



## Washington's Olympic Peninsula Species List June 2-10, 2018

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### BIRDS

**Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis* – Seen in Seattle, Nisqually NWR and along other lake and ocean shores

**Gadwall** *Anas strepera*— At Nisqually NWR and in Kah Tai Lagoon

**American Wigeon** *Anas Americana* – Only a few seen at Kah Tai Lagoon

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos* – Seen almost daily in wetlands

**Cinnamon Teal** *Anas cyanoptera* – At Nisqually NWR

**Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata* – Several at Hoquiam ponds

**Green-winged Teal** *Anas crecca* – A few at Hoquiam ponds



**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis* – Several at Hoquiam Ponds

**Harlequin Duck** *Histrionicus histrionicus* – At least a dozen perched on logs at Ediz Hook

**Surf Scoter** *Melanitta perspicillata* – Small groups in Pacific coast and Straits of Juan de Fuca

**Hooded Merganser** *Lophodytes cucullatus* – A few at Nisqually and Kah Tai Wetlands

**Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser* – Female on Nisqually River with chicks on her back

**Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis* – At Sequim roadside pond and Kah-Tai Wetlands Lagoon

**California Quail** *Callipepla californica* – At Dungeness River Audubon Center & near hotel

**Common Loon** *Gavia immer* – One on ocean/strait side of Dungeness Spit; one at Ft. Worden

**Brandt's Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax penicillatus* – On Seal Rock and at Cape Flattery

**Pelagic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax pelagicus* – Seen on Pacific, Straits of Juan de Fuca and in Elliot Bay, Seattle

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus* – A few at Nisqually NWR and nesting at Cape Flattery

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* - Large flock in flight at Nisqually NWR; also seen on three other days in coastal locations – especially at Oak Bay County Park

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*—Roadside bird; seen soaring on several days

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetis* – Seen best in Seattle at Jack Block Park eating fish and also on second day of trip in Nisqually NWR

**Bald Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* – Seen every day – as many as 50 total including at least a dozen in the town of Neah Bay

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*— Remarkably only seen on first day of trip in Seattle

**Virginia Rail** *Rallus limicola* – One heard at Kah Tai Wetlands, Port Townsend

**American Coot** *Fulica americana*—In roadside ponds near Sequim and at Kah Tai Wetlands

**Black Oystercatcher** *Haematopus bachmani* – A few seen along the Pacific Coast and Straits of Juan de Fuca in rocky areas

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferous* – Heard and seen at Nisqually NWR and on Marrowstone Island

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* – One at Hoquiam ponds; two along Hoh River

**Common Murre** *Uria aalge* – One seen from Beach #4; a pair seen on Seal and Sail Rocks;

**Pigeon Guillemot** *Cephus Columba* – By far the most common alcid of trip, seen most days in salt water, including a group nesting on cliffs at Dungeness Spit NWR



**Marbled Murrelet** *Brachyramphus marmoratus* – One of these petite, threatened alcids seen well of Ediz Hook, preening at times.

**Rhinoceros Auklet** *Cerorhinc monocerata* – Small groups at Ediz Hook, off of Dungeness Spit NWR, and at John Wayne Marina

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis* – Just a few at Hoquiam Ponds

**Western Gull** *Larus occidentalis* – Small numbers seen on days along the Pacific coast

**Glaucous-winged Gull** *Larus glaucescens* – By far the most common gull of the trip, including its hybrid cousin the Western/Glaucous-winged Gull

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia* – Seen at Jack Block Park, Seattle; Nisqually NWR; and a breeding colony at Fort Flagler

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*—In towns and cities including Seattle, Aberdeen/Hoquiam, Port Angeles and Port Townsend

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata* – Especially good looks at Nisqually NWR and at the giant Sitka Spruce

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*—Seen at Nisqually NWR and in urban/ agricultural areas in Sequim and Port Townsend

**Vaux's Swift** *Chaetura vauxi* - Small airborne groups seen flitting around at Lake Quinault and Marymere Falls trail head

**Anna's Hummingbird** *Calypte anna* - One at Jack Block Park, Seattle; several more at Dungeness River Audubon Center, including a female feeding on gnats close to us!



**Rufous Hummingbird** *Selasphorus rufus* – Seen every day starting at Nisqually, and continuing on the Olympic Peninsula where dozens came to feeders at Lake Quinault Lodge

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon* – Seen first at Ediz Hook, Port Angeles, and then via a good scope view at Mystery Bay, Marrowstone Island



Band-tailed Pigeon

**Downy Woodpecker** *Picoides pubescens* – At entrance to Nisqually NWR

**Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus* – Just one at Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend

**Pileated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus pileatus* – Heard while visiting the giant Sitka Spruce, and a fleeting glimpse of one flying into tall evergreens at Beach #4 on Pacific coast

**Western Wood Pewee** *Contopus sordidulus* – Seen and heard at Nisqually NWR and Dungeness River Audubon Center

**Willow Flycatcher** *Empidonax traillii* – Seen and heard making its “Fitz-pew” song simultaneously several times at Nisqually NWR

**Pacific Slope Flycatcher** *Empidonax difficilis* – Heard frequently at Nisqually NWR, then seen well on trail to world’s largest Sitka Spruce

**Warbling Vireo** *Vireo gilvus* – Heard often singing in deciduous trees in coastal areas; finally seen with Yellow-rumped Warblers along Marymere Falls trail

**Steller’s Jay** *Cyanocitta stelleri* – Seen and its raucous call heard most days in forested areas

**California Scrub Jay** *Aphelocoma californica* – Flew overhead twice at Jack Block Park, Seattle

**American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos* – A daily visitor, except at Cape Flattery and the northern coast where we had the other species of (NW) Crow

**Northwest Crow** *Corvus caurinus* – Quite a few seen on the days we dipped into the southern part of their range.

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax*—The morning “song” heard at Lake Quinault Lodge; also seen at Cape Flattery and on Hurricane Ridge.

**Horned Lark** *Eremophila alpestris* – A few in the meadows at Hurricane Ridge, including one that performed an impressive breeding/territorial display

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*— Several near Railroad Bridge over the Dungeness River; others at Kah Tai Wetlands

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor* – Common especially on our day at Nisqually NWR

**Violet-green Swallow** *Tachycineta thalassina* – Seen most days of the journey

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*—Our most commonly seen swallow, often nesting on buildings

**Cliff Swallow** *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* – Seen a few times on trip, near twin barns at Nisqually NWR and near world’s largest Sitka Spruce

**Chestnut-backed Chickadee** *Poecile rufescens* – We were in good habitat for this denizen of coniferous forests, and saw it on several days

**Bushtit** *Psaltiriparus minimus* – An active nest behind the Radisson Hotel in Seattle!

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta Canadensis* – Surprisingly elusive on this tour, we finally saw two on Hurricane Ridge

**Pacific Wren** *Troglodytes troglodyte* – Heard most days; seen well in Quinault old-growth forest and on Ruby Beach trails where we had private concerts from the bird with the longest song in North America.



**Bewick’s Wren** *Thryomanes bewickii*—Two seen & heard at Dungeness River Audubon Center

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus satrapa* – One came very close to us at Quinault Rainforest, its golden crest on full display

**Swainson’s Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus* – Seen and heard most days in forest environs. Its song is one of the sound tracks of our journey.

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*— Seen daily in every kind of habitat we visited

**Varied Thrush** *Ixoreus naevius* – Good look at one near base of cedar on Marymere Falls trail

**European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*— Seen most days except in deep forest and turbulent coastal areas

**Cedar Waxwing** *Bombycilla cedrorum* – Frequent flocks moving through berry patches almost every day of journey

**Orange-crowned Warbler** *Oreothlypis celata* – Good close look at this species in Salal patch on Ruby Beach trail along Pacific coast

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*—Heard and seen at Nisqually NWR

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia* – At Nisqually NWR

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata* – Two calling as they flew through alders and maples along Marymere Falls trail

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** *Setophaga nigrescens* Seen briefly and heard at Quinault & Hoh rain forests, and at Dungeness River Audubon Center

**Townsend's Warbler** *Setophaga townsendi* – A beautiful look at one in bright light on the top of a Douglas Fir at an overlook on the way down from Hurricane Ridge

**Wilson's Warbler** *Wilsonia pusilla*—The most common warbler of the trip, seen three days and heard on four days in riparian vegetation on the Olympic Peninsula

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis* – Nearly a daily sighting

**White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys*— One of the most common bird songs heard on the trip; nearly a daily sighting

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia* – Seen every day but two on the trip



**Spotted Towhee** *Pipilo maculatus*— Heard often but not seen well until Dungeness River Audubon Center where we saw several in a few hours.

**Western Tanager** *Piranga ludoviciana* – Had a nice look at one near world's largest Sitka Spruce and glimpses at Nisqually and Lake Quinault



Townsend's Warbler

**Black-headed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus melanocephalus*—Its exuberant song heard often, and its appearances most visible at Lake Quinault Lodge

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus* – Seen primarily at Nisqually NWR and Kah-Tai Lagoon

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater*—Common at Nisqually NWR, at Lake Quinault Lodge grounds, including one fighting with its mirror-image in lodge window

**House Finch** *Carpodacus mexicanus*—Seen in urban/agricultural areas

**Purple Finch** *Haemorhous purpureus* – Heard and seen on five days in areas with tall evergreen trees – of which there were many!

**American Goldfinch** *Spinus tristis* – A common denizen of grassland areas seen five days of our journey. We had beautiful looks in bright sunlight at Dungeness River Audubon Center

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*—Common in towns throughout journey





## MAMMALS

**Brush Rabbit** *Sylvilagus bachmani* – Several at grassy entrance to Nisqually NWR trail

**Douglas Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus douglasii* – Common, animated, vocal resident of conifer forests

**Eastern Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus carolinensis* – Common in urban areas and at Nisqually NWR

**Townsend's Chipmunk** *Tamias townsendii* – Found in the alpine meadows of Hurricane Ridge

**Black-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus hemionus* – Seen frequently in habitats ranging from river estuaries, to forest, to the streets of Port Townsend. Had an amazing show by a mother and fawn on highway 101 near Lake Quinault. The fawn wanted to stay on the road. Mom was upset.

**Coyote** *Canis latrans* – Seen crossing the road on the way back from Cape Flattery

**Mountain Goat** *Oreamnos americanus* – Two groups, totaling seven goats and one kid seen grazing on distant peaks and alpine meadows at Hurricane Ridge



**Olympic Marmot** *Marmota olympus* – Excellent look at two stuffing their mouths with grasses on Hurricane Ridge

**Raccoon** *Procyon lotor* – A few well-fed members of this species seen at Lake Crescent lodge

**Roosevelt Elk** *Cervus roosevelti* – Close look at cow elk crossing the road then browsing on vegetation to the right of our van.

**Northern Elephant Seal**

*Mirounga angustirostris* – Two on rocks near Tatoosh Island visible from Cape Flattery

**Harbor Seal** *Phoca vitulina* – Seen in several bays and estuaries, including a half-dozen at Fort Flagler watching us as they drifted by.

**California Sea Lion** *Zalophus californianus* – Nice looks at them hauled out on Seal and Sail Rocks in the Straits of Juan de Fuca, also seen at Cape Flattery, and at Fort Worden

**Orca** *Orcinus Orca* – Small group of three seen swimming west where Straits of Juan de Fuca meet the Pacific Ocean at Cape Flattery



## HERPS AND OTHER VERTEBRATES

**Red-eared Slider (Turtle)** *Trachemys scripta elegans* – Resting on log at Nisqually NWR

## AMPHIBIANS

**American Bull Frog** *Lithobates catesbeianus* – Heard at Nisqually NWR

**Western Chorus Frog** (*Pseudacris triseriata*) – Heard near world's largest Sitka Spruce

## BUTTERFLIES

**Cabbage White** *Pontia protodice* – Seen along trails and roadways

**Western Tiger Swallowtail** *Papilio rutulus* – Seen at Nisqually NWR

## MOLLUSCS

**Banana Slug** *Ariolimax columbianus* – Found on Cape Flattery trail

**CRUSTACEANS**



**Pacific Rock Crab**

*Cancer antennarius* –

Several in Nisqually NWR tidal flats

**Pacific Blood Star** *Henricia leviuscula* – one found  
By Pat at Dungeness Spit NWR



*List compiled and photos taken by Woody Wheeler*