

Washington Birder

2008 Big Day Reports

Pacific

1 January 2008; 8am-6pm.

Species Totals: 71/69 (Team/Shared)

Team: Marv Breece 69, Ken Knittle 71.

Traveled: 155 miles by car.

Visiting: Naselle Fish Hatchery, Radar Hill, Fort Canby State Park, Ilwaco marina, Lewis Unit of Willapa Bay NWR, Bay Center, Raymond Sewer Ponds, Tokeland, Midway Beach.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Western Bluebird/Smith Anderson Road, North Cove.

Clark

25 January 2008; 7:30am-6pm.

Species Totals: 78/77 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 78, Ken Knittle 77.

Traveled: 136 miles by car.

Visiting: Ridgefield NWR, Vancouver Lake, Lower River Road, Steigerwald Lake NWR, Washougal.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: 300 Snow Geese, Clark's Grebe.

Early: Common Yellowthroat.

Missed: Brewer's Blackbird.

Skamania

18 February 2008; 7:30am-1:30pm.

Species Totals: 53/52 (Team/Shared)

Team: Guy McWethy 53, Bob Stallcop 53, Ken Knittle 52.

Traveled: 120 miles by car.

Visiting: Underwood, Spring Creek Hatchery, Drano Lake, Little White Salmon Hatchery, Wind River mouth, Stevenson, Bonneville Dam, Hamilton Island, Skamania Landing, Franz Lake NWR

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Horned Lark, 1 female Purple Finch/Spring Creek Hatchery.

Late: Fox Sparrow.

Missed: Belted Kingfisher, Winter Wren, House Finch.

Special Interest: Super windy day.

Skamania

2 March 2008; daylight hours.

Species Totals: 66/66 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 66, Anne Kahle 66, Ken Knittle 66.

Traveled: 130 miles by car.

Visiting: Saint Cloud Recreational Area, Franz Lake NWR, Skamania Landing, Beacon Rock State Park, Hamilton Island, North Bonneville, Ashes Lake, Stevenson, Wind River mouth, Drano Lake, Little White Salmon Fish Hatchery, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Anna's Hummingbird, California Quail.

Missed: American Kestrel, Herring Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Downy Woodpecker, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Red Crossbill, American Goldfinch.

King**4 May 2008; 5am-7pm.****Species Totals: 111/111 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Brian M. 111, Eugene Hunn 111. (in conjunction with Seattle Audubon Birdathon fundraiser)**Traveled:** 10 miles by Bus or Bike, 10 miles by foot.**Visiting:** Discovery Park, Ballard Locks, University of Washington, Montlake Fill, Magnuson Park.**Skagit****14 May 2008; 4am-10:30pm.****Species Totals: 146/145 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Ryan Merrill 146, Joel Brady-Power 145.**Traveled:** 140 miles by car, 4 miles by foot.**Visiting:** Rockport, Marblemount, County Line Ponds, Cockreham Island, Butler Flats, Samish Flats, Samish Island, Bayview, Anacortes, Skagit Game Range, Rexville.**Species of note:****Vagrant:** Lewis's Woodpecker, Dusky Flycatcher.**Rare/Unusual:** Whimbrel, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Red-necked Phalarope, Western Gull, Chipping Sparrow, Yellow-headed Blackbird.**Late:** Short-eared Owl.**Asotin****22 May 2008; 4am-6:30pm.****Species Totals: 110/109 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Roger Woodruff 109, Michael Woodruff 110.**Traveled:** 200 miles by car, 2 miles by foot.**Visiting:** Fields Spring State Park, Rattlesnake Grade, Grande Ronde River, Savage Ponds, Weissenfel's Road, Swallows Park, Snake River, Chief Timothy Park.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Turkey Vulture, Forster's Tern.**Missed:** Owls, several species of ducks.**Pend Oreille****4 August 2008; 4:30am-9pm.****Species Totals: 127/127 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Garrett MacDonald 127, Michael Woodruff 127.**Traveled:** 400 miles by car, 1 miles by foot.**Visiting:** Spring Valley Road, Lake of the Woods, Allen Road, Calispell Lake, Flying Goose Ranch, Cusick River Road, Bunchgrass Meadows, Sullivan Lake.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Caspian Tern, White-winged Crossbill (several flocks/high numbers).**Missed:** Ruffed Grouse, Pileated Woodpecker, Barred Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl.**Asotin****9 August 2008; 4am-9pm.****Species Totals: 102/101 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Matt Bartels 102, Tom Mansfield 102, Ken Knittle 101.**Traveled:** 180 miles by car.**Visiting:** Chief Timothy Park, Swallow's Park, Asotin Creek, Savage Ponds, Fields Spring State Park, Wenatchee Guard Station, FR-40, Grouse Flat, Grande Ronde River.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Green-winged Teal, Baird's Sandpiper (First County record), Solitary Sandpiper, juv. Gray Partridge mixed with juv. Ruffed Grouse.

Stevens**31 August 2008; 6:30am-4pm.****Species Totals: 101/101 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Gina Sheridan 101, Michael Woodruff 101, Roger Woodruff 101.**Traveled:** 200 miles by car, .5 miles by foot.**Visiting:** Huckleberry Mountain, Columbia River, Colville Flats, Colville Valley, Valley Sewage Treatment Ponds.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Common Tern.**San Juan****11 October 2008; 7am-9:30pm.****Species Totals: 94/92 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Tom Mansfield 92, MaryFrances Mathis 93, Ken Knittle 93.**Traveled:** 100 miles by car, 30 miles by Ferry.**Visiting:** Lopez Island: Port Stanley Pond, Spencer Spit State Park, Hummel Lake, Fisherman Bay, Shark Reef Road, Cattle Point.

San Juan Island: Roche Harbor, British Camp, West Valley Road, False Bay, American Camp, Cattle Point.

Species of note:**Rare/Unusual:** Greater White-fronted Geese (high numbers), Short-eared Owls, Anna's Hummingbird, Vesper's Sparrow, Lapland Longspur.**Late:** Turkey Vulture.**Stevens****23 October 2008; 7am-9:30pm.****Species Totals: 60/59 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Gina Sheridan 60, Michael Woodruff 59.**Traveled:** 200 miles by car, 9 miles by foot.**Visiting:** Deer Lake, Valley Sewage Treatment Ponds, Little Pend Oreille NWR, Chewelah, Colville, Oakshot Road, Abercrombie Mountain.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Bonaparte's Gull.**Skamania****22 November 2008; 7am-2pm.****Species Totals: 74/74 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Wilson Cady 74, Tom Mansfield 74, Ken Knittle 74.**Traveled:** 180 miles by car.**Visiting:** Marble Road, Saint Cloud Recreational Area, Franz Lake NWR, Skamania Landing, Beacon Rock, Kidney Lake, Hamilton Island, Bonneville Dam, Ashes Lake, Rock Creek/ Stevenson, Wind River Mouth, Dog Mountain Trailhead, Tunnel #4 pull-off, Spring Creek Hatchery, Underwood.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Trumpeter Swan, Anna's Hummingbird.**Late:** Lincoln Sparrow.**Lewis****23 November 2008; 6am-4:30pm.****Species Totals: 78/77 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Tom Mansfield 78, Ken Knittle 77.**Traveled:** 200 miles by car.**Visiting:** Truck runaway ramp, White Pass, Ohanapecosh, Riffe Lake, Ike Kinswa State Park, Swofford Pond, Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery, Pleasant Valley Road, Schueber Road, Goodrich Ponds, Centralia Steam Plant, Schaefer County Park, Fort Borst Park.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Yellow-headed Blackbird, Northern Goshawk.

Mason**29 November 2008; 7:30am-5pm.****Species Totals: 57/57 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Grace Oliver 57, Ollie Oliver 57.**Traveled:** 86 miles by car, 3 miles by foot.**Visiting:** Kennedy Creek Estuary, Oakland Bay, Salmon Hatchery, Potlatch State Park, Lake Cushman, Mary E. Theler Wetlands.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Short-eared Owl.**Missed:** European Starling.**Wahkiakum****6 December 2008; 6:15am-1pm.****Species Totals: 79/79 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Tom Mansfield 79, Ken Knittle 79.**Traveled:** 180 miles by car.**Visiting:** Little Puget Island, Puget Island, Cathlamet Marina, Julia Butler Wildlife Refuge, Altoona.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Pygmy-Owl.**Lincoln****28 December 2008; 7am-3pm.****Species Totals: 58/56 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Jon Isacoff 56, Garrett MacDonald 58, Gina Sheridan 58, Michael Woodruff 58.**Traveled:** 200 miles by car, .5 miles by foot.**Visiting:** Reardan to Davenport (winter route), Hawk Creek Canyon, Seven Bays, Fort Spokane.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Golden Eagle (high count—7 birds).**Late:** Western Bluebird.**Missed:** Rough-legged Hawk.

Washington State and County BIG DAY RECORDS by month

monthly totals												
<i>with 2008 updates</i>	110	112	121	143	201	157	134	127	121	113	100	102
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
State												
Adams												
Asotin					110		98	102		61		
Benton												
Chelan												
Clallam												
Clark	78											
Columbia												
Cowlitz												
Douglas												
Ferry												
Franklin				65								
Garfield												
Grant												61
Grays Harbor					162							
Island												
Jefferson												
King				111	126							90
Kitsap	110	112										102
Kittitas												
Klickitat					120	114						
Lewis											78	
Lincoln				113								58
Mason											57	57
Okanogan					121							
Pacific	71											
Pend Oreille					133			127				
Pierce												
San Juan										94		
Skagit					146						94	95
Skamania		53	66								74	60
Snohomish												
Spokane		72			143							66
Stevens								101		60		
Thurston												
Wahkiakum					121							85
Walla Walla							134					
Whatcom												
Whitman					113							
Yakima												