MLD), the latter was a county first. Seven Northern Mockingbirds in Oregon was a bit below normal, but 2 in Washington was fairly typical: Corfu, *Grant* 25 May (DB) and at Port Angeles, *Clallam* to 20 Mar (D. Manson). Six Sage Thrashers were found on the westside, where not annual, with singles at Detroit, *Marion* 14 Apr (SD), Marymoor Park, *King* 17 Apr (B. Bell), Central Point, *Jackson* 24 Apr (DV), Monroe, *Snohomish* 24 Apr (J. O'Connell), Steigerwald L., *Clark* 25 Apr (WC), and Seattle 11-12 May (DP, S. MacKay).

A Tennessee Warbler on the coast at Astoria, *Clatsop* 27 Apr was about three weeks early (L. Cain); also, though annual during spring in Oregon, most records are from se. Oregon A Northern Parula, now annual during May—Jun in Oregon, was near Fields, *Harney* 26 May (m. ob.). Adding to about 35 prior Oregon records was a Magnolia Warbler at Malheur 26 May (AC). A Black-throated Gray Warbler at FEALE, *Benton* 12 May was in far e. Washington, where very rare (BL, NL, BW) A Hermit Warbler at Roseburg, *Douglas* 31 Mar was about a month early (DI). Palm Warblers are very rare during spring away from the outer coast, so singles at Toledo, *Lincoln* 2 Apr (C. Philo) and Monmouth, *Polk* 28 Apr (N. Wander) were noteworthy. Single Black-and-

white Warblers at the Wilson Wildlife Area, *Benton* 24 May (J. Geier) and Malheur 27 May (TR) furnished about half the usual May total. Single Ovenbirds at Lincoln City 27 May (PP) and Fields 28 May (CW) added to 40+ previous Oregon records but were the first since Jun 2000. A Northern Waterthrush was near McMinnville, *Yamhill* 24 May (P. Adamus); despite breeding locally in e. Oregon and widely in ne. Washington, this species is a very rare spring migrant on the westside. A **Mourning Warbler** at Fields 28 May was the 6th for Oregon (†CW); half of the Region's previous records were from late May—early Jun. A Wilson's Warbler near Snohomish 1 Mar was almost certainly a holdover from winter and provided Washington's first Mar record (S. Gerstle). A Yellow-breasted Chat at Olympia 28-29 May provided w. Washington's 26th record since 1970, most of which have been late May—late Jun (K. Brady).

SPARROWS THROUGH FINCHES

Though much increased as a fall migrant, northbound Clay-colored Sparrows remain very rare. One near Ellensburg, *Kittitas* 19 Apr provided the earliest such record for Washington (†CW), and another was at Brookings, *Curry* 3 May (†S. Chambers). A Clay-colored near Portland 30 Mar had likely wintered nearby (D. Mandell), while one near Spokane 26 May—Jun was at a traditional nesting location (JA). Brewer's Sparrows are extremely rare on the Oregon coast and very rare in the Willamette Valley, so singles at Eugene 30 Apr (A. Prigge, B. Hunter) and Flores L., *Curry* 4 May (DL, KC) were noteworthy. A Lark Sparrow near Concrete, *Skagit* 19 May was only about the 7th for spring in w. Washington (†R. Robinson); others have been 26 Apr—28 May. A Sage Sparrow near Eugene 26 Mar was about the 15th for w. Oregon, most of which have been during early spring (A. Prigge, B. Hunter). A **Lark Bunting** along Dodson Rd., *Grant* 24 May was the 12th for Washington (†L. Anglin); six of the previous records were late May—mid-Jul. Very rare w. of the Cascades, a Slate-colored Fox Sparrow was at Joyce, Clallam 29 Apr (†BN). Only 3 spring Swamp Sparrows were noted, with singles at Ridgefield 2 Mar (SM), Clarkston, *Asotin* 2 Mar (KK, MD, MLD), and Fernhill Wetlands, *Washington* 8 Apr (W. Gross, J. Hurt).

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were again present in well above-average numbers. Six were found during mid-to-late May in s. Oregon and one at Spokane 31 May (†JA, †MMo); more notably, singles at Cape Meares, *Tillamook* (M. Tweelinckx) and Seattle 2-4 Apr (R. Lawson,

ph. RS) likely had wintered nearby. The Region averages 3-4 per spring, mostly during mid-to-late May. **Indigo Buntings** continue to be found in above-average numbers. In Washington, singles were at Yakima 18 May (V. Romera, ph. DG) and near Potholes Res., *Grant* 25-28 May (†S. Downes, M. Dossett, vt. SM, †DB), while in Oregon individuals were at Malheur 21-25 May (SS) and Page Springs, *Harney* 26 May (L. McQueen); Washington had 12 previous records and Oregon about 50. Washington's first **Painted Bunting** remained at Seattle to at least 3 Mar (B. Wilson, ph. RS).

A Bobolink at Cochreham I., *Skagit* 18 May provided about the 3rd w. Washington spring record (†J. Douglass). Tricolored Blackbirds continue their advance. In Oregon, the male returned to Fernhill Wetlands, *Washington* 26 May (D. Manzer), and a new colony was found near Boardman, *Morrow* 24 Mar (Paul Sullivan). In Washington, 30+ were at the only established colony near Wilson Cr., *Grant* 12 Apr (JA, W. Hall), 2 were at Othello, *Adams* 22 Mar—7 Apr (BF, RH), and 30-40 were near Texas L., *Whitman* 31 May (vt. SM, BF, †BTw, RTS); the latter group was not near suitable nesting habitat and contained no juvs./imms., thus likely representing birds that had failed nesting elsewhere or were scouting for breeding areas. In any case, they were only about 60 km from Idaho! Rare on the outer coast, lone Yellow-headed Blackbirds were at Chinook, *Pacific* 13 Apr (MP) and O.S. 18 May (DP). **Common Grackles** staged a virtual irruption into the Region. Washington's 8th was at Yakima 9 Mar—Jun (ph. DG), while Oregon added to approximately 25 records, with 4 near Denio, *Harney* 26-27 May (TR) and one at Fields, *Harney* 14 May (R. Hoyer); May accounts for about half of the Region's previous records. Three of the Great-tailed Grackles that wintered at Ontario, *Malheur* remained through the spring (M.A. Kaplin, M. Jones), while another was at Fields 27 May (JG, G. Lillie), representing a fairly typical spring for this species. The **Orchard Oriole** pair that wintered at Brookings, *Curry* remained to 24 Mar (DM). A Hooded Oriole at Fields 17 Apr was in e. Oregon, where extremely rare (ph. BF). Baltimore Orioles near Denio 27 May (TR) and at Malheur 24 May (m. ob.) added to about 28 prior Oregon records. A Bullock's Oriole at Seaside, *Clatsop* 4 Mar provided an extremely rare Mar record (MP).

A Hepburn's Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch at Rosario Head, *Skagit* 2 May provided a very rare westside lowland record (DP), while 2500+ at Swakane Canyon, *Chelan* 16 Apr was a remarkable concentration for anywhere in the Region (DB). Two Cassin's Finches were at

Mt. Pleasant, *Skamania* 19 Apr (WC); they are very rare w. of the Cascades. A Common Redpoll at Spokane 27 Mar was the last reported from this winter's invasion (JA), while 400+ in *Whatcom* 19 Mar was the highest westside tally for the irruption (P. DeBruyn). Furthermore, one at Yachats, *Lincoln* 11 Mar provided an extremely rare Oregon coast record (K. Houston).

ADDENDUM AND CORRIGENDUM

The following was accidentally deleted from last winter's column: In Washington, where very rare during winter, a Lesser Yellowlegs was near Bruceport, *Pacific* 18 Jan (TP, SM, DD) and at Othello, *Adams* 22 Feb (RH); the latter bird was about the 4th for e. Washington during winter. The Broad-tailed Hummingbird reported from Salem 1 May 2001 has been retracted by the observer.

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