

# Washington Coastal Birding & Nature | Species List

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### Key

**FAMILY COMMON NAME:** Scientific Name

**Species Common Name** *Scientific Name*

HO = Heard only, definitively, by guide and others

GO = Seen or heard and IDed by guide only

(#) = Number of days tallied for the 8-day tour

(#, #) = Number of birds tallied on the two pelagic trips

*Note that birds seen only on the pelagic trips will only show the tallies for the two pelagic days.*

P1 & P2 = Pelagic trips 1 and 2

CDSP = Cape Disappointment State Park

LCIC = Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

NJCR = North Jetty Columbia River

STP = Sewage Treatment Ponds

NWR = National Wildlife Refuge

SP = State Park

### Summary

“Smashing success” describes well our first fall trip to southwestern coastal Washington. This was a ‘Surf & Turf’, tour, with four-and-a-half days on land and two full days at sea exploring the waters over submarine Gray’s Canyon. We timed the trip for the peak of shorebird and seabird migrations, and we tallied over 130 bird species, more than 75 of which were water birds, including 21 shorebirds, nine ‘tubenoses’, and five Alcids. We scored on two major rarities: Bar-tailed Godwit (annual in the region) and an amazing Hawaiian Petrel (4<sup>th</sup> record for Washington!). The first of our two pelagic trips also netted us a Laysan Albatross and a Tufted Puffin, with the puffin still in alternate, i.e. breeding, plumage. We saw thousands each of sandpipers, gulls, and shearwaters. Total birds for the two pelagic trips came to 7,887 and 6,296. We also saw eight different marine mammals, including three dozen Dall’s Porpoises.

Back on land, we enjoyed plenty of western specialty birds, including Band-tailed Pigeon, Steller’s Jay, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, and Black-throated Gray Warbler. A stop at Ridgefield NWR on our return to Portland added three new birds for the trip. Based in comfortable accommodations, we partook in classic northwestern cuisine, with lots of seafood and some tasty beers and wines. All members of the group agreed that taking two pelagic trips was essential, since one of ours was far more productive than the other: successful seabirding is all about the number of hours spent at sea. And the mix of casual land birding provided the perfect balance for two long days on a boat.

Below is the final list of all the wildlife we identified. Note that the pelagic numbers come from the total birds tallied by the guides on the boat; not all of us saw all of those birds. We owe special thanks to Westport Seabirds for

their superb leadership on board and to local expert Bill Shelmerdine for helping us negotiate the tides and local hot-spots for optimal birding on land. We'll do this again, so stay tuned to the calendar, and keep in touch!

### Daily Destinations

Sites in blue are linked to the eBird lists for those locations on those days; note that there are five eBird lists for each pelagic trip and the links below only go to the lists for the deepest point on the route.

**Day 1**—Portland to Long Beach: [Big Creek Fish Hatchery](#), Astoria Mooring Basin

**Day 2**—Cape Disappointment State Park: [Beard's Hollow](#), [North Head](#), [Bell's View](#), [Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center](#), [North Jetty Columbia River/Waikiki Beach](#), Benson Beach; also [Ilwaco Marina](#)

**Day 3**—[Bay Center](#), [Tokeland Marina](#), [Hoquiam Sewage Ponds](#), Warrenton Cannery Road Beach

**Day 4**—Pelagic over [Gray's Canyon](#)

**Day 5**—Ocean Shores: [Pt. Brown Jetty](#), [Grand Canal Park](#), [Bill's Spit](#), [Oyhut Wildlife Area/Game Range](#), [sewage ponds](#), and [Burrows Road](#)

**Day 6**—Westport: [Grayland Beach State Park](#), [Midway Beach](#), North Cove/Washaway, [Bottle Beach](#), [Westport Marina](#)

**Day 7**—Pelagic over [Gray's Canyon](#)

**Day 8**—[Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, River 'S' Unit](#)

### **BIRDS (136 species recorded, of which 4 were GO and 1 was HO):**

#### DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae

**Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis*—(5) Seen in several saltwater locations (no sewage ponds or inland waters), with the largest concentration of 64 seen at CDSP.

**Wood Duck** *Aix sponsa*—(2) One bird flushed out of the swamp at Beard's Hollow, and then we found eight birds at Ridgefield NWR.

**Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera*—(2) Three seen at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds, and then 10 at Ridgefield NWR.

**Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*—(2) Single birds seen at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds and Oyhut Wildlife Area.

**Gadwall** *Mareca strepera*—(3) Small flock of four seen twice at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds.

**American Wigeon** *Mareca americana*—(1) Two seen by GO at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*—(5) Widely distributed from the coast to Ridgefield NWR, with the highest counts of 52 at LCIC, 32 at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds, and 18 at Bottle Beach.

**Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*—(2) Two good-sized flocks of 36 in the bay off Burrows Rd. and 14 at Bottle Beach.

**Green-winged Teal** *Anas crecca*—(3) Eight at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds, 10 at Oyhut Wildlife Area, and a single bird among the Cinnamon Teal at Ridgefield NWR.

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis*—(2) Small flock of five seen twice at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds.

**Surf Scoter** *Melanitta perspicillata*—(2) Lots of Surf Scoters had started moving in along the coast, with our peak number of 127 at Oyhut Wildlife Area, plus 41 at Ocean Shores STP.

**White-winged Scoter** *Melanitta deglandi*—(2) Small numbers of early-season birds, with two seen from the beach at Beard's Hollow and then six at the Pt. Brown Jetty.

**Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis*—(1) One bird seen at the Hoquiam Sewage Ponds.

#### GREBES: Podicipedidae

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*—(1) Not seen until the last day, with two at Ridgefield NWR.

**Western Grebe** *Aechmophorus occidentalis*—(2) (5, 0) A few seen by GO on P1, then one at the Pt. Brown Jetty.

#### PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*—(6) Seen mostly in urban areas, with a few at Tokeland Marina and 27 at Westport Marina.

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata*—(5) Flyovers seen three times by GO, with good looks at a perched bird at

CDSP-LCIC.

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*—(5) A few seen along inland shores including three at the Pt. Brown Jetty and three Westport Marina.

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura*—(2) Only seen twice, one on the first day and one at Ridgefield NWR.

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae**

**Anna's Hummingbird** *Calypte anna*—(1) Just two at Bill's Spit and one at Oyhut Wildlife Area.

**Rufous Hummingbird** *Selasphorus rufus*—(1) One seen by GO at Oyhut Wildlife Area.

#### **RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae**

**Virginia Rail** *Rallus limicola*—(3) First HO at Beard's Hollow, then two more HO on Burrows Rd., and three heard and one seen at Midway Beach.

**American Coot** *Fulica americana*—(1) One bird seen at Ocean Shores WTP.

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae**

**Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*—(3) Low numbers moving through, with three at Bay Center, singles at Bill's Spit and Oyhut Wildlife Area, and three at Bottle Beach.

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*—(3) A few more than Black-bellieds, with 3-4 at the same four locations.

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus*—(4) Killdeer were fairly widespread with the highest numbers of nine at Ilwaco Marina.

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae**

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*—(3) (1, 0) One bird at Bay Center, another on the rock jetty coming in from P1, and then four at Bill's Spit.

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*—(1) In most years, a Bar-tailed Godwit stops over on the central Washington Coast, always seen among large flocks of Marbled Godwits (see numbers below). This year, no godwits were present when we visited the Tokeland Marina, but we found a flock of hundreds at the Westport Marina. We only saw Marbleds when we passed by the jetty on P1, but our next visit to Westport was land-based. We found the birds inside the harbor and searched meticulously through the flock, to no avail. Later, after stopping by the outer jetty, we ran into a couple of other birders who said they had seen the Bar-tailed in the flock, and they described its precise location. We went back to the marina and found the bird exactly where it was described. We had excellent looks at the bird, including seeing it stretch its wings, showing the diagnostic underwing pattern. It was a life-bird for most of our group and a great find for the tour.

**Marbled Godwit** *Limosa fedoa*—(4) (750, 800) We saw the large flock of godwits inside the Westport Marina upon our returns from both pelagic trips; we then had three at Bill's Spit and counted 587 at Westport on the day we found the Bar-tailed.

**Black Turnstone** *Arenaria melanocephala*—(1) On our land-birding day at Westport, we walked the marina inside the outer jetty and found 12 turnstones.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*—(3) We saw our first Sanderling at NJCR and then a flock on the beach at Tokeland and another later in Gray's Harbor.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*—(4) Least and Western (see below) Sandpipers were our most abundant migrating shorebirds, with thousands of birds seen at a distance—especially from Burrows Road—and counted as 'peep sp.'. We did identify 21 Least at Ilwaco Marina, 17 at Bill's Spit, and 96 at Bottle Beach, among smaller groups elsewhere.

**Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos*—(1) We found a Pectoral Sandpiper at the Hoquiam Sewage Ponds and enjoyed great looks at close range.

**Western Sandpiper** *Calidris mauri*—(4) (18, 0) On the beach north of the NJCR, we found 350 Western Sandpipers and tallied more than 300 peep sp. at a distance. We also had 204 at Bottle Beach, and a flock of 18 flew past the

boat on our way in from P1; a few others were scattered elsewhere.

**Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus*—(3) We found flocks of 19 birds at both Bay Center and Bottle Beach, plus six at Oyhut Wildlife Area.

**Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus*—(1) Our only Long-billeds were eight at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds.

**Wilson's Snipe** *Gallinago delicata*—(1) Right next to the Pectoral Sandpiper we watched a snipe at close range at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds.

**Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*—(143, 36) As expected, the most abundant of the two phalaropes on our pelagic trips.

**Red Phalarope** *Phalaropus fulicarius*—(40, 28) Smaller numbers than Red-neckeds but good looks and great comparisons of the two from the boat.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*—(2) One bird seen twice at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds.

**Wandering Tattler** *Tringa incana*—(2) (3, 0) We had marginal looks at a few birds on the Westport jetty on the way in from P1 but counted eight when we returned to bird the Westport Marina from the harbor.

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*—(4) We saw our first bird on the beach at the NJCR, then 13 at Oyhut Wildlife Area and small numbers scattered elsewhere.

**Willet** *Tringa semipalmata*—(4) (1, 1) Willets are not common migrants in Washington, so we were happy to see three birds at the Tokeland Marina and a single bird among the godwits at Westport Marina.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*—(3) Two birds seen at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds, four at Oyhut Wildlife Area, and three at Bottle Beach, always with Greaters nearby.

#### **SKUAS AND JAEGER: Stercorariidae**

**South Polar Skua** *Stercorarius maccormicki*—(0, 1) One bird seen at a distance on P2.

**Pomarine Jaeger** *Stercorarius pomarinus*—(6, 3) The most common jaeger seen on the pelagic trips, though we had decent looks at all three species, often circling the boat.

**Parasitic Jaeger** *Stercorarius parasiticus*—(1, 4) See Pomarine, above.

**Long-tailed Jaeger** *Stercorarius longicaudus*—(1, 4) See Pomarine, above.

#### **AUKS, MURRES, AND PUFFINS: Alcidae**

**Common Murre** *Uria aalge*—(4) (1, 143, 448) One bird seen off the NJCR and 44 off the Pt. Brown Jetty; many seen on the pelagic trips, including several adult males with juveniles.

**Pigeon Guillemot** *Cepphus columba*—(5) (5, 4) We had a few on the pelagic trips, but shore views of five birds at NJCR and another at Tokeland Marina.

**Cassin's Auklet** *Ptychoramphus aleuticus*—(34, 133) Despite having fewer birds overall on P2 than on P1, we saw many more Cassin's Auklets on the second trip; great looks at several birds fairly close to the boat.

**Rhinoceros Auklet** *Cerorhinca monocerata*—(4) (77, 46) Most Rhinos were at sea, but we had two at the Pt. Brown Jetty and one at Ocean Shores STP, plus a dead beached bird at Bottle Beach.

**Tufted Puffin** *Fratercula cirrhata*—(1, 0) What a prize this one was! After breeding season, puffins are not expected close to shore, but we found one bird in bright breeding plumage on P1. The bird was first seen a ways off the bow of the boat. It then dove and popped up very close to the stern; good looks were enjoyed by all.

#### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae**

**Sabine's Gull** *Xema sabini*—(30, 46) We saw lots of Sabine's Gulls on the ocean, including birds sitting on the water near the boat and several small flocks.

**Bonaparte's Gull** *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*—(1) We saw two Bonaparte's at the Hoquiam Sewage Ponds.

**Heermann's Gull** *Larus heermanni*—(6) (23, 15) After breeding in Mexico, Heerman's Gulls quickly disperse northward, and we found some good concentrations. We counted 174 at the Tokeland Marina, 13 at Pt. Brown Jetty, 32 at Ocean Shores STP, and 39 Westport Marina.

**Short-billed Gull** *Larus brachyrhynchus*—(1) An early-arriving individual was on the bay side of the levee at the Hoquiam

Sewage Ponds.

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis*—(3) We saw a few decent flocks, with 34 at Bay Center, 28 at Bill's Spit, and 53 at Bottle Beach.

**Western Gull** *Larus occidentalis*—(7) (373, 132) Western Gulls hybridize rampantly in the region with Glaucous-winged Gulls, and identifying any bird that looks like either is problematic. So, all birds on the pelagic trips were IDed as Glaucous-winged/Western-type, and we counted over 2,300 'gull sp.' off Burrows Road. We did find a few birds we could confidently call Westerns; eight at Beard's Hollow, 15 at Westport Marina, and a few elsewhere.

**California Gull** *Larus californicus*—(5) (304, 46) California Gulls were common on the pelagic trips, and we found 68 at Bay Center, 128 at Bill's Spit, and 168 at Bottle Beach.

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*—(1, 0) One bird was seen by the guides on P1.

**Glaucous-winged Gull** *Larus glaucescens*—(4) See notes on Western Gull above; we saw a few birds we could ID as 'pure' Glaucous-winged, with one at Beard's Hollow, two at Bill's Spit, and four at Westport Marina.

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*—(6) Caspian Terns breed across Washington and into sw. British Columbia, and we encountered many birds in post-breeding dispersal at more than a dozen locations. Impressive concentrations included 74 at Bay Center, 37 at Bill's Spit, 39 at Ocean Shores STP, and 31 off Burrows Rd.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*—(1, 0) One bird IDed by the guides on P1.

**Arctic Tern** *Sterna paradisaea*—(5, 0) Arctic Terns migrate from Alaska to the South Pacific after breeding. Most fly high and far offshore, but a few are always found on the ocean closer to the coast. We saw a handful on P1, including a couple of birds loafing on flotsam that allowed fairly close approach before flushing.

#### **LOONS: Gaviidae**

**Red-throated Loon** *Gavia stellata*—(3) (3, 0) Two birds were seen by GO off the beach at Beard's Hollow, and we had great looks at seven close to shore at Oyhut Wildlife Area; a few were seen in flight on P1.

**Pacific Loon** *Gavia pacifica*—(4, 0) A few birds were seen in flight by the guides on P1.

**Common Loon** *Gavia immer*—(1) Common loons had started moving in for the winter, with three at Bill's Spit, five at Oyhut Wildlife Area, and two at Ocean Shores STP.

#### **ALBATROSSES: Diomedidae**

**Laysan Albatross** *Phoebastria immutabilis*—(1, 0) Another big prize from P1 was a handsome Laysan. We found at among the Black-footeds and shearwaters at some of the shrimp boats offshore. The bird never flew, but we had great looks fairly close to the boat.

**Black-footed Albatross** *Phoebastria nigripes*—(169, 122) Both Laysan and Black-footed Albatrosses breed on the Hawaiian Islands—mostly in the northwestern chain—and they disperse toward the continental shelves to feed after breeding. They also fly that far to provision their nestlings! Furthermore, these relatively small albatross species take seven years to reach maturity, so the young birds also spend those years feeding along the shelves. We found over 100 Black-footeds on both pelagic trips, mostly around the shrimp boats and some in flocks as big as a couple dozen.

#### **NORTHERN STORM-PETRELS: Hydrobatidae**

**Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel** *Hydrobates furcatus*—(8, 2) We had fairly decent looks at this northern-breeding storm-petrel on both pelagics.

#### **PETRELS AND SHEARWATERS: Procellariidae**

**Northern Fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis*—(56, 26) Breeding in Alaska and dispersing southward, fulmars can be found on most nearshore fall pelagic trips. We saw several on both trips, with some birds coming right up to the boat to feed on the chum tossed overboard.

**Hawaiian Petrel** *Pterodroma sandwichensis*—(1, 0) BIRD OF THE TRIP! A few of us on the bow saw what we thought at first was a Buller's Shearwater approaching the boat, but as it got closer, we knew it was a *Pterodroma* petrel. It

blazed quickly by the boat, as these petrels often do, but we all saw the bird well. We were able to ID it as a 'Dark-rumped' Petrel, but a few folks got photos that allowed us to confirm that it was a Hawaiian. This bird is very rare this close to shore, typically feeding out 100+ miles, and this was the fourth record for Washington.

**Pink-footed Shearwater** *Ardenna creatopus*—(681, 672) After Sootys, our second most abundant shearwater. We saw many individuals—on the water and in flight—including several flocks of dozens of birds.

**Buller's Shearwater** *Ardenna bulleri*—(12, 18) Often considered the most elegant of the regularly occurring shearwaters off our coast, we had great looks at several birds on both trips.

**Sooty Shearwater** *Ardenna grisea*—(3,335, 3,395) One of the highlights of any Pacific pelagic trip is seeing thousands of shearwaters in flocks by the hundreds. On the way out, you start seeing a few here and there, and once you hit a certain depth of water, the big flocks appear. We were not disappointed, with many birds concentrated around the shrimp boats and a handful even fairly close to shore.

**Short-tailed Shearwater** *Ardenna tenuirostris*—(275, 109) One of the most difficult ID challenges at sea is separating Sooty and Short-tailed Shearwaters. We found enough Short-taileds—some in small flocks—that we had excellent comparisons of the two.

### CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae

**Brandt's Cormorant** *Urile penicillatus*—(5) (108, 92) Despite the name of the next bird, the Brandt's is the most pelagic of our three cormorants, hence the decent numbers on the pelagic trips. From shore, we also had 63 at LCIC, 12 at the Pt. Brown Jetty, a few at Ocean Shores STP, and 12 at Westport Marina, where all three species gave us excellent comparisons.

**Pelagic Cormorant** *Urile pelagicus*—(5) (10, 17) We found our first six Pelagics off the beach at Beard's Hollow, then 69 at a nest colony below CDSP North Head, with some nestlings still present; we saw a few more elsewhere at CDSP and a few at Pt. Brown Jetty and Ocean Shores STP, with 21 at Westport Marina.

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Nannopterum auritum*—(7) (6, 5) Double-crested were widespread, seen in a dozen locations, though mostly in small numbers; highest counts were 15 at Bay Center and 52 at Bottle Beach.

### PELICANS: Pelecanidae

**American White Pelican** *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*—(2) We found post-breeding white pelicans in two locations, with 18 at loafing on sandbar past the Coast Guard dock at CDSP, and then 53 off Burrows Road.

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis*—(6) (206, 81) Like the Heerman's Gulls, Brown Pelicans disperse northward after breeding in Mexico, becoming common on the coast after July. We saw them in at least a dozen locations, with peak numbers of 134 at Tokeland Marina and 126 off Burrows Road.

### HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*—(7) Seen almost daily and in several locations, with five at Bay Center and three each at Bill's Spit and Oyhut Wildlife Area.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—(3) Not common in the region, we saw Great Egrets twice on our drives back from Westport and then on the last day at Ridgefield NWR.

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*—(1) Near the northern end of its range in the West, we saw one bird at Grand Canal Park.

### NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*—(8) One of handful of birds seen daily throughout, vultures were definitely on the move.

### OSPREY: Pandionidae

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*—(2) First seen flying over the stock ponds at Big Creek Fish Hatchery, then three seen at NJCR and another at Ilwaco Marina.

### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae**

**Northern Harrier** *Circus hudsonius*—(1) Just one bird seen, at Ilwaco Marina.

**Bald Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*—(4) Singles seen at several locations in the first couple of days, then three at Burrows Rd.

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*—(2) Only seen twice, in our travels.

### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae**

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megasceryle alcyon*—(5) A regular occurrence, first seen at Big Creek Fish Hatchery, then two at Bay Center and three at Grand Canal Park, with at least one likely juvenile; singles elsewhere.

### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae**

**Downy Woodpecker** *Dryobates pubescens*—(1) HO once in the trip, with two calling at Beard's Hollow.

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Dryobates villosus*—(2) One seen at LCIC and another HO at Ocean Shores.

**Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus*—(3) Singes seen at three locations in CDSP, then HO off Burrows Rd. and two at Ridgefield NWR.

### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae**

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*—(1) Our only kestrel was found on the last day at Ridgefield NWR.

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*—(3) One seen first at NJCR, then three at Burrows Rd. and one more at Bottle Beach.

### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae**

**Western Wood-Pewee** *Contopus sordidulus*—(1) We picked up our only flycatcher of the trip at Ridgefield NWR.

### **VIREOS: Vireonidae**

**Hutton's Vireo** *Vireo huttoni*—(1) After searching in several locations, we finally found a Hutton's at Grayland Beach SP.

### **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae**

**Steller's Jay** *Cyanocitta stelleri*—(5) Our first Steller's was GO at Big Creek Fish Hatchery, the second was HO at Beard's Hollow, and then we finally started seeing them, with one at NJCR, one at Bay Center, and four at Burrows Rd.

**California Scrub-Jay** *Aphelocoma californica*—(2) First GO in Ilwaco, then seen by al at Ridgefield NWR.

**American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos*—(8) Another one of our daily species, scattered widely throughout the trip, with the highest numbers of 9 at NJCR and 17 Westport Marina.

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax*—(5) Seen mostly on the cliffs and beaches, we had a few ravens at CDSP, one at Grayland Beach SP, and two at Ridgefield NWR.

### **TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae**

**Black-capped Chickadee** *Poecile atricapillus*—(3) Three individuals were GO at Big Creek Fish Hatchery, and then we all saw them at Grand Canal Park, Grayland Beach SP, and Ridgefield NWR.

**Chestnut-backed Chickadee** *Poecile rufescens*—(3) We found several of this western specialty bird at CDSP, and then eight at Grayland Beach SP.

### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae**

**Purple Martin** *Progne subis*—(2) Purple Martins are a fairly regular coastal breeder on the Northwest Coast, with some notable help from artificial nest boxes. We found a couple at Beard's Hollow, then 11 at Ilwaco Marina, four at Tokeland Marina, and a couple at Ridgefield NWR.

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor*—(1) Our only birds were five seen at Big Creek Fish Hatchery.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*—(8) Barn Swallows were nice to see daily, with our highest counts of 14 at Bay Center and

34 at Burrows Rd.

**Cliff Swallow** *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*—(1) Seen twice on the same day with two each at Bill's Spit and Burrows Rd.

**KINGLETS: Regulidae**

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus satrapa*—(2) We found kinglets at three locations at CDSP and had five at Grayland Beach SP.

**NUTHATCHES: Sittidae**

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis*—(1) Found by one client at CDSP Bell's View trail.

**TREECREEPERS: Certhiidae**

**Brown Creeper** *Certhia americana*—(4) We found single creepers at Big Creek Fish Hatchery, LCIC, Grayland Beach SP, and Ridgefield NWR.

**WRENS: Troglodytidae**

**Pacific Wren** *Troglodytes pacificus*—(2) We saw two at Pacific Wrens at Beard's Hollow and heard two at Grayland Beach SP.

**Marsh Wren** *Cistothorus palustris*—(1) Three found on the marshy trail to Midway Beach.

**Bewick's Wren** *Thryomanes bewickii*—(2) Twice on one day at Grand Canal Park and Bill's Spit, and then two birds at Ridgefield NWR.

**DIPPERS: Cinclidae**

**American Dipper** *Cinclus mexicanus*—(1) We enjoyed great looks at two juvenile dippers at Big Creek Fish Hatchery.

**STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae**

**European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*—(8) Seen daily throughout, with a high count of 78 at Bay Center.

**THRUSHES: Turdidae**

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*—(3) Seen in five locations, with four at Grand Canal Park and three at Bill's Spit.

**WAXWINGS: Bombycillidae**

**Cedar Waxwing** *Bombycilla cedrorum*—(5) Waxwings were fairly widespread, HO early in the trip and then seen in both the Ocean Shores and Westport areas with a high of six at Midway Beach.

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*—(5) Seen mostly in urban areas and around the marinas.

**FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae**

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus*—(3) House Finches were sparse, with singles at Bay Center, Grand Canal Park, and Ridgefield NWR, and two at Westport Marina.

**Purple Finch** *Haemorhous purpureus*—(1) Only one seen, at Oyhut Wildlife Area.

**Red Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra*—(1) Our only crossbills—of the small-billed 'Sitka' subspecies—were mostly flyovers at CDSP.

**American Goldfinch** *Spinus tristis*—(4) Goldfinches were also encountered mostly as flyovers, with individuals at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds and Grand Canal Park, and then three each at Burrows Rd. and Ridgefield NWR.

**NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae**



**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis*—(1) We found our only juncos at CDSP, with some feeding juveniles and a flock of 18 at NJCR.

**White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys*—(1) Only seen once, at North Cove.

**Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis*—(2) Singles at Hoquiam Sewage Ponds and Oyhut Wildlife Area, then two at Ocean Shores STP.

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia*—(5) As expected, our most widespread sparrow was found in least eight locations, with pairs at multiple stops and four at Midway Beach.

**Spotted Towhee** *Pipilo maculatus*—(1) Only two sightings with two birds each at Big Creek Fish Hatchery and Bill's Spit.

#### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: Icteridae**

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus*—(3) These were sewage pond birds, with five at Hoquiam and two at Ocean Shores STP.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater*—(1) Two cowbirds at Grand Canal Park and six at Ocean Shores STP.

**Brewer's Blackbird** *Euphagus cyanocephalus*—(4) Red-wings were at sewage ponds and Brewer's were at marinas, with three at Ilwaco, two at Tokeland, and five at Westport.

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae**

**Orange-crowned Warbler** *Leiothlypis celata*—(2) We found three birds at NJCR, and then one was GO at Ocean Shores.

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*—(4) Our most widespread warbler, with up the three seen at six locations.

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** *Setophaga nigrescens*—(1) Four were a nice find at Grayland Beach SP.

**Wilson's Warbler** *Cardellia pusilla*—(2) We saw a few Wilson's at CDSP and three at Grayland Beach SP.

#### **MAMMALS (14 species recorded):**

**Douglas' Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus douglasii*—(1) CDSP

**North American Porcupine** *Erethizon dorsatum*—(1)  
Road kill

**Mule Deer** *Odocoileus hemionus*—(3) 'Black-tailed'  
subspecies

**Gray Whale** *Eschrichtius robustus*—(2) P1 and GO from  
shore

**Humpback Whale** *Megaptera novaeangliae*—(2) P1  
and P2

**Dall's Porpoise** *Phocoenoides dalli*—(2) P1 and P2

**Harbor Porpoise** *Phocoena phocoena*—(2) P1 and GO  
from shore

**Common Raccoon** *Procyon lotor*—(3) mostly along  
roadsides

**Harbor Seal** *Phoca vitulina*—(4) From shore and  
pelagics alike

**California Sea Lion** *Zalophus californianus*—(4) Astoria,  
both pelagics, and Westport

**Steller's Sea Lion** *Eumetopias jubatus*—(2) P1 and P2

**Northern Fur Seal** *Callorhinus ursinus* (2) P1 and P2

**Guadalupe Fur Seal** *Arctocephalus townsendi*—(1) P2

**Little Brown Bat** *Myotis lucifugus*—(1) First day, tucked  
into the roof of the kiosk at the fish hatchery

#### **OTHER CRITTERS:**

**Green sturgeon** *Acipenser medirostris*—dead on the  
beach

**Six-spotted tiger beetle** *Cicindela sexguttata*

**Various skippers** Hesperiidae family

**Northwest Hesperian** *Vespericola Columbiana* (snail)

**Yellow-bordered Tailedropper** *Prophysaon foliolatum*  
(slug)

**Pacific tree frog** *Pseudacris regilla*

**Common garter snake** *Thamnophis sirtalis*

**Ocean sunfish** *Mola mola*

**Blue shark** *Prionace glauca*

**Ochre sea star** *Pisaster ochraceus*

**Moon Jelly** *Aurelia* sp.

**Bumblebee** Subgenus *Pyrobombus*