

Washington Birder - 2025 Big Day Reports

2025 Big Days

05 May 2025 – Mason County
17 May 2024 – Washington State
24 May 2025 – Klickitat County

2024 County Big Day (late report)

27 May 2024 – Okanogan County

05 May 2025

MASON County

4:00am – 7:30pm

Species Total: 128

Team: Liam Hutcheson, Jacob Miller

Traveled: 125 miles by car, 2miles on foot

17 May 2025

WASHINGTON STATE

12:00am – 11:10pm

Species Total: 210/203 (Team/Shared)

Team: Liam Hutcheson, Jacob Miller, Louis Kreemer, Alex Sowers

Traveled: 520 miles by car, 2 miles on foot

Species of Note:

Rare: Greater white Fronted Goose, Black Oystercatcher, Wilson's Phalarope, American Goshawk

Late: Surfbird

Missed: Willet, Marbled Godwit Ruddy Turnstone, Western Flycatcher

Narrative: See WOS News article here: <https://wos.org/documents/wosnews/wosnews204.pdf#page=4>

24 May 2025

KLICKITAT County

1:05am – 9:00pm

Species Total: 165/160 (Team/Shared)

Team: Liam Hutcheson, Samuel Holman

Traveled: 190 miles by car, 3 miles on foot

27 May 2024

OKANOGAN

12:00am – 11:38pm

Species Total: 177/177 (Team/Shared)

Team: Eric Heisey, DJ Jones

Traveled: 320 miles by car, 7 miles on foot

Visiting: Loosely, started around the Sinlahekin for owls, drove over to the highlands for more owls, and spent until 9:30am in the highlands. Then, we blasted to the Sanlahekin again, down to Omak, then Cameron Lake Rd, Cassimer Bar, up into the Methow, up to Washington Pass, back down into the Methow, and ended owling on Thompson Ridge Rd.

Species of Note:

Rare: White-winged Scoter

Narrative: Sets a record for the most species seen on a big day in a single Washington county, breaking the previous record from Grays Harbor by 15 species. It was an amazing day! Almost everything went well. Also ended the day with a rubber boa, a sweet surprise! Trip report: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/246144>

Washington State and County BIG DAY RECORDS by month (2025 update)

month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
highest single county big day by month	110	116	121	143	177	157	136	127	121	113	104	102
State					210		136				104	
Adams												
Asotin	62	56			110		98	102		61		
Benton	79				112				109			
Chelan					121							
Clallam				126						104		
Clark	78	102								79		
Columbia		43				101				67	57	50
Cowlitz					97							
Douglas			74		128							
Ferry			61	61	86	89				39		
Franklin				65	104		90				76	64
Garfield											56	
Grant												61
Grays Harbor		107	96	110	162		68	85				98
Island	98	99	106	110	132	95	89	98	94	102	100	93
Jefferson											64	
King	98			111	137							102
Kitsap	110	112									104	102
Kittitas						155						
Klickitat					165	114						
Lewis					109		67	65			78	
Lincoln	62			113	124						70	66
Mason	84	84	102	104	128	105	98	91		65	77	93
Okanogan					177							
Pacific	71						81	71				73
Pend Oreille		60			133	147	106	127		74	55	
Pierce	88	94	102	107	137	104	82	61	71	78	90	84
San Juan					118	99				94		
Skagit	98	116	115	105	146	118	77	103	101	101	101	95
Skamania	69	66	70	77	68	73	86	76	80	76	78	81
Snohomish					138							64
Spokane	62	72	80	121	153	152					80	66
Stevens				100								
Thurston				84			81	78				
Wahkiakum	73	74			121							85
Walla Walla							136					
Whatcom		89		106					72			
Whitman	45	65		96	128			103		88		
Yakima					161							