

Washington Birder - 2022 Big Day Reports

Mason

29 January 2022, 7:31am – 5:15pm

Species total: 84/80 (Team/Shared)

Team: Kenneth Brown (80), Jacob Miller (84), Ed Pullen (82), John Riegsecker (82)

Traveled: 35.7 miles by car, 4.2 miles on foot

Visiting: Skokomish Valley Farms, Hunter Farms, Skokomish Valley, Purdy Cutoff Road, Eells Spring Trout Hatchery, W. California Road, Goose Lake, Faith Lutheran Church, Still Waters Farm, Union, Skokomish Delta, Potlatch SP

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Glaucous Gull, Ruffed Grouse

Mason

20 February 2022, 5:20am-4:35pm

Species total: 84/80 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Brown (81), Jacob Miller (84), Faye Hands (84), John Riegsecker (83)

Traveled: 112.3 miles by car, 2.3 miles on foot

Visiting: Skokomish Valley Farm, Sunnyside Rd., Purdy Cutoff Rd., Hunter's Farm, sr106 overlook, Union, Still Waters Farm, Kennedy Creek Natural Area, Skookum Inlet, Eagle Point Dr., George Adams Hatchery, Potlatch S.P., Hoodsport, Jorstad Creek, Lilliwaup Bay, West Skokomish Valley Rd.

Species of Note:

Rare/Unusual: Sora

Mason

27 March 2022, 5:00am-8:25pm

Species total: 102/98 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Brown (98), Jacob Miller (101), Ed Pullen (101), John Riegsecker (98)

Traveled: 140.7 miles by car; 8.4 miles on foot

Visiting: Skokomish Valley Farm, Sunnyside Rd., Sanderson Field, Hoodsport, Hamma Hamma River, Jorsted Creek, Eagle Creek Tidelands, Potlatch State Park, Hunters Farm, Purdy Cutoff Rd., George Adams Fish Hatchery, W. Skokomish Valley Rd., Union, Still Waters Farm, Twanoh State Park, Pullout Trails End Rd. and SR106, Theler Wetlands, Lakeland Village Golf Course

Species of Note:

Rare/Unusual: Yellow-billed Loon, Horned Lark, American Pipit, Rhinoceros Auklet, N. Shrike, N. Rough-winged Swallow

Mason

16 April 2022, 6:23am-8:24pm

Species Total: 104/100 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Brown (101), Jacob Miller (104), John Riegsecker (100)

Traveled Miles: 130.1 miles by car, 8.5 miles on foot

Visited: Skokomish Valley Farm, Sanderson Field, Goose Lake, George Adams salmon hatchery, W. Skokomish Valley Rd., Skokomish Valley-Purdy Cutoff Rd., Skokomish Valley Hunter's Farm, Skokomish Valley overlook hwy. 106, Union, Potlatch State Park, Hoodsport, Lilliwaup Bay, Kennedy Creek estuary, Craig Rd. Wetlands, Lake Isabella State Park, Shelton High School, Port of Shelton-John's Prairie Industrial Park

Species of Note:

Rare/unusual: Black Phoebe (2), Mountain Bluebird (2)

Skagit

30 April 2022, 7:30am-6:45pm

Species Total: 105

Team: Gary Bletsch (105)

Traveled: 24.8 miles by car, 2.4 miles on foot

Visited: 8170 Healy Road; Lyman; Lyman-Hamilton Highway; Minkler Flats; Butler Flats; Samish East Ninety; Samish Island Public Beach; Samish Flats; Bay View State Park; March Point; Anacortes Ferry Landing; Washington Park; Fir Island Farm Reserve; Skagit Wildlife Management Area Headquarters Unit (Game Range).

Species of Note:

Rare/unusual: Yellow-headed Blackbird

Seasonally rare: Pectoral Sandpiper

Misses: Pied-billed Grebe, American White Pelican, American Bittern, Accipiters, Merlin, Virginia Rail, Sanderling, Wilson's Snipe, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Red-breasted Sandpiper, Brown Creeper, Hutton's Vireo, Golden-crowned Sparrow

Clallam

30 April 2022, 6:15am-7:45pm

Species Total: 126/126 (Team/Shared)

Team: Will Brooks (126), Jason Vassallo (126)

Traveled: not reported

Visiting: Neah Bay, Bahokus Peak, Wa'atch River Valley, Hobuck Beach, Hobuck Lake, Tsoo-Yess Beach, Cape Flattery, Makah Fish Hatchery

Species of note:

Rare/unusual: White-tailed Kite, Swainson's Hawk, Golden Eagle

San Juan

7 May 2022, 3:16am-9:00pm

Species Total: 118/117 (Team/Shared)

Team: Tyler Davis (117), Blake Hough (118)

Traveled: 90 miles by car, 9.2 miles on foot

Visited: Ihiya Biological Preserve, Three Meadows Marsh, Sportsman's Lake, False Bay Creek, False Bay, Cattle Point, Jakle's Lagoon Trail, South Beach, Fourth of July Beach, Panorama Marsh, Swan Valley Marsh, Jackson's Beach, Lampard Road, San Juan Island Sculpture Park, English Camp, Young Hill, San Juan Valley Marsh

Species of note:

Rare/unusual: Ruddy Duck, N. Saw-whet Owl, MacGillivray's Warbler

Late: Greater White-fronted Goose

Missed: White-winged Scoter, Band-tailed Pigeon, Greater Yellowlegs, Marbled Murrelet, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Barn Owl, American Kestrel, Hammond's Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo, Purple Martin, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Red Crossbill, Vesper Sparrow, Black-throated Gray Warbler

Columbia

9 May 2022, 12:31am-8:34pm

Species Total: 101

Team: Christopher Lindsey (101)

Traveled: 167 miles by car, 7.5 miles on foot

Visiting: Lewis & Clark Trail SP, Kendall Skyline Rd, North Touchet Rd, Dayton, Tucannon Fish Hatchery & Vicinity (Spring, Rainbow, Watson & Beaver Lakes), Starbuck, Fletcher Rd, Little Goose Dam

Species of Note:

Rare: Sora

Uncommon: Virginia rail, Long-eared Owl

Mason

16 May 2022, 4:30am-8:42pm

Species Total: 106/102 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Brown (104), Jacob Miller (106), John Riegsecker (102)

Traveled: 133.5 miles by car, 10.58 miles on foot

Visiting: Skokomish Valley Farm, W. Skokomish Valley Rd., George Adams Hatchery, Goose Lake, Bayshore Preserve, Cranberry Creek-Ecler Rd., Kennedy Creek estuary, Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail, Purdy Cutoff Rd., SR106 pullout on Skokomish River, Skokomish Delta-Lookout SR106, Hood Canal-Eagle Creek tidelands, Hoodspout, Potlatch State Park, Shelton airport-Sanderson Field, W. California Rd., Skokomish Valley-N. Sunnyside Rd.

Species of Note:

Rare/Unusual: Black Phoebe, Canada Jay, Townsend's Solitaire, Yellow-breasted Chat, Lazuli Bunting

Klickitat

20 May 2022, 12:01am-11:35pm

Species Total: 112

Team: Christopher Lindsey (112)

Traveled: 160 miles by car, 9.3 miles on foot

Visiting: NF-80, Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve, Conboy NWR (Willard Springs Foot Trail, BZ Glenwood Hwy), Bingen Pond, Locke Lake, Lyle Balch Cemetery, Balch Lake

Species of Note:

Rare: Black Tern

Mason

28 June 2022, 5:10am-9:36pm

Species total: 105/102 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Brown (102), Liam Hutchinson (104), Jacob Miller (105)

Traveled: 139.4 miles by car, 10.22 miles on foot

Visiting: Skokomish Valley Farm, Sunnyside Rd., George Adams Hatchery, West Skokomish Valley Rd., Eells Springs Hatchery, California Cut/off Rd., Goose Lake, Shelton Airport, Potlatch S.P., Hoodspout, Eagle Creek Tidelands, Hamma Hamma River, Lilliwaup, Hunter's Farm, SR 106 Overlook, Union, John's Prairie Industrial Area, Latimer Landing, McMicken Island S.P.

Species of Note:

Rare/Unusual: Bullock's Oriole, Black Phoebe, Yellow-breasted Chat

Mason

23 July 2022, 6:03am-8:37pm

Species Total: 98/92 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Brown (92), Jacob Miller (98), Ed Pullen (98), John Riegsecker (94)

Traveled: 112 miles by car, 5.8 miles on foot

Visiting: Skokomish Valley Farm, Sunnyside Rd., Potlatch State Park, Hoodspout, Eagle Creek Tidelands, Kennedy Creek Estuary, Goose Lake, Sanderson Field, SR 106 Skokomish Overlook, Union

Species of Note:

Rare/Unusual: Black Swift, Northern Pygmy Owl

Mason

27 August 2022, 6:22am-7:56pm

Species Total: 91/85 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Brown (84), Jacob Miller (91), John Riegsecker (84)

Traveled: 105.3 miles by car, 3.55 miles on foot

Visiting: Theler Wetlands, Belfair State Park, Coulter Creek County Park, North Bay Kayak Park, Twanoh State Park, Union, Hunter's Farm, Purdy Cutoff Rd., George Adams Hatchery, West Skokomish Valley Rd., Goose Lake, Kennedy Creek Natural Area, Potlatch State Park, Skokomish Valley Farm

Species of Note:

Rare/Unusual: Short-billed Dowitcher

Whitman**27 August 2022, 6:10am-6:00pm****Species Total: 103/100 (Team/Shared)**

Team: RJ Baltierra (102), Mason Maron (103), Ben Meredyk (100)

Traveled: 220 miles by car, 5.14 miles on foot

Visiting: Koppel Community Gardens in Pullman, Terre View Pond & Marsh, Albion Sewage Ponds, Estes Road, McIntosh Road, Rose Creek Preserve, King's Pond, Kamiak Butte, Steptoe Butte, Steptoe Sewage Ponds, Saint John (town), Rock Creek, Rock Lake, Alkali Lake, Sheep Lake, Lamont, Revere Road, Jordan Knott Road, Texas Lake, Endicott Road, Winona South Road Feed Lot

Species of Note:

Vagrant: Blackpoll warbler

Rare/Unusual: Gray Flycatcher

Early: Western Bluebird

Late: Bank Swallow, Lark Sparrow

Missed: Cinnamon Teal, Wild Turkey, Eared Grebe, Black-necked Stilt, Cooper's Hawk, N. Rough-winged Swallow, Townsend's Solitaire, MacGillivray's Warbler

Mason**17 November 2022, 6:44am-5:25pm****Species Total: 77/72 (Team/Shared)**

Team: Ken Brown (72), Jacob Miller (77), John Riegsecker (74)

Traveled: 105 miles by car, 4.25 miles on foot

Visiting: Theler Wetlands, Klingel Wetlands, Belfair State Park, Hood Canal North Shore mp5, Allyn Waterfront Park, Lake Anderson Area, Twanoh State Park, Alderbrook Resort, Union, West Skokomish Valley, Skokomish Valley Hunter's Farm, Skokomish Park at Potlatch, Hoodspout, Eagle Creek Tidelands, Lilliwaup

Species of Note:

Rare/Unusual: None

Mason**28 December 2022, 7:57am-4:35pm****Species: 93/90 (Team/Shared)**

Team: Ken Brown (90), Liam Hutchinson (93), Jacob Miller (93), John Riegsecker (91)

Traveled: 93 miles by car, 2.26 miles on foot

Visiting: Theler Wetlands, Belfair State Park, MP5 Hood Canal, Anderson Lake, Allyn Waterfront Park, End of E. Trails Rd., Union, Hunter's Farm, George Adams Hatchery, West Skokomish Valley Rd, Hwy 101 at Skokomish River, Potlatch State Park, Skokomish Park at Potlatch, Hoodspout, Hama Hama River mouth

Species of Note:

Rare/Unusual: Long-eared Owl, American Pipit, Black Phoebe

Washington State and County BIG DAY RECORDS by month (2022 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	208	157	136	127	121	113	104	102
State					208		136				104	
Adams												
Asotin	62	56			110		98	102		61		
Benton												
Chelan												
Clallam				126								
Clark	78	102								79		
Columbia		43			101					67	57	50
Cowlitz					97							
Douglas			74									
Ferry			61	61	86	89				39		
Franklin				65	104		90					64
Garfield											56	
Grant												61
Grays Harbor		107	96	93	162		68	85				98
Island	98	99	106	110	132	95	89	98	94	102	100	93
Jefferson											64	
King				111	137							102
Kitsap	110	112									104	102
Kittitas						155						
Klickitat					141	114						
Lewis					109		67	65			78	
Lincoln	62			113	124						70	66
Mason	84	84	102	104	118	105	98	91		65	77	93
Okanogan					121							
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	143	152					80	66
Stevens				100								
Thurston				84			81	78				
Wahkiakum		74			121							85
Walla Walla							136					
Whatcom		89							72			
Whitman	45	65		96	128			103		88		
Yakima					161							