

**SA** Canada's first and main-land North America's 2nd Siberian Accentor, a male, was spotted drinking from Doris and Frank Kime's garden pond at Tappen, near Salmon Arm, Mar. 5, and it was joined by a female the next day. Winter pair-bonding has been suggested for this species in literature, thus it is possible that this was a prospective mated couple. The birds stayed in the garden until Apr. 10, allowing time for photographs and even a video. Our thanks to the Kime's for being gracious hosts to many eager birders.

### Wood Warblers to Weaver Finches

A singing ad. ♂ Black-throated Blue Warbler was heard, then seen, in s.w. Van., Apr. 20 (KW), the 3rd record for B.C. A hybrid ♂ Hermit x Townsend's Warbler was seen near Vic., May 8 (DP), with another suspected hybrid male seen alongside a pure ♂ Hermit Warbler on c. Van. I., May 18 (DI, MI). This species seems to be increasing on the island. The two Palm Warblers which had overwintered at Delkatla stayed until Apr. 9, providing the first spring records for the Q.C.I. Two more brightly plumaged males arrived the next day, with another two singing males at Sandspit Apr. 13. (MH, PH). Ovenbirds have been pushing steadily SW into the P.G. area over the past few years. Two males were heard singing along Ft. George Canyon trail May 22 (HA, JB, ph. NK, DTy, DW). Wilson's Warblers passed through Vancouver's Queen Elizabeth Park in big numbers with 60 seen May 2 and 75 there May 15 (JDe *et al.*).

An ad. ♀ Dickcissel at a Princeton bird-bath May 20 (†KH) continues this species' recent string of sporadic visits to s. B.C. A striking ♂ Black-throated Sparrow spent May 15–28 at a yard in the Maple Ridge subdivision of Van. (JD, m. ob). Lapland Longspur flocks recovered to more normal numbers after last year's crash. The s. Yukon area reported the species as very common early April–mid-May (m.ob.), while a massive fallout the night of Apr. 22 in D.C. left one field teeming with tens of thousands the next morning (SK, LL, MP). Two Smith's Longspurs made a rare visit to Mt. McIntyre near Whse., May 28 (CE, PS). A flock of 300 Snow Buntings near Vanderhoof Mar. 19 (NK) was a high number for spring.

Encouragingly adaptable, the Yellow-headed Blackbird colony which had been displaced by the construction of the 3rd runway at Van. airport returned to the nearby cattail marsh at Iona I., Apr. 13 (RTo), with ten males and eight females there May 11 (RJ). The ♀ Great-tailed

Grackle which overwintered near Vernon was last seen Apr. 11 (PG), while the two–three Bramblings which overwintered at a Sandspit feeder were last seen Apr. 2 (GD, MH, PH, PP, PhP). The Q.C.I. archipelago continues to be the regional hotspot for Brambling. Purple Finches wandered into the s. interior: the w. Kootenay's first, a female-plumaged type, was at a feeder in Nakusp Mar. 17–22, with another ad. male there Apr. 30 (GSD). Another ad. male stopped at Kelowna May 1 (CC), providing a first local record and the 10th for the Ok. valley. And last, but certainly never least, a lone House Sparrow made it as far north as Dawson City, Yukon May 13 (LK).

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# Oregon/ Washington Region

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April precipitation was roughly normal, but otherwise it was a dry and warm spring throughout the Region. March in the Tri-Cities, Washington was the second driest on record, and all other areas noted a similar continuation of the drought. This spring brought a significant incursion of interior birds into the Region, most notably Cattle Egret and Black-throated Sparrow. Exceptional rarities included at least two Manx Shearwater off Washington in April, an Eastern Wood Pewee at Malheur and a Rustic Bunting in western Oregon. Unfortunately, this will be Steve's last report. He is moving to Utah, and we are losing a great birder and an outstanding source of knowledge of Oregon birdlife.

Abbreviations: Malheur (*Malheur N.W.R., Harney, OR*); O.S. (*Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor, WA*); Sauvie (*Sauvie I., Columbia and Multnomah, OR*); S.J.C.R. (*south jetty of the Columbia R., Clatsop, OR*).

## Loons to Falcons

Common Loons are rare Washington breeders; two young were at Hozomeen L., *Whitcom* May 23 (*fide* BK) and a pair nested at Lost L., *Okanogan* (J. Potter). For the 2nd consecutive spring, no Yellow-billed Loons were reported. Approximately 30,000 Eared Grebe estimated on L. Abert, *Lake, OR* Apr 28 (SS) are a convincing indication of the importance of this alkaline lake for migrants.

The only pelagic trips reported were 3 off Westport, WA Apr. 2, 17 & 30th (TW). All were long-distance trips covering waters beyond the Continental Shelf edge. One-hundred–two-hundred Black-footed Albatross were found per trip, as expected. Northern Fulmar were scarce, with 1–34 per trip. In the e. Strait of Juan de Fuca, two N. Fulmar off Ft. Flagler, *Jefferson* Mar. 3 (M. Gibson, *fide* D&SS) were highly unusual. No Murphy's Petrel were found on the April pelagic trips, although they covered waters where the species was readily found in April 1992. Pink-footed Shearwaters began to appear off Westport in mid-April, with counts of one and nine. Up to 5000 Sooty Shearwaters were found per trip and a total of 15 Short-

tailed Shearwaters were found in 3 trips. At least two, and possibly four, **Manx Shearwaters** were found at the edge of the Continental Shelf off Westport Apr. 2 (TW, ph., m.ob.). Two were seen together in a large aggregation of feeding shearwaters over Grays Canyon, and two were seen again several km distant. Leach's Storm-Petrels were found over deep water on all 3 trips, with a peak count of 182 Apr. 17.

The first Brown Pelican reports were at Chetco Pt., *Curry*, OR Apr. 27 (F. Hummel) and at Westport, *Grays Harbor*, WA Apr. 30 (SM). April arrival dates usually indicate a strong northward summer dispersion. Least Bittern status in Oregon is still poorly understood; a bird heard calling at Klamath Marsh N.W.R., *Klamath* May 26 (B. Tice) adds to a limited number of records from this area. Snowy Egrets are rare in spring away from the s. Oregon coast; singles were at Medford, *Jackson*, OR Apr. 25 (J. Wahl), near Shelton, *Mason*, WA May 23–25 (†A. Beelick) and at O.S., Apr. 26 (B&GR). Cattle Egret produced their best ever spring showing in Oregon, including ≤16 at Malheur through May (m.ob.), one at Summer L., *Lake* Apr. 28 (DL), and one at Medford, *Jackson* May 14 (E. Setterberg).

An unusual number of Ross' Geese were found away from their traditional migration route through the s.e. portion of Oregon. The 16 reports included one on Sauvie Apr. 12 (J. Morawski); one in *Skagit*, WA Apr. 12–13 (K&JW); one at Aumsville, *Marion*, OR Apr. 14 (JL, ph.); five at Sauvie Apr. 18–20 (HN, m.ob.); one near Wamic,

*Wasco*, OR Apr. 23 (DL); three in *Skagit*, WA Apr. 27–28 (K&JW), and four at Central Ferry S.P., *Garfield*, WA May 1 (†AS). The Emperor Goose that wintered in *Lane*, OR was last seen Mar. 24 (PaSu). Four reports of "Eur." Green-winged Teal is above average: at Sauvie Mar. 5 (G. Baker, m.ob.); Adna, *Lewis*, WA Mar. 13 (BT); Medford, *Jackson*, OR Mar. 25 (C. Bromitt); and Summer L., *Lake*, OR Mar. 28 (SS). Two Tufted Duck reports included a rare interior record of a male at Reardan, *Lincoln*, WA Apr. 13–23 (†JA) and a male on the coast at Bay City, *Tillamook*, OR Apr. 9–17 (HN, m.ob.).

White-tailed Kite sightings in the Rogue valley totaled 6 (*vide* MM), and there were 3 Willamette valley (m.ob.) and one Oregon coastal sighting (HH). Accompanying these poor numbers were no reports of nesting attempts, and no Washington reports. A Red-shouldered Hawk nest was found near Harbor, *Curry*, OR for the 2nd consecutive spring (DM). Other Oregon reports included one in *Josephine* May 21 (m.ob.) and one at Siletz Bay, *Lincoln* Apr. 30 (BB). Unusually late departure dates for Rough-legged Hawks came from several Washington locations: three at Samish, *Skagit* May 1 (K&JW), one in *Asotin* Apr. 24 (RN), and two at Washtucna, *Adams* May 4 (B&GR). A Peregrine pair breeding in Seattle is a local first (BA), and they generated some great publicity. The only Gyrfalcon report was near Mondovi, *Lincoln*, WA Mar. 5–9 (JA).

### Charadriiformes

There was one Pacific Golden-Plover reported, at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln*, OR May 8 (SR), and nine golden-plovers (sp.) reported, including five at Dungeness, *Clallam*, WA Apr. 24 (D&SS), three at Astoria, *Clatsop*, OR May 5 (MP), and one at Clatsop Beach, *Clatsop*, OR May 14 (MP). The spring status of both golden-plover species is still undetermined. Black-necked Stilts appeared earlier than normal in the interior, with the first sightings Mar. 28 at Othello, *Adams*, WA (KK) and Mar. 31 at Yakima delta, *Franklin*, WA (BW). Stilts also appeared widely in w. Oregon where they are casual; ≤30 were found in the Willamette valley from Mar. 25–May 5 (m.ob.) and at least five were found in the Rogue valley from

Mar. 27–May 4 (*vide* MM). An Am. Avocet at the Yakima R. delta, *Franklin*, WA Mar. 5 (BW) was also on an early arrival date. Lesser Yellowlegs, a rare spring migrant, were found in above-average numbers throughout w. Oregon Apr. 15–26 (m.ob.). The peak count was 25 at Medford, *Jackson* Apr. 17 (SR). Solitary Sandpipers, another rare spring migrant, also made an impressive showing in w. Oregon, particularly in the Willamette valley. Reports indicated at least 30 birds were found Apr. 17–May 14, while only two were reported from w. Washington. Eastern Oregon had a more normal total of five Solitary Sandpiper reports (CM, GL, SS, DA). A count of 832 Whimbrel near Mt. Vernon, *Skagit*, WA May 3 (K&JW) was the highest reported. They were accompanied by a Marbled Godwit Apr. 27–May 6 (K&JW), a local rarity. Willet reports away from the outer coast are quite unusual, except in e. Oregon, so singles at Oak Bay, *Jefferson*, WA Apr. 2 (E. Kridler), at Reardan, *Lincoln*, WA May 3 (JA) and at Ankeny N.W.R., *Marion*, OR May 20–21 (BB) were unexpected.

Reports of Semipalmated Sandpiper in the spring are generally noteworthy: singles were at Medford, *Jackson*, OR Apr. 14 (D. Cronberg); at Skagit Apr. 30 (SA); at Reardan, *Lincoln* May 5 (JA); at Tillamook, *Tillamook*, OR May 7–13 (S. Jagers, HN); and one at Warrenton, *Clatsop*, OR May 14 (DB). The highest reported totals of W. Sandpiper did not include any Grays Harbor reports: 20,000 at Crockett L., *Island*, WA May 7 (SM); 12,700 at Padilla Bay, *Skagit*, WA Apr. 30 (BK); 12,000 at Abert L., *Lake*, OR Apr. 28 (SS); and 6000 in *Clatsop*, OR May 1 (MP). Five thousand Least Sandpipers at Abert L., Apr. 28 (SS) was a very large total for the interior. At least 17 Baird's Sandpipers were found in w. Oregon from Apr. 14–May 1, primarily at inland locations. The peak count was ten at Sauvie Apr. 22 (DB). Eastern Oregon had an unusual 18 reports, including two very early at Summer L., *Lake* Mar. 28 (SS). The remainder of the reports were from April, with a peak of 11 at Malheur Apr. 29 (RV, GI, CM). Three Pectoral Sandpipers in *Skagit* May 8 (K&JW) were the only report of this scarce spring migrant. Three thousand Dunlin at L. Abert, *Lake*, OR Apr. 28 was an also excellent interior total. Only two Red Phalarope were found on 3 trips off Westport in April, while Red-necked numbers peaked at 1150 Apr. 30 (TW). Inland, one Red at Lakeview, *Lake*, OR May 25 (†R. Rogers) was the 2nd county record.

Pomarine Jaeger numbers averaged five per trip off Westport in April (TW); no other jaegers were noted offshore. A Parasitic Jaeger at Point No Point, *Kitsap*, WA May 21–26 (VN) provided a local first for spring, and another at Everett, WA May 8 (SM) was



also unusual. The only coastal report of a Parasitic was at S.J.C.R., Apr. 30 (MP). A Long-tailed Jaeger at O.S., May 20 (†G&WH) was a 2nd spring record for the area. Up to four Little Gulls found from Mar. 12–May 7 at Point No Point, Kitsap, WA (VN) was the highest spring total ever. Three different adults were seen Apr. 10–11 and an immature May 7. Large numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls were found migrating N along the Continental Shelf edge off Westport; 62 Apr. 2 and 378 Apr. 17 (TW). Heermann's Gulls are unusual even on the outer coast in spring, so singles inland at Olympia, Thurston, WA in April–May 3 (E. Larson, T. Schooley) and at Monmouth, Polk, OR Mar. 20 (CCo) were remarkable. A Thayer's Gull at McNary Dam, Umatilla, OR Mar. 13 (SR) is one of few e. Oregon records.

The Slaty-backed Gull at Tacoma was seen until Mar. 11 (†BT), and may have reappeared in April. Photographs were taken of a breeding-plumaged adult Apr. 28 (R. Sullivan); since separation of breeding adults is more difficult due to the lack of head streaking, the identification is currently tentative. Two W. Gulls at McNary Dam, Umatilla, OR Mar. 13 (SR) add to a growing number of records from that section of the Columbia R. Five Glaucous Gulls reported from w. Oregon (HN, MP, SR) and three from w. Washington (BT, TW) were the remainders of the excellent winter numbers. Over 2000 Black-legged Kittiwake were off Westport Apr. 2, but their numbers dropped to one Apr. 17 and none Apr. 30 (TW). Three early Sabine's Gulls were off Westport Apr. 2, increasing to 25 by mid-month (TW).

Caspian Tern numbers at the Everett, WA breeding colony had built to 3500 by May 29 (SM). Com. Tern numbers at Point No Point, Kitsap, WA built through May, peaking at 250 May 23 (VN), a very high spring count for Puget Sound. An Arctic Tern at O.S., May 1 (BT) was the only coastal report. They had returned to their Everett, WA breeding locale by Apr. 28 (SM). A small colony of Black Terns was present at Fern Ridge Res., Lane, OR for the 3rd consecutive year (SG); this is the only known westside breeding population. The usual few westside migrant records of Black Tern included one at the Samish R. mouth, Skagit, WA May 7 (BK); one at Medford, Jackson, OR May 14 (MM); and one at Point No Point, Kitsap, WA May 18 (VN).

Common Murre numbers continue to be of concern. Counts over the Continental Shelf off Westport were very low during April, less than 50 per trip (TW). At the end of the month about 1000, probably northbound migrants, were found over deep water (TW). The Com. Murre nesting rocks along the Oregon coast appeared to be only half occupied by late May (HN), probably indicating an-

other poor breeding season. Excellent counts of Marbled Murrelets flying past Point No Point, Kitsap, WA included 109 Mar. 7, >200 Apr. 13 & 15. Marbled Murrelets were not censused in the Port Gardner area, where high counts were found last spring.

### Pigeons to Mimids

Band-tailed Pigeon numbers in the Region have declined, but there were good numbers in Skagit, WA in May (K&JW). The last Snowy Owls of the winter flight were in Umatilla, OR until Mar. 12 (C. CCo) and in Lincoln, WA through Mar. 18 (JA). Stepnewski and others found Great Gray Owls at 3 locations in Okanogan this spring, including one breeding pair. Clearly they are regular residents in this area. Documented breeding records of Long-eared Owls on the westside are scarce. A pair nested at Nisqually N.W.R., WA (L. Carpenter) for a Thurston first, and a juvenile found near Creswell, OR (A&TM) was a Lane first. A Boreal Owl calling near Havillah, Okanogan, WA Apr. 16 (AS) was the only report. White-throated Swifts were present again at Lower Table Rock, Jackson, OR (RE) which is their only known westside breeding locale. Anna's Hummingbirds at Liberty L., Spokane, WA Apr. 10–May 31 (†BM) and s.e. of Hood River, OR May 22 (DA) were at the edge of their current range. A total of 3 Calliope Hummingbird reports from the Willamette valley Apr. 9–25 (A&TM, C. Yates, K. Pack) is unusual.

A singing ♂ Eastern Wood Pewee was tape-recorded at Malheur May 28–30 (†JJ, m.ob.) for the first Oregon record. The usual number of W. Kingbird reports from the westside n. of their breeding range consisted of five in Oregon and six in Washington. Three E. Kingbirds found along the Columbia R. e. of Portland in late May (B. Altman) were in an area where breeding occurred last year. This is their westernmost breeding area in Oregon. A pair of Horned Larks at Eugene Apr. 24 (PSh) may indicate the first Lane nesting in years. The numbers of larks breeding in the Willamette valley and the Puget Trough have declined greatly.

Meanwhile, Scrub Jay invaders continue to consolidate their forces. A family group in Elma, WA Mar 6 (BT) probably represent the first Grays Harbor breeding record. At the current edge of their range, singles were in Tacoma Apr. 24 (C. Duchesne), in Bellevue, King, WA Apr. 23 (fide H. Opperman), in Bend, OR Mar. 6 (CM) and in the Beatys Butte area on the Lake-Harney, OR line May 26 (B. McAllister). Eastern Oregon observers should attempt to determine whether these birds are of the coastal or interior race. The slow W. Bluebird recolonization of the n. Olympic peninsula continues,

with a pair nesting near Sequim, Clallam, WA (C. Watts, fide D&SS) and two near Joyce, Clallam Apr. 5 (RN). The number of N. Mockingbird reports was above average one in Liberty L., Spokane, WA Apr. 27 (†BM), six reports from Harney (m.ob.), one at Silver L., Lake May 14 (SS), and five reports in w. Oregon (MM, CD, JJ, MP, M Southard). A Brown Thrasher at Malheur May 24 (†J. Lundsten) was the first Oregon report since 1990.

### Shrikes to Finches

Two Loggerhead Shrikes were found in the Willamette valley, where they are casual at Sauvie Mar. 19 (M. Weinholt) and Mollala, Clackamas May 7 (E. Specht). A singing ♂ "Plumbeous" Solitary Vireo was at Fields, Harney May 22+ (JG, m.ob.); the only other regional record of this race was in 1992. All but one of the eight vagrant warblers reported were from Harney: a Tennessee May 20 (J Nestler, D. Copeland), a N. Parula May 27–29 (m.ob.), a Blackburnian May 23 (JG), a Blackpoll May 26 (PaSu), and single Black-and-whites May 13–14, May 22, and May 28 (DL, JG). The exception was a Hooded Warbler at Beaverton, OR May 20 (†SR).

**SA** In most years, Black-throated Sparrows are a sparsely distributed breeder throughout the desert scrub of s.e. Oregon and rarely of the Columbia Basin in Washington. They are accidental elsewhere in the Region. This May brought a record incursion of Black-throated Sparrows. In e. Oregon, they seemed to appear on sagebrush covered rocky slopes throughout Lake and Harney (m.ob.). The first two were at L. Abert Apr. 28 (SS), and by May 13 15 could be found in an hours walk near Summer L., Lake (SS). In most years, less than 15 are reported from the entire Region! County first records in e. Oregon included one in Wheeler May 15 (DL) and near Hampton, Deschutes May 26 (CM). West of the mountains, a total of 19 were found throughout w. Oregon May 1+ (m.ob.), including three in the Rogue valley (H. Sands, RE), six on the outer coast (CD, DM, S. Johnson, C. Alvarez, M. Weihart, D. Longoff), seven in the Willamette valley (M. Lippmeyer, PSh, H. Wisner, K. Swindel, R. Radke, TJ, B. Altman) and two in the Cascades (BB, DL, TJ). In w. Washington, singles were at Nisqually N.W.R., Thurston May 17 (†D. Logan), at Point No Point, Kitsap May 20 (Bob Lone, VN), and at Sedro Wooley, Skagit May 20 (K&JW, ph.).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak reports included a male in Seattle May 22 (†W. Iverson) and four at Malheur May 20–31

(m.ob.), a good showing for this annual vagrant. American Tree Sparrows near Joyce, *Clallam*, WA Mar. 18–26 (RN) and near Snohomish, *Snohomish*, WA Apr. 2 (SA) represented late dates for the westside. A Clay-colored Sparrow e. of Spokane, WA May 28+ (R. Roundy, JA) was in an area where summering birds have appeared previously, but a singing male in Tillamook, OR May 16 (JJ, DB) and one in W. Roseburg, *Douglas*, OR Mar. 11 (K. Graves) were highly unusual spring vagrants.

Two Swamp Sparrows near Elma, *Grays Harbor*, WA Mar 6 (BT) and one near Belfair, *Mason*, WA Mar. 25 (RN) were additional to the large winter total. A **Rustic Bunting** in Eugene, *Lane* Apr. 2–17 (PSh, m.ob.) is Oregon's 2nd record. Three singing ♂ Tricolored Blackbirds at Baskett Slough N.W.R., *Polk* May 30 (R. Gerig, BB) might represent the formation of a new Willamette valley colony. In the Oregon interior, 30 were found near Wamic, *Wasco* Apr. 10 (DL) for the 4th consecutive year, although nesting has yet to be documented; ten were at Bridge Cr. pond, *Wheeler* May 14 (DL), and one was at Bear Valley, *Grant* Mar. 22 (M. Denny). Great-tailed Grackles have become annual in spring in s.e. Oregon, and at least two were at Malheur Apr. 25+ (m.ob.). Common Grackles, still very rare in the region, were reported 4 times from *Curry* and once from *Lane*, but the only report with details was in *Brookings* Apr. 17 (†CD). They are becoming regular in s.e. Oregon: A male was at Silver L., May 8 (SS) for a *Lake* first and one was at Malheur May 13–14 (DL). Hooded Orioles were found again at Hunter Cr., *Curry* Mar. 25 and Apr. 15 (CD, m.ob.); they are regularly reported from this part of the s. Oregon coast in spring. Another report came from the Winchuck R., *Curry* May 21 (CD).

Good numbers of Red Crossbill were noted in n.e. Washington in March and April (AS, RN) and in the Wenatchee Mts. in late March (CCh), but they were very scarce in the Cascades in May (AS). Three Type IV Red Crossbills were at Tacoma, WA May 6 (RT). They were otherwise scarce in the Puget Trough (BT, RT), although small numbers were on Whidbey I. (CCh). A few White-winged Crossbill were on Mt. Spokane, WA Mar. 5 (AS) to Apr. 26 (RN) for the only Regional reports. Both Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak are usually common in the w. lowlands in the spring, but both species occurred sparingly there this spring (CCh, RT, RN, BT). Generous numbers of Pine Siskin were found in n.e. Washington (AS) and the Wenatchee Mts. (CCh) in March, but they were scarce in the Cascades in

May (AS). Evening Grosbeaks were also common in n.e. Washington in March (AS, KK) and absent in the Cascades in May (AS).

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# Middle Pacific Coast Region

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## Petrels

This spring's only 18-hour boat trip from the Golden Gate found five Murphy's Petrels May 7 (BHi, SBT). Three of nine Cook's Petrels up to 160 mi s.w. of Pt. Piedras Blancas, *San Luis Obispo* May 24 (DR, SFB) were in *Monterey* waters. No other boats plied deep waters. Three Monterey boat trips and one from S.F. found Flesh-footed Shearwaters Mar. 26–Apr. 16 (DLSh, SFB, MLE). In spring this species remains rare but is now almost regular. Sixty Black-vented Shearwaters were late Mar. 26 in Mon-

