

Washington Birder (<http://wabirder.com/>)

BIG DAY REPORT FORM

YEAR: _____

Rules for Big Days: Follow Big Day Count Rules as outlined by the American Birding Association Recording Standards and Ethics Committee, currently available online at:

<https://www.aba.org/aba-big-day-count-rules/>.

Reporting Directions:

- Submit a separate report for each Big Day.
- Written personal accounts of the Big Day are welcomed.
- If you are submitting your Big Day Report to ABA, you are welcome to photocopy the completed ABA form and all required attachments, and send them to Washington Birder in lieu of this form.

Area: (Washington State or specific County) _____

Date: _____

Start time End time: _____ - _____

Distance:

Miles by car: _____ foot: _____ other (describe): _____

Results:

Species seen by all team members (=Shared Total): _____

Species that at least one team member missed (=Unshared Total): _____

GRAND TEAM TOTAL (=Shared Total + Unshared Total): _____

Attach:

- A list, in taxonomic order, of all **Species** recorded on the Count. Use initials to denote species missed by each participant.
- A list of all **Participants**, and their **Personal Species Total**
- A list of **Important Areas/Locations Visited**
- A list of **Species of Note**: A "Species of Note" is either one that you considered you had virtually no chance of encountering along your planned route, but were fortunate enough to locate, or a species that was virtually guaranteed but was somehow missed. List each "Species of Note" (in taxonomic order), with an appropriate modifier:
 - (V) Vagrant: a species that occurs less than annually anywhere/anytime in your Big Day's Area (state, county)
 - (R) Rare/Unusual: a species that occurs less than annually along your Big Day route, but is regular in occurrence elsewhere in Washington State
 - (L) Late: a species that occurs regularly along the Big Day route at an earlier season, but which is unexpectedly tardy
 - (E) Early: a species that occurs regularly along the Big Day route at a later season, but which is unexpectedly early
 - (M) Missed: a species that you had over a 95% chance of encountering, but which was inexplicably missed
 - (S) Stake Out: a species that you have "staked out" in advance, either through scouting or the grapevine
- A list with any **Items of Special Interest**, such as: unusual weather conditions, other natural history highlights, significant numbers of a species, unusual personal incidents, etc.

Reporter's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reporter's Email: _____

Reporter's Name and Address: _____

Forms should be completed as soon as possible after the count and submitted by **January 31** to:

Email [please include your name and "Big Day" in the subject line: mattxyz@earthlink.net

Mail: Matt Bartels, Washington Birder / 611 N 50th St. Apt 4 / Seattle, WA 98103

The Big Day Report will be available at: <http://www.wabirder.com/>

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