

Oregon & Washington



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It was a fascinating summer in the Pacific Northwest. There was a fair sampling of megararities, including a first for Oregon and, in Washington, a potential first for the U.S./Canada. Shorebirds lingered late in spring, occasioning a number of most unusual June records, and southbound adult shorebird migration was strong, providing above-average numbers of many uncommon-to-rare species. Not all the highlights pertained to Charadriiformes. Several species of "marine" waterfowl made surprise inland appearances, and the Region's suite of species spreading north and east continued to make extralimital forays, including Red-shouldered Hawk, Black Phoebe, Western Scrub-Jay, and Bewick's Wren. Additionally, several interior species appear to be adding the westside to their breeding range, including Black-necked Stilt, Wilson's Phalarope, Black Tern, and Bank Swallow.

The summer's weather was hot and dry. Seattle had its driest summer since 1970.

In Oregon, June was the driest on record and July wasn't much wetter. The Region's temperatures were more appropriate for California. During June, Washington and Oregon averaged about 3° F above average, and July was even warmer, with Oregon averaging 4.8° F atop the norm, the second warmest July ever.

Abbreviations: E.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); P.N.P. (Point No Point, Kitsap, WA); Ridgefield (Ridgefield N.W.R., Clark, WA); 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 CRANES

A tally of 300 Pacific Loons at Oceanside, Tillamook 11 Jun was most unusual for such a late date (B. Woodhouse). Yellow-billed Loons, once almost unheard of during summer, have been almost annual over the last decade. This summer, one was at N.S.C.B. 18 Jul (TR), and the Wanapum Dam bird lingered to at least 1 Jul, providing the eastside's first summer record (PL, ph. C. Haynie). At least 2 pairs of Clark's Grebes nested at E.R.R., their only known westside breeding site (DI); 3 more Clark's at Heceta Head, Lane 5 Jul provided an extremely rare outer coast summer record (R. Lowe). There were four pelagic trips, two out of Westport during Jul and one each out of Newport during Jun and Jul. Northern Fulmar numbers were relatively low; 621 off Newport Jul 5 (GG) was the peak. Very large numbers of Pink-footed Shearwaters were reported, averaging 600+ per trip, and 5 Flesh-footed Shearwaters off Westport was also a high tally for summer. On 17 Jun, 10,000 Sooty Shearwaters were seen from shore at Seaside (SW), and 2594 were off Newport 5 Jul (GG); otherwise pelagic trip counts varied from 114 in Jun to 6621 in Jul. Manx Shearwaters were reported at Clatsop Spit 21 Jun (†MP), off Westport 12 Jul (BT), at O.S. 19–22 Jul (BLb, A. Grenon), and at Ft. Canby, Pacific 26 Jul (A. Richards); four reports now constitute an average summer, amazing given that this species was virtually unrecorded in the Region prior to 1990. A Townsend's Shearwater (*P. auricularis auricularis*) was described by a most experienced observer over Swiftsure Bank, about 28 km. w. of Neah Bay during late Jul (†P. Harrison); currently, there are no accepted records north of Baja California Sur. Notably, this bird may actually have been in British Columbia waters. Washington's 3rd Wilson's Storm-Petrel was in

Pacific sw. of Westport 12 Jul (PL, †RTS, †BL, †BT); previous records were on 23 Jul and 6 Sep.

Up to 26 American White Pelicans wandered around the Portland/Ridgefield area throughout the summer (HN), while up to 23 summered at FR.R. (DDW) and 3 were at Crockett L., *Island* 12–29 Jun (J. Bettesworth, B. Merrick); this species is an erratic wanderer to the westside. Rarely reported in the region, a Least Bittern was seen at Upper Klamath N.W.R. 5 Jul (C. Kisling), where they are perhaps more regular than perceived. For the first spring/summer since 1998, no Snowy Egrets were found in Washington. There were an unusual number of westside Black-crowned Night Herons reported this summer. Two fresh juvs. were at Tillamook during early Jul (*fide* C. Roberts), and 3 were on Fir I., *Skagit* 27 Jul (G. Bletsch), plus single ads. were near Halsey, *Linn* 7 Jun (T. Janzen) and Portland 17 Jun (J. Fitchen, IT). The most recent westside breeding record is of four nests in Portland in 1951 (HN). Wayward White-faced Ibis included singles at Finley N.W.R. 1 Jun (T. Snetsinger, C. Paynter), Portland 6 Jun (C. Stevenson, IT), and near St. Andrews, *Douglas* 19 Jun (DB); this species is rare in Washington and w. Oregon, mostly May–Jul.

“Stumpy,” the Port Angeles Emperor Goose, was present to at least 9 Jul when it happily feasted on Multi-grain Cheerios (PL). A Snow Goose at Cultus Bay, *Island* 2 Jul was only the 4th ever for Washington during summer (TA). The Region’s 2nd-ever summer Eurasian Wigeon was at St. Andrews, *Douglas* 22 Jun (†R. Nelson); strangely, the previous summer record was also from the eastside. A brood of Northern Shovelers at O.S. 6 Jul+ was exceptionally rare for the outer coast (SM, DD, PtS, RS). Green-winged Teal seemed unusually numerous on the westside this summer, with a high count of 70 ads. near Florence, *Snohomish* 29 Jun (SM, DD, GT) and broods located at Stanwood, near Florence, and at Sunlight Beach, *Island* (SM). Up to 50 ad. Redheads were at FR.R. during early Jun (DI), and following two years of suspected nesting, two broods were found there 19 Jul+ (LM, DDW), providing the first confirmed breeding record for w. Oregon. Very rare breeders on the outer coast, Ring-necked Ducks once again nested at N.S.C.B. (TR). Two Greater Scaup, not annual on the eastside during summer, lingered at Ellensburg, *Kittitas* to 22 Jun (SDs), and 2 more were at Iowa Beef, *Walla Walla* 26 Jul (MD, MLD). Three Lesser Scaup broods were located at Stanwood, *Snohomish*, and 2 were at Deer Lagoon, *Island* (SM, DD);

this species is a scarce breeder on the westside. A Harlequin Duck was at East Wentachee, *Douglas* 21 Jun (DB); Harlequins are extremely rare on the eastside away from the mountains during summer. A stunning 2840 Surf Scoters were on Padilla Bay, *Skagit* 29 Jun (SM, DD, GT), well exceeding last summer’s record tally of 2180. Equally surprising was a Surf Scoter at Ft. Okanogan 10 Jul (SDs, CW), probably only the 2nd for the eastside during summer. A White-winged Scoter on Crump L., *Lake* 17 Jun was likely the first during summer in e. Oregon (S. Fein); there are about five summer records for e. Washington. A Long-tailed Duck, not annual during summer, was in the Siuslaw estuary, *Lane* 5 Jul (AC, NS). Breeding Buffleheads are not found annually in the Region, so a female with brood at Molson, *Okanogan* 25 Jun–2 Jul was noteworthy (TA). Three Red-breasted Mergansers at Mann L., *Harney* 1–7 Jun (D. Evered, L. Messick) and one near Paterson, *Benton* 26 Jul (NL, BL) were unprecedented on the eastside in summer.

The Osprey colony at Everett increased to 30 active nests in mid-Jul, but there were only 48 nestlings (E. Schulz); in 2001, there were 54 young in 23 active nests. A Red-shouldered Hawk at Conboy L., *Klickitat* 29 Jul provided Washington’s first summer record (JE). In e. Oregon, Red-shoulders have become annual during fall, but summer records are still quite unusual, so one at Tumalo Res., *Deschutes* 30 Jul was noteworthy (HHo, P. Low). A concentration of 50 Swainson’s Hawks would be notable in Washington at any season, but 50 feeding on Mormon Crickets (*Anabrus* sp.) near Juniper Dunes, *Franklin* 16 Jun were most surprising (TA); notably, these were almost entirely subads. On 4 Jun a wayward Sandhill Crane dropped into a small grassy opening below Hills Creek Dam in e. *Lane* (DFi, DI), while 3 on Sauvie I. 7 Jul were also unseasonal but at a more expected locale (D. Bailey).

PLOVERS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

A northbound American Golden-Plover at Iowa Beef, *Walla Walla* 7 Jun was only the 3rd such bird recorded on the eastside and provided the Region with only its 2nd Jun record (SM, BF, RTS). A well-seen golden-plover near Florence, *Snohomish* 29 Jun defied identification and occurred at a time when either golden-plover is quite rare (SM, DD, GT). More typical was a Pacific Golden-Plover near Florence, *Snohomish* 26 Jul (T. Norris, RTS, SM). Black-necked Stilts bred at FR.R. for the 2nd consecutive year, and young were out of the nest by 21 Jun (B. Hunter); in e.

Washington, stilts again bred far to the ne. in *Pend Oreille*, with two pairs at *Pend Oreille Wetlands* 19 Jun (MF). An American Avocet at Sammamish, *King* 3 Jun provided a rare westside record (H. Flores).

A late northbound Solitary Sandpiper was at Chewelah, *Pend Oreille* 7 Jun (MF), while a bird at Big L., Santiam Pass 9 Jun was in potential breeding habitat (SS), and an aggressive ad. at Gold L., *Lane* 18 Jul+ (D. Farrar, HH) was at a site where breeding was suspected twice during the 1980s. Southbound Solitaries numbered 13 from 3 Jul onwards, a better-than-average total, with a maximum of 4 near Chewelah, *Stevens* 5 Jul (K. Brown). Very rare in the Puget Trough, a Wandering Tattler was at Bainbridge I., *Kitsap* 30 Jul (B. Waggoner). First found in May, the Upland Sandpiper near Spokane remained to 16 Jul (JA). A Whimbrel high in the Cascades at Wickiup Res., *Deschutes* 26 Jul was distinctly out of place (HHo, J. Moodie). A flock of 15 Long-billed Curlews at FR.R. 28 Jul was in the westside interior, where rare (NS). Inland Marbled Godwits included 2 migrants at Summer L., *Lake* 19 Jul (DI, NS) and one 26 Jul at FR.R., where rare (DI, S. Maulding, J. Socolar). Single Sanderlings, not annual on the eastside during summer, were at Potholes Res., *Grant* 25–27 Jul (DSc) and Ochoco Res., *Crook* 30 Jul (CG). A seasonal tally of 104 Semipalmated Sandpipers—from 29 Jun onward—was well above average, at least in part due to increased coverage in the n. Puget Trough, where this species is at its most numerous. The peak count was 12 near Florence, *Snohomish* 24 Jul, coinciding with the first large influx of juvs. (SM, SP). Away from w. Washington, 10 Semipalmateds were found in e. Washington, 10 in e. Oregon, and 5 in w. Oregon. Long awaited, Oregon’s first White-rumped Sandpiper was at New R. mouth, *Coos* 1 Jul (vt. DL, KC); Washington’s records include 2 from late May and one from early Jul. A Baird’s Sandpiper at N.S.C.B. 4 Jun was about three weeks late and provided only the 2nd Regional record of a northbound bird during Jun (TR); 11 southbound Baird’s, from 15 Jul onward, was better than average and were mostly juvs. A Pectoral Sandpiper at FR.R. 5 Jun was also about 3 weeks late and provided Oregon’s 3rd Jun record (DFi, DI, D. Arendt). Fifteen southbound Pectorals from 17 Jul onward was well above the norm. A southbound Dunlin near Corfu, *Grant* 19 Jul provided e. Washington’s 2nd summer record (RH), while 3 such birds near Florence, *Snohomish* 29 Jun (one remaining to 17 Jul) were also more than two months early (DD, SM, GT); 3 Dunlin also summered at O.S., somewhat typical

for the outer coast (D. Norman, SM, DD). A Stilt Sandpiper near Florence, *Snohomish* 13 Jul provided a very rare record of a southbound ad. (G. Aslanian). A **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** at N.S.C.B 7 Jul was the earliest for Oregon by over a month (previous record 13 Aug) and the state's first ad. (KC, DL). A Short-billed Dowitcher at Cold Springs N.W.R., *Umatilla* 16 Jul furnished a very rare summer eastside record (CC, JC). Wilson's Phalaropes seem to be on their way to establishing themselves as a westside breeder. In Oregon they bred for the 3rd consecutive year at F.R.R. and the 4th consecutive year at Baskett Slough, *Polk* (DDW, RG), while TR's discovery of downy young at N.S.C.B 20 Jul provided a first breeding record for Oregon's outer coast. In Washington, a male was guarding 2 downy chicks near Florence, *Snohomish* 17 Jul (E. Kroese, SM, DD, SP)—only the 2nd w. Washington breeding record since 1975.

A Parasitic Jaeger, extremely rare on the eastside during summer, was at Schoolhouse L., *Lake* 13 Jul (CM). Less unusual but still noteworthy were Puget Trough sightings, including 2 at Protection I., *Jefferson* 29 Jun (G. Gerdt) and one at P.N.P. 4 Jul (DW, PW). Only 3 Pomarine Jaegers were found offshore. In contrast, 7 South Polar Skuas were detected, an excellent summer total. Washington's first Franklin's Gull of the year was near Pater-son, *Benton* 26 Jul (BL, NL), while the westside's first was from Sauvie I. 30 Jul (IT). Heermann's Gull numbers seemed up this summer. Three thousand were at Port Angeles 25 Jul (BN, DW), 5000 were at O.S./Westport 6 Jul (SM, DD), and 5000 were at Siletz Bay, *Lincoln* during late Jul (PP); these are the Region's highest tallies since 1994. Two Mew Gulls were at Deer Lagoon, *Island* 22 Jun (SM, DD); the first returning birds usually are not found until early or mid-Jul. About 10,000 California Gulls joined the Heermann's feasting on anchovies at Siletz Bay during late Jul (PP, WH). A Herring Gull, very rare during summer, was at O.S. 12 Jul (†PtS).

Six Elegant Terns at Gold Beach, *Curry* 31 Jul provided the first Jul record since 2000 (DM), though a number were found last Aug. A Forster's Tern, very rare during summer in w. Washington, was at Deer Lagoon, *Island* 19 Jul (SM, DD); 3 Forster's at F.R.R. 3 Jun, where they occasionally linger during spring migration (DFi, DI). Black Terns once again nested on the westside at F.R.R. and Baskett Slough, *Polk*, with 20+ pairs at F.R.R. (DDW, RG); they also summered at Ridgefield, though nesting was not confirmed, with up to 6 seen through 12 Jul (KK). Two *hypoleucus* Xantus's Murrelets were

off Westport 19 Jul, providing only the 4th Washington record of this taxon (†BLb); notably, though, indications from seabird researchers is that *S. h. hypoleucus* is far more regular than realized off our shores (N.A.B. 56: 99). Evidence suggesting Cassin's Auklet population recovery was provided by tallies of 52 and 375 off Westport during Jul. For the 6th summer out of the last 7, Horned Puffins were found on the Oregon coast, including 3 flybys at Sea Lion Caves, *Lane* 5 Jun (M. Crewe, D. Pettey) and one flying past Cape Arago, *Coos* 19 Jul (DI, NS).

Rare in e. Washington, especially e. of the Cascades, a Band-tailed Pigeon was in *Grant* near Vantage, *Kittitas* 15 Jun (TA). A Yellow-billed Cuckoo, almost annual during early summer in se. Oregon, was at Fields, *Harney* 15 Jun (Maitreya). Prior to this summer, Black Swifts were known to breed at only two sites in Oregon. This summer, they were at their well-known Salt Cr. Falls, *Lane* colony (m. ob.), while a survey of potential Oregon nest sites found birds returning during evening hours to several new locations, including Starvation Rock Falls in the Columbia Gorge and Grotto, Toketee, and Proxy Falls in the s. Oregon Cascades (fide B. Altman). A Black-chinned Hummingbird, about the 5th for w. Washington, was at Silver Star Mt., *Clark* 7 Jun (WC). An Anna's Hummingbird was at East Wenatchee, *Douglas* 26–27 Jun (DB); this species is still rare in e. Washington away from *Klickitat*. An ad. male and female-type Calliope Hummingbird at Saddle Mt. in the Oregon Coast Range 10 Jul increased suspicion of local breeding (MP); this site has provided several summer records since 1995. Costa's Hummingbirds, not annual during summer, were noted at Chiloquin, *Klamath* 5 Jun (W. Stone) and near Grants Pass, *Josephine* 12 Jul (DV). An ad. male Broad-tailed Hummingbird was at Dale, *Grant* on 8 Jul (MD, MLD); despite frequent mid-summer reports from ne. Oregon, nesting has not been confirmed. A Boreal Owl was singing at Armstrong Mt., *Okanogan* 8 Jul (SDs, CW); because Boreal Owls tend to be quiet during midsummer, such records are few. A family group of Williamson's Sapsuckers, unusual w. of the Cascade crest, was on the on the w. slope of Mt. Jefferson, *Linn* 27 Jul (J. Harding). A Black-backed Woodpecker, very rare in w. Washington, was at Forlorn Lakes, *Skamania* 10 Jul (TA); due to poor coverage, this species may be more regular than currently realized in *Skamania*. An integrade Red-shafted x Yellow-shafted Flicker was again found in Seattle this summer on 31 Jul (P. Lott), while a bird looking like a

normal Red-shafted with a red nape crescent was at Daroga S.P., *Douglas* 6 Jun (DB); flickers displaying phenotypic characteristics of Yellow-shafteds are very rare during summer.

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH FINCHES

Least Flycatcher numbers continue to increase. This summer at least 4 were found in Oregon and 14 in Washington, if one includes a pair of tardy reports from late May. Most of Washington's Least were singing on territory along the e. slope of the Cascades or in the adjacent Columbia/Okanogan River valleys. Another territorial bird was at Pend Oreille Wetlands (MF). Apparent migrants included singles at Indian Canyon, *Spokane* 25 May (JA), Turnbull N.W.R., *Spokane* 31 May (M. Frobe), Ringold, *Franklin* 8 Jun (RTS, BF, DSc, SM), and Eloika Lake Rd., *Spokane* 12 Jun (JA, WH). In Oregon, likely migrants were near Black Butte Ranch 8 Jun (WG), Frenchglen, *Harney* 8 Jun (AC), and Burns Junction, *Harney* 9 Jun (AC). More unusual was a Least apparently on territory at Upper Klamath L. 3 Jul+ (SS), but the prize for most unusual Least Flycatcher goes to one on the westside, where still very rare, at Fortson Mill Ponds, *Snohomish* 26 Jun (DD, SP). The Cordilleran Flycatcher at Chewelah, *Pend Oreille* remained on territory through 25 Jun (MF). The ongoing range expansion of Black Phoebes was evidenced by prospecting birds at Brownsville, *Linn* 10 Jul (JF) and Winchester, *Douglas* 27 Jul (D&A Heyerly), while a pair nested for the 2nd straight year near Dayton, *Yamhill*, fledging a single chick around 18 Jun (FS). A Black Phoebe at Malheur 17 Jun provided an extremely rare eastside summer record (L. Redmond). A Say's Phoebe, extremely rare during summer on the westside, was at Gearhart, *Clatsop* 19 Jun (S. Warner). An Ash-throated Flycatcher at Orondo, *Douglas* 16 Jun was somewhat n. of that species' usual breeding range (DB). A Red-eyed Vireo, a scarce breeder on the w. Olympic Pen., was at L. Quinault, *Grays Harbor* 20 Jul (CW).

Western Scrub-Jays continued to expand their range. An ad. with young at Hoquiam, *Grays Harbor* 6 Jul extended the Washington breeding range 25–30 km westward (DD, SM), while the wayward bird at Lummi I., *Whatcom* remained to at least mid-Jun (C. Blake); to the east, a scrub-jay at Yakima, *Yakima* 13 Jul added to that county's rapidly growing list of records (SDs). In w. Oregon, *Tillamook* is the only county without regularly occurring scrub-jays, but that might be changing, as singles were noted in *Tillamook*

and on Mt. Hebo during Jul (B. Woodhouse). Bank Swallows seem to be rapidly increasing their westside range. A colony of 100 near Concrete, *Skagit* 17 Jul (TA) was the largest ever in w. Washington, while the Auburn, King colony hosted 45 birds 4 Jul (CW); 3 more Banks near Nahcotta, *Pacific* 6 Jul provided an extremely rare record for Washington's outer coast (J. Gilligan). The *plumbeus* Bushtit flock near Potholes Res., *Grant* still had 10+ birds 5 Jul (T. Pieper); who knows how long these birds have been there?

It was an exceptional year for westside Rock Wrens, with reports from numerous mid-elevation clearcuts, rock outcroppings, and dam faces in the Cascades and the Coast Range. Two ads. accompanying a recent fledgling at Tamarack Quarry 29 Jul provided *Clackamas's* first breeding record (ES, NW). Rock Wrens were also noted in w. Oregon at Larch Mtn., *Multnomah* (IT) and Hills Creek Dam, *Lane* (NS) and in sw. Washington at Silver Star Mt., Little Baldy, and Siouxon Peak (WC, M. Miller, C. Chappell). A Bewick's Wren was near Elgin, *Union* 21 Jun, where they are unknown as breeders (TB). Oregon's first *Sedge Wren*, found at N.S.C.B 30 May, was last seen 10 Jul (TR). Washington's 8th *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* returned for its 2nd summer to Hardy Canyon, *Yakima* 10 Jun–3 Jul (R. Repp, ph. DG); once again, its determined singing failed to attract a mate. Veeries were again found at their only westside nesting spot, the County Line Ponds, *Whatcom*, with 2 singing males on 11 Jun and a pair carrying food 26 Jun (S. Terry, TA). A Swainson's Thrush near the W.W.R.D. 17 Jun was, apparently, an exceptionally delayed northbound migrant (NL, H. Browers); this species is a scarce migrant in the Columbia Basin, with most northbound migrants passing through in late May/early Jun. Two Mountain Bluebirds were at Deer Pk., *Olympic N.P.* 26 Jun (BN); Mountain Bluebirds bred in the Olympics as recently as the 1940s but are thought to have since been extirpated there as breeders. A Gray Catbird at Little Deschutes Crossing, *Klamath* 2 Jun was far removed from known Oregon breeding sites (H. Lown) but follows a pattern of increasing reports from the Deschutes Basin. Five Northern Mockingbirds this summer was about average, with singles at F.R.R. 24 Jun (A. Reid), N.S.C.B. 21 Jun (T. Snetsinger), Tatoosh I., *Clallam* 14–16 Jun (B. Paine, T. Wootton) and 2 near Coville, *Stevens* 6 Jun (*fide* K. Duemrose). Washington's 7th *Brown Thrasher* was at Lyons Ferry, *Franklin* 2 Jun (†BT, †BLb); there were only 3 Washington records prior to 1999.

SA Thick-billed Fox Sparrows are known to breed well n. along Oregon's Cascades, and birds likely of this group have been found breeding almost to the Washington border, but none had been convincingly described from Washington. On 5 Jul, BT and RTS found 3 birds that looked and called like **Thick-billed Fox Sparrows** at Columbia Hills, *Klickitat*. This report prompted WC to reveal that he had 3 such birds at the Monte Carlo Mts., *Skamania* 7 Jun 1998. He returned to that spot on 13 Jul this year and again found one there. Apparently, the range of *P.i. megarhyncha* extends into Washington, but how far and how long have they been there?

Washington's 16th Chestnut-sided Warbler was at Lyons Ferry, *Franklin* 1 Jun (ph. BF, vt. SM). In Oregon, where there are 40+ records of Chestnut-sideds, singles were at Malheur 1 Jun (TB) and Lost L. 27 Jun–7 Jul, a *Linn* first (RG). A *Myrtle Warbler* at Lyons Ferry, *Franklin* 2 Jun provided Washington's 4th summer record (BT, Blb); equally rare was one in Oregon's Coast Range in n. *Douglas* 6 Jun (RH). A Black-throated Gray Warbler, very rare in far e. Washington, was at Davenport, *Lincoln* 6 Jun (JA). Washington's 2nd *Black-throated Green Warbler* was singing near Vantage, *Kittitas* 14 Jun (†A. Davis). Two male American Redstarts at County Line Ponds, *Whatcom* 11 Jun (S. Terry) and a pair carrying food at County Line Ponds, *Skagit* 26 Jun (TA) were at traditional westside nesting locations, while singles at Brookings, *Curry* 15 Jul and Creswell, *Lane* 27 Jun clearly were lost (P. Hicks, S. Nelson). Breeding likely took place in e. Oregon, where pairs summered at Upper Klamath L. (M.A. Sohlstrom) and along Indian Ford Cr., *Deschutes* (HHo). A window-killed Prothonotary Warbler at Cape Meares Village 16 Jun was a *Tillamook* first and about the 9th for Oregon (M. Tweelinckx); most previous records were Aug–Oct. Two Ovenbirds this summer was about average, with singles at Malheur 8 Jun (AC) and near Florence, *Lane* 10 Jun (K. Hollinga). Wayward Northern Waterthrushes were at Ft. Klamath: 10 Jun (Klamath Bird Observatory) and Lost L., *Linn* 14 Jun+ (W. Weber); the latter bird was in high breeding condition when banded 11 Jul (SD).

Washington Green-tailed Towhees included one at Biscuit Ridge, *Walla Walla* 15 Jun (BL, NL), 2 at Wenatchee Guard Station, *Asotin* 21 Jun (MD, MLD, M. Willison), and 3 at a new site, Sunset Pt., *Garfield* 19 Jun (MD, MLD, B. Dowdy); in Washington, this species is only known from a handful of sites in the Blue Mts. A Clay-colored Sparrow at Sucia I., *San Juan* 16 Jun provided w. Washington's 4th summer record (R. Rogers), and for the 3rd consecutive summer, Clay-colored were found in e. Washington, with singles near Espanola, *Spokane* 1 Jun (WH, JA) and near Molson, *Okanogan* 2 Jul (PL). A Vesper Sparrow at Bayocean Spit 6 Jul was rare for *Tillamook* at any season but even less expected during midsummer (IT).

A *White-throated Sparrow* at Wapato, *Yakima* 17 May–9 Jun furnished Washington's 3rd summer record and the first since 1973 (A.&E. Stepniewski). Rather late were Gambel's White-crowned Sparrows at Windust Park, *Franklin* 7 Jun (BLb, BF, SM, RTS, M. Roening) and Ringold, *Franklin* 8 Jun (BF, RTS, DSc, SM). The Region's 7th summer Lapland Longspur was at O.S. 12 Jul (PtS, RS); interestingly, only one of these was prior to 1999. Returning back to "normal" numbers, 5 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were noted in Oregon and one was in Washington at Seattle 1 Jun (J. Engle). Only 2 Tricolored Blackbirds were still at their only known Washington nesting site, Wilson Creek, *Grant* 5 Jun (TA), but one at St. Andrews 22 Jun provided a first *Douglas* record (†R. Nelson). In w. Oregon, a Tricolored at F.R.R 13 Jul was the 3rd for this location and *Lane* (JS). The season's only Great-tailed Grackle was at Malheur 3 Jun (TB). A Pine Grosbeak at Arbuckle Mt. 17 Jun was a *Wheeler* first (M&MLD). The Region's only sighting of the peripatetic White-winged Crossbill was of 2 at Salmo Mt., *Pend Oreille* 19 Jul (BW).

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