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National Audubon Society

Pre-Convention Tour: Olympic National Park

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Species List

Birds

- 1. Brown Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* Several seen flying off of Ruby Beach, Pacific Ocean
- 2. Pelagic Cormorant Phalacrocorax pelagicus Many at Ruby Beach feeding and nesting
- 3. Great Blue Heron Ardea herodia Seen most days
- 4. Turkey Vulture Cathartes aura Very common roadside bird
- 5. Canada Goose Branta Canadensis A flock on Lake Quinault and another at Ridgefield Refuge
- 6. Wood Duck Aix sponsa Several on pond with young in Hoh Rainforest
- 7. Mallard Anas platyrhynchos Large family group on Hoh Rainforest pond
- 8. Hooded Merganser Lophodytes cucullatus Several on Hoh Rainforest pond
- 9. Common Merganser Mergus merganser A few on Lake Quinault
- 10. Osprey Pandion haliaetus Seen most days along streams, lakes and coastal areas
- 11. Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus Seen every day
- 12. Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii* Seen most days, including one hunting along trail at Dungeness River Audubon Center
- 13. Red-tailed Hawk Buteo jamaicensis A common roadside bird of our journey
- 14. Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus Two flying and calling noisily over Ruby Beach headland
- 15. Killdeer Charadrius vociferous Seen along Hood Canal and heard in Ridgefield NWR
- 16. Spotted Sandpiper Actitis macularius Seen at Hood Canal and along Columbia River
- 17. Heermann's Gull Larus heermanni Two mixed in with other gulls at Ruby Beach
- 18. Ring-billed Gull Larus delawarensis Several flying over Hood Canal at Potlatch State Park
- 19. Western Gull Larus occidentalis Seen on Pacific Coast at Ruby Beach and ocean overlook
- 20. Western x Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus occidentalis x glaucescens* Seen on most days in salt water environs

- 21. Glaucous-winged Gull Larus glaucescens Seen on all days spent on Olympic Peninsula
- 22. Pigeon Guillemot Cepphus Columba Several groups flying and feeding in surf at Ruby Beach
- 23. Marbled Murrelet *Brachyramphus marmoratus* Two diving and surfacing off Potlatch State Park, Hood Canal
- 24. Rhinoceros Auklet *Cerorhinca monocerata* Several groups flying just offshore; Ruby Beach, Olympic NP
- 25. Rock Pigeon Columba livia Seen on first and last days in urban settings
- 26. Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* One perched above Ruby Beach; 7 more flew over Lake Quinault
- 27. Eurasian Collared Dove Streptopelia decaocto One flew up near van in town of Ridgefield, WA
- 28. Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi* Three seen in flight over Ridgefield NWR
- 29. Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna* A female perched patiently at Dungeness River Audubon Center
- 30. Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus* Seen most days, including a territorial interaction with the Anna's at Dungeness River Audubon Center
- 31. Lewis' Woodpecker Melanerpes lewis Spotted by JJ at Ridgefield NWR
- 32. Hairy Woodpecker Picoides villosus Barbara and Georgette had two along Lake Quinault
- 33. Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus Red-shafted variety* Seen and heard on two of four days
- 34. Pileated Woodpecker *Dryocopus pileatus* Male and female seen and heard at Lake Quinault
- 35. Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* Heard repeatedly making "pip-pip" calls at Dungeness River Audubon Center
- 36. Western Wood Pewee *Contopus sordidulus* Heard often at Dungeness River Audubon Center, and several seen at Ridgefield NWR, including adult at nest with three visible nestlings
- 37. Pacific Slope Flycatcher *Empidonax difficilis* Heard and seen well on several days, including one bringing food to nest near "Big Sitka Spruce" pull-off in Hoh River rainforest
- 38. Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus* Repeatedly calling and seen in Alder trees at Dungeness River Audubon Center
- 39. Steller's Jay Cyanocitta stelleri Seen on all days spent in Olympic Peninsula coniferous forests
- 40. Western Scrub Jay *Aphelocoma californica* Multiple individuals and age groups at Ridgefield NWR
- 41. American Crow Corvus brachyrhynchos Seen on first and last days south of Olympic peninsula
- 42. Northwest Crow Corvus caurinus Common on coastal areas of Olympic peninsula
- 43. Common Raven Corvus corax Seen on most days in rural, forested, and coastal areas
- 44. Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor* Potlatch State Park, Hood Canal
- 45. Violet-green Swallow Tachycineta thalassina Abundant at Olympic Peninsula & Ridgefield NWR
- 46. Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica Seen most days near water and moist fields
- 47. Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus* In oak woodlands, Ridgefield NWR
- 48. Chestnut-backed Chickadee *Poecile rufescens* The dominant Chickadee on Olympic peninsula
- 49. Bushtit Psaltriparus minimus Flocks at Dungeness River Audubon Center and Ridgefield NWR
- 50. Brown Creeper Certhia Americana Found on large trees at Dungeness and Elwha Rivers

- 51. Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii* Briefly encountered at Dungeness River Audubon Center and at Ridgefield NWR
- 52. Pacific Wren Troglodytes pacificus Common in forests of Dungeness, Elwha and Hoh Rivers
- 53. American Dipper Cinclus mexicanus An adult and young bird on Dungeness River
- 54. Golden-crowned Kinglet Regulus satrapa Common in Dungeness, Elwha and Hoh River forests
- 55. Swainson's Thrush Catharus ustulatus Heard often; seen well at Lake Quinault, Ridgefield NWR
- 56. American Robin *Turdus migratorius* Seen daily in all types of habitat
- 57. Varied Thrush Ixoreus naevius Seen well on Hurricane Ridge, Olympic National Park
- 58. European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* Common roadside bird in urban and agricultural areas
- 59. American Pipit Anthus rubescens Common in alpine meadows on Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP
- 60. Cedar Waxwing Bombycilla cedrorum Seen most days in a variety of habitats
- 61. Common Yellowthroat Geothlypis trichas Heard and seen at Ridgefield NWR
- 62. Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens* Seen clearly at Dungeness River Audubon Center and later at Lake Quinault
- 63. Yellow Warbler Setophaga petechia In riparian vegetation along Lake Quinault
- 64. Wilson's Warbler Cardellina pusilla Nice sunlit look at male; Dungeness River Audubon Center
- 65. Savannah Sparrow Passerculus sandwichensis Perched on fence post at Dungeness River AC
- 66. Song Sparrow Melospiza melodia Common most days in riparian areas
- 67. White-crowned Sparrow Zonotrichia leucophrys Common in open fields
- 68. Dark-eyed Junco Junco hyemalis Common in forested areas on Olympic peninsula
- 69. Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculates* Seen and heard at Dungeness River Audubon Center, Ridgefield NWR
- 70. Western Tanager Piranga ludoviciana Great looks at Lake Quinault Lodge and Ridgefield NWR
- 71. Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus* Close Iooks at Dungeness River AC, Ridgefield NWR
- 72. Lazuli Bunting Passerina amoena Watched male deliver food to nest at Ridgefield NWR
- 73. Red-winged Blackbird Agelaius phoeniceus One seen, another heard at Ridgefield NWR
- 74. Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater* Potlatch State Park, Hood Canal: Mixed in with Waxwings, Robins and Goldfinches at Dungeness River AC
- 75. Purple Finch Carpodacus purpureus Singing from tops of Douglas Firs at Ridgefield NWR
- 76. Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus* In woodlands at Dungeness, Elwha Rivers; in alpine meadows and subalpine trees, Hurricane Ridge
- 77. American Goldfinch Spinus tristis Abundant in open fields near Dungeness River AC
- 78. House Sparrow Passer domesticus Common in urban areas along route

Mammals/Other Animals

- 1. Townsend's Chipmunk Neotamias townsendii Seen in Hoh Rainforest
- 2. Roosevelt Elk *Cervus canadensis roosevelti* Close look at bull elk with large antlers, Hoh River, Olympic NP
- 3. Black-tailed Deer Odocoileus hemionus columbianus Common in alpine meadows at Hurricane Ridge; Olympic NP
- 4. Douglas Squirrel *Tamiasciurus douglasii* Close looks at Heart of Hills Campground and Hoh River, Olympic NP
- 5. Harbor Seal Phoca vitulina At least three in surf off Ruby Beach, Olympic NP
- 6. Sea Otter *Enhydra lutris* Several feeding while floating on their backs in surf, Ruby Beach, Olympic NP