

# Oregon & Washington



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This spring saw a goodly passage of our usual species, but prior to mid-May, it was dreadful for major vagrants and lesser vagrants alike. There was no influx of drought-driven avifauna from the Great Basin, no surge of eastside birds into the west, no flurry of early migrants or spate of late-lingers. Consequently, Regional birders had to be satisfied by flocks of Dunlin and Western Tanagers until the rarities moved in. But the last half of May mostly redeemed the season, vagrant-wise, with seven birds deserving boldface, including Oregon's first Sedge Wren.

March was cool and wet, with almost the entire Region experiencing greater than 130% normal precipitation. April was similarly wet, but warmer, with most of the Region averaging temperatures 1–3° F above normal. May's temperatures were slightly above average, and outdoor activity was further encouraged by a relative drought, with rainfall less than 70% of normal in much of the Region.

Abbreviations: F.R.R. (Fern Ridge Reservoir,

Lane); Lower Klamath (Lower Klamath N.W.R., *Klamath*); Malheur (Malheur N.W.R., *Harney*); N.S.C.B. (N. Spit Coos Bay, *Coos*); O.S. (Ocean Shores, *Grays Harbor*); P.N.P. (Point No Point, *Kitsap*); Ridgefield (Ridgefield N.W.R., *Clark*); W.W.R.D. (Walla Walla R. delta, *Walla Walla*). "Eastside" and "westside" denote locations e. and w. of the Cascade crest, respectively.

## LOONS THROUGH CRANES

At Boiler Bay, *Lincoln*, Red-throated Loon movement peaked at 1000 on 18 Apr, while 1300 flew past Midway Beach, *Pacific 3 Apr* (CW). Pacific Loon migration at Boiler Bay topped out at 10,000 on 3 May (PP). East of the Cascades, the Red-throated at Wanapum Dam lingered to 15 Mar (BF), while the Yellow-billed Loon there remained into Jun (M. Bentley); the previous eastside late-date was 17 Apr. The only westside Yellow-billed was over Hein Bank in the Strait of Juan de Fuca 19 May (W. Palsson); the Region had been averaging about 4 per spring. Eight westside Clark's Grebes, all in Oregon, were well above average; most were found 29 Apr–15 May.

There were five pelagic trips this spring: off Newport 1 Mar, 20 May, and 31 May and off Westport 26 Apr and 17 May. Now annual during spring, single Laysan Albatrosses were off Newport 1 Mar and 20 May (GG). Two large spring counts of Pink-footed Shearwater, 365 off Westport Apr 26 and 1081 off Newport May 31, were accompanied by the rare Flesh-footed Shearwater (GG, BT). Over 4000 Sooty Shearwaters per trip is a good indicator of continuing recovery for this species. For the 4th consecutive spring, Manx Shearwaters graced the Region. Two off Newport 1 Mar set a Regional early date by more than three weeks (GG, ph. SS); another was off Newport 20 May, 2 were at O.S. 12 May (†PTS, RS), and one was off La Push, *Clallam* 10 May (†S. Horton). An unidentified Manx/Black-vented Shearwater was reported from Boiler Bay 2 May (PP). Numbers of storm-petrels were extremely low, with only 12 Fork-tailed and one Leach's recorded.

Rare on the westside, American White Pelicans were at F.R.R. for most of May, with a peak of 9 on 30 May (DDW); one was also at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln* 25 May+ (C. Philo). Brown Pelicans arrived early again this year; Oregon's first was at Brookings, *Curry* 27 Mar (K. Goldwater), and Washington's first was at Fort Canby, *Pacific* 17 Apr (MH). A frigatebird was at the Sixes R. mouth, *Curry* 18 Mar (TJW); there are at least 21 previous frigatebird records n. of California, mostly from late Jun to mid-Sep; there are, however, 4–5 previous Oregon records of Magnificents during Feb and Mar (N.A.B. 52: 413–419). Reports of errant White-faced Ibis subsided this spring, likely due to the lack of

drought in North America's interior. There were only three westside sightings, one of which, however, involved a record-shattering flock of 120 at Chinook, *Pacific* 30 Apr (JG); this record, which exceeded the previous w. Washington maximum by more than 50%, is all the more remarkable given the non-irruption. Other westside records included 12 at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln* 30 Apr (fide HN) and 7 at FR.R. 25 May (J. Carlson); the sole e. Washington sighting was of one at Othello, *Adams* 30-31 May (SM).

An Emperor Goose was at Amity, *Yamhill* 17 Mar–12 Apr (C. Karlen), while the long-staying bird at Port Angeles, *Clallam* remained through at least 19 May (B. Bell). The 3 wintering Blue Geese remained in *Snohomish/Skagit* through 27 Mar (TA, SM), while single migrants were at Lower Klamath 2 Mar (M. Rudolph) and Astoria, *Clatsop* 30 Apr (L. Cain); Blue Geese are rare in se. Oregon and very rare elsewhere in the Region. The anatid of the season was undoubtedly a small dark goose at Ridgefield 28 Mar that was most likely a blue-morph Snow x Ross's Goose hybrid (WC); interestingly, a similar bird was photographed at nearby Vancouver L. during Jan 1994 and Feb 1995 (ph., *Washington Birder* 3: 1). Sightings of errant Ross's Geese included seven records involving 9 birds in Washington 5 Mar–17 Apr, 3 birds at Astoria, *Clatsop* 11 Apr (L. Cain), and a wintering bird to 19 Apr at FR.R. (DDW). A Brant at FR.R. 17 May was both rare and late for this inland location (DDW). The eastside had another excellent spring for Eurasian Wigeon, with 19 reported, the latest of which was one at Rock L., *Whitman* 26 Apr (D. Weber); the top count was 5 at Iowa Beef, *Walla Walla* 30 Mar (BL, NL). Eight Common Teal were recorded, 1 Mar–26 Apr, including a very rare eastside bird near Yakima 8 Apr (ph. DG). Two Common x Green-winged Teal sightings included a late bird near Florence, *Snohomish* 10 May (SM, DD). A most interesting drake duck near Ellensburg, *Kittitas* 25 May was at least partly a Tufted (ph. SDs); the other parent was most likely a Ring-necked (M. Ogilvie). The fall 2002–spring 2003 period failed to produce a single pure Tufted Duck, after years of increasing records. A Surf Scoter, not annual during spring on the eastside, was at Suttle L., *Jefferson* 23 Mar (CM). More surprisingly, 11 Long-tailed Ducks were reported e. of the Cascades, including 7 near Vantage, *Kittitas* 19 Mar (DSc) and singles at Bridgeport, *Douglas* 10 Mar (BT), Richland, *Benton* 9-12 Mar (NL, BW, RF), Potholes Res., *Grant* 23 Mar (GB), and Madras, *Jefferson* 23 Mar (CM); this species is not annual during spring on the eastside. A male Barrow's x Common Goldeneye was at Deschutes River Park, *Sherman* 1 Mar (MD,

MLD); this hybrid is very rarely reported from the Region. Two Red-breasted Mergansers along the Columbia R. in *Benton* 24 May were among the latest ever for the eastside (BL, NL).

Washington Red-shouldered Hawk records this spring included one at Woodland, *Cowlitz* 6 Mar and 19 Apr (BT, MD, MLD) and one at Ridgefield 4 Mar and 20 Apr (KK, TA); Washington has averaged about one per spring during the last five years. A Swainson's Hawk at Pullman, *Whitman* 5 Mar (D. Johnson) is the earliest ever for Washington, excepting one at Renton, *King* 15 Feb 1920 (*Auk* 46: 511). Not annual on the westside, single Swainson's were at Eugene 2 May (D. Arendt) and Nisqually N.W.R., *Thurston* 15 May (†JP, †K. Brady).

Soras at McNary N.W.R., *Walla Walla* 13 Mar (A. & J. Dittmer) and near Vancouver L., *Clark* 4 Mar (WC) were about three weeks early. A concentration of 12,000 Lesser Sandhill Cranes, approximately half of the Pacific flyway population, was near Corfu, *Grant* 9 Apr (RH).

#### PLOVERS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A total of 285 Black-bellied Plovers at Lower Klamath 28 Apr was exceptional for the eastside (KS). Golden-plovers were found in better-than-average numbers. Single Americans were near Florence, *Lane* 19 Apr (HH), at O.S. 26 Apr (B. Shelmerdine, KK), and at Ocosta, *Grays Harbor* 18 May (S. MacKay). Eleven Pacifics were found 14 Apr–9 May, with maxima of 3 near Brady, *Grays Harbor* 30 Apr–4 May (J. Paulios, PtS, RS) and 3 at Baker Bay, *Pacific* 30 Apr (JG). A Snowy Plover at Seattle 25 May (†M. Brittnacher) provided the first Puget Trough record since 6 May 1914 (*Auk* 32: 459)! Furthermore, a Snowy near White City, *Jackson* 4 May was likely only the 2nd interior w. Oregon record (G. Shaffer).

Black-necked Stilts in w. Oregon continue to increase, with 32 reported from nine locations from 3 Apr on, including *Josephine's* first at L. Selmac 21 Apr (T. Shelmerdine); surprisingly, none were reported from w. Washington. Rare on the westside, 2 American Avocets were at Crockett L., *Island* 12 May, with one lingering to 30 May (C. Riddell, B. Merrick), and one was at N.S.C.B. 14 May (TR). This spring's 49 Solitary Sandpipers 24 Apr–29 May were almost twice the spring norm; 40 were on the westside, and 9 were on the eastside, with a maximum of 5 at Alderton, *Pierce* 6 May (CW). Peak occurrence was 26 Apr–16 May. Errant Willets included 4 at Pillar Point, *Clallam* 12 Apr (DW, PW) and singles near White City, *Jackson* 16 Apr (J. Harleman), Columbia N.W.R., *Grant* 1 May (RH), and FR.R. 16 May (JS); Willets are very rare away from their haunts on the outer coast and in se. Oregon. An

Upland Sandpiper was near Spokane 21 May (JA); this was the same site at which one summered last year. Two Whimbrels at Lower Klamath 28 Apr were rare for se. Oregon, (KS), while one at Cold Springs N.W.R. 17 May was in ne. Oregon, where even less expected (CC, JC); 2 more Whimbrels at Grants Pass were *Josephine's* first (DV). Seven interior westside Long-billed Curlews 8 Apr–10 May were more than normal. A Hudsonian Godwit at Grandview, *Yakima* 15 May was about the 29th for Washington, only 8 of which involved northbound birds (R. Repp, J. Hebert, ph. DG). Four Marbled Godwits, rare in e. Washington, were at the W.W.R.D. 11 May (MD, MLD), while 106 at Lower Klamath 28 Apr set a new e. Oregon record (KS). Two Red Knots at Lower Klamath 10 May were on the eastside, where very rare during spring (KS).

Two Sanderlings at Summer L., *Lake* 4 May were the only ones found this spring on the eastside (T. Janzen). All four of this spring's Semipalmated Sandpipers, a typical spring tally, were found on 10 May, with 2 near Florence, *Snohomish* (SM, DD), one at Crockett L. (SM, DD), and one at Grandview (DG). Six Baird's Sandpipers this spring, 24 Apr–17 May, was about normal. Five Pectoral Sandpipers 17 Apr–22 May was above the norm, though numbers seem to have increased over the last few springs. A tally of 582 Dunlin at W.W.R.D. 25 Mar was likely a record eastside high count (MD, MLD), while 60,000 on the Long Beach Pen., *Pacific* 3 May was one of the highest Regional counts ever (SM, RTS, TN). The Ruff wintering near Elma, *Grays Harbor* was re-found 4–14 Apr (B. Estes, m. ob.), and the Ruff at Eugene remained until 19 Mar (DDW). For the 4th year in a row, there was a spring Ruff in e. Oregon, with one at Lower Klamath 25–29 Mar (E. Horvath, WH); spring records from 2000 and 2001 also came from Lower Klamath, and one wonders if this could be the same bird returning. Notably, there were only three spring records prior to 2000, and this is the first Mar record of an apparently northbound bird.

Offshore counts of Pomarine Jaeger were low, totaling only 6 found on five trips (GG, BTw). In contrast, 15 Parasitic Jaegers was a good offshore tally, and the Long-tailed Jaeger off Newport 20 May was a bonus. Two South Polar Skuas off Newport during May furnished the first spring records since 2000 (GG). From shore, a Parasitic Jaeger at Pt. Roberts, *Whatcom* 19 May furnished a very rare spring record for the Puget Trough (W. Weber). For the first spring since 1997, there were no Franklin's Gulls reported from Washington, and for the first spring since at least 1996, there were none in w. Oregon. A Little Gull was at P.N.P. 14–17 Apr (VN); most of the Region's spring sightings are

from this location. Heermann's Gulls arrived early this spring, with the first seen at Gold Beach, *Curry* 17 Apr (DM). A Mew Gull at Two Rivers Park, *Benton* 23 Apr was nearly a month late for the eastside (DR). Late Glaucous Gulls included 2 at Gardiner, *Jefferson* 10 May (†E. Kridler), one at Florence, *Lane* 11 May (RH, HH), and one at Tierra del Mar, *Tillamook* 24 May (WG). Two Sabine's Gulls were off Lopez I., *Island* 21 May (P. Moorehead); though regular during fall in Washington's interior marine waters, this species is quite rare there during spring.

A Common Tern, very rare during spring in e. Washington, was at L. Lenore, *Grant* 31 May (SM, BF). Forster's Terns are rare during spring on the westside, so one at Wilson Wildlife Area, *Benton* 9 May (HH), one at F.R.R. 13 May (JS), and 6 near White City, *Jackson* 28 May (N. Barrett) were noteworthy. A total of 29 Black Terns were noted at F.R.R., their lone regular westside breeding location, 15 May (DDW), and one in Eugene 13 Apr was about three weeks early (D. Jones). Thirteen were located elsewhere in w. Oregon, and 11 were found in w. Washington, well above average totals for spring.

Ancient Murrelets normally depart the Region's waters by mid-Apr, though small numbers have been found off of Cape Flattery during recent summers, and there is a 1924 breeding record from Washington (Jewett et al. 1953). Nonetheless, the sight of 2 ad. Ancient Murrelets with a chick off Westport 17 May was quite a surprise (BT); also notable was a single Ancient at O.S. 10 May (DP) and 12 near Smith I., *Island* 30 May (JW, KW). After last spring's good showing, Cassin's Auklet numbers receded to concerning levels, averaging only 10 per trip during Apr/May. Dead Horned Puffins were found near Newport, *Lincoln* 2 & 5 Apr (D. Pitkin, B. Loeffel); these are the first spring records in several years, though one or 2 live birds have been found annually, of late, during summer on the cen. Oregon coast.

The only Snowy Owl was near Waterville, *Douglas* 5 Mar (M. Spencer). A Burrowing Owl near LaConner, *Skagit* 17–18 Apr provided a very rare w. Washington record (G. Brown, B. Senturia); less remarkable was one in w. Oregon at a traditional wintering site near Halsey, *Linn* 3 Mar (M. Ratzlaff). A Great Gray Owl remained at Fall Creek, *Lane* to 13 Apr, a rather late date for the Cascade foothills (T. Harvey), but one at Eugene 3 May was unprecedented for the Willamette Valley at such a date (J. Hubbard). Two Vaux's Swifts at Cape Blanco, *Curry* 23 Mar were about three weeks early (TJW).

A Black-chinned Hummingbird, very rare

in w. Washington, was at Mt. Pleasant, *Skamania* 15 May (WC); less unusual, but still noteworthy, were w. Oregon sightings from Eugene 28 Apr (B. Gleason, L. McQueen), Portland 5 May (M. Marsh), and near Asto-



At Yakima, Washington, a Common (Eurasian Green-winged) Teal was found 8 April 2003. There are only about five records of Common Teal from eastern Washington. Photograph by Denny Granstrand.

ria, *Clatsop* 24 May (MP). Washington's 4th Costa's Hummingbird was near Mt. Vernon, *Skagit* 15–16 May (ph. KW, JW); two of the three previous records were from Apr and May. In Oregon, single Costa's at Newport, *Lincoln* 8 Mar (E. Horvath) and Grants Pass, *Josephine* 15 Mar (DV) were early, while one at Frenchglen, *Harney* 28 May (L. McQueen) was more typical; Oregon has been averaging about 2 per spring. West of the Cascades, Calliope Hummingbirds appeared in record numbers, with 4 in Washington and 20 in Oregon, including one at Wilson Wildlife Area, *Benton* 25 Mar that was two to three weeks early (J. Geier). Five Lewis's Woodpeckers were in nw. Oregon, where rare, 27 Apr–10 May. Red-naped Sapsuckers are rare w. of the Cascades in Oregon, so 2 at Hillsboro, *Washington* 1 Mar (H. Nelson) and one near Corbett, *Multnomah* 10 May (IT, D. Mandell) were noteworthy.

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH THRASHERS

A Willow Flycatcher at Grants Pass, *Josephine* 4 May was about three weeks early (DV). Two Least Flycatchers were at their now-traditional site in Hardy Canyon, *Yakima* 24–26 May (CW); the Region averages about 2 per May. A Gray Flycatcher at Seattle 15 May furnished w. Washington's 6th record (K. Aanerud), all but one of which have been during May. Single Gray Flycatchers, once a rarity in w. Oregon, were again found at Detroit Flats, *Marion* 13 Apr and 11 May (SD), and another visited a similar site at Foster Res., *Linn* 30 Apr (R. Campbell). Similarly, Dusky Flycatchers have proven to be annual in the n. Willamette Valley, with 6 reported 24 Apr–12 May. A vocal Cordilleran Flycatcher

at Chewelah, *Pend Oreille* 28–31 May provided ne. Washington's first convincing record (†M. Force). The Black Phoebe wintering near Cathlamet, *Wahkiakum* remained until 17 Mar (R. McNair-Huff); there are still only five Washington records. A number of Black Phoebes were reported n. of their usual (but ever expanding) range in w. Oregon, including nesting pairs near Dayton, *Yamhill* (F. Schrock) and Fiddle Creek, *Lane* (B. & Z. Stotz); additionally, a Black Phoebe at Lower Klamath 2 Mar provided a very rare e. Oregon record (M. Rudolph). Eleven w. Oregon Say's Phoebes, 2 Mar–6 Apr, was above the norm and included outer coast records from Florence, *Lane* 2 Mar (D. Pettay) and N.S.C.B. 27 Mar (TR); w. Washington's only Say's was at Dowlweather Bluff, *Kitsap* 5 Apr (FW). Oregon's 4th Vermilion Flycatcher, wintering at Woodburn, *Marion*, remained through 8 Mar (WC). Ash-throated Flycatchers n. of their usual

range in w. Oregon included one at Detroit Flats, *Marion* 1 May (SD) and 4 in *Lane* 9–26 May (TM). Thirteen Western Kingbirds at Home Valley Park, *Skamania* 15 May likely represented a record-high count for w. Washington (KK). Washington's 4th and 5th Scissor-tailed Flycatchers were near George, *Grant* 15 May (†R. Conway) and Rockport, *Skagit* 31 May (†S. Aslanian, G. Aslanian, ph. G. Bletsch); previous Washington records were from May, Jul, and Sep.

The sole westside Loggerhead Shrike was near Brownsville, *Linn* 26 Apr (B. Thackaberry, D. MacDonald); the westside averages about 3 per spring. Oregon's 8th Blue-headed Vireo was singing at Malheur 25 May (†AC, †M. Nikas, †GG). A Plumbeous Vireo, reported annually from se. Oregon during May/June, was near Burns, *Harney* 24 May (†HN). Two Hutton's Vireos, extremely rare in e. Washington, were at Trout L., *Klickitat* 10 May (S. Johnston). A Warbling Vireo at Bend 15 Apr was more than two weeks early for e. Oregon (J. Moodie). Wintering Blue Jays lingered at Othello and Springfield to 2 Apr (JP, DDW) and at Bridgeport to 2 Mar (MB), while an apparent migrant was at Moses L., *Grant* 13 May (DSc); this represents an average spring. A well-described Bridled Titmouse, sans rectrices, was at P.N.P. 7 May (VN); this species is almost as unexpected as an exotic as it is as a vagrant. The only westside Rock Wren was at Spencer Butte, *Lane* 9 May (NS). A Canyon Wren at Ft. Canby S.P., *Pacific* 16 Apr was probably only the 2nd ever w. of the Cascades in Washington (MH), the first record coming from the same location in Oct 1981. Bewick's Wrens at the edge of their rapidly-expanding range included singles near Ellensburg, *Kittitas* 10 May (JP) and at

Rice Bar, *Garfield* 29 Mar (MD, MLD). The Region's first Sedge Wren was a singing bird at N.S.C.B. 30 May+ (TR, ph. m. ob.); neighboring California had only six records through 2003, five of which were from fall, the only spring record coming from that state's interior (*Western Birds* 33: 185).

Several Mountain Bluebirds were reported from w. Washington, including singles on the outer coast, where not annual, at Hoquiam, *Grays Harbor* 3 Apr (CW) and near Neah Bay, *Clallam* 12 Apr (BN, DW). A Veery at Eugene 31 May was only w. Oregon's 2nd (T. Floyd). A Swainson's Thrush near Sequim, *Clallam* 6 Apr provided Washington's 2nd earliest date ever (R. Rogers). Only 3 Northern Mockingbirds were seen in Oregon 12–31 May; in Washington, 2 were near average for spring: singles near Sequim 25 May (N. Ball) and P.N.P. 31 May (VN). A Sage Thrasher, very rare in w. Oregon, was near Troutdale, *Multnomah* 18 May (D. Mandell).

### WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

This spring's Tennessee Warbler was at Malheur 27 May (AC). Two Black-throated Blue Warblers in Oregon brought the state total to nearly 40: Alkali L., *Lake* 23 May (J. Geier) and Malheur 30 May (RH, OS); most of Oregon's records have been mid-Sep to mid-Nov, and these were the first records of northbound birds since 1998. Oregon's 9th Black-throated Green Warbler was at Colony Creek, *Harney* 24 May (†TR); most previous records were 20 May–20 Jun. A concentration of 30+ Hermit Warblers in Capitol Forest, *Thurston* 8 May provided one of Washington's highest counts (CW, RTS). The overwintering Palm Warbler at Eugene was last seen 3 Mar (M. Ratzlaff), while one at P.N.P. 6 May provided a very rare record of a northbound migrant (VN). A Blackpoll Warbler was at Malheur 30 May (OS); Blackpolls are almost annual in Oregon, mid-May to early Jun. Representing a fairly typical May, there were 3 Black-and-white Warblers in Oregon 12–24 May and one in Washington at Carnation, *King* 22 May (†M. Wile, M. Mann). Migrant westside American Redstarts are rare, so one near Washougal, *Clark* 21 May was noteworthy (C. Chappell). An Ovenbird at Malheur 23 May added to about 45 previous Oregon records (MD, MLD). Oregon's 7th Mourning Warbler was at Malheur 18 May (†SS); the date is a bit early compared to other West Coast records. A Yellow-breasted Chat was at Steigerwald L., *Clark* 8 May, with a pair there 31 May (WC); a pair summered here last year, the first suggestion of breeding in w. Washington for

several decades.

A Western Tanager at Carnation, *King* 8 Apr was about three weeks early and was Washington's earliest-ever of a non-wintering bird (S. Gerstle). The overwintering Clay-colored Sparrow remained at Warrenton, *Clatsop* to 26 Mar (MP), and one near Elma, *Grays Harbor* 1 Mar–14 Apr had likely overwintered there (BT); rarer, apparent northbound Clay-colored were found at Bay City, *Tillamook* 10–24 Apr (C. Roberts) and in nw. *Douglas* 21 May (DB). A Brewer's Sparrow at Stevenson, *Skamania* 2 Apr was about the 11th for w. Washington, most of which have been 2 Apr–5 Jun (JG); another Brewer's near Scappoose, *Columbia* 29 Apr was in Oregon's Willamette Valley, where very rare (D. Cogswell). Migrant Vesper Sparrows are rare in Washington away from their few westside breeding locations, so singles at Monroe, *Snohomish* 21 May (J. O'Connell) and Marymoor Park, *King* 23 May (B. Jones) were noteworthy. A Lark Sparrow along Lower Crab Cr., *Grant* 24 Mar was a month early and the earliest ever in Washington (BF). More Swamp Sparrows than usual were reported this spring, with a total of 9 seen to 13 Apr, all likely holdovers from winter. A tally of 11 Harris's Sparrows this spring was somewhat above average and included a late bird near Sedro Woolley, *Skagit* 9 May (V. Salt). Single Lapland Longspurs, rare in w. Oregon's interior, were at Portland 2 Mar (J. Fitchen) and Detroit Flats, *Marion* 13 Apr (SD). Two Snow Buntings at O.S. 18 May were by far the lat-

was the 2nd for *Klickitat* (†S. Johnston). Six at Othello, *Adams* 25 Mar (RH), with one there to 10 May (BF), were at a location with numerous reports over the last few years, while 7 males and 3 females were at Wilson Creek, *Grant*, Washington's only known breeding colony, 17 May (RTS, TN). Singles at Baskett Slough, *Polk* 9 Apr (R. Gerig) and Ankeny N.W.R., *Linn* 18–23 May (J. Lundsten, RH) were away from established w. Oregon breeding colonies. Two Yellow-headed Blackbirds at N.S.C.B. 20 May were on the outer coast, where rare (TR). A Common Grackle near Yakima 9–27 Mar was likely the same bird seen there last spring/summer (R. Repp); Washington has but 12 records. In Oregon, Common Grackles at Malheur 24–25 May (†DE, L. Messick) and Bandon, *Coos* 14 May (B. Fawver) added to nearly 30 state records. Annual in se. Oregon, but extremely rare in w. Oregon, a Great-tailed Grackle was at Ashland, *Jackson* 23 Apr (*vide* HN). *Yakima*'s 2nd and 3rd Lesser Goldfinches were at Selah 1 Mar and near Yakima 12 Apr (*vide* DG); there were only six prior Washington records away from *Klickitat/Clark*.

**Corrigendum:** In the fall 2002 report, an Anna's Hummingbird at Manson, *Chelan* 24–31 Oct was erroneously reported as a White-throated Swift (VN).

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Eastern Washington's eleventh Hudsonian Godwit was at Grandview, *Yakima* 18 May 2003. Fewer than a third of Washington's records involve northbound birds such as this one. Photograph by Denny Granstrand.

est ever for Washington (B. Levine).

Peculiar was a Rose-breasted Grosbeak that appeared for only one day, 20 Mar, at a feeder in Philomath, *Benton* (†T. Manning); more typical were singles at Waldport, *Lincoln* 1 May (J&K Ciotti), Burns Junction, *Harney* 25 May (D. Trochlell), and Marmot, *Clackamas* 31 May (D. Sanford).

More out-of-range Tricolored Blackbirds were found this year. One near Hooper 18 May provided only the 2nd or 3rd *Whitman* record (BF, DSc), and one at Bingen 21 Apr