# Washington: Olympic Peninsula | Species List May 1 – 8, 2023 | with Naturalist Journeys



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HO = Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only
(I) = Introduced
(#) = number of days tallied for the 8-day tour
NWR = National Wildlife Refuge
SP = State Park
ONP = Olympic National Park
\*\* = new species for this tour route

**Summary:** We enjoyed a good trip with 135 bird species observed, one of which was new for the tour route. Highlights included 25 different waterfowl and 10 shorebird species; almost daily Surf Scoter, Rufous Hummingbird, Black Oystercatcher, Pigeon Guillemot, Common Loon, Pelagic Cormorant, Bald Eagle, Steller's Jay and Pacific Wren sightings; 12 different mammal species including a new trip mammal – a beaver; and many northwest wildflowers. Hurricane Ridge was closed, which impacted our total species count.

# BIRDS (135 species recorded, of which 3 were heard only):

# **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (25)**

**Greater White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons*— (2) Flock of over 100 birds flying north observed from Kalaloch Campground Beach near the Tree of Life. Also seen at Grays Harbor NWR.

Brant Branta bernicla— (1) Large flock seen from Cape Flattery.

Cackling Goose Branta hutchinsii— (1) Flock of around 100 birds flying north observed from Kalaloch Lodge.

**Canada Goose** *Branta Canadensis*— (6) Seen in most wetland habitats; goslings seen as well in a small farm pond near Port Angeles.

**Wood Duck** *Aix sponsa*—(2) Nisqually NWR provided great close-looks at male Wood Duck, pair seen at the Hoh Rainforest.

**Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors*—(1) At least one drake seen at the Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). **Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*— (2) Some seen at Nisqually NWR, and many seen at Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

Gadwall Mareca strepera— (2) Seen at 3 Crabs and Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

Eurasian Wigeon Mareca penelope— (1) One seen at 3 Crabs among about 300 American Wigeon.

**American Wigeon** *Mareca americana*— (5) A few seen at Nisqually NRW, John Wayne Marina and Grays Harbor NWR. Hundreds seen at 3 Crabs.

Mallard Anas platyrhynchos— (5) Seen in most wetland habitats.

Northern Pintail Anas acuta— (3) Seen at Nisqually NRW, 3 Crabs and Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). Green-winged Teal Anas crecca— (2) Seen in small numbers at a few sites around Sequim, including 3 Crabs. The hundreds seen during Olympic BirdFest earlier in April (including a Eurasian) had already migrated through. Ring-necked Duck Aythya collaris— (3) Nisqually NRW, a small pond in Sequim and Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

**Greater Scaup** *Aythya marila*— (1) A few seen at Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in smaller numbers than Lesser Scaup. Good comparison.

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis*—(1) More than a few seen at Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), more numerous than the Greater Scaup in the ponds. Good comparison.

**Harlequin Duck** *Histrionicus histrionicus*— (1) Both sexes seen towards the end of Ediz Hook, near the entrance to the Coast Guard Station.

**Surf Scoter** *Melanitta perspicillata*—(6) Seen at multiple sites in the Strait of Juan de Fuca (Salish Sea) and in the Pacific Ocean. Large rafts observed.

White-winged Scoter Melanitta fusca—(3) Seen at John Wayne Marina, Neah Bay harbor and from Kalaloch.

**Long-tailed Duck** *Clangula hyemalis*— (1) Seen from the Strait side of Ediz Hook near the mill in breeding (alternate) and transitional plumage.

Bufflehead Bucephala albeola— (3) A few seen at Ediz Hook, John Wayne Marina and Neah Bay.

**Common Goldeneye** Bucephala clangula— (1) A few females seen at John Wayne Marina.

**Hooded Merganser** *Lophodytes cucullatus*— (2) Good scope views at Nisqually NWR. Also seen in the Hoh Rainforest on a wetland pond where they breed.

**Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser*— (3) Excellent close look at a pair in the pond with the purple martin nest boxes (white PVC tubes) at 3 Crabs. Also seen in Waatch Creek and in and around the Hoh River.

**Red-breasted Merganser** *Mergus serrator*— (3) Distant views in the Salish Sea from various locations, good scope views at John Wayne Marina.

## **NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae (1)**

**California Quail** *Callipepla californica*— (2) A fleeting sighting at 3 Crabs and a cooperative calling male at the end of the Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk.

# PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES: Phasianidae (0)

Hurricane Ridge closed.

#### **GREBES: Podicipedidae (2)**

Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps— (1) Seen close in central pond at Nisqually NWR.

**Western Grebe** *Aechmophorus occidentalis*— (4) A nice raft seen at Ediz Hook, and a few seen at the North Jetty in Ocean Shores.

# **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (4)**

**Rock Pigeon (I)** Columba livia— (3) Seen in cities and industrial areas.

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata*— (2) Flyovers seen during the Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk and at the Kalaloch Lodge.

Eurasian Collared-Dove (I) Streptopelia decaocto— (4) Seen in Shelton and most sites in Sequim.

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura*—(3) Quick views seen by some in Nisqually NWR and while driving in Sequim and Ocean Shores.

#### **SWIFTS: Apodidae (1)**

**Vaux's Swift** *Chaetura vauxi*—(2) A few seen at Kalaloch Lodge.

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS:** Trochilidae (2)

**Anna's Hummingbird** *Calypte anna*— (5) First seen in Shelton Memorial Park (Callanan Park). Great views on the Railroad Bridge Wednesday morning bird walk.

**Rufous Hummingbird** *Selasphorus rufus*— (7) Great views on the Railroad Bridge Wednesday morning bird walk and from the Kalaloch Lodge. Heard on most days.

#### RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (1)

American Coot Fulica Americana— (1) In the flooded field before the barns at Nisqually NWR.

#### OYSTERCATCHERS: Haematopodidae (1)

**Black Oystercatcher** *Haematopus bachmani*—(6) Great views at John Wayne Marina at the creek outlet. Vocalizing and flying around on Cape Flattery. Seen from Kalaloch Lodge as well.

# PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (3)

**Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*—(1) Seen at 3 Crabs.

Semipalmated Plover Charadrius semipalmatus— (3) Seen at 3 Crabs and from the Kalaloch Beach.

**Killdeer** Charadrius vociferous—(6) Seen on most days near water. Crows might have been stealing eggs or chicks on the rocky shore in front of the Clallam Bay rest stop based on the level of distress.

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (10)**

Whimbrel Numenius phaeopus— (3) Seen either singly or as many as four seen at the base of the Dungeness Spit, in Neah Bay, and at Grays Harbor NWR.

Marbled Godwit Limosa fedoa—(1) Two seen well from Neah Bay harbor during lunch at the Warmhouse.

Sanderling Calidris alba—(1) Only a few birds seen at 3 Crabs.

**Dunlin** Calidris alpine—(3) Hundreds seen at 3 Crabs and Grays Harbor NWR and a few seen in Neah Bay.

Least Sandpiper Calidris minutilla—(2) Seen well (yellow legs) at 3 Crabs.

Western Sandpiper Calidris mauri—(3) Around a thousand seen at Grays Harbor NW

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Short-billed Dowitcher Limnodromus griseus— (1) Seen at Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

**Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scopopaceus*— (2) Seen at Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and 3 Crabs.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*— (3) Single birds seen on the Dungeness River on the return walk to the Nature Center on the Wednesday morning bird walk, on the Hoh River and at Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

**Greater Yellowlegs** Tringa melanoleuca— (2) Seen at 3 Crabs and Grays Harbor NWR. Heard vocalizing from both locations.

#### AUKS, MURRES, AND PUFFINS: Alcidae (5)

**Common Murre** *Uria aalge*— (1) Giant raft at Cape Flattery west of Tatoosh Island.

**Pigeon Guillemot** *Cepphus Columba*— (6) The most common alcid seen in the Salish Sea. Nests in small colonies on the mainland.

Marbled Murrelet Brachyramphus marmoratus—(2) A pair seen well at John Wayne Marina and in the Salish Sea. Rhinoceros Auklet Cerorhinca monocerata—(4) Good looks at Ediz Hook, sites around Sequim and Cape Flattery.

**Tufted Puffin** Fratercula cirrhata— (1) A few scopes at a distance flying around Tatoosh Island at Cape Flattery.

#### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (6)**

Bonaparte's Gull Chroicocephalus Philadelphia—(1) Seen from Point Hudson in Port Townsend.

**Short-billed Gull** *Larus canus*— (3) A handful seen at 3 Crabs and seen singly with other gulls at Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis*— (1) Two seen perched with other gull species at Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

Western Gull Larus occidentalis— (2) Seen well with other gulls at Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

**Glaucous-winged Gull** Larus glaucescens— (8) The most common gull, large pink-legged gull that hybridizes with Western to create what is commonly known as the "Olympic Gull." This is the only gull that breeds on the Olympic Peninsula. Seen on all days.

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*— (5) Around a dozen seen together at Grays Harbor NWR for our best views. Also seen in the Salish Sea and on the coast.

# **LOONS: Gaviidae (3)**

**Red-throated Loon** *Gavia stellate*— (1) Seen well from Kalaloch.

Pacific Loon Gavia pacifica— (2) Good looks at Ediz Hook.

**Common Loon** *Gavia immer*— (6) Seen in multiple locations on the Strait and in the Ocean. Heard briefly vocalizing on Lake Quinault.

#### **CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (3)**

**Brandt's Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax penicillatus*— (1) Great close-up looks of basic plumaged individuals next to breeding (alternate plumage) Pelagic Cormorants sitting on nearby rocky cliffs from Cape Flattery.

**Pelagic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax pelagicus*— (8) Nesting on infrastructure in Port Angeles, the cliffs at Cape Flattery and the north side of Abbey Island on Ruby Beach. Seen all days on the Salish Sea and in the Pacific Ocean.

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus*— (3) Seen in a few locations including at Kalaloch.

#### PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis*— (2) Seen from Kalaloch and in Ocean Shores. Becoming more common to observe.

# **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (1)**

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea Herodias*— (3) Seen in good numbers at Grays Harbor NWR.

# **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (1)**

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*— (6) Seen almost daily in small numbers and in all habitats. A small kettle seen over Port Angeles.

# OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)

Osprey Pandion haliaetus—A pair seen near a nest at the Hoquiam Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

#### HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (4)

**Northern Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*— (2) Heard a vocalization at the Dungeness Recreation Area. Observed both sexes in Sequim.

**Cooper's Hawk** Accipiter cooperii— (1) Seen flying high overhead at the Dungeness River Nature Center.

Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus— (7) Commonly seen in many locations on most days.

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*— (4) Shelton Memorial Park (Callanan Park) also seen around Sequim and in Ocean Shores.

#### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (1)**

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*— (5) Seen driving on 101 along Hood Canal and one flew by calling at 3 Crabs. Also seen along Hoh River.

#### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae (5)**

**Red-breasted Sapsucker** *Sphyrapicus ruber*— (3) Seen by a few people on the Railroad Bridge morning Bird walk as well as at ONP Headquarters (from the Visitor Center side on the Peabody Creek trail loop). HO at Sakai Park on Bainbridge Island.

**Downy Woodpecker** *Dryobates pubescens*— (3) Nisqually NWR and at the feeders at the Dungeness River Nature Center.

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Dryobates villosus*— (1) Seen by some on the Hall of Mosses trail, one of the few birds not HO on the trail.

**Pileated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus pileatus*— (3) First heard and then observed drumming on an electrical post at Dungeness Landing. Also HO in other locations such as in the Hoh Rainforest.

Northern Flicker Colaptes auratus— (4) Seen at Nisqually NWR, a few sites in Sequim and in Neay Bay.

#### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS Tyrannidae (2)**

**Hammond's Flycatcher** *Empidonax hammondii*— (2) First heard and then distant binocular view at Lake Crescent. HO at Ruby Beach.

**Pacific-slope Flycatcher** *Empidonax difficilis*— (5) HO Lake Crescent, on the Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk and in the Hoh Rainforest.

# **VIREOS: Vireonidae (1)**

**Warbling Vireo** *Vireo gilvus*— (4) Good looks at Nisqually NWR and at the Railroad Bridge bird walk, many people reported that it was their "bird of the day" at the end of the walk led by Bob B. HO in other forested sites.

# **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (4)**

Steller's Jay Cyanocitta stelleri— (6) Commonly heard and seen in most forested areas we visited.

**California Scrub-Jay** *Aphelocoma californica*— (3) Heard calling and seen in the neighborhood near Shelton Memorial Park (Callanan Park). Seen briefly while driving in Port Angeles and seen chasing a Steller's Jay on the Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk.

American Crow Corvus brachyrhynchos— (8) Common and widespread.

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax*— (5) Seen easily, in small numbers in many locations.

#### TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae (2)

**Black-capped Chickadee** *Poecile atricapillus*— (4) Nisqually NWR, heard calling and a pair was observed together on the Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk, seen in a deciduous woodlot in Grays Harbor NWR. HO in Sakai Park. **Chestnut-backed Chickadee** *Poecile rufescens*— (5) HO in many locations. Easier to hear and challenging time of year to see due to nesting activities. Seen well at Dungeness River Nature Center feeders.

# **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (6)**

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*— (4) Good looks at Port Williams and in the Hoh Rainforest.

Purple Martin Progne subis— (1) Pair bonding observed on top of nest box at 3 Crabs.

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor*— (1) Observed at Nisqually NWR.

**Violet-green Swallow** *Tachycineta thalassina*— (6) The most easily observed swallow species but can be confused with tree swallow if not familiar with the ID differences.

Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica— (6) Seen frequently throughout, especially fun to observe in Kalaloch.

**Cliff Swallow** *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*— (3) Seen well gathering mud for nesting at North Jetty in Ocean Shores.

#### **BUSHTITS: Aegithalidae (1)**

**Bushtit** *Psaltriparus minimus*— *(2)* Great looks at two nests and birds on the Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk. HO in Sakai Park.

# **KINGLETS: Regulidae (2)**

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Corthylio calendula— (2) Seen at Nisqually NWR and Sakai Park.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus satrapa*—(3) HO in older forests.

# **NUTHATCHES: Sittidae (1)**

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta Canadensis*— (3) Probable nesting observed on the Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk (food observed in beak and both adults observed together); cavity would have been on the backside of a Douglas Fir opposite the side of the Discovery Trail. HO in other forested areas.

#### TREECREEPERS: Certhiidae (1)

**Brown Creeper** Certhia Americana— (1) HO in the Hoh Rainforest on the Hall of Mosses trail.

# WRENS: Troglodytidae (3)

**Pacific Wren** *Troglodytes pacificus*— (5) Distant but good view of a singing bird on top of a stump along Barnes Creek on Lake Crescent. HO in many locations. Loose association with sword fern understory forests.

Marsh Wren Cistothorus palustris— (2) Excellent look in a scope at a round nest in the reeds and cattails, nest building with the cattail white flowering structures, and a singing bird at Nisqually NWR. Also heard and seen at Grays Harbor NWR.

**Bewick's Wren** *Thryomanes bewickii*— (1) Great looks of a singing bird on the Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk.

# **DIPPERS: Cinclidae (1)**

American Dipper Cinclus mexicanus— (1) Great view hunting and singing upstream of 101 Bridge on Barnes Creek on Lake Crescent and also on Madison Falls, a tributary of the Elwha River.

#### **STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae (1)**

European Starling (I) Sturnus vulgaris— (7) Seen almost every day, mostly in developed locations.

# **THRUSHES: Turdidae (2)**

**Varied Thrush** *Ixoreus naevius*— (2) HO near Barnes Creek on Lake Crescent, in Kalaloch and in the Hoh Rainforest.

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*— (8) Perhaps the most common, or at least the most conspicuous, songbird of the trip. One was nesting in the open among the swallows in the rafters of walkway roof at Nisqually NWR.

# **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)**

House Sparrow (I) Passer domesticus— (4) Seen in developed areas.

# PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae (1)

American Pipit Anthus rubescens— (1) One landed on the sand right in front of us at 3 Crabs, great views.

#### FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (4)

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus*— (5) Mostly seen around human developments in Sequim, Port Angeles and Ocean Shores.

**Purple Finch** *Haemorhous purpureus*— (5) HO in multiple locations, daily at Kalaloch, seen on Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk.

**Red Crossbill** Loxia curvirostra— (3) Seen by some in Kalaloch and at ONP Headquarters in Port Angeles.

**American Goldfinch** *Spinus tristis*— (3) Nisqually NWR, quite numerous on Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk and Grays Harbor NWR.

#### LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS: Calcariidae (1)

\*\*Lapland Longspur Calcarius lapponicus— (2) A nonbreeding adult (basic plumage) or immature individual bird seen at Ediz Hook. Also a beautiful alternate (breeding) plumage male seen by some on the bay side of the Hoquiam STP (that used to be open to vehicles and is now roped off). Both seen in similar rocky, weedy habitat near water.

# **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (7)**

Fox Sparrow Passerella iliaca—(1) Seen by a few people on the Ruby Beach Trail where they breed.

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis*— (6) Conspicuous in a variety of habitats.

White-crowned Sparrow Zonotrichia leucophrys— (6) Heard and seen daily.

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia atricapilla*— (2) Great looks on the grass at the Lake Crescent lodge. HO in other locations.

**Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis*— (5) Great look at an individual at 3 Crabs with a lot of yellow in the head (making someone think of a Meadowlark). Commonly HO around Sequim.

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia*— (7) Common, conspicuous and widespread, tended to sing all day.

**Spotted Towhee** *Pipilo maculatus*— (5) Common around human habitation though they tend to be skulky, good looks on Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk.

#### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (4)**

Western Meadowlark Sturnella neglecta— (1) Seen well in scopes at Fort Worden SP.

Red-winged Blackbird Agelaius phoeniceus— (4) Common wetland bird, associates with cattails.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater*— (5) Seen or HO in a variety of habitats. An interesting mixed flock of female Red-winged Blackbirds and Brown-headed Cowbirds appeared at Nisqually, leading us to believe that attempted nest parasitism might have been at play.

**Brewer's Blackbird** *Euphagus cyanocephalus*— (2) Common in places like the Walmart and Costco parking lots in Sequim. Made it onto our checklists at Schmuck Road and Ediz Hook.

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (7)**

**Orange-crowned Warbler** *Oreothlypis celata*— (4) Great looks on Railroad Bridge Wednesday bird walk and HO in other locations including downtown Port Townsend.

Common Yellowthroat Geothlypis trichas— (3) Nisqually NWR and HO in sites around Sequim.

Yellow Warbler Setophaga petechial— (2) HO in Nisqually NWR and Grays Harbor NWR.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronate*— (5) Large flock of both "Audubon's" and "Myrtle" subspecies were seen in red alders, big-leaf maples, and trees that were just starting to bud out at Nisqually NWR and in the Hoh Rainforest Campground.

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** *Setophaga nigrescens*— (4) Seen in red alder trees that were just budding out in the Hoh Rainforest Campground. Heard in riparian forests.

**Townsend's Warbler** *Setophaga townsendi*— (2) HO at Lake Crescent, seen on Railroad Bridge morning bird walk. **Wilson's Warbler** *Cardellina pusilla*— (5) Just migrating onto the Peninsula. HO in most forested areas once we traveled to Kalaloch and seen at the Hoh Rainforest Campground.

# CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (2)

**Western Tanager** *Piranga ludoviciana*— (1) Just migrating to the area. HO and seen from a distance at Sakai Park on our last day.

**Black-headed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus melanocephalusJus*— (2) Just migrating to the area. Flyover at Shelton Memorial Park (Callanan Park) and then seen singing at Sakai Park.

# MAMMALS (12 species recorded):

**Eastern Cottontail (I)** *Sylvilagus floridanus*— (1) Seen around our hotel on Bainbridge Island and possibly in other locations as well.

**Snowshoe Hare** *Lepus americanus— (3)* Seen around the Kalaloch cabins.

**Townsend's Chipmunk** Neotamias amoenus (1) Seen at Nisqually NWR.

**Eastern Gray Squirrel (I)** *Sciurus carolinensis— (1) Seen at* Nisqually NWR.

**Douglas' Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus douglasii*— (4) Seen by some at Lake Crescent and by everyone at feeders at the Dungeness River Nature Center and processing a cone on some ancient western hemlocks in the Hoh Rainforest.

**Columbian Black-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus hemionus columbianus*— *(6)* Common around human habitations and infrastructure.

**Elk (Wapiti)** Cervus Canadensis— (2) Herds seen on Schmuck Road in Sequim and in a pasture on 112 near the Hoko River on the drive to Neah Bay.

**Sea Otter** *Enhydra lutris*— (1) Probable male seen foraging and floating at Cape Flattery.

**California Sea Lion** Zalophus californicus— (2) Seen in Neah Bay and from Ocean Shores.

Steller Sea Lion Eumetopias jubatus— (1) Seen on a rock near Tatoosh Island observed from Cape Flattery.

**Harbor Seal** Phoca vitulina— (5) Seen from Ediz Hook and other locations in the Salish Sea and Pacific Ocean.

\*\* Beaver Castor canadensis— (1) Seen at Nisqually NWR.

# **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (1 species recorded):**

Pacific Tree Frog Pseudacris regilla— (2) Seen on a leaf while on the boardwalk in Nisqually NWR. HO in Quinault.

# Other notable critters (2 species recorded):

Pacific Banana Slug  $Ariolimax\ columbianus\ -$  (1) Seen on the Hall of Mosses Trail in the Hoh Rainforest. European Slug (I)  $Arion\ sp.\ -$  (1) Seen on the Hall of Mosses Trail in the Hoh Rainforest. Appeared all black but some individuals of  $Arion\ rufus$  are all black.