



A species found annually in recent years in the lower mainland of British Columbia, this molting adult Little Stint was at Iona Sewage Treatment Plant 19 (here) through 22 July 2006. Photograph by T. C. Wong.

low Warbler 7 Jun (AD); this constitutes the 2nd record for the w. coast region. Another male Chestnut-sided Warbler was a surprise

in Kelowna 17 Jul (CC et al.). Sparingly scattered across the n. spruce forests, a Cape May Warbler was a treat at Chilkat Pass 4 Jul (RF). A bird study conducted in the Bell-Irving R. area produced 700 Wilson's Warblers during a four-hour survey in early Jun (GLM). Casual in the province, a Black-throated Sparrow was at Colony Farm 10-13 Jun (II, DJ). Very rare on the coast, a Lark Sparrow was at Long Beach 2 Jun (GB). Casual in the province, a male Lark Bunting was at Miracle Beach, just n. of Courtenay, 2 Jun (TB, †BB). A male Rose-breasted Grosbeak visited a feeder in Sayward at a very suspicious time of year, 15 Jul (PR); there are no known coastal breeding records.

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The Region baked again this summer, with temperatures among the top ten percent since records were first kept, beginning 112 years ago. June provided normal precipitation, but July was somewhat drier than average. Offshore, this summer's consistent northwesterly winds constituted a return to normal, generally producing upwellings and cool ocean temperatures.

As for birds, large-scale trends were few. Perhaps most noticeable was an increase in eastside passerines, from kingbirds to buntings, on the westside. Records of rarer seabirds were unusually numerous, including

some seen from land and, indeed, some from the "wrong" side of the mountains.

Abbreviations: Ankeny (Ankeny N.W.R., Marion, OR); F.R.R. (Fern Ridge Res., Lane, OR); Malheur (Malheur N.W.R., Harney, OR); N.S.C.B. (N. Spit Coos Bay, Coos, OR); O.S. (Ocean Shores, Grays Harbor, WA); P.S.B. (Port Susan Bay, Snohomish, WA); P.T. (Puget Trough, WA); S.R.M. (Sandy R. mouth, Multnomah, OR); W.V. (Willamette Valley); W.W.R.D. (Walla Walla R. delta, Walla Walla, WA). "Eastside" and "westside" indicate locations e. and w. of the Cascade crest, respectively.

WATERFOWL THROUGH CRANES

A Ross's Goose that arrived at Keyport, Kitsap with Snow Geese in late Sep 1997 survived the season (BSW, G. Gerdts); Washington has no other summer records. Three Cackling Geese of subspecies *taverneri* lingered at F.R.R. through 25 Jun (DI), and another Cackling Goose of unknown subspecies fre-

quented Ankeny 13 Jun-11 Jul (WDR); there appear to be no previously published summer records of Cackling Goose from the Region, though one (subspecies *minima*) summered in Everett in 1997 (SM, DD). Brant numbers were quite low, with 4 at O.S. 7 Jul (P&RS) and 9 at Seal Rock, Lincoln 24-27 Jun (K Brigham) furnishing the only sightings.

Gadwall continues to increase on the westside. Still a rather uncommon breeder in w. Oregon, five broods were at N.S.C.B. (TR), two broods graced Tualitin N.W.R., Washington (HN), and multiple pairs bred at Ankeny (WDR). In w. Washington, a summer-record 430 ads. inhabited Stanwood, Snohomish 17 Jun (SM). A well-described American Black Duck at Ankeny 11-13 Jul is of questionable provenance (†WDR, RM); Oregon has just two accepted records. Green-winged Teal, a rare westside breeder, produced young at Seaside, Clatsop (S. Warner) and near Swantown, Island (SM). A Canvasback, very rare on the westside during summer, was at Fernhill Wet-

SA During a summer unremarkable for lingering waterfowl, swans popped up all across Washington. A Trumpeter Swan lingering from spring until mid-Jul at P.S.B. was joined briefly by another 12-15 Jun (K. Morgan, SM). Singles were also on San Juan I. 12 Jun (B. Jensen) and Chehalis W.M.A., Grays Harbor 8 Jun+ (T. O'Brien). Single Tundra Swans graced S. Prairie, Pierce 1 Jun (CW) and Sheep L., Whitman 8 Jul+ (MW, GS, JA), and an unprecedented 11 adorned Ridgefield 10 Jun (JE). Finally, an unidentified Trumpeter/Tundra Swan flew past Wilson Cr., Grant 19 Jun (J. Stephens). Washington had but four prior summer records of Trumpeter Swan and not many more of Tundra. One must wonder why, among the spectrum of waterfowl, these two species with different breeding ranges and habitats would appear in unprecedented numbers during the same summer.

lands, Washington 26 Jul (HN). Several pairs of Redheads summered at F.R.R., the westside's only known breeding location, with multiple broods noted (D. Heyerly); rare elsewhere on the westside during summer, 9 Redheads adorned Ridgefield 24 Jun (SM, CW). A scarce westside breeder, Ring-necked Ducks produced two broods each at N.S.C.B. (TR) and at Ankeny (WDR). Two Greater Scaup were on the eastside below Priest Rapids Dam 2 Jun (SM), while on the westside, a near-record 31 inhabited Drayton Harbor, Whatcom 29 Jun (SM, MB). A decade ago, this species was considered accidental on the eastside and rare on the westside at this season; the apparent change is likely due to increased observer effort. Notably, most summer birds are found at favored wintering sites.

Lesser Scaup, another scarce westside breeder, produced three broods at Deer Lagoon, Island, two at Sunlight Beach, Island, and one at Stanwood (SM). A Long-tailed Duck, a species not annual during summer, was at Newport 1 Jul (GG). Common Goldeneye, a rare breeder anywhere in the Region, raised young at Big Meadow L., Pend Oreille (AS). Two Red-breasted Mergansers at Paterson Slough, Benton 7 Jun added to four prior eastside records, two of which were from this location during the past three years (BW, NL).

A tally of 44 Pacific Loons off Ruby Beach, Clallam 25-26 Jun was quite high for summer (S. Mirrick). A Yellow-billed Loon, now almost annual during summer, visited Newport 24-27 Jul (L. Norgren, R. Hoyer). The return of a full pool at F.R.R. led to a very successful breeding season for *Aechmophorus* grebes, with counts reaching 300+ birds (10-20% Clark's) by late Jul (DI). Very rare elsewhere on the westside during summer, a Clark's at Finley N.W.R. 24 Jun was quite unexpected (WDR). Tubenose numbers remained largely unremarkable, continuing the spring trend. Pelagic trips posted below-average numbers of Black-footed Albatrosses, Northern Fulmars, and Pink-footed and Sooty Shearwaters. Conversely, storm-petrel numbers were average or above. A dark gadfly petrel (genus *Pterodroma*) arced high just beyond the surf at Ocean Park, Pacific 24 Jun (SM, †CW); Washington has about eight antecedent sightings, late Apr-late Sep, with only Murphy's having been definitively identified. The season's Flesh-footed Shearwater was approximately 40 km off Ocean Park 6 Jun (TG). An unprecedented summer flight of 150,000 Sooty Shearwaters passed along the Long Beach Pen., Pacific 24 Jun (SM, CW); tallies of this magnitude are mostly encountered Aug-Sep. Two Short-tailed Shearwaters passed Ft. Canby, Pacific 24 Jun, providing only the



Washington's third Alder Flycatcher was found singing at Muskrat Lake, Okanogan County 18-19 (here 19) June 2006. Notably, the state's first was at the same location four years prior. Note this bird's prominent eyering and relatively long primary extension, both of which would be aberrant in a Willow Flycatcher of one of the western taxa. Photograph by Michael Woodruff.

3rd Regional Jun record (SM, CW). Continuing recent trends, a Manx Shearwater was off La Push, Clallam 21 Jun (S. Mills), another flew past Tillamook Bay 26 Jun (†F Schrock), and 2 Manx/Black-vented Shearwaters passed Cape Flattery, Clallam 29 Jul (†BSW, †SM). The Region's first Ashy Storm-Petrel was over Grays Canyon, off Westport, 24 Jun (†BLB, †B. Shelmerdine, ph. T. Anderson, ph. S. Mirrick). Amazingly, this species is recorded somewhat regularly as close as Humboldt, CA, including several counts above 100, but peak occurrence in nw. California is Sep-Oct, with very few records before Aug (*Northwestern California Birds*, Harris 1996).

Fifty-four American White Pelicans summered in the W.V., where they have been annual since 2000 (LM, B. Tice). Along the coast and in the P.T., where decidedly rarer, 27 more were detected at five locations 15-26 Jun. Always a stunner away from salt water, a Brown Pelican at Sauvie I. along the Columbia R. 20 Jun was at least 120 km inland (M. Turner). Approximately 10-15 Brown Pelicans from this spring's irruption into the P.T. lingered through Jun; the maximum was 5 at Olympia 29 Jun (D. Noviello). Though Snowy Egrets winter n. to Coos, they generally vacate the westside during summer. This season, single Snowies graced Bandon, Coos 25 Jun (RN, L. Miller), Brookings, Curry 11 Jul (TR), and Cutler City, Lincoln 12 Jul (RN). Oregon's 4th Little Blue Heron visited Tualatin N.W.R., Washington 11-12 Jun (ph. T. Shreve); previous Regional records have been May-Jun or in winter. A Cattle Egret, not annual during summer, visited Ladd Marsh, Union 16 Jun (C. Nowak). At least 30 imm. White-faced Ibis arrived at Fern Ridge 19 Jul, with at least 2 remaining into Aug (DF, DI); extralimital records of this species are extremely rare after mid-Jun, especially of this magnitude, and usually involve

ads. A White-faced Ibis along Dodson Rd., Grant 3 Jun (S. Downes) and 5 at Royal L., Grant 6 Jun (J. Grant) were more expected.

Though nearly annual in se. and e.-cen. Oregon during fall, a Red-shouldered Hawk at Redmond, Deschutes 28 Jul (K. Owen) was perhaps the first summer record in e. Oregon, where this species was all but unknown 15 years ago. Merlins again bred in suburban nw. Washington, with four nests in Bellingham (J. Mackie) and a pair in Burlington, Skagit (MB); most westside breeders have been Black Merlin (subspecies *suckleyi*), but the latter pair appeared to involve a male *suckleyi* and a female of the nominate subspecies.

Rare anywhere in Oregon during summer, a Merlin visited Sisters, Deschutes 16 Jun (B. Combs). A Prairie Falcon at F.R.R. 28 Jun was likely the W.V.'s first for summer (A. Prigge). A Lesser Sandhill Crane near Royal City, Grant 3 Jun was a month late (BF, SM); a bit less unusual, though still not annual, were 12 at Sauvie I. 27 Jun+ (B. Scott, HN).

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

Across Washington, shorebirds seemed scarce; most affected were Greater Yellowlegs and Long-billed Dowitchers, the numbers of which were only about 20% of normal. Lesser Yellowlegs and Western Sandpiper numbers also seemed subpar. Extremely rare in Jun, 2 Pacific Golden-Plovers graced Bandon, Coos 10 Jun (DL, KC), and singles visited Ankeny 13 Jun (WDR), N.S.C.B. 15 Jun (DL, KC), and F.R.R. 30 Jun (R. Robb); more expected were individuals at Bayocean Spit, Tillamook 14 Jul (J. Gilligan) and Dungeness Bay, Clallam 29 Jul (SM, BSW, D&PW). A Semipalmated Plover at New R., Coos 10 Jun (TR), one at P.S.B. 14 Jun (TA), and 4 at Crockett L., Island 17 Jun (SM) were either very late northbound or very early southbound birds. A Solitary Sandpiper at Hatfield L., Deschutes 2 Jul was about three weeks early, tying the Oregon record-early date (H. Horvath); 23 more, 9 Jul+, was quintuple the norm and included 10 near Cheney, Spokane 27 Jul (MW). The last apparent northbound Greater Yellowlegs stopped at New R., Coos 10 Jun (TR), while the first likely southbound birds were on Whidbey I., Island 17 Jun (SM). Single Lesser Yellowlegs at P.S.B. 11-14 Jun (SM, TA) and Malheur 12 Jun (R. Korpi) were highly unusual; northbound birds typically depart by 20 May, and southbound birds do not usually arrive until 20 Jun+. This summer's Bar-tailed Godwit appeared at Tokeland, Pacific 31 Jul (KA). A small gray godwit with orange-buff underwing coverts at Dungeness Bay, Clallam 29 Jul seemed to fit the bill for a

Bar-tailed Godwit × **Marbled Godwit** hybrid, though its true identity remains unknown (†SM, BSW, D&PW). A Marbled Godwit at Seaside, *Clatsop* 4 Jun was about two weeks late (D. Bailey). Two Marbleds at N. Richland, *Benton* 9 Jul (J. Abel) and one at the Deschutes R. mouth, *Wasco* 3 Jul (M&MLD) were on the eastside, where not annual during summer. A Black Turnstone on Bainbridge I., *Kitsap* 27 Jun was among the earliest ever for Washington (BSW). The eastside's first summer **Red Knot** stopped at Potholes Res., *Grant* 18 Jul (ph. DSc). Three Sanderlings visited Soap L., *Grant* 3 Jun (DSc); there appears to be only one prior eastside Jun record. Five Sanderlings at Philomath, *Benton* 14 Jul provided a very rare W.V. summer record (WDR). Southbound eastside Sanderlings included one at W. Medical L., *Spokane* 22-23 Jul (F. Haywood, GS), 2 at Potholes Res. 28 Jul (DSc), and one at Soap L. 29 Jul (GS); the eastside averages about one every other Jul. A total of 60 Semipalmated Sandpipers was near normal; the season's first, at Portland 27 Jun, furnished Oregon's earliest "fall" record (IT). The first apparent southbound Western and Least Sandpipers visited P.S.B. 14 Jun (TA). Eight Baird's Sandpipers, 12 Jul+, was fairly typical for summer. The only Pectoral Sandpipers were at P.S.B. 15 & 23 Jul (MB, SM); the Region averages about 6 per summer. A Dunlin at N.S.C.B. 6 Jun was about two weeks late (TR), while 3 summering at P.S.B. may have been a first for the P.T. (SM). A Dunlin at Crockett L. 1 Jul was about two months early (BSW); every year, a small number of Dunlins appear late Jun–mid-Jul, with none found again until mid- or late Aug. A Short-billed Dowitcher, not annual during summer on the eastside, visited Othello, *Adams* 15 Jul (BF). Ad. Short-billeds made an excellent showing in the W.V., where typically scarce, with 61 recorded at Baskett Slough and Ankeny 11 Jul (WDR, RM). Five male Wilson's Phalaropes defended territories through Jun at P.S.B., w. Washington's only known nesting location, but their breeding success remained unknown (SM, TA).

Eleven South Polar Skuas represented another good summer for this species and included 2 early birds off La Push, *Clallam* 21 Jun (S. Mills) and one off Westport 24 Jun (BT). It would be interesting to have more age data for these birds, as many of the Region's spring/early summer reports are of ads. or sub-ads., whereas later records are almost entirely of imms. Jaegers were noted in their usual small summer numbers, with the four Westport pelagic trips tallying 7 Pomarines, 12 Parasitics, and 4 Long-taileds. The eastside's 3rd **Parasitic Jaeger** graced Eloika L., *Pend Oreille*



Both Tundra and Trumpeter Swans made multiple appearances in Washington, where casual during summer. Some birds lingered from spring, while others simply seemed to materialize in midsummer. This Trumpeter, first found in May 2006 (here 28 May), remained at Port Susan Bay, Snohomish County, until mid-July; it was briefly joined by a second bird 12-15 June. Photograph by Steven Mlodinow.

28 Jul (T. Little); most eastside records are late Aug–late Sep. Eastern Washington's only Franklin's Gulls were singles at W.W.R.D. 3-5 Jun (SM, BW) and 1 Jul (P&RS); first recorded in e. Washington during the 1960s, nearly 10 Franklin's per summer have been recorded since 2000. A gathering of 355 Bonaparte's Gulls at Birch Bay, *Whatcom* 29 Jun was quite large for an apparent summering flock (SM, MB). Not annual during Jun, 6 Mew Gulls were recorded this year, including 4 at Deer Lagoon, *Island* 17 Jun+ (SM); all were first-summer birds, as expected. A congregation of 13,000 California Gulls in Dungeness Bay, *Clallam* 29 Jul was exceptional (BSW, SM, D&PW). A Herring Gull, not annual during summer, was at W.W.R.D. 3 Jun (SM).

The 1000+ Caspian Terns tallied at Dungeness Spit, *Clallam* 16 Jul were likely nesting and may well consist of birds displaced from Everett several years ago (G. Gerdt). Arctic Terns were again found on Dungeness Spit, with 3 there 16 Jul (G. Gerdt); it is not known if they bred. Black Terns enjoyed unprecedented breeding success at their only consistent westside nesting location, F.R.R., with counts of 200+ in late Jul (D. & A. Heyerly). A **Long-billed/Marbled Murrelet** appeared near Vantage 2 Jul (†P&RS); to date, only Long-billeds have been definitively identified e. of the Cascades/Sierras, with one prior Regional eastside record of Long-billed and one of an unidentified *Brachyramphus* murrelet. Veteran murrelet surveyors located 2 Long-billed Murrelets 6 km off Brookings, *Curry* 28 Jul (R. Terrill, C. Strong). Xantus's Murrelets were found for the 4th consecutive summer, compared to just four records prior to 2003; most Regional records have come mid-Aug–Oct. This year, 2 Xantus's passed Cape Flattery, *Clallam* 29 Jul, furnishing Washington's first from-shore

record (†BSW, †SM), while trips off Westport found one on 8 Jul and 2 on 15 Jul (BLB). The eastside's first summer **Ancient Murrelet** enlivened Malheur 29-30 Jun (K. Zufelt, L. Hammond); virtually all interior North American records are from late fall/early winter, though there is one e. Washington record from mid-Aug. The Region's first summer **Parakeet Auklet** was approximately 40 km off Ocean Park, *Pacific* 6 Jun (TG); this spring had seen an unprecedented irruption of this species into our waters. Cassin's Auklets (6 per trip) and Tufted Puffins (3 per trip) were disappointingly low, suggesting poor breeding success.

Single Band-tailed Pigeons were near Hardman, *Morrow* 28 Jun (MD), Mead, *Spokane* 4-11 Jun (R. Dexter), and Wenatchee Guard Station, *Asotin* 4 Jun (W. & K. Walker); summer Band-taileds are extremely rare in far e. Washington and ne. Oregon and rare there at any season. Eurasian Collared-Doves continued to appear in numbers with 16 in Oregon and 9 in e. Washington, westside sightings included 3 in N. Bend, *Coos* 1 Jun+ (J. Thomas, RN), 2 in Newport in early Jun (C. Ashy), and one in Brookings, *Curry* 11 Jul (TR, S. Chambers). A Eurasian Collared-Dove × African Collared-Dove (formerly Ringed Turtle-Dove) hybrid/mix in Seattle during early Jun illustrated that one cannot assume all *Streptopelia* doves are Eurasian Collared-Doves (J. Sheirbon). Oregon's 11th **White-winged Dove** adorned Cape Blanco 18 Jul (vt. TJW); 6 of the 11 have been since 2000. A stunning 19 Flammulated Owls detected along a 12-km survey route in the Umatilla N.F. 1 Jun demonstrated the amazing densities this species reaches in e. Oregon's pine forests (MD). A Northern Pygmy-Owl near Auburn, *King* 27 Jul was well away from known breeding areas (M. Vernon); stray summer pygmy-owls are almost unknown in the Region. Potentially a first for the Region, a **Lesser Nighthawk** was heard at Beverly Beach, *Lincoln* 21-22 Jun (R. Terrill, C. Strong); 2 Lesser Nighthawks were also found in British Columbia this summer, suggesting a small irruption into the Pacific Northwest, where this species was previously unknown. A Common Poorwill in se. *Clackamas* 14 Jul was in nw Oregon, where not annual (Ron Escano).

An Anna's Hummingbird near Cle Elum, *Kittitas* 22 Jul continued a recent string of records from that area, suggesting possible local colonization (C. Cavezell). Single Costa's Hummingbirds brightened feeders in Port Orford, *Curry* 30 Jun+ (L. Miller) and Bend 10 Jul (J. Moodie); Oregon averages one Costa's every other summer, though the frequency seems to

be increasing. A **Calliope Hummingbird** in Port Townsend 19 Jul yielded Washington's first summer record w. of the Cascades (†R. Sikes). A Broad-tailed Hummingbird enlivened Malheur 2 Jun (D. Tracy). A swarm of approximately 50 Rufous Hummingbirds at feeders near Rockport, *Skagit* 8 Jun tied the Washington record (SM, DD). A Lewis's Woodpecker inhabited S.R.M. 28 Jun (K. Tran); Lewis's formerly bred in the W.V. but are now rare there during summer. An Acorn Woodpecker at Ft. Simcoe 13 Jun+ was *Yakima*'s 3rd and one of but a very few found in Washington away from the small sw. *Klickitat* population (R. Repp, B. Drenguis, ph. DG). Rare on the westside, a Black-backed Woodpecker adorned Government Meadows, *King* 18 Jun (M. Bartels). A Yellow-shafted Flicker × Red-shafted Flicker intergrade was at Admiralty Cove, *Island* 1 Jul (SM, DD); such birds are being found with increasing frequency during summer in the P.T., where they are common during winter.

PASSERINES

Washington's 3rd Alder Flycatcher was at Muskrat L., *Okanogan* 18-19 Jun (ph. P&RS, ph. MW), the same location (and the same bird?) as Washington's first in Jun 2002. The conquest of Washington by Least Flycatchers continued, with no fewer than 18 detected; most were singing males on the eastside during early and mid-Jun from *Yakima* and *Spokane* northward. Particularly notable were 4, including a female with a brood patch, during early Jun at Turnbull N.W.R., *Spokane* (M. Frobe) and more southerly individuals at Bennington L., *Walla Walla* 3 Jun (M&MLD) and Coppei Cr., *Walla Walla* 10 Jun (K. Kemper). This range expansion may be extending into Oregon, with territorial males at Ankeny 1 Jun+ (D. Berg) and at Summer L. 20 Jun+ (KS). Black Phoebe continue their push northward, with singles n. to *Clatsop* on the coast (N. Maine, MP) and *Lane* in the W.V. (DF). Western Washington's 19th Ash-throated Flycatcher inhabited Marymoor Park, *King* 7-9 Jun (M. Flint, M. Hobbs); most have been mid-May-late Jul. In Oregon, stray Ash-throateds visited Cape Blanco, *Curry* 18 Jun (L. Miller) and F.R.R. 26 Jun (MP). Wayward Western and Eastern Kingbirds were unusually prevalent on the westside this summer. The most notable Western was at O.S. 26 Jun (P&RS); this species is not annual on Washington's outer coast. Equally rare were Eastern Kingbirds at Sequim, *Clallam* 5 Jun (G. Kridler), Port Townsend 6 Jun (K. Ashera), and Seaside, *Clatsop* 7 Jun (N. Maine).

A **Loggerhead/Northern Shrike** visited O.S. 6 Jul (ph. P&RS); w. Washington has but one summer record for Loggerhead Shrike, and the



Three Baltimore Orioles were reported in Washington in May/June 2006, potentially doubling the state's total number of records. This first-year male at Marymoor Park, King County, 4-10 (here 5) June was exceptionally cooperative, providing many birders with their state first. Photograph by Ollie Oliver.

state has no summer records for Northern. A Plumbeous Vireo enlivened Malheur 2 Jun (AC); this species is reported annually in se. Oregon late May-mid-Jun. Two Red-eyed Vireos at Rook's Park, *Walla Walla* 8 Jul (M&MLD) and at Kennewick, *Benton* 17 Jun were seemingly exceptionally early migrants (DR); the first obvious migrants are usually not noted until mid-Aug+. Extralimital Western Scrub-Jays included 5 at coastal sites between Newport and Tillamook 22-29 Jun (*fide* HN), one at Wenas, *Yakima* 4 Jun (K. Brown), and one at Corkindale, *Skagit* in early Jun (*fide* B. Kuntz); this species is approaching annual-occurrence status at these locations, where until recently considered casual. Researchers studying Streaked Horned Larks (subspecies *strigata*) in the W.V. identified 75 territories at the Corvallis Airport during the period, making this the largest known breeding concentration for this endangered subspecies (WDR, RM). A Bank Swallow colony of 100+ active nests at Buckley, *Pierce* 2 Jun (MB) and one of 30+ birds at Barton Park, *Clackamas* 2 Jul+ (J. Hayes) added to the rapidly growing list of known westside breeding locations; as recently as 1991, there was only one known westside breeding colony, consisting of seven pairs (*American Birds* 45: 1154). Rare at any season in the Coast Range, a Mountain Chickadee on

Mary's Peak, *Benton* 4 Jul was at same location where one was detected in Aug 2004 (WDR). Rock Wrens are known to be scarce summer residents on the w. slope of the Cascades from *Clark* and *Skamania* southward. A concerted effort in *King*, however, found up to 6 ads. plus young at Kelly Butte 15 Jun+ (EH) and 2 near Windy Gap 15 Jun (EH), suggesting that this species may be of regular, albeit local, occurrence along the entirety of the Cascade's w. slope. A Rock Wren at Sequim, *Clallam* 10 Jul was a genuine vagrant, providing an exceptionally rare westside lowland summer record (R. Rogers).

A Veery, rarely seen during migration, enlivened Washtucna, *Adams* 3 Jun (SM). For the first time in many years, Veeries were unreported from their traditional location along the Skagit R. (m.ob.). A Varied Thrush at Sun Lakes, *Grant* 3 Jun was at least six weeks late for the eastside lowlands (DSc). Two Gray Catbirds visited Malheur 1 Jun, where they are rare-but-annual spring migrants (S. Wright). Another catbird w. of Crescent L., *Klamath* 28 Jun (B. Bender) continued a pattern of increasing mid-summer reports from cen. Oregon, suggesting a southwestward extension of their breeding range. Five Northern Mockingbirds in Oregon was typical, while 12 in Washington far exceeded the state's 2-per-summer average. A pair of mockingbirds at Vantage 17 Jul (K. Turley, AS) and another pair summering at Horn Rapids, *Benton* (NL, BW) were particularly noteworthy, as Washington has just four confirmed nesting records. A mockingbird near Camden, *Pend Oreille* 12 Jun (GS) was exceptionally far northeast. A Brown Thrasher enlivened Klamath Falls 14 Jun (KS), fitting the normal pattern of occurrence for Oregon (May-Jul), where this species has been annual in recent years. An American Pipit at Turnbull N.W.R., *Spokane* 26 Jul was about three weeks early (*fide* CC).

This spring's only Northern Parula adorned Malheur 2 Jun (AC). Four Myrtle Warblers 1-7 Jun added to six antecedent Washington summer records; eight of Washington's 10 summer records come from the past five years—a reflection of increased observer awareness, or a real change in status? Not an-

SA The range expansion of Bewick's Wren continued this season in e. Washington. In 1950, this species' e. Washington range was limited to *Yakima*. By the mid-1980s, it had become common e. to *Benton* and w. *Walla Walla*, and by the 1990s it was established in *Spokane*. *Pend Oreille* recorded its first Bewick's near Blueside and on the Kalispell Indian Reservation during Jun 2002 (M. Moskwik), and subsequently they have been noted at several locations n. to Colville in *Stevens* since 2003 (M. Houston). This year, one along the Sanpoil R. 18 Jun (DSc) and 2 along the Little Sanpoil R. 20 Jun (GS, DSc) furnished *Ferry*'s first records. Also, another appeared in *Stevens* at Little Pend Oreille N.W.R. 9 Jun (GS). Why a similar colonization has not occurred along the e. slope of the Cascades remains mysterious.

nual e of the Washington Cascades during spring migration, a Black-throated Gray Warbler was near Vantage 2 Jun (S. Downes). A Hermit Warbler, less expected than many e. vagrants, enlivened Malheur 2 Jun (AC). In Washington, Hermits are rare even a short distance n of their usual range, which extends to cen. *Pierce*, so one near Greenwater, *King* 7 Jun was noteworthy (MB). Similarly unusual were Hermit Warbler × Townsend's Warbler hybrids near Greenwater 15 Jun (EH) and near Washtucna 3 Jun (M&MLD). Oregon's 13th Blackburnian Warbler graced Malheur 2 Jun (AC); all but two records of the species have been late May–mid-Jun or mid-Sep–late Oct, and seven come from *Harney*. Washington's 2nd Bay-breasted Warbler sang indefatigably in *Lewis* near Kidd Valley 5 Jun–8 Jul (R. Koppendrayner, ph. m.ob.); interestingly, a credible but inadequately documented singing Bay-breasted was reported from *Snohomish* 27 Jun 2002 in similar habitat. The summer's only Black-and-white Warbler was n of Sisters, *Deschutes* 22 Jun (J. Rodecap). American Redstart's core breeding range in the Region is ne. Washington. An isolated well-established colony of redstarts continued at County Line Ponds, *Whatcom/Skagit*, with 4+ ads. present this summer (B. Kuntz). Additionally, 4 males inhabited a more distant breeding site at Trout L., *Klickitat* (SJ). Elsewhere, lone redstarts were scattered across the Region, the most interesting of which were singles on the coast at S. Beach, *Lincoln* 22 Jun (E. Horvath), in the W.V. at Ankeny 6 Jul (WDR), and in suburban Federal Way, *King* 23 Jun–14 Jul (T. Bock). Northern Waterthrushes were again on territory at several sites sw. of Gilchrist, *Klamath* along the Little Deschutes R., their only known Oregon breeding area (J. Carlson, T. Janzen). Singing males also inhabited Camp Polk, *Deschutes* 16–28 Jun (B. Combs) and Lost L., *Linn* 6 Jul (DI, D. Pettey). A tally of 60 Common Yellowthroats at Shillapoo Bottoms, *Clark* 24 Jun likely constituted a Washington summer record (SM, CW). Western Tanager movement into the eastside lowlands was noted as early as mid-Jul (*fide* BL).

A Green-tailed Towhee at Robinette Mt., *Columbia* 6 Jun was at a new Washington location for this locally occurring species (M&MLD). It was a boon summer for Clay-colored Sparrows, with 5 in ne. Washington and singles at Steptoe Butte, *Whitman* 25 Jun–5 Jul (T&D Weber) and near Tenino, *Thurston* 4 Jun–11 Jul (P. Hicks); the latter was only w. Washington's 5th in summer. An early Brewer's Sparrow appeared at Springfield, *Lane* 2 Jul (R. Robb), small numbers of Brewer's typically disperse into w. Oregon's

lowlands late Jul–early Aug. A Lark Sparrow, barely annual in the W.V., visited Sheridan, *Yamhill* 10 Jun (Q. Nice). Approximately 4 Black-throated Sparrows were between Vantage and Wanapum Dam, *Kittitas* through 13 Jul (m.ob.), while a pair remained at Steptoe Butte, *Whitman* through 13 Jul (T. & D. Weber, GS). As is often the case, increased numbers of Black-throateds in e. Washington were associated with sightings on the westside, where not annual; this year, one was at Carver, *Clackamas* 16 Jun (R. McDow). *Multnomah*'s first Grasshopper Sparrow graced S.R.M. throughout Jun (IT). A White-throated Sparrow near Port Townsend 5 Jun was about three weeks late and provided Washington's 4th summer record (ph. B. Kinchen). A singing Golden-crowned Sparrow summered at Cascade Head, *Tillamook* (PP); there are fewer than 10 Oregon summer records. Less unusual, but still quite late, was a Golden-crowned along Foothills Trail, *Pierce* 1 Jun (CW). An imm. Dark-eyed Junco at Wallula, *Walla Walla* 26 Jul provided a first Jul record for the heavily birded Lower Columbia Basin (NL).

Undoubtedly escapees, a female Northern Cardinal plus a faded male inhabited Port Orchard, *Kitsap* 12–16 Jun (R. & J. Willette), and a female visited Seattle 11 Jul (P. Oates); the recent rash of sightings from the P.T. remains unexplained. Two Rose-breasted Grosbeaks in Washington and 5 in Oregon was subpar for recent years but normal for the long-term. Washington sightings included singles at Sekiu, *Clallam* 14 Jun (B. Wootton, ph. T. Wootton) and one in Walla Walla 16 Jun (*fide* MD). Grassy openings created by the 2004 wildfire near Santiam Pass (elev. 1600 m) have proven a boon for opportunistic Lazuli Buntings. During early Jul, visits to multiple *Linn* and *Jefferson* sites produced double-digit counts of territorial birds in areas where this species was absent prior to the fire (DI, D. Pettey, S. Shunk). Interestingly, numbers in w. lowlands of both states were also supranormal. An Indigo Bunting inhabited Riddle Ranch on Steens Mt. 10–24 Jul (J. Cooney, S. Dowlan). Western Washington's 4th spring Bobolink adorned Duvall, *King* 5 Jun (†M. Harenda). Washington's only Tricolored Blackbird sighting was of 6, including a juv., at Othello, *Adams* 15 Jul (BF). A Common Grackle, not quite annual in Oregon, visited S. Beach, *Lincoln* 21 Jul (R. Cheek). Great-tailed Grackles are increasing in w. Oregon; 4 were at Agate L., *Josephine* 5 Jul (R. Robb), one summered at N.S.C.B. (DL, TR), and another inhabited FRR 21 Jun+ (M. Scholaas). A Western Meadowlark in a clearcut on Mt. Ramier at 1100 m 9 Jul was

clearly lost (D. Swayne). The Seattle Hooded Oriole, one of 3 this spring in Washington, lingered through 14 Jul (M. Hobbs). Bullock's Oriole numbers seemed unusually high in w. Washington, highlighted by a w. Washington record of 24 at Shillapoo Bottoms, *Clark* 24 Jun (SM, CW). A Baltimore Oriole at Marymoor Park, *King* 4–10 Jun (ph., †D. White, ph. m.ob.) provided a 4th accepted record for Washington. Oregon's 8th Lawrence's Goldfinch was a one-day wonder at a Newport feeder 6 Jun (C. Philo); prior records have shown no clear pattern.

Corrigenda: The Sep 2005 sighting of Wild Turkey at Lyons Ferry was not the first for that location (*N.A.B.* 60: 127); they had been seen there as early as May 1993 (R. Muskat) but had not been reported subsequent to that year. Also, we had stated imprecisely that Black-capped Chickadees are "extremely rare in the lower Columbia Basin" (*N.A.B.* 60: 131). They are in fact locally fairly common in the lower Columbia Basin (the Walla Walla valley and near the Tri-Cities) but extremely rare elsewhere in the lower and cen. Columbia Basin.

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