

# Washington Birder

## 2011 Big Day Reports

### Wahkiakum

26 February 2011; 7am-3pm

Species Totals: 74/74 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Knittle 74, Tom Mansfield 74

Traveled: ? miles by car

Visiting: Alpowa Altoona, Julia Butler Hansen NWR, Puget Island, Cathlamet STP, Barr Rd., Skamokawa, Nelson Creek Rd.

#### Species of note:

**Rare/Unusual:** Barrow's Goldeneye, Clark's Grebe, Thayer's Gull, Eurasian Wigeon, Canvasback, Wild Turkey, Brown-headed Cowbird, Red-throated Loon

**Species Missed:** White-tailed Kite, Peregrine Falcon, Marsh Wren

### Pierce

7 May 2011; 3am-?pm

Species Totals: 137/? (Team/Shared)

Team: Wynne Brown, Bruce LaBar, Ryan Merrill, Anne Meyer, Ryan Shaw, Peter Wimberger, Charlie Wright

Traveled: ? miles by car

Visiting: Point Defiance Park, Purdy Spit, Titlow Park and beach, Point Defiance, Ruston Way, Gog-le-hi-ti, Marine View Drive log booms, Mountain View Cemetery, Fort Steilacoom Park, Spanaway Marsh, Fort Lewis 13th Division Prairie, Ohop Valley, Kreger Lake, Elbe, Mount Rainier National Park - Longmire, Puyallup Valley

#### Species of note:

**Rare/Unusual:** American Bittern, Gray Jay, Townsend's Solitaire

**Late:** Harlequin Ducks

**Stake Out:** Green Heron

### Skagit

7 May 2011; 6:30am-9pm

Species Totals: 117 (Team)

Team: Gary Bletsch 117

Traveled: ~80 miles by car, ~5 mile by foot

Visiting: Bletsch house (Healy Rd.), Lyman, Minkler Flats, Bingo Hall Lagoon, Kiket Island, March Point, Ship Harbor, Washington Park, Jensen Access, Hayton Preserve, Fir Island Game Range, Butler Flats, Northern State Recreation Area, Minkler Flats, Lyman, Cockreham Island, SR 20 Milepost 76 - Healy Rd.

#### Species of note:

**Rare/Unusual:** Golden Eagle, Western Kingbird

**Late:** Greater White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Brant

### Washington State (New Washington State Record)

15 May 2011; 12am-11pm

Species Totals: 208/? (Team/Shared)

Team: Ryan Merrill, Ryan Shaw, Michael Woodruff, Charlie Wright

Traveled: ? miles by car.

Visiting: Tieton State Airport Marsh, Rimrock Lake area, Bethel Ridge Rd., Tieton River, Bear Canyon, Toppenish, Pumphouse Rd., Box Canyon Rd., Balch Rd., Ridgefield NWR River "S" unit, Rainbow Falls State Park, Willapa Bay, Tokeland, Westport Jetty

#### Species of note:

**Rare/Unusual:** Black-backed Woodpecker, Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Goldfinch, Black Phoebe, Red-necked Phalarope, Hudsonian Godwit, Common Tern, Parasitic Jaeger

**Late:** Eurasian Wigeon, Cackling Geese

**Missed:** Blue-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, Golden Eagle, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Avocet, Black Turnstone, Surfbird, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Marbled Murrelet, Flammulated Owl, Western Screech-Owl, Long-eared Owl, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Williamson's Sapsucker, Red-naped Sapsucker, Hairy Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher, Gray Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, American Pipit, Red Crossbill

**Stake Out:** Bushtit, Acorn Woodpecker

**Asotin****4 September 2011; 7am-7pm****Species Totals: 66/66 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Grace Oliver 66, Ollie Oliver 66**Traveled:** 65 miles by car, 1 mile by foot**Visiting:** Swallow's Park, Riverside Rd., Couse Creek Rd. - Hwy. 129, Fields Spring State Park, Asotin Creek Rd. - Licks Creek**Species of note:****Vagrant:** Baird's Sandpiper**Rare/Unusual:** White-throated Swift**Late:** Bank Swallow**Skagit****10 September 2011; 6:30am-8pm****Species Totals: 100 (Team)****Team:** Gary Bletsch 100**Traveled:** ~100 miles by car, ~4 miles by foot**Visiting:** Bletsch house (Healy Rd.) near Cockreham Island, Corkindale, Marblemount, Lyman, Samish Flats, Samish Island, Channel Drive, Fir Island Game Range, Hayton Preserve, Jensen Access**Species of note:****Late:** Semipalmated Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper**Clark****1 October 2011; ?am-?pm.****Species Totals: 69/69 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Ken Knittle 69, Tom Mansfield 69**Traveled:** ? miles by car**Visiting:** Ridgefield NWR, Sunset Falls, Silver Star Mountain, Vancouver Lake**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Common Tern, Gray Jay, Bohemian Waxwing (First County Record)**Late:** Pectoral Sandpiper, Band-tailed Pigeon**Columbia****21 October 2011; 6am-9:30pm.****Species Totals: 67/67 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Ken Knittle 67, Terry Little 67, Tom Mansfield 67**Traveled:** ? miles by car**Visiting:** Tucannon River mouth, Little Goose Dam, Tucannon River, Dayton, FR 64**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Common Loon, Bonaparte's Gull, Saw-whet Owl, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, Chukar**Late:** Virginia Rail**Missed:** Dipper, Boreal Owl**Special Interest:** Due to windy conditions at high elevations there were no Boreal Owls**Skamania****11 December 2011; 7am-4:30pm.****Species Totals: 70/65 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Tim Brennan 68, Nina Bohn 67, Wilson Cady 69, Les Carlson 69, Jon Leland 67**Traveled:** 134 miles by car**Visiting:** Marble Rd., Franz Lake NWR, Skamania Landing, Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Rock Creek Cove, Skamania Cemetery, Drano Lake, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Trumpeter Swan, Great Egret, (Slender-billed) White-breasted Nuthatch, Peregrine Falcon, Canyon Wren, Western Gull, Tufted Duck

## Washington State and County BIG DAY RECORDS by month

monthly totals	110	112	121	143	208	157	136	127	121	113	104	102
with 2011 updates	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>State</b>					<b>208</b>		136				104	
Adams												
Asotin		56			110		98	102	<b>66</b>	61		
Benton												
Chelan												
Clallam												
Clark	78									<b>69</b>		
Columbia										<b>67</b>	57	50
Cowlitz												
Douglas			74									
Ferry			58									
Franklin				65								
Garfield											56	
Grant												61
Grays Harbor			96		162							
Island								92				
Jefferson											64	
King				111	126							90
Kitsap	110	112									104	102
Kittitas												
Klickitat					120	114						
Lewis					78						78	
Lincoln				113								58
Mason											57	57
Okanogan					121							
Pacific	71											
Pend Oreille					133		106	127			54	
Pierce					<b>137</b>							
San Juan										94		
Skagit					146				<b>100</b>		94	95
Skamania		53	66								77	<b>70</b>
Snohomish												
Spokane	62	72	76	80	143	128					72	66
Stevens								101		60		
Thurston												
Wahkiakum		<b>74</b>			121							85
Walla Walla							136					
Whatcom												
Whitman	45			72	113							
Yakima												