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The season started warm and cuddly, with modestly elevated temperatures and very low rainfall, particularly in August, when the Region received less than one third of its usual precipitation. Then November arrived and unleashed a fury of storms, with high winds and record rainfalls. Washington had its wettest month ever and Oregon its sixth wettest November. Surprisingly, the November lashings did not blow a host of seabirds inshore. Fall 2006 did provide its share of mega-rarities, including two Regional firsts and additional first state records for Washington and Oregon. During August and September, there was a whiff of a montane invasion, perhaps due to extensive forest fires. Finally, shorebird numbers seemed subpar nearly across the board.

Abbreviations: FR.R. (Fern Ridge Res., 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.S.B. (Port Susan Bay, Snohomish); P.T. (Puget Trough, WA); W.V. (Willamette Valley, OR);

W.W.R.D. (Walla Walla R. delta, Walla Walla, WA). "Eastside" and "westside" indicate locations e. and w. of the Cascade crest, respectively.

WATERFOWL THROUGH COOTS

A Tule Greater White-fronted Goose (subspecies *gambelli*) at Edmonds, Snohomish 4-10 Nov (ph. SM, C. Riddell, DD) furnished about the 5th record from Washington, all of which were Sep-Dec. The entire Tule Goose population (approximately 7200) breeds in the Alaskan taiga, stages in s.-cen. Oregon, and winters in California's central valley (Pacific Flyways Study Committee 2003). Single Emperor Geese enlivened Shillapoo Bottoms, Clark 28 Oct-11 Nov (WC, C. Ledford), Ferndale, Whatcom 11-12 Nov (J. Meche), and Astoria 2 Nov+ (MP); the Region averages about 2 per fall. At least 4 ad. and 4 imm. Blue Geese graced Fir I., Skagit 4 Nov+ (CW, SM, W. Russell). Almost all of w. Washington's Snow Geese hail from the colony on Wrangel I., Siberia, which has had a growing number of Blue Geese, including 11 ads. that produced 10+ young this year (V. Baranyuk). A Snow Goose at Vanport Wetlands, Multnomah 5 Sep was a month early (AF). Another Snow Goose x Canada/Cackling Goose hybrid visited the Columbia Basin at McNary N.W.R., Walla Walla 11 Nov (M&MD). Par for fall, single errant Ross's Geese appeared at Othello, Adams 14 Oct (BF) and McNary N.W.R. 27 Nov (M&MD). A Lesser Canada Goose (subspecies *parvipes*) at Sun Lakes, Grant 1 Sep was about a month early (SM, BSW). A Cackling Goose, subspecies unknown, at Ho-

quiam, Grays Harbor 13 Aug (G. McWethy) and a *taverneri* Cackling Goose at Lind Coulee, Grant 26 Aug (SM) probably summered locally; migrants typically first appear in late Sep. A congregation of 22 *minima* Cackling Geese at Moses L., Grant 25 Nov likely set an e. Washington record (BF, SM, DSc). Rare away from salt water, a Black Brant inhabited Kent, King 25-29 Oct (D. Swayne), and 2 visited Eugene 1 Nov (DI). A Trumpeter Swan at Lyman, Skagit 2 Sep+ was about two months early (GB), while 2 at Cape Blanco 28 Nov were exceptionally far s., providing Curry's 4th record (LM, TJW).

The male Falcated Duck returned to Coburg, Lane 14 Nov+ for the 4th consecutive year (J. Harding). The only eastside Eurasian Wigeons were at Bingen, Klickitat 3 Nov (SJ) and Hatfield L., Deschutes late Oct+ (fide CG). A very rare Mallard x Gadwall hybrid inhabited Vashon I., King 12 Nov (EH). No Eurasian Teal were detected for the 2nd consecutive fall. Ring-necked Ducks were unusually abundant, evidenced by 1385 at Everett 23 Nov (SM), 1826 at Wells Pool, Okanogan/Douglas 15 Nov (RH), and 1960 at Wanapum Pool, Grant 16 Nov (RH). A male Tufted Duck at Philomath, Benton 5 Nov provided the first fall record since 2000 (J. Fontaine, R. Moore); Tufteds are annual Dec-Apr. A stunning 10,230 scaup, about 80% Greaters, were at Wanapum Pool 16 Nov (RH), likely attracted there by Eurasian Milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) and Curly-leaf Pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*), both introduced species. Washington's 3rd Steller's Eider graced Edmonds 28 Sep (†DD, S. Pink); Washington's prior

SA Washington's first photographically documented **Richardson's Cackling Goose** (subspecies *hutchinsii*) brightened Sun Lakes, Grant 8 Nov (DG). This was followed by 6 Richardson's among a throng of Lesser Canada Geese at Steamboat Rock, Grant 25 Nov (SM, DSc, BF). Previous Regional records include 2 birds in Walla Walla Mar 2006 and one specimen from Klamath Falls (Aldrich 1946, *Wilson Bulletin* 58: 94-103). Since many of the Columbia Basin's wintering Mallards and *moffitti* Canada Geese come from Alberta (D. Kraege), vagrancy by Richardson's Geese to our Region may not be so surprising.



This Tule Greater White-fronted Goose (race *gambelli*) was at Edmonds, Snohomish County, Washington 4-10 (here 9) November 2006. This endangered population can be recognized from the widespread race, *frontalis*, by the relatively dark head and neck, the long and large bill, and the eye-ring (latter not present on all individuals). For good discussions of taxonomy and identification of Tule Geese, see articles by J. L. Dunn and J. Y. Takekawa in the *Central Valley Bird Club Bulletin*, winter 2005. Photograph by Steve Mlodinow.

records are of birds that arrived in Sep or Oct. A Harlequin Duck, extremely rare on the lowland eastside, brightened Hood River 4 Sep (SJ). Peak counts of Surf and White-winged Scoters at Boiler Bay were a goodly 20,000 and 8000, respectively, on 14 Nov (PP). A flock of 20 Surfs at Hagg L., Washington 7 Oct was probably w. Oregon's largest ever away from salt water (GG). On the eastside, a measly 18 Surf Scoters (14 Oct+) and 8 White-wingeds (20 Oct+) were noted. The only eastside Long-tailed Duck visited Hatfield L., Deschutes 28 Oct (H. Horvath), well below the fall eastside average of seven. A Long-tailed Duck at Washougal, Skamania 24 Nov+ yielded a very rare interior westside record (WC). Extremely rare, a Hooded Merganser × goldeneye hybrid was found on Bass L., Skamania 4 Nov (ph. G. McWethy). A tally of 250 Hooded Mergansers on Banks L., Grant 25 Nov likely set a Washington record (SM, DSc, BF). A Red-breasted Merganser at Two Rivers H.M.U., Walla Walla 2 Sep was about three weeks early for the eastside (M&MD). Walla Walla's first Mountain Quail at Biscuit Ridge 24 Aug was especially notable given the species' substantial decline in the Blue Mts. (MD).

The excellent passage of loons at Boiler Bay included peak counts of 20,000 Red-throats 11 Nov (PP) and 160,000 Pacifics on 24 Nov (PP, D. Tracy). A subpar 3 Yellow-billed Loons included an early bird at Westport 17 Sep (BLB). A tally of 497 Pied-billed Grebes at Smith/Bybee Lakes, Multnomah 29 Aug was unprecedented for Oregon (JW). Away from breeding areas, 8 westside Clark's Grebes 11 Sep+ was low.

Fifteen pelagic trips—eight out of Westport (BT, BLB), six out of Newport (GG), and one out of Charleston (GG)—comprised the standard offshore coverage this fall. In addition, JGi and OS rode a cruise ship as it passed 35-100 km off the Oregon coast 25 Sep. Four Laysan Albatrosses were found off Westport, 12 Aug-4 Sep, the highest total since 1999. Black-footed Albatross counts averaged just over 50 per trip, about half of normal. A Black-footed Albatross from shore at Cape Flattery 11 Aug was only the 2nd such record for Washington (CW), the first coming from the same

location 24 Jul 2005. A radio-tagged juv. Short-tailed Albatross was off Lane, Douglas, and Coos 18-20 Oct (*vide* TR) and also passed through Washington and British Columbia waters; although the species is virtually annual of late in the Region, there are still only about 10 modern-day Oregon records. Northern Fulmars were found in good numbers, with most trips finding hundreds. Washington's 2nd Greater Shearwater was off Westport 10 Sep (ph. T. Norris, SMi); there are eight prior records from the ne. Pacific, five



This Cackling Goose of the nominate subspecies at Blue Lake, Grant County, Washington 8 November 2006 provided the first photographically documented record of this subspecies for the state. Photograph by Denny Granstrand.

from 3 Aug-15 Oct. Only 10 Flesh-footed Shearwaters were found, all off Westport. Sooty Shearwater numbers offshore were very low, averaging about 3500 per trip off Westport and fewer than 100 per trip off Oregon. The from-shore maximum was a goodly 160,000 at N. Cove, Pacific 7 Aug (CW). The season's offshore total of Short-tailed Shearwaters was a pitiful 3, but a surprising 500

SA *Aechmophorus* grebes first bred at F.R.R. in the early 1990s, with numbers rapidly increasing thereafter (F.R.R. remains the only regular westside nesting location for these species). A directed boat survey of F.R.R. 14 Sep yielded 800+ grebes (DI, DF), topping the prior W.V. record of 575 from Oct 2004 (DI). Approximately 10% were Clark's, and about 25-30% were juvs., suggesting excellent breeding success. As the lake was drawn down starting 1 Oct, 1200-1400 grebes consistently congregated below the dam through Nov (DI).

This fall also saw w. Washington's first breeding record of *Aechmophorus* grebes, which was surprising in several ways. It occurred on urbanized Juanita Bay, King, an unexpected locale, with nest-building starting at the late date of mid-Aug. Among the 5 ads. with 3 young 11-13 Sep was an apparent Western Grebe × Clark's Grebe hybrid and a probable pure Clark's (ph. M. F. Mathis).

were reported from Boiler Bay 24 Nov (PP). Buller's Shearwaters were present in normal numbers off Oregon, with 50+ per trip mid-Aug-mid-Oct, while Washington had a paltry 56 total. Most unusual from shore, 2 Buller's were at Cape Flattery 11 Aug (CW). Single Manx Shearwaters were off Westport 9 Sep (SMi, BLB), off Newport 30 Sep (ph. GG), and at Boiler Bay 16 Oct and 24 Nov (PP); additionally, a Manx-type shearwater was at Cape Flattery 2-11 Aug (J. Bryant, CW). Other than the impressive raft of 1400 Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels off Newport 30 Sep, the average was a scant 20 per trip. Leach's Storm-Petrels, present in good numbers all summer off Westport, continued at about 50 per trip through mid-Aug before disappearing; typically only 10-15 are found all fall. Oddly, the few P.T. records of Leach's are later: mid-Oct-mid-Nov. This fall, singles were over Possession Bank, Island 27 Oct (B. Higgins), at Edmonds, Snohomish 29 Oct (DD, SM), and off Seattle 20 Nov (BSW).

An ill Masked Booby, the Region's first, was found near Portland along the Columbia R. in mid-Aug (*Slater Museum); given the proximity to a major port, some degree of ship assistance seems likely. A Blue-footed Booby appeared over Padilla Bay, Skagit 6 Aug (ph. R. Merrill); Washington's previous record was from Everett 23 Sep 1935, and Oregon's sole record was from Lincoln 7-9 Sep 2002. Good numbers of American White Pelicans again favored the W.V., with a peak of 40 at F.R.R. 13 Sep (DI). Six Brown Pelicans in P.T.

during Sep was fairly typical, but an amazing 44 in Nov were far later than usual; the peak was 25 at Port Angeles 16 Nov (B. Boekelheide), and the last lingered off Bainbridge I., *Kitsap* through 28 Nov (BSW). Undoubtedly part of the same storm-driven phenomenon was an exceptionally rare inland **Brown Pelican** at Portland 5 Nov (B. Sharp).

The continuing northward explosion of Great Egrets was evidenced by an astonishing 549 at Smith/Bybee Lakes, *Multnomah* 20 Oct (AF) and 186 at Ridgefield 26 Oct (JE); incredibly, a single Great Egret near Portland was newsworthy 30 years ago. Snowy Egrets also wandered n. in good numbers, including singles at Potholes Res., *Grant* 13 Aug and 9 Sep (DSc, MDu), Nisqually 13-24 Aug (G. McWethy), and Ridgefield 2-3 Sep (JD, K. Knittle). It was another poor fall for Cattle Egrets, represented by singles at Fir I., *Skagit* 21 Oct-5 Nov (M. Axelson), Astoria 2 Nov (MP), and F.R.R. 22-26 Nov (D. Brown). *Spokane's* first Green Heron inhabited Green Acres 7 Aug-21 Sep (A. Roberson). Another eastside Green Heron was at Conboy L. in mid-Sep (*vide* SJ); this species has become annual in w. *Klickitat*.

Red-shouldered Hawks continued to march northward, with a goodly 6+ found in Washington (2 Sep+), the northernmost of which were singles at Kennedy Cr., *Mason* 22 Oct (J. Buchanan) and near Sequim, *Clallam* 9 Nov (G. Kridler). Oregon's 4 Broad-winged Hawks were all westside 7-14 Oct; most unusual, none were reported from Cascade hawkwatches. Single Swainson's Hawks, still considered very rare on the westside, were near Ashland, *Jackson* 9 Aug (FL) and Florence, *Lane* 21 Oct (AC, DP). Five Gyrfalcons were detected, including an exceptionally early bird at Coos Bay 7 Sep (J. Metzler). Prairie Falcons showed poorly on the westside, with only 3 in Oregon and one in Washington, a bird at Ridgefield 25 Nov+ (A. Larrabee, WC). A tally of 20,715 American Coots at Wells Pool, *Okanogan/Douglas* 15 Nov (RH) demonstrated the importance of still waters behind dams for some species.

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

This fall's 61 golden-plovers likely represented the worst fall total ever. A record-low 13 Americans, 10 Aug-28 Oct, included one eastside bird at Lyons Ferry, *Franklin* 3 Sep (CW). The pitiful tally of Pacific Golden-Plovers was 38. Coastal Snowy Plover recovery efforts appear to be succeeding, with 179 ads. producing 109 fledglings—the highest counts since the project started in 1990; 72 on Siltcoos Beach, *Lane* 10 Oct was the single

site maximum (D. Lauten). The Region's first **Common Ringed Plover** graced P.S.B. 23 Sep (†JB, †CCx); though a rare-but-regular migrant and occasional breeder on Alaska's Bering Sea Is., this appears to be the first w. North American record s. of Alaska. A Semipalmated Plover at Redmond, *Deschutes* 12 Nov was about a month late for eastside (S. Dougill). An American Avocet at Bennington L., *Walla Walla* 8-15 Nov was the latest ever for e. Washington (M&MD). Rare on the westside, avocets attended Ridgefield 19 Sep (BC) and Rock Cr., *Lane* 2 Sep (JG).



This Common Ground-Dove visited Cape Blanco, Curry County on 3 August 2006, furnishing Oregon's second record. Photograph from digital video by Lois Miller.

Lesser Yellowlegs numbers were dismal: fewer than 10 were reported from e. Oregon over the entire fall. Solitary Sandpipers, however, had another good fall, with 59 through 22 Sep split 39 eastside and 20 westside. Lone Willets, not annual in the P.T./W.V., visited Kennedy Cr. estuary, *Mason* 12-18 Aug and 13 Nov+ (J. Buchanan). Utterly bizarre was a Wandering Tattler foraging on lawns and sidewalks 70 km+ inland at Dallas, *Polk* 22 Aug (B. Tice). Five interior westside Long-billed Curlews, 4 Aug-22 Sep, was above average. A rare eastside Whimbrel favored Hatfield L., *Deschutes* 25 Aug (D. Hale). An ad. Hudsonian Godwit brightened Warm Beach, *Snohomish* 13 Aug (M. Roening); this species has become annual in the Region, though records of ads. are still few. Rare on the eastside, a Marbled Godwit was at Iowa Beef, *Walla Walla* 20 Aug (M&MD) and Powell Butte, *Crook* 13 Oct (CG). The season's only Bar-tailed Godwit was at Westport 30 Sep-26 Oct (MDu, †J. Ellis); the Region has recently averaged approximately 6 per fall. A Red Knot, very rare on the eastside, graced Potholes Res., *Grant* 30 Sep (DSc); perhaps even rarer was one at F.R.R. 10-18 Sep, only the 2nd ever in fall in the W.V. (TM). Twenty-two eastside Sanderlings, 13 Aug-16 Sep, was well below average. Semipalmated Sandpiper showed well again this fall, with approximately 115 in Washington, 18 in w. Oregon, and 5 in e. Oregon; the peak was 15 at Corfu, *Grant* 15 Aug (CW, RTS).

Oregon's 8th **Red-necked Stint** at Florence *Lane* 4-6 Oct was the state's latest by nearly two months and the Region's first juv. (AC, †DI, †B. & Z. Stotz, ph. DP). Three Baird's Sandpipers foraging on a snowbank at approximately 1900 m on Table Mt., *Whatcom* must have been startling (H. Flores), though this species may be a regular migrant through our alpine areas. Eleven Sharp-tailed Sandpipers were recorded 15 Sep-7 Nov, the lowest total since 2001 but still well above the 1990s average. A Sharp-tailed at Y.R.D. 30 Oct-4 Nov continued the recent string of eastside records, where formerly exceptionally rare (L. Ness, W. Terrell).

Two Dunlins at Hatton, *Adams* 1 Aug were more than three weeks early for anywhere in the Region and were especially early for the eastside (BF). Oregon's 15th **Curlew Sandpiper** graced N.S.C.B. 13-14 Sep (TR). Thirty-four Stilt Sandpipers represented the lowest Regional total since 2002; most were reported 15 Aug-15 Sep, but a late bird lingered at P.S.B. through 28 Oct (SM, BT). Ten Buff-breasted Sandpipers, 9 in Oregon and one in Washington, was near normal; the maximum was 6 at favored N.S.C.B. 1 Sep (RN, TR), while one there 2 Oct was record late (TR) and one at F.R.R. 28-30 Aug furnished a very rare interior westside record (DF). An unprecedented 17 Ruffs 22 Aug-18 Oct included 3 near Sequim, *Clallam* 22 Sep (B. Boekelheide) and, very rare for the interior westside, 2 at Ridgefield 12-16 Sep (JE, M. Fleming, BC). A goodly 19 Short-billed Dowitchers were detected on the eastside, mostly 18-24 Aug, including a peak of 7 at Othello 18 Aug (BF) and a late bird at Soap L., *Grant* 15 Oct (DSc). A gathering of 2000 Red-necked Phalaropes at Soap L. 19 Aug eclipsed the prior e. Washington record (DSc). Rare in the P.T., a Red Phalarope swam off Jeff Head, *Kitsap* 27-30 Sep (BSW, G. Gerdt, EH); even more unusual was a Red Phalarope nearly 160 km inland at Lost Creek Res., *Jackson* 30 Oct, where storm-driven vagrants are most unusual (N. Barrett).

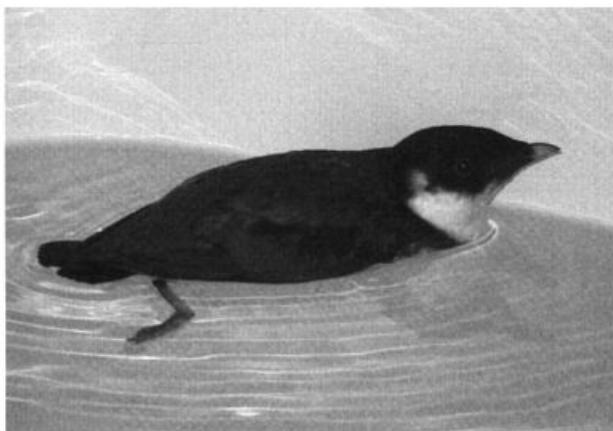
South Polar Skuas were generally scarce offshore, averaging about 2 per trip, excepting extraordinary tallies of 23 on 30 Sep off both Newport and Westport (BT, GG). Truly amazing were 2 storm-driven South Polar Skuas at Boiler Bay (PP) and one at Cannon Beach (JW), both 24 Nov; this species is extremely rare after mid-Oct. Offshore jaeger numbers were unremarkable, excepting 380 Pomarines and 95 Long-tailed tallied 25 Sep off Oregon (JGi, OS); the Pomarine count is likely a Regional record. Oregon's 6th inland **Pomarine Jaeger** visited Philomath, *Benton* 15 Oct (J. Fontaine). Additionally, a stunning 9 Po-

marines were found inside the P.T., where not annual, 16 Aug–22 Sep, including 4 at Seattle 25 Aug (MBa, EH). A Parasitic Jaeger at Rosario Head, Skagit 18 Nov was about three weeks late (MB, GB). A Long-tailed Jaeger at F.R.R. 21 Sep furnished Oregon's latest inland record and just the 2nd for the W.V. (DI); not annual in the P.T., a Long-tailed adorned P.N.P. 16 Sep (VN).

Thirty-one Franklin's Gulls were found away from their se. Oregon haunts, the best tally in years, including a peak of 7 near Sequim, Clallam 9 Sep (BN) and a very late bird at Bainbridge I., Kitsap 27 Nov (BSW). The eastside's 10th and latest-ever Heermann's Gull was near Lyle, Klickitat 14 Nov (†SJ). A remarkable 10,000 Ring-billed Gulls gathered along the Stillaguamish delta, Snohomish 5 Nov (CW), and a Regional-record 50,000 California Gulls crowded N. Cove, Pacific 7 Aug (CW). Ten Thayer's Gulls at Blue L., Grant 10 Nov likely set an eastside record (G. Gerdts, BSW). Almost annual of late, Washington's 15th Iceland Gull at Blue L. 5 Nov also provided the earliest fall record by nearly three weeks (DSc, ph. W. Terrell). A Lesser Black-backed Gull returned to the Coulee Lakes, Grant for its 3rd consecutive year, 18 Oct–6 Nov (ph. TA). Three Glaucous Gulls, 24 Oct+, was a bit below recent norms. A fairly typical 9 eastside, 4 P.T., and 3 W.V. Sabine's Gulls were noted, almost entirely in Sep, but included an early bird at P.N.P. 4 Aug (VN). The 148 Sabine's off Oregon 25 Sep was the season's highest count (JGi, OS). A Black-legged Kittiwake in se. Thurston farmlands 26 Nov was most unusual (R. Woodin), while one at Edmonds, Snohomish 27 Oct represented the normal rare-but-regular P.T. fare (T. Peterson). Eastside Common Tern numbers plummeted, with only 56 reported 1–19 Sep. Arctic Terns were unreported off Oregon, and only 36 were found off Washington. Five westside Forster's Terns, 29 Aug–9 Oct was supranormal and included a bird at circa 925 m at Timothy L., Clackamas 24 Sep (S. Nord). A Black Tern, not annual during fall on the westside, passed P.N.P. 4 Aug (VN).

On 25 Sep, 73 *Synthliboramphus* murrelets were tallied off Oregon (all but one in Lincoln), eclipsing all previous Regional counts (JGi, OS); only 3 were identified to species, all *scrippsi* Xantus's. Most were in deeper waters (beyond those visited by typical birder-organized pelagic trips) in the vicinity of tuna schools, consistent with past findings by research vessels. It appears that some Xantus's

spend late fall, and perhaps winter, off our shores. Closer to shore, 2 Xantus's were off Westport 6 Aug (subspecies *scrippsi*; BLB). Unidentified *Synthliboramphus* murrelets included 2 off Westport 24 Aug (BLB) and one there Westport 30 Sep (SMi); Craver's Murrelet has not been identified in the Region but remains a possibility. An Ancient Murrelet at Haystack Res., Deschutes 1 Nov (R. Robb) was probably e. Oregon's 2nd, while e. Washington's 10th Ancient was sliding on its belly through the snow in Yakima 28 Nov (E. Rose); prior records span 10 Aug–3 Dec. A moribund Cassin's Auklet was discovered in N. Portland 16 Nov (*fide* HN); as far as we know, this is the first instance of inland va-



This Ancient Murrelet was found scoting on its belly down a snowy Yakima, Washington street on 28 November 2006. Fortunately, it was not found by a predator but by a birder. It was kept safe in a bathtub and fed minced shrimp until released the next day on Puget Sound. Photograph by Denny Granstrand.

grancy (about 70 km from saltwater) for this species. An Oregon-record 4500 Rhinoceros Auklets passed Boiler Bay 24 Nov (PP). Single Horned Puffins, not annual in Washington, were at Seattle 12 Aug (†P. Rose) and at Cape Flattery 10 Sep (†CCx, †JB); most from-shore records have been from the outer coast Jun–Sep, with the Seattle bird furnishing only the 3rd record e. of Clallam. A Tufted Puffin, very rare in the eastern P.T., was at Seattle 16 & 26 Aug (K. Dieffenbach, CCx).

The continued presence of flocks of Band-tailed Pigeons in w. Klickitat suggests they have now colonized this area; this fall's maximum was 12 at White Salmon 16 Sep (B. Stofer, J. Murphy). At least 65 Eurasian Collared-Doves were detected in e. Washington, including maxima of 18 at Washtucna, Adams 5 Nov (M&MD), 13 near Goldendale, Klickitat 21 Aug–13 Sep (B. Hansen, D. Lichtenwald), and 12 at Desert Aire, Grant 1 Oct (*fide* DG). In Oregon, 56 were found, mostly in the e., with peak counts of 16 at Burns, Harney throughout the fall (T. Janzen), 13 at White City, Jackson 18 Oct (J. Harleman), and 10 at

Madras, Jefferson 17 Oct (KO). The only w. Washington sighting was of 2 near Stanwood, Snohomish 5 Nov (KAN). Notably, there seemed to be an influx early Oct–mid-Nov. It bears repeating that Washington had but four records of the species prior to 2005. The Region's 2nd Common Ground-Dove enlivened Cape Blanco, Curry 3 Aug (TJW, vt. LM); the first was in Ashland, Jackson 26 Oct 1998.

The meager Regional count of 3 Snowy Owls s. to Newport, 18 Nov+, suggested that an echo-invasion was not in the making. Westside Burrowing Owls at Perrydale, Polk 28 Oct+ (RG) and Newport 25 Nov+ (P. Sorenson) represented a typical fall. A road-killed Long-eared Owl at Coos Bay 14 Nov was Coos's 2nd (RN); this species is virtually unknown from the outer coast. Boreal Owls were reported in large numbers, probably due in part to observer effort, with 17 in Washington and 4 in Oregon, all from established locations. Common Poor-wills are rarely found during migration, but a virtual fallout of 7 was near Corfu, Grant 16 Sep (RH), while one was at FEALE, Benton 31 Aug (DR).

A Black Swift at Oregon City, Clackamas 13 Oct was a month late (L. Fredd). The peak Vaux's Swift tally was 25,000 at the Portland roost 23 Sep (K. Robillard). Oregon's first Ruby-throated Hummingbird enlivened Pendleton, Umatilla 14–17 Sep (A. Skirvin). Western Washington's first fall Black-chinned Hummingbird visited S. Prairie Bog, Skamania 3 Aug (†SJ); the few prior w. Washington records had all been May–Jul. Another Black-chinned in N. Richland, Benton 20 Sep was record late for Washington (B. Woodley). Anna's Hummingbirds continue to appear sporadically on the eastside beyond their established colonies in Klickitat and Deschutes, with singles in Yakima, Benton, Walla Walla, and Umatilla 11 Aug–26 Oct. A Costa's Hummingbird at S. Prairie, Pierce 30 Sep was about the 8th for Washington (†CW); most have been from Apr/May. In Oregon, single Costa's at Port Orford, Curry through 8 Aug (LM) and Bend 12 Nov (D. Tracy) represented a typical fall. Single Calliope Hummingbirds, not annual on the westside during fall, visited Portland 20 Aug (WG) and Eugene 8 Oct (D. Gleason). A Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird at Olympia 24 Nov was more than two months late (if indeed a Rufous; R. Mratz).

Acorn Woodpeckers continued to wander this fall: one remained at Ft. Simcoe, Yakima through 13 Aug (DG), while singles appeared

near Cheney, *Spokane* 8 Sep (M. & F. Stout) and W. Bunch Field, *Jefferson* 3 Oct (C. & G. Bartlett); the only more northwesterly record comes from near Vancouver, British Columbia 15 Jun 1996. In Oregon, an Acorn wandered eastward to Upper Klamath L. 1 Oct (J. Van Moorhem). A Williamson's Sapsucker at Davenport, *Lincoln* 12 Sep was well away from its montane haunts (MW, GS); there is but a handful of such records for the Region. Rare e. of the Cascades, single Red-breasted Sapsuckers were noted at Powell Butte, *Crook* 23 Sep (D. Schas) and Ochoco Res., *Crook* 2 Nov (R. Robb). A dusky-colored Downy Woodpecker of the *gairdnerii* subspecies group was at Grand Coulee, *Grant* 25 Nov (ph. SM); this bird was likely of the subspecies *turati*, which is resident in the Cascades and had not previously been recorded this far east. Adding to the whiff of a movement among montane species were out-of-place Hairy Woodpeckers at Vantage 4 Sep (CW) and Hood Park, *Walla Walla* 18 Sep (M&MD). Rare in w. Washington, an American Three-toed Woodpecker turned up at Government Meadows, *King* 20 Oct (M. Hobbs), while one at Walton L. 14 Aug was just the 2nd for *Crook* (D. Schas).

PASSERINES

A tally of 59 Western Wood-Pewees at Bennington L., *Walla Walla* 3 Aug was unprecedented for Washington (M&MD). More than 7 Least Flycatchers were reported from e. Washington this fall into early Sep, but we have growing concerns about identification of some of these birds. Particularly notable sightings included one near Elk, *Pend Oreille* 1 Aug in suitable breeding habitat (MW) and a mist-netted juv. that confirmed successful breeding at Turnbull N.W.R., *Spokane* 17 Aug (M. Frobe). Other apparently valid records came from *Douglas*, *Adams*, and *Spokane*. A Dusky Flycatcher, very rare on the westside in fall, visited Cascade Head, *Lincoln* 10 Sep (PP). Six Say's Phoebes in w. Oregon was about the norm. Western Washington's 20th Ash-throated Flycatcher graced Skagit W.M.A. 20 Aug (SM, K. Morgan); most stray Ash-throateds are found mid-May-late Jul. Eight Tropical Kingbirds this fall, 21 Oct+, was subpar but included singles away from the outer coast at Seattle 16-23 Nov (P. Lynch) and near Sauvie I. 14 Nov+ (H. Fritz). A Western Kingbird near Othello, *Adams* 26 Sep was record late for e. Washington (BF), and one near Seattle 3 Sep was about a month late for w.

Washington, where not annual during fall (A. Knue).

This fall's westside Loggerhead Shrike was at Philomath, *Benton* 8 Nov (WDR). A Blue-headed Vireo was at College Place, *Walla Walla* 4 Oct (†J. & S. Rogers); Washington has four accepted records, all late Aug-early Sep. Twelve Blue Jays, 1 Oct+, was supranormal; the only westside birds were on Guemes I., *Skagit* 17-18 Oct (H. Armstrong, GB). Western Scrub-Jays continue to wander, with 2 in Prosser, *Benton* 30 Sep (present since at least 1 Jan; B. Proebsting) and one at Wiley City,



Hooded Orioles are very rare in fall in the Pacific Northwest, where most records are from spring or early summer. This bird visited a feeder at Port Orford, Curry County, Oregon 26 (here) and 27 October 2006. Photograph by Lois Miller.

Yakima 12 Oct (K. Bevis). A Northern Rough-winged Swallow at Richland, *Benton* 19 Nov was about eight weeks late for the eastside (BL, NL). Up to 50,000 Barn Swallows roosted near Dayton, *Yamhill* during Aug-Sep. A lowland Mountain Chickadee at Tacoma 1 Sep was a bit early (G. Stagner) and did not presage an irruption of that species but coincided with a number of other early Sep strays from montane habitats. A Chestnut-backed Chickadee wandered a modest distance e. of its Cascade Mt. haunts into *Yakima* 24-30 Nov (R. Repp), while 5 foraging in Mt. Ranier's tundra 27 Sep at approximately 2400 m had wandered up rather than over (TA).

Rare w. of the Cascades, a Rock Wren visit-

ed Indian I., *Jefferson* 18 Nov (D. Watkins). A Bewick's Wren at Fields 24 Aug continues of recent trend of reports ne. of their known range in the Great Basin (C. & M. Miller). A House Wren about six weeks late at Bainbridge I., *Kitsap* 29 Oct (BSW) was followed by an even later one in Tacoma 30 Nov (†G. Stagner). A Golden-crowned Kinglet surprised observers 100 km off *Clatsop* 25 Sep (JGi, OS). A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher near Florence, *Lane* 7-28 Oct provided a rare coastal record (AC, J. Sullivan). A flock of 9 Mountain Bluebirds at Cascade Head, *Lincoln* 21 Oct furnished an outer-coast record high count (PP), while another was exceptionally early at Vancouver L., *Clark* 13 Aug (WC); this species is not annual during fall w. of the Cascades, and most such records come from the W.V or P.T. during Nov. A Varied Thrush was at White Salmon, *Klickitat* 5 Aug (SJ); this species is quite rare away from breeding areas prior to mid-Sep. A Gray Catbird at Spencer I., *Snohomish* 22 Oct was in w. Washington, where extremely rare, and yielded that state's latest record (†R. Taylor). The Region had a goodly 9 Northern Mockingbirds, 7 in Oregon and 2 in Washington, 2 Sep+; a fledgling near Charleston, *Coos* 9 Sep had likely hatched nearby (Paul Sullivan). A Sage Thrasher at L. Selmac 16 Oct was a *Josephine* first and yielded a very rare westside fall record (C. Karlen, Paul Sullivan). A tally of 75 Sage Thrashers near Vantage 26 Aug was apparently a Washington record (SM, CW, BF, RTS). A Brown Thrasher was near Eugene 9 Nov+ (D. Turner, R. Robb.); this species is now nearly annual in Oregon, typically late May-late Jul. A Bohemian Waxwing, no longer annual on the westside, was at Mt. Vernon 29 Nov (S. Lospalluto).

Washington's 2nd Blue-winged Warbler was a molting ad. at McCarteney Cr., *Douglas* 1 Aug and had undoubtedly summered locally (ph. D. Stephens). Similarly, 2 Tennessee Warblers near Boundary, *Stevens* 6 Aug had likely summered (†GS). Another Tennessee at Washtucna, *Adams* 22 Sep was less surprising (BF), but 4 in Oregon 16-21 Sep was quadruple the norm. An apparent *celata* Orange-crowned Warbler provided excellent views at Lyons Ferry, *Franklin* 2 Sep (†SM, CW, BSW, RH). Fifty migrant Nashville Warblers at Bird Cr. Meadows, *Yakima* 6 Aug likely set a Washington record (BT). Not quite annual during fall, a Chestnut-sided Warbler enlivened Frenchglen, *Harney* 16 Sep (TR). Washing-

ton's 13th **Magnolia Warbler** adorned Sprague L., *Lincoln* 4 Sep (TA); Magnolias at Malheur 15 Sep (TR, AC) and Thompson Res., *Lake* 16 Sep (W. Nelson) added to about 40 Oregon records. Oregon's 16th **Cape May Warbler** brightened Portland 13 Oct (J. Gatchet); most prior records are from spring in se. Oregon. Four Black-throated Gray Warblers e. of the Cascades in Washington, 26 Aug–17 Sep, was about twice the norm. Oregon's 12th **Prairie Warbler** was near Florence, *Lane* 25 Sep (†W. Schmidt). Palm Warblers, rare away from the outer coast, showed well, with 3 in the P.T./W.V. 24 Sep–13 Oct plus 2 singles on the eastside: L. of Woods, *Pend Oreille* 14 Sep (MM) and Columbia Hill, *Klickitat* 21 Oct (SJ). Also of note was a Palm Warbler at approximately 1300 m on Marys Peak, *Benton* 24 Sep (WDR). Four Blackpoll Warblers appeared in Washington, adding to about 20 prior records: Sentinel Bluffs, *Grant* 3 Sep (BF), Moses L., *Grant* 7 Sep (†DSc), Sprague L. 13 Sep (ph. PS, GS), and Ridgefield 17–30 Sep (†G. Fredricks); the latter was only w. Washington's 2nd and was the latest ever for that state. Surprisingly, none were found in Oregon. The only Black-and-white Warbler was at Bend 4 Oct (C. & M. Miller). Five westside American Redstarts, 24 Aug–29 Sep, was about three times the norm. An Ovenbird at Malheur 7–10 Sep was quite rare for fall (L. Scuwe); the vast majority of records are from May/June. A surprising 8 migrant Northern Waterthrushes were detected in Washington, 15 Aug–4 Oct, split evenly between east and westside; one at Rancho Reata, *Benton* 4 Oct was the latest ever for e. Washington (N. Ofsthun); another migrant was in Oregon at Malheur 17 Sep (AC). The Kent, **King Yellow-breasted Chat** lingered through 27 Aug (CW), while one at Marymoor Park, *King* 13 Sep provided a very late, and very rare, fall w. Washington record (O. & G. Oliver).

Western Washington's 6th **Green-tailed Towhee**, and first for fall, was at Kent, *King* 2 Oct (†EH). An American Tree Sparrow was unusually far s. on the westside at Millicoma Marsh, *Coos* 7 Nov (TR). Clay-colored Sparrows were again found in excellent numbers. Following recent trends, 6 of 7 in e. Washington were detected in early Sep; the outlier was in potential breeding habitat near Marble, *Stevens* 6 Aug (GS). On the westside, 4 were in w. Oregon and 2 in w. Washington, all but one 7 Oct+, as is typical. A **Brewer's Sparrow** near Windy Gap, *King* (elevation approximately 1400 m) 24 Sep was only about w. Washington's 9th and 2nd for fall (EH); annual during fall in the W.V., single Brewer's were found at Finley N.W.R., *Benton*

17 Aug (WDR) and at Brownsville, *Linn* 18 Aug (J. Fontaine). A Vesper Sparrow visited Johns R., *Grays Harbor* 24 Sep (KAN); this species is no longer annual during fall in w. Washington. Lark Sparrows, rare in w. Oregon away from the Rogue Valley, included 2 at Cape Blanco in late Aug and another tardy bird there in early Nov (TJW). Western Washington's 4th **Grasshopper Sparrow** graced Ebey I., *Snohomish* 21 Oct (†SM); the only other state record after Sep was also from the westside (22 Oct 2002). A Red Fox Sparrow at Olympia 11–18 Nov was about the 20th for Washington (ph. KB). Ten Swamp Sparrows in Washington (28 Sep+) and 16 in Oregon (7 Oct+) represented another good fall. Of note, 4 were on the eastside, where now found regularly. White-throated Sparrows showed well this fall, highlighted by 14 at Millicoma Marsh, *Coos* 19 Nov (TR). After last year's dismal showing, 6 Harris's Sparrows appeared in Oregon and 5 in Washington, 10 Oct+, the best fall total since 2001. A Slate-colored Junco at Richland, *Benton* 3 Sep was record early (J. Meisel). Washington's first **Smith's Longspur** adorned Marymoor Park, *King* 30 Aug (M. Hobbs, ph. Ollie Oliver, †MBA); the few records from Oregon and California are mostly mid-Sep–late Oct. Four of Oregon's 5 Chestnut-collared Longspurs were along the coast, 2 Oct–12 Nov, where now annual; the 5th was at Lost Creek Res., *Jackson* 21 Oct (N. Barrett).

Two male and one female Northern Cardinal at Burley, *Kitsap* Jul–Aug (*vide* K. Brown) were not far from Gig Harbor, where a female found May 2005 later proved to be an escapee. A male cardinal was also in Spokane 1 Oct (*vide* CC). The pattern of occurrence in Alberta strongly suggests natural vagrancy to that province, yet this species also seems to be a relatively common cage bird, and distinguishing potential vagrants from escaped cage birds in our Region seems nearly impossible. A Rose-breasted Grosbeak, very rare during fall in Washington, was at Washtucna, *Adams* 8 Sep (ph. P&RS); 2 Rose-breasted in Oregon was about average. Oregon's 6th **Blue Grosbeak** visited Pistol R., *Curry* 8 Sep (D. Munson, ph. B. Stewart), the same location where the state's 4th had been recorded a year ago. An Indigo Bunting at Washtucna 2 Sep was about the 19th for Washington but only about the 3rd fall migrant (BF; †SM, †BSW, RH).

A congregation of 120 Bobolinks at McKenzie Meadows, *Pend Oreille* 1 Aug likely set a Washington record (MW). A migrant Bobolink, rarely found in Washington, stopped at Lyons Ferry, *Franklin* 8 Sep (JW). On the Oregon coast, where nearly annual,

migrant Bobolinks visited N.S.C.B. 8 Aug (TR) and Cascade Head, *Lincoln* 25 Aug (PP). Tricolored Blackbirds showed evidence of continued range expansion, including 2 at Iowa Beef, *Walla Walla* 11 Nov (M&MD) and about 15 at F.R.R. 7–15 Aug (J. Sullivan). Top counts for Washington came from Othello, *Adams*, with 50 on 8 Sep (SM, BF) and 14 Nov (RH). Rare on the outer coast, a Yellow-headed Blackbird visited Gearhart, *Clatsop* 22 Oct (D. Haller). Three Rusty Blackbirds in Washington, 10 Oct–6 Nov, represented a typical fall. *Coos* hosted the only Great-tailed Grackles, with singles at Lakeside 15 Oct–18 Nov (*vide* TR) and N.S.C.B. 21 Oct (RN). A Hooded Oriole stopped at Port Orford, *Curry* 26–27 Oct (LM), while *Douglas's* first was at Reedsport 24–25 Nov (T. Gannon); though nearly annual in Oregon, most records are from spring/early summer. A Baltimore Oriole brightened Malheur 17 Sep (AC); though the species is annual in Oregon during spring/summer, this is the first fall sighting since 1998.

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches seemed unusually prevalent, highlighted by a Hepburn's at O.S. 29 Oct, probably only the 2nd ever on the Washington coast, and 26+ at Marys Peak, *Benton* 20 Oct+ (WDR). Pine Grosbeaks appeared in small numbers at lowlands throughout the Region, where typically very rare. The first was at Davenport, *Lincoln* 28 Oct (G. Blevins), and the southernmost were 2 near Portland 30 Nov (WG). Rare w. of the Cascades, single Cassin's Finches were at Finley N.W.R. 18 Sep (WDR) and Larch Mt., *Multnomah* 15 Nov (KT). Very rare in the Columbia Basin, a Red Crossbill favored Lyons Ferry, *Franklin* 20 Oct (M&MD). The only White-winged Crossbills were singles near Cutthroat Pass, *Skagit* 13 Aug (GB) and Larch Mt. 18 Nov (JG). Common Redpolls showed signs of irrupting as early as late Oct, when extremely rare, with singles at Browns Creek, *Pend Oreille* 27 Oct (GS) and Portland 25 Oct (N. Brown) plus 15 at Enterprise, *Union* 28 Oct (KT); other w. Oregon sightings, where very rare, included 14 at Baskett Slough, *Polk* 28 Nov (R. P. Moore), 2 at Nehalem, *Tillamook* 23 Nov (P. Blanton), and 2 at Astoria 27 Nov+ (MP). Lesser Goldfinches continue to expand in Washington. This species seems formerly bred in *Clark* but disappeared from there in 1991. This year, however, a family group was found there in May, and this fall 2 were at Camas 26 Aug (WC), plus local Audubon members reported Lessers at eight additional sites (*vide* WC). In the P.T., a Lesser visited Spencer I., *Snohomish* 6 Aug (†S. Atkinson); there are only about six previous P.T. records, the first of which was in 1994

Evening Grosbeaks were unusually numerous, evidenced by 154 at Battle Ground, *Clark* 22 Sep (JD) and 500 at Wickiup Res., *Deschutes* 9 Oct (S. Dougill).

Addenda: A Snowy Owl was at Penrose Pt., *Pierce* 9 Jul 2006, the Region's first summer record (†M. Cain). *Grant's* first Ruffed Grouse was at Northrup Canyon 20 Jun 2006 (MB).

Corrigenda: The Washington B.R.C. did not accept the Scarlet Tanager reported from Washtucna, *Adams* 2 Oct 2006 or the Baltimore Orioles from Vantage, *Kittitas* 28 May 2006 and Sequim, *Clallam* 24 May 2006. However, a Lesser Black-backed Gull at Monumental Dam, *Walla Walla* 1 Jan 2006 was accepted, bringing the Washington total to six records (†M&MD).

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Weather in the Region was typical for fall, cool and foggy along the coast and hot inland. Whatever the weather conditions, it was another outstanding fall in terms of both the variety and overall numbers of vagrant waterbirds and passerines. Highlights included Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Streaked and Greater Shearwaters, Zone-tailed Hawk, Red-necked and Long-toed Stints, Common Ground-Dove, Alder and Fork-tailed Flycatchers and, best of all, a first state record—Taiga Flycatcher. The va-

grant warbler season also drew raves, with numbers of both species and individuals hearkening back to the “glory days” of the 1970s and 1980s.

Abbreviations: B.S.O.L. (Big Sur Ornithology Lab); C.B.R.C. (California B.R.C.); C.V. (Central Valley); C.R.P. (Cosumnes River Preserve, *Sacramento*); FI. (Southeast Farallon I., *San Francisco*); P.R.B.O. (Pt. Reyes B.O.); S.F. (San Francisco, not State Forest); U.C.H.R.E.C. (University of California Hopland Research and Extension Center, *Mendocino*). Reports of exceptional vagrants submitted without documentation are not published. Documentation of C.B.R.C. review species will be forwarded to Guy McCaskie, Secretary, P.O. Box 275, Imperial Beach, California 91933. Birds banded on FI. should be credited to Pt. Reyes B.O. and those banded at Big Sur R. mouth to the Big Sur Ornithology Lab of the Ventana Wilderness Society.

WATERFOWL THROUGH QUAIL

Up to 4 secretive Fulvous Whistling-Ducks at the “Dead Pig Pond” n. of Angiola, *Tulare* 9 Oct+ included 2 juvs. starting 11 Oct (Tony Kurz, GaW, JSy, m.ob.). It is tempting to hope these birds may have bred nearby; they are now rare anywhere in the state. A count of 4800 Greater White-fronted Geese at L. Earl, *Del Norte* 1 Oct (ADB, Onik T. Arian) is the highest number ever recorded in nw. California (*vide* ADB); the same day, 5000 were not-

ed w. of Red Bluff, *Tehama* (BED). Two ad. Emperor Geese at the Big R. mouth, *Mendocino* 24 Nov (†DT, †Richard Hubacek, †DAJ) were last seen flying northward; presumably the same 2 were involved in a report farther s. near the Pt. Arena lighthouse, *Mendocino* the next day (Pete Panchin). Another was at the Arcata Bottoms, *Humboldt* 27 Nov (Kyle Spragens, ph. KGR, m.ob.). Two Ross's Geese with 26 Snow Geese at Indian Springs Res. 3 Nov (TEa) were the first found in *Alpine*. Brant inside S.F. Bay included one at Pt. Isabel in Richmond, *Contra Costa* 17–20 Oct (Alan Kaplan), likely the same bird nearby at Albany, *Alameda/Contra Costa* 28 Oct (Jack Hayden) and one at Palo Alto, *Santa Clara* 12 Nov+ (vt Manny Vara, Virginia Marshall, mob.). A Cackling Goose at Carson Valley 26 Nov (TEa, JCS) was only the 2nd for *Alpine* and the first *leucopareia*. The only Cackling Goose not identified as either this subspecies or *minima* was a *taverneri* captured and measured 20 Oct–2 Nov at FI. (P.R.B.O.). A Barnacle Goose × Cackling Goose hybrid was at Hayward R.S., *Alameda* 13 Aug, where one or 2 such birds have been reported sporadically for 17 years (RJR). A Dusky Canada Goose (*occidentalis*) at Venice S.B. 12 Nov+ (ph. Garrett Lau, RSTh, m.ob.) was the first found in *San Mateo*; our notebooks have no previous records away from *Del Norte* and *Humboldt*, where this subspecies is a rare winter visitor. The Long Valley, *Mono* Trumpeter Swan reported last season remained through 22 Oct