

# Oregon–Washington



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The summer was a magnificent one for birding. The weather was warm and sunny. Vagrants were everywhere. The Region had 22 boldfaced species, as many as in a decent fall season. There were eight species of “eastern” vagrant warblers, tying the summer record. Washington had two to three first state records, with a very well-studied Alder Flycatcher and a Bay-breasted Warbler, plus a Yellow-billed Magpie of unknown origin. Oregon chimed in with a first North American record – a Juan Fernández Petrel. There were several firsts of other sorts as well, including the Region’s first summer Common Redpolls and first breeding Common Grackles. Other trends included ever-increasing numbers of Least Flycatchers, more signs of Bewick’s Wren and Black Phoebe range expansion, and a continued surge in Rose-breasted Grosbeak records.

June was a bit dry throughout the Region, excepting se. Washington and immediately adjacent Oregon. July, however, saw precipitation totals that were below 50% normal virtually throughout the Region. June tempera-

tures were modestly warm at 1-3° F above average, but July was quite warm, with much of the Region experiencing temperatures 3-9° above average.

**Abbreviations:** F.R.R. (Fern Ridge Reservoir, Lane); K.I.R. (Kalispell Indian Reservation, Pend Oreille), Malheur (Malheur N.W.R., Harney); N.S.C.B. (N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos); O.S. (Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor); Ridgefield (Ridgefield N.W.R., Clark); W.W.R.D. (Walla Walla R. delta, Walla Walla). “Eastside” and “westside” denote locations east and west of the Cascade crest, respectively.

## LOONS THROUGH CRANES

A tally of 300 Pacific Loons at Boiler Bay, Lincoln 2 Jun was most unusual for such a late date (PP), while singles at Wanapum Dam, Kittitas 11 Jun (WC) and Orondo, Okanogan 11 Jul (TA) provided e. Washington’s 2nd and 3rd summer records. Eared Grebes, very rare on the westside during summer, were at Fernhill Wetlands 5 Jun (M. Screen), Baskett Slough, Polk 11 Jun (WT), and Stanwood, Snohomish 22 Jun (SM). A pair of Clark’s Grebes summered at their one westside nesting location, F.R.R. (T. Mickel).

Six Black-footed Albatrosses, very rare from shore, were off Boiler Bay 29 Jun (PP). The Laysan Albatross off the Olympic Peninsula on 18 Jun was considered rare (SMi); they are found in about a third of recent summers. A Juan Fernández Petrel about 80 km off Brookings, Curry 7 Jun was

well described by experienced seabirders and scientists (†D. Ainley, †T. Ryan); this should provide the first accepted record from North American waters, though a bird very likely of this species was seen 56 km w. of Grays Harbor on 14 Sep 1990. Pink-footed Shearwater numbers off Westport were very high for summer, averaging 300/trip (BT) Three Flesh-footed Shearwaters off the Olympic Peninsula 12-18 Jun (SMi) were unusual at that season. Sooty Shearwaters were again seen from shore in excellent numbers, with maxima of 50,000 southbound past Long Beach, Pacific 5 Aug (SM), 30,000 southbound at O.S. 29 Jun (SM, DD), and 20,000 at Lincoln City 11 Jul (PP). At-sea counts of 60,000+ off the Olympic Peninsula on 18 Jun (SMi) and pelagic trip averages of 2200 per trip off Westport (BT) were also indicative of stronger numbers than last decade. Manx Shearwaters included one at Boiler Bay 2 Jun (PP), one ca. 80 km off Brookings, Curry 7 Jun (†T. Ryan, D. Ainley), and 2 off the Olympic Peninsula 12 Jun (†SMi)—an average summer total compared with the last 4-5.

Westside American White Pelican numbers were above average, though not up to last summer’s invasion: a total of 17 was reported from two Washington sites, while 30 were scattered between five Oregon sites. A roost of 1300+ Brown Pelicans at Sand I., Clatsop 7 Jul provided a notable high count (BT). A Snowy Egret was at near Wallula, Walla Walla 2-27 Jul (NL, C. Simonen); one to 2 per summer is now normal for Washington. Snowy Egrets were also at Baskett Slough, Polk 14 Jun (WT) and Alsea Bay, Lincoln 28 Jul (R. Lowe), though increasingly reported, they are still not annual in nw. Oregon during summer. An ad. Little Blue Heron at Ellensburg, Kittitas 8-9 Jun was Washington’s 3rd, the Region’s 6th, and the first since 1990 (J. Meyer, ph. S Ray, vt. SM); previous records were fairly evenly split between those that were first found in May/June and Oct through Jan. Five Cattle Egrets were at Goose L., Lake 16 Jun (D. Tracy); they are rare late spring/summer visitors to se. Oregon. White-faced Ibis, rare in e. Washington, included 2 at Othello, Adams 11-12 Jun (BF, RH), one there 21-26 Jul (BF), and one at Iowa Beef 2 Jul (BL, NL, MD, MLD).

“Stumpy”, the one-footed Emperor Goose, survived its 3rd summer at Port Angeles,



Until recently considered quite rare, summer Bar-tailed Godwits again put in their now-expected appearances: at least two adult females were at Damon Point, Ocean Shores, Washington from mid- to late July (here 23 July) 2002. Photograph by Ruth Sullivan.

*Clallam* (PL). A Ross's Goose, extremely rare during summer, was at Cape Blanco, *Curry* 29 Jul (TJW). Black Brant are rare summer residents in the Region, but the newly recognized Gray-bellied form (not yet formally designated by trinomials) has not yet been reported during summer. This summer, 5 Gray-bellied were at Padilla Bay, *Skagit*, one of their main wintering locations, on 22 Jun (SM, DD, TP); additionally, 40 Black Brant at Cape Flattery, *Clallam* 8 Jul provided an exceptionally high summer count for that taxon (M. Andrews). An injured Trumpeter Swan survived the summer at Ridgefield, where they are uncommon at any time (WC). A Blue-winged x Cinnamon Teal was at Everett 20 Jun (SM); this hybrid is barely annual in the Region. A brood of Green-winged Teal, rare breeders on the westside, was at Stanwood, *Snohomish* in Jul (SM, CB). Rare for w. Oregon was a brood of Northern Shoveler at Finley N.W.R. (HN). Redheads are not annual during summer on the westside, except perhaps during the first few days of Jun. This summer, 41 were in w. Oregon, including a maximum of 16 at F.R.R. 29 Jun (K. Larson). Other midsummer sightings included 7 at Force L., *Multnomah* throughout the summer (HN, D. Bailey) and 2 at Smith L., *Multnomah* 2 Jul (HN). Extremely rare breeders on the outer coast, Ring-necked Ducks once again bred at N.S.C.B. (TR). Greater Scaup are very rare during summer

on the eastside, so singles at Vantage, *Kittitas* 5 Jun (TA) and Baker L., *Okanogan* 3 Jul (PL) were noteworthy. Three broods of Lesser Scaup were at Stanwood, *Snohomish* 31 Jul (TA), one brood was at Deer Lagoon, *Island* (SM, RTS), and another brood was at Vancouver, *Clark* 27 Jul (SM); they are rare breeders on the westside, and the latter record was the southernmost ever there. A Harlequin Duck on the Columbia R. near Ackerman I., *Skamania* 26 Jun was well out of place (WC). A Surf Scoter at Duley L., *Okanogan* 14 Jun provided e. Washington's first summer record (PtS, RS), while 2180 at Padilla Bay 13 Jul was more than quadruple the usual summer maximum and was probably the highest tally ever for that season (SM). A Long-tailed Duck, rare during summer, was at Boiler Bay 14 Jun (PP). Rare breeders, Common Goldeneye broods were at Beth L., *Okanogan* (TA) and near River Bend, *Pend Oreille* (MM).

A Northern Goshawk near Brookings, *Curry* 3 Jul (TR) and another at Wilson Wildlife Area 29 Jul (JG) were at exceptionally low elevations for summer. Red-shouldered Hawks are very rare in nw. Oregon during summer, so singles at Sauvie I. 21 Jul (IT) and Finley N.W.R. 24 Jul (HH, R. Hoyer) were noteworthy. Black Merlins (race *suckleyi*), rare breeders in Washington, nested at Bellingham, *Whatcom* (D. Drumond). A Sandhill Crane, extremely rare during summer

in w. Washington, was near Stanwood, *Snohomish* 23 Jun (G. Gerdtts).

## SHOREBIRDS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

The summer was above average for golden-plovers, with an American at Clatsop Spit 26 Jul (TT) and single Pacifics at Tenmile Estuary, *Coos* 11 Jun (DL, KC), O.S. 7 Jul (ph RS), O.S. 27 Jul (RTS), and Leadbetter Pt., *Pacific* 27 Jul (N. Ball). Notably, Jun records are exceptionally scarce, and the 7 Jul bird was about three weeks early. An unidentified golden-plover was at N.S.C.B. 24 Jul (DL, KC). Black-necked Stilts continue to spread. After nesting for the first time on the westside last summer, stilts bred again there this year, with nests at F.R.R. and Baskett Slough, *Polk* (DDW, RG). In e. Washington, the breeding range was extended n. to Cameron L. Rd., *Okanogan* (PtS, RS) and K.I.R., where 6 pairs were located (MM). The American Avocet nest at Crockett L., *Island* failed in early Jun, and the ads. quickly departed (B. Merrick), an avocet at N.S.C.B. 28 Jun was a very rare summer wanderer to the westside (TR). Thirteen Solitary Sandpipers, from 13 Jul on, was more than twice the usual total. An Upland Sandpiper near Spokane 6-22 Jul was Washington's first during summer since 1993 and was near this species's former breeding area (WH, †JA, †DB). In Oregon, a few pairs returned to Bear Valley, *Grant*, continuing this species's tenuous foothold in the Region



This Curlew Sandpiper (center), the state's eighth, was found at Crockett Lake, Washington 19 July 2002. Photograph by Kevin Aanerud.

(TR). Long-billed Curlews are very rare on the westside during summer away from the outer coast, so singles at Baskett Slough 14 Jun (WT), Edmonds, *Snohomish* 21 Jul (DD), and F.R.R. 30 Jul (DDW) were noteworthy. A Hudsonian Godwit at Baskett Slough 5-9 Jun added to the 2 this May found in Washington (RG); prior to this year, there were only seven Regional records of northbound Hudsonian Godwits, all 26 Apr—8 Jun. Bar-tailed Godwits, formerly a mega-rarity during summer, have been annual of late; this summer, single ad. females were at O.S. 14-16 Jul (†PtS, ph. RS) and 21-23 Jul (ph. RS). Two Marbled Godwits were noted near Cusick, *Pend Oreille* 27 Jun in e. Washington, where very rare, particularly during mid-summer (MM).

A Ruddy Turnstone at Migraine L., *Grant* 24-27 Jul was the first-ever eastside record of a southbound ad. (RH, BF). A Sanderling, very rare on the eastside during summer, was at Prineville, *Crook* 31 Jul (ph. C. Gates). A seasonal total of 96 Semipalmated Sandpipers was more than twice normal. The first was early at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln* 22 Jun (D. Pettey), and the maximum was a Regional record 33 at Crockett L., *Island* 26 Jul (KA). Oregon's 4th **Little Stint**, and first ad., was at N S.C.B. 13 Jul (vt. DL, KC); previous records were 10 Aug—12 Sep. Ten Baird's Sandpipers from 11 Jul on was well above recent totals, while 6 Pectoral Sandpipers from 4 Jul on was about normal. Why an occasional Dunlin flings itself southward months ahead of its compatriots is unknown, but such individuals are virtually annual; this year, singles were at Crockett L. 11 Jul (SM) and O.S. 21 Jul (BL, NL). Much more unusual was an inland Dunlin at Baskett Slough 7-14 Jun (J. Sullivan, RG); another at Sequim Bay,

*Clallam* 9 Jun was also noteworthy (BN, J. Norton). Washington's 8th **Curlew Sandpiper** was at Crockett L. 19 Jul (ph. KA); the five previous fall records were fairly evenly scattered between 29 Jul and 5 Oct. Single Short-billed Dowitchers, very rare during summer on the eastside, were at Othello, *Adams* 5 Jul (BF) and Walla Walla 27 Jul (MD, MLD, BL, NL). Wilson's Phalaropes again bred at Baskett Slough and F.R.R. (*fide* HN); this species is a rare and local breeder on the westside.

A total of 10 South Polar Skuas, 5 off the Olympic Peninsula 12-18 Jun (SMi) and 5 in three pelagic trips off Westport (BT), is apparently a record-high summer total. Once again, Franklin's Gulls wandered the Oregon coast this summer, with singles at Clatsop Spit 2 Jun (MP), Boiler Bay, *Lincoln* 2 & 7 Jun (PP), and 2 at Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln* 9 Jun (J. Simmons). In e. Washington, where increasing, 2 were on Detour Rd., Walla Walla 1 Jun (MD, MLD), 5 were at Sprague L. 5 Jun (TA) and one was at Duley L., *Okanogan* 14 Jun (PtS, RS). A **Thayer's Gull** at Lincoln City 2 Jun was only the Region's 3rd for summer (ph. PP). A Sabine's Gull at Wenatchee, *Chelan* 4 Jun provided the eastside with about its 4th record of a northbound bird (C. Thompson, P. Fiedler).

Puget Sound Caspian Terns have been vagabonds, with sporadic nesting here and there since being evicted from their Everett breeding colony (numbering 2500+ pairs) so that a softball field could be built; this summer 300 ads. frequented rooftops in Bellingham, *Whatcom* and appeared to fledge several young (TRW). On 24 May, a Common Tern was at Wilson Creek, *Grant*, and 14 were at L. Lenore, *Grant* (SM); northbound Common Terns are very rare on the

eastside, and the latter record likely represented a record spring/summer maximum for the eastside. A northbound Arctic Tern at Othello, *Adams* 1 Jun was only the 3rd such record for e. Washington (vt. SM). On the westside, two pairs were at the tiny but persistent Everett colony 4-29 Jun (GT, G Gerdtts), while 2 Arctics at Useless Bay, *Island* 30 Jun (SM) were either from the Everett colony or early migrants; in either case, records in the Puget Sound area away from Everett are extremely rare. Formerly quite rare, Forster's Terns seem to be increasing during summer on the westside, particularly in Oregon. This summer, 2 were at Fernhill Wetlands, *Washington* 16 Jun (D. Manzer), 3 were at Baskett Slough 13 Jun (K. Bettinger), and 9 were at Jackson Bottom, *Washington* 14 Jun (S. Pinnock). Oregon's 8th **Least Tern** was at Mann L., *Harney* 6 Jun (L. Messick, D. Evered); all previous records were from the westside, and most were late May—mid-Aug. Black Terns continued to favor their two established w. Oregon breeding locations, with young raised at both Baskett Slough (RG) and F.R.R. (AC), with 50+ birds at the latter location late in the season. In Washington, a pair of Black Terns at Ridgefield appeared to be feeding young 27 Jul (JE, SM); this location provided w. Washington's first breeding record last summer. Elsewhere in Washington, 6 at Silver L., *Cowlitz* 12 Jun were likely late spring migrants (J. Skriletz), and a Black Tern 24 km off the Olympic Peninsula on 15 Jun (SMi) represented Washington's first summer offshore record.

Always notable during summer, an Ancient Murrelet was at Boiler Bay, *Lincoln* 8 Jul (PP). Additionally, 10+ Ancients off the Olympic Peninsula 12-18 Jun (SMi) probably

indicate continuing presence as a rare breeder in this area. Very rare e. of Cape Flattery, a Cassin's Auklet was at Ediz Hook, *Clallam* 7 Jul (R. Rogers). For the 5th summer of the past six, a Horned Puffin—perhaps the same Horned Puffin—was found along the Oregon coast: Boiler Bay 21 & 29 Jun (PP).

Washington's 2nd well-documented **Eurasian Collared-Dove** was at Wenatchee, *Chelan* 9 Jul—17 Jul, where it paired with a male Ringed Turtle-Dove (†DB, †P. Mattocks); the turtle-dove had been present for more than a year. Washington's 6th **White-winged Dove** was near Ellensburg, *Kittitas* 8-10 Jun (D. Essman, vt. SM, †DB); all records have been May—Nov. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo at Enterprise, *Wallowa* 23 Jun supplied a very rare record for ne. Oregon (G. Underhill). Two pairs of Great Gray Owls with 2 young each were at Biscuit Ridge, *Walla Walla* 23-29 Jun (vt. CW, ph. RTS, R. & G. Shoemaker, J. & S. Rogers, MD, MLD), and another pair with 2 young were nearby at Jasper Mt., *Columbia/Walla Walla* 29 Jun (MD, MLD); there were no previous breeding records from Washington's Blue Mts., though Great Grays nest in nearby Oregon. A male **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** at upper Dry Creek Cr., *Walla Walla* 7 Jun (MD, MLD) was only Washington's 2nd, the first coming from *Asotin* in Aug 2000. In Oregon, out-of-place Broad-taileds were near Sisters, *Deschutes* 13 Jun (HN) and Bend, *Deschutes* 21 Jul (ph. D. Tracy); this species seems to be regular only in far e. Oregon. An integrade female Red-shafted x Yellow-shafted Flicker mated with a phenotypically pure Red-shafted in Seattle, producing 2 young (†L. Darnell); curiously, one of the young sported a red nape crescent, absent on either parent. Though fairly common during much of the year, integrade flickers are extremely rare during summer.

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH MOCKINGBIRD

Washington's first **Alder Flycatcher** was near Muskrat L., *Okanogan* 14-22 Jun (ph. PtS, audiotape PtS, †DB); this bird sang, called, and looked like a typical Alder and sonographic analysis helped confirm its identification (D. Paulson). Curiously, in early Jul, up to 2 additional individuals in the vicinity were giving both Alder- and Willow-type calls (PL). More problematically, a "Traill's" Flycatcher near Ritzville, *Lincoln* 8 Jun—6 Jul gave a bewildering variety of calls and songs and visually fit either Alder or Willow (BF); well documented by audiotape and photos, outside input will be sought. Least Flycatchers were found in large numbers, with singing males at traditional sites in

Hardy Canyon, *Yakima* 18 Jun (AS) and Holliday S.P., *Grant* 14 Jun—Jul (TR). Additionally, singing birds were near River Bend, *Pend Oreille* 3 Jun (MM), Central Ferry Canyon, *Douglas* 11-13 Jun (KK, DB), Ephrata, *Grant* 13 Jun (DB), and Cassimer Bar, *Okanogan* 15 Jun (KK); furthermore, 2 were near Twisp, *Okanogan* 5 Jul (MD, MLD), and 3-4 pairs were at K.I.R. 4 Jun—1 Jul (MM); the Region has averaged about 9 Leasts per summer during recent years. A Black Phoebe at Bend 16 Jun was extremely rare for e. Oregon during summer (D. Fainberg), while a breeding pair near Dayton, *Yamhill* was well n. of this species's breeding range in w. Oregon (F. Schrock). An Ash-throated Flycatcher at Clackamas 25 Jun was well n. of known range in w. Oregon, while one near Omak L., *Okanogan* 16 Jun was similarly n. of typical range in e. Washington (E. Hunn). A pair of Western Kingbirds at Monroe provided *Snohomish's* first breeding record (B. Boyes); this species is a very local nester in w. Washington. Eastern Kingbirds are very rare on the outer coast, so singles at Tatoosh I., *Clallam* 11 Jun (TW, RP) and near Brookings, *Curry* 14 Jun (DM) were noteworthy.

A Plumbeous Vireo at Fields, *Harney* 11 Jun provided another record of this barely annual late spring/early summer visitor to se. Oregon (TR). Washington's 2nd **Philadelphia Vireo** was in *Lincoln* near Ritzville 7 Jun (†D. Barton). Washington's previous record was from Sep 1991, while Oregon's sole record was from Jun 1991. A Western Scrub-Jay was at Lummi I., 25-27 Jun (C. Blake); this was probably a *Whatcom* first and one of fewer than 10 n. of *King*. A **Yellow-billed Magpie** with Black-billed near Pasco, *Franklin* 15-16 Jun (†J. Mundall, E. Mundall) provided Washington's first record, albeit laden with the question of origin; interestingly, there were several out-of-place Yellow-billed Magpies in the San Francisco Bay area this spring (*N. A. B.* 56: 354). A Purple Martin was at Prineville, *Crook* 15 Jul (C. Gates); they are very rare on the east-side, especially during summer. New Bank Swallow colonies continue to be found in w. Washington: 10+ pairs nested near Sultan, *Snohomish* (B. Boyes) and 20+ pairs near Woodland, *Cowlitz* 25 May (BT). A Boreal Chickadee at Colonial Cr. Campground, *Whatcom* 30 Jun provided a very rare record for w. Washington and was somewhat farther w. than most previous such records (J. O'Connell). A Bushtit at the n. end of Potholes Res., *Grant* 3 Jun (†BT, R. Friesz) was about 100 km from the nearest known population—a veritable continent for that species.

Rare in w. Oregon, single Rock Wrens were

**SA** The Common Grackle invasion continued this summer. Prior to this year, there were about seven Washington and 25 Oregon records. This spring, one was found in Washington and 5 were in Oregon, with the Washington bird remaining at Yakima until at least 8 Jun (BL, NL). Then this summer, on 3 Jun, a pair was found at Ephrata, *Grant* (†BT, R. Friesz), and food was being brought to the nest on 21 Jun (BL, NL), providing *Washington's first breeding record!* Additionally, a Common Grackle was at Tatoosh I., *Clallam* 13 Jun (†TW) followed by a 2nd bird there 24-27 Jun (TW, RP); only two of Washington's previous records were from the westside, one of which was from Tatoosh I. in Jun. Another Common Grackle at Othello, *Adams* 3 Jul completed Washington's bonanza (†RH). In Oregon this summer, a Common Grackle was at Jordan Valley, *Malheur* 7 Jun—Jul (L. Michaels), and one was at Fields, *Harney* 12 Jun (†TR).

at Larch Mtn., *Multnomah* 14 Jun (IT, J Fitchen) and near Sublimity, *Linn* 14 Jun (J Harding, B. Thackaberry). Eight singing Bewick's Wrens at n. end of Potholes Res., *Grant* 3 Jun (BT, R. Friesz) supplied continuing evidence of range expansion. Lowland Ruby-crowned Kinglets at Kala Point, *Jefferson* 24 Jun (R. Wagner) and Odessa, *Lincoln* 15 Jun (RH) were distant from normal breeding areas. The **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** at Hardy Canyon, *Yakima* continued to try to lure a mate to his fine nest, without success, until at least 30 Jun (F Drobny). Two singing Veeries were at their only known westside breeding location, near Newhalem, *Whatcom* 22 Jun (K. & K Kemper, SM, DD, TP); another singing Veery was in w. Oregon, where casual, at New R., *Coos* 7 Jun (TR). Two midsummer Hermit Thrushes at sea level, well away from breeding locations, were quite surprising: Ocean City, *Grays Harbor* 1 Jul (BW) and Seattle 7 Jul (TA). A Gray Catbird, extremely rare in w. Washington, was near Sequim, *Clallam* 22 Jun (A. Accurso). Six Northern Mockingbirds this summer was a bit above average: Whiskey Dick W.M.A., *Kittitas* 1 Jun (S. Downes), Floras L., *Curry* 3 Jun (DL, KC), Richland, *Benton* 6 Jun (BL, NL), Fields, *Harney* 12 Jun (TR), O.S. 12 Jul (BT, PL, B. Labar, KA), and Yaquina Bay, *Lincoln* 18 Jul (D. Pitkin)

Washington's 6th **Brown Thrasher** was at Sequim 2 Jul (†C. Tidyman).

## WARBLERS THROUGH FINCHES

A Northern Parula was near Florence, *Lane* 23 Jun (D. Pettey, K. Hollinga); parulas are annual in Oregon during May/June, though most are found in se. Oregon. A **Chestnut-sided Warbler** at Graysmarsh, *Clallam* 22-23 Jun (†S. Atkinson, B. Boekelheide) was the 15th for Washington, and the 5th for w. Washington; almost all have been 11 Jun—18 Jun. A Magnolia Warbler at Malheur 1 Jun added to about 35 previous Oregon records (M. Nebeker). A **Myrtle Warbler** near Vantage, *Kittitas* 11 Jun provided Washington's 3rd summer record (WC). Hermit Warbler genes are very rare e. of the Cascades, so a Hermit x Townsend's Warbler at Windust Park, *Franklin* 1 Jun (BF, SM, MD) and a phenotypically pure Hermit at Malheur 5 Jun (Trent Bray) were noteworthy. Oregon's 4th **Yellow-throated Warbler** was at Malheur 8-10 Jun (J. Harding, B. Thackaberry); the three previous records spanned 24 Apr—11 Jun, and two were from *Harney*.

Washington's first **Bay-breasted Warbler** was a singing male near Granite Falls, *Snohomish* 27 Jun (†B. Boyes), while one at Malheur 2-3 Jun (J. Meredith) added to about 11 prior Oregon records, most of which were during late May/early Jun in se. Oregon. Two Black-and-white Warblers this summer was a bit below average: Floras L., *Curry* 3 Jun (DL, KC) and near Monument, *Grant* 24 Jun (P. Stoel, K. Josephson). In w. Washington, only one American Redstart was found: County Line Ponds, *Skagit* 3 Jun (TA). On the e. slope of the Cascades, where rare, three pairs with nests were at Trout L., *Khckitat* 16 Jun—7 Jul, a new site for this species (B. Hansen, S. Johnston), and one pair was near Sisters, *Deschutes*—at least the 3rd consecutive summer for this location (K. Sparkman). A singing Ovenbird near Trout L. 16 Jun was the 18th for Washington, most of which were late May—late Jun (B. Hansen, S. Johnston); another Ovenbird at South Beach, *Lincoln* 25 Jun was the 3rd for Oregon this "spring" and about the 45th overall (E. Horvath). A Yellow-breasted Chat was at Rockport, *Skagit* 8 Jun—4 Jul (SM, DD, S. Terry), while a pair was present throughout Jun/Jul at Steigerwald, *Clark* (WC); since 1970, there have been only 26 w. Washington records, and there have been no recent breeding records, though this species likely bred in *Clark* some 50 years ago.

While surveying breeding birds, C.

Charlesworth found a remarkable 5 Clay-colored Sparrows e. of Oroville, *Okanogan* 31 May. Another was near Malott, *Okanogan* 16 Jul (†K. Allaire), and a pair fledged at least one young at K.I.R. (MM). Clay-colored are clearly increasing as a fall migrant in the Region, and summer records also seem to be on the rise. A gray-backed Fox Sparrow, calling like a Thick-billed, was at White Pass, *Yakima* 4 Jun (BT). Thick-billed breed in the n. Oregon Cascades, but there are no records from Washington, and the northernmost Thick-billeds are relatively small-billed, making them difficult to separate visually from Slate-colored Fox Sparrows. A Golden-crowned Sparrow at Hardy Canyon, *Yakima* 7 Jun (CW) was several weeks late, but one at Portland 4 Jul (D. Bailey) provided an extremely rare midsummer record. Oregon had 10 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks this summer, about double the recent norm, mostly during Jun; in Washington, male Rose-breasted were at Vantage, *Kittitas* 30 May (M. Bentley), Cle Elum, *Kittitas* 7-8 Jun (K. & K. Johnson, ph. DG), and Spokane 6-13 Jun (ph. JA); Washington averages only one per summer. A male Indigo Bunting at Takilma, *Josephine* 12 Jun added to approximately 50 previous Oregon records (B. Gray).

A male Tricolored Blackbird at Potholes Res., *Grant* 20 Jul was nicely between that species's only known Washington breeding location near Wilson Cr. and the site of most winter reports, Othello (†J. Watson). In w. Oregon, a *male Tricolored successfully nested with a female Red-winged* at Fernhill Wetlands (HN). Thirty Yellow-headed Blackbirds at Ridgefield 27 Jul likely provided a record w. Washington summer high count, probably indicative of good breeding success there (SM).

A **Great-tailed Grackle** at Othello, *Adams* 15 Jul (†BF) was only Washington's 3rd, while singles at Fields 8 Jun (J. Rodecap), Baskett Slough, *Polk* 8 Jun (D. Smith), and Antelope Res., *Malheur* 16 Jun (C. Miller, M. Miller) provided an above-average summer for Oregon. An **Orchard Oriole** at Riley Pond, *Harney* 7 Jun was about the 8th for Oregon but the 3rd within the last year (J. Harding, B. Thackaberry). White-winged Crossbills were again present in small numbers at scattered locations this summer, with 10 near Roger L., *Okanogan* 15 Jun (BL, NL), 4 at Rogers L., *Okanogan* 17 Jul (K. Allaire), one at Harts Pass, *Okanogan* 17 Jul (K. Allaire), and 2 near Sisters, *Deschutes* 6 Jul (SS). Two **Common Redpolls** mysteriously appeared at a feeder near Bandon 11 Jul (ph. C. Ray) to supply a first Regional summer

record; s. coastal Oregon has very few redpoll records at any time of year.

## CORRIGENDA AND ADDENDUM

The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker from Washington last winter was actually Washington's 4th, not 3rd, while the Common Yellowthroat from e. Washington provided the 2nd e. Washington winter record, not the first. A Brewer's Sparrow was on Rattlesnake Ridge, *King* 12 Jun 2001 providing w. Washington with only its 9th record and the first from a montane habitat (B. Boyes).

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