

Washington Birder

2012 Big Day Reports

Asotin

10 January 2012; 8am-4:45pm

Species Totals: 62/60 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jon Isacoff ?, Gina Sheridan ?

Traveled: 200 miles by car, 1 mile by foot

Visiting: Swallows Park, Chief Looking Glass Park, Ten Mile Rapids, Weissenfels Ridge, Anatone Flats, Fields Spring State Pk., Evans Pond, Peola Rd.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Thayer's Gull

Early: Virginia Rail

Missed: Wood Duck, American Wigeon, Common Goldeneye, Common Merganser, Western Grebe, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker

Stake Out: Gyrfalcon, Sandhill Crane

Special Interest: Weather Conditions: 32-50 Degrees, Sunny

Pend Oreille

3 February 2012; 7am-3pm

Species Totals: 60 (Team)

Team: Terry Little 60

Traveled: 100 miles by car, 1 mile by foot

Visiting: Calispell Lake, Usk-Cusick Waterfront, Kalispell Indian Reservation, Allen-Kirkpatrick Roads

Species of note:

Vagrant: Glaucous Gull

Rare/Unusual: Rough Legged Hawk, Herring Gull, Common Redpoll, Pine Grosbeak

Early: Marsh Wren, Townsend's Solitaire

Missed: Steller's Jay

Ferry

24 March 2012; 9am-6:30pm

Species Totals: 61/61 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jon Isacoff 61, Gina Sheridan 61

Traveled: 180 miles by car, 1 mile by foot

Visiting: Swawilla Basin, Silver Creek Road, Lake Roosevelt, Twin Lakes, Inchelium, Barstow, Orient, Kettle River Valley

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Eurasian Wigeon, Thayer's Gull, Black-backed Woodpecker, Northern Shrike, American Tree Sparrow, Common Redpoll

Missed: Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, American Kestrel, American Coot

Spokane

25 March 2012; 5am-7pm

Species Totals: 80 (Team)

Team: Tim O'Brien 80

Traveled: 223 miles by car, 1 mile by foot

Visiting: Mt. Spokane, Peone Prairie, Liberty Lake County Park, Riverside State Park, Little Spokane Natural Area, Medical Lake, Turnbull NWR, Philleo Lake

Species of note:

Missed: Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, American Kestrel, Northern Harrier, Virginia Rail, California Gull, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Bewick's Wren, Cedar Waxwing, Red Crossbill, American Goldfinch

Stevens

20 April 2012; 6:30am-3:30pm

Species Totals: 100 (Team)

Team: Terry Little 100

Traveled: 110 miles by car, 1 mile by foot

Visiting: Deer Lake, Newton Road, Cottonwood Road, Chewelah, Waitt's Lake, Spokane Indian Reservation (Martha Boardman Road), Long Lake Dam, Hwy 291 along Lake Spokane

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: 12 Black-necked Stilt, Vaux's Swift, White-headed Woodpecker, Peregrine Falcon

Missed: Say's Phoebe, Steller's Jay, White-breasted Nuthatch

Spokane

27 April 2012; 4am-8pm

Species Totals: 121/121 (Team/Shared)

Team: Tim O'Brien 121, Warren Walker 121

Traveled: 212 miles by car, 1 mile by foot

Visiting: Mt. Spokane, Peone Prairie, Liberty Lake, Riverside State Park, Little Spokane Natural Area, Medical Lake, Turnbull NWR, Philleo Lake

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Snow Goose

Missed: Canvasback, Cooper's Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, Cedar Waxwing, Vesper Sparrow

Washington State

13 May 2012; 12:30am-12am

Species Totals: 175/175 (Team/Shared)

Team: Matt Bartels, Sharon Cormier-Aagaard, Michael Hobbs

Traveled: unknown

Visiting: Rimrock Lake, White Pass, Toppenish, Pumphouse Road, Bear Creek Canyon, Bethel Ridge, East Point Campground, White Pass, eastern Lewis County, Rainbow Falls State Park, Tokeland, Westport, Bottle Beach, Newkah Road

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: American Bittern, American Avocet, White-headed Woodpecker, Black-backed Woodpecker, Anna's Hummingbird, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Wandering Tattler,

Late: Cackling Goose, Brant

Missed: Harlequin Duck, Hooded Merganser, Willet, Long-billed Dowitcher, Red-naped Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, Purple Martin, Bushtit, Western Bluebird, Brewer's Sparrow, Red Crossbill

Skagit

31 August 2012; 8:45am-9:15pm

Species Totals: 103 (Team)

Team: Gary Bletsch 103

Traveled: ? miles by car, ? mile by foot

Visiting: Lyman, Nichols Bar Skagit County Park, Northern State Recreation Area, Fir Island Game Range, Sullivan Slough (near LaConner), Channel Drive, March Point, Washington Park, Ship Harbor, Swinomish Channel boat launch, Jensen Access, Hayton Preserve, DeBay's Slough, Healy Road

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: California Quail, 16 species of shorebirds, Anna's Hummingbird

Late: Black Swift, Rufous Hummingbird, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, Purple Martin, Bank Swallow, Black-throated Gray Warbler

Early: Lincoln's Sparrow

Missed: Common Merganser, Accipiters, Falcons, Baird's Sandpiper, Heermann's Gull, Northern Flicker, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Black-headed Grosbeak

Spokane

4 November 2012; 5:30am-4:30pm

Species Totals: 80/72 (Team/Shared)

Team: Tim O'Brien 79, Alan Richards 77, Russ Koppendraye 76, Phyllis Moss 76, Jeff Jendro 72

Traveled: 200 miles by car, 1 mile by foot

Visiting: Mt. Spokane, Peone Prairie, Newman Lake, Riverside State Park, Little Spokane Natural Area, Medical Lake, Philleo Lake

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Surf Scoter, White-winged Crossbill

Late: Osprey

Lincoln

16 November 2012; 9:30am-4pm

Species Totals: 70/70 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jon Isacoff 70, Garrett MacDonald 70

Traveled: 175 miles by car, .5 mile by foot

Visiting: Sunset Highway, Davenport Cemetery, Mill Canyon, Hawk Creek Canyon, Seven Bays

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Virginia Rail, Bohemian Waxwing, White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll,

Missed: Green-winged Teal, Downy Woodpecker, American Goldfinch

Lincoln

11 December 2012; 9:30am-4:10pm

Species Totals: 66 (Team)

Team: Jon Isacoff 66

Traveled: 175 miles by car, .25 mile by foot

Visiting: Sunset Highway, Davenport Cemetery, Mill Canyon, Hawk Creek Canyon, Seven Bays, Upper Crab Creek

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Northern Goshawk, White-headed Woodpecker, American Tree Sparrow,

Missed: American Goldfinch

Stake Out: Red-breasted Merganser, Virginia Rail, Marsh Wren

Skamania County = 12 new monthly records for 2012

Skamania

1 January 2012; 8am-4:30pm

Species Totals: 58/58 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 58, Les Carlson 58, Barry Woodruff 58

Traveled: 124 miles by car

Visiting: Intersection of Marble Road & Fitzgerald Road, Franz Lake NWR, Skamania Landing/Doetsch Pond, Bonneville Dam, Hamilton Island, Greenleaf Slough, Stevenson waterfront, Rock Creek Cove, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood, Willard

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Wilson's Snipe, Great Egret, (slender-billed) White-breasted Nuthatch, Eurasian Wigeon, Wild Turkey

Missed: Swans, California Quail

Special Interest: Strong east winds

Skamania

27 February 2012; 8am-4:30pm

Species Totals: 66/66 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 66, Les Carlson 66

Traveled: 116 miles by car

Visiting: Marble Road, St. Cloud Recreational Area, Franz Lake NWR, Skamania Landing/Doetsch Pond, Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Greenleaf Slough, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove, mouth of the Wind River, Drano Lake, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood, Cook-Underwood Road

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Western Meadowlarks, Western Gull, Virginia Rail, Clark's Grebe, Red-necked Grebes, Red-breasted Merganser, Wild Turkey, Cedar Waxwings, Marsh Wren

Skamania

25 March 2012; 8am-4:30pm

Species Totals: 70/70 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 70, Les Carlson 70, Barry Woodruff 70

Traveled: 132 miles by car

Visiting: Marble Road, St. Cloud Recreational Area, Franz Lake NWR, Skamania Landing/Doetsch Pond, Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Greenleaf Slough, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove, mouth of the Wind River, Drano Lake, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood, Cook-Underwood Road

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Western Bluebirds, Western Meadowlarks, Western Gull, California Quail, Spotted Sandpiper, Common Loon

Early: Band-tailed Pigeon, Turkey Vultures

Missed: Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Skamania

10 April 2012; 6:30am-6:30pm

Species Totals: 77/76 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 77, Les Carlson 77, George Mayfield 76, Barry Woodruff 76

Traveled: 132 miles by car

Visiting: Marble Road, St. Cloud Recreational Area, Franz Lake NWR, Skamania Landing/Doetsch Pond, Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Greenleaf Slough, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove, mouth of the Wind River, Drano Lake, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood, Cook-Underwood Road

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Wilson's Snipe, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Canyon Wren, Peregrine Falcon, Western Meadowlark, Eared Grebe, Wild Turkeys

Early: Rufous Hummingbird, Savannah Sparrow

Skamania

15 May 2012; 7am-7pm

Species Totals: 68/68 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 68, Les Carlson 68, Barry Woodruff 68

Traveled: 139 miles by car

Visiting: Mt. Pleasant, Marble Road, Franz Lake NWR, Skamania Landing/Doetsch Pond, Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Greenleaf Slough, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove, Home Valley, Drano Lake, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood, Willard

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Red Breasted Sapsucker (at 4 locations)

Late: Bufflehead

Missed: California Quail, Vireos

Skamania

20 June 2012; 7am-7pm

Species Totals: 73/73 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 73, Les Carlson 73, George Mayfield 73

Traveled: 142 miles by car

Visiting: Mt. Pleasant, Marble Road, Skamania Landing/Doetsch Pond, Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Greenleaf Slough, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood, Willard

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: 2 Eastern Kingbirds (County First), Ash-throated Flycatcher, Cassin's Finch, Hermit Thrush

Skamania

24 July 2012; 6am-8pm

Species Totals: 86/86 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 86, Les Carlson 86, Barry Woodruff 86

Traveled: 183 miles by car

Visiting: Mt. Pleasant, Washougal River, Skamania Landing/Doetsch Pond, Bonneville Dam, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove, Home Valley (park), Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood, FR-8040 (north of Trout Lake), South Prairie

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Mourning Dove, Green Heron, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Hermit Warbler, Mountain Chickadees, Williamson's Sapsucker, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Barrow's Goldeneye, Least Sandpiper

Missed: American Dipper

Skamania

19 August 2012; 6:30am-7:30pm

Species Totals: 76/76 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 76, Les Carlson 76

Traveled: 167 miles by car

Visiting: Washougal River, Mt. Pleasant, Marble Road, St. Cloud Recreational Area, Franz Lake NWR, Skamania Landing/Doetsch Pond, Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Greenleaf Slough, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove, mouth of the Wind River, Drano Lake, FR8040 (north of Trout Lake)

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Great Egret, Green Heron, Peregrine Falcon, Ruffed Grouse, Williamson's Sapsucker, Cassin's Finch

Missed: Wild Turkey, California Quail

Skamania

18 September 2012; 7am-8pm

Species Totals: 80/79 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 79, Les Carlson 79, George Mayfield 80

Traveled: 127 miles by car

Visiting: Washougal River, Mt. Pleasant, Marble Road, St. Cloud Recreational Area, Franz Lake NWR, Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove, Red Bluff Road (pond), Home Valley (park), Underwood, Willard

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Green Heron, Red-shouldered Hawk, Merlin, Sandhill Crane, Common Tern, Forster's Tern (County First), Black Swift, Calliope Hummingbird, Lincoln's Sparrow

Missed: Pileated Woodpecker

Skamania

10 October 2012; 7am-7pm

Species Totals: 76/76 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 76, Les Carlson 76, George Mayfield 76, Bob Rowe 76

Traveled: 124 miles by car

Visiting: Washougal River, Mt. Pleasant, Marble Road, Franz Lake NWR, Skamania Landing, Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove, mouth of the Wind River, Home Valley (park), Drano Lake, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Greater White-fronted Goose, Cackling Goose (stake out), Red-necked Grebe, Great Egret, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Golden-crowned Sparrow

Late: Black-throated Gray Warbler

Missed: House Finch

Skamania

10 November 2012; 6:45am-6pm

Species Totals: 78/78 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 78, Les Carlson 78

Traveled: 123 miles by car

Visiting: Mt. Pleasant, St. Cloud Recreational Area, Franz Lake NWR, Bonneville Dam, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove and waterfront, Home Valley (park), Drano Lake, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Trumpeter Swan, Eared Grebe, Great Egret, Bonaparte's Gull, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Red-shouldered Hawk, White-throated Sparrow

Missed: Pacific Wren, Yellow-rumped Warbler

Skamania

9 December 2012; 7:30am-5pm

Species Totals: 81/81 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 81, Les Carlson 81, Russ Koppendraye 81

Traveled: 110 miles by car

Visiting: Mt. Pleasant, Marble Road, Franz Lake NWR, St. Cloud Recreational Area, Skamania Landing, Beacon Rock State Park, Bonneville Dam, Bonneville Hot Springs, Stevenson/Rock Creek Cove and waterfront, Home Valley, Drano Lake, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Great Egret, Red-shouldered Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Virginia Rail, Wilson's Snipe, Western Gull, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Mountain Chickadee, Canyon Wren, White-throated Sparrow

Washington State and County BIG DAY RECORDS by month

monthly totals	110	112	121	143	208	157	136	127	121	113	104	102
with 2012 updates	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
State					208		136				104	
Adams												
Asotin	62	56			110		98	102	66	61		
Benton												
Chelan												
Clallam												
Clark	78									69		
Columbia										67	57	50
Cowlitz												
Douglas			74									
Ferry			61									
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							70	66
Mason											57	57
Okanogan					121							
Pacific	71											
Pend Oreille		60			133		106	127			54	
Pierce					137							
San Juan										94		
Skagit	80	86	91	95	146	82	77	103	100	78	94	95
Skamania	58	66	70	77	68	73	86	76	80	76	78	81
Snohomish												
Spokane	62	72	80	121	143	128					80	66
Stevens				100				101		60		
Thurston												
Wahkiakum		74			121							85
Walla Walla							136					
Whatcom												
Whitman	45			72	113							
Yakima												