

Washington Birder

2019 Big Day Reports

Island

1 January 2019; 6:00am - 4:15pm

Species Totals: 98/98 (Team/Shared)

Team: Louis Kreemer (98), Scott Ramos (98)

Traveled: 38 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot

Visiting: Arrowhead Beach, Davis Slough dike, English Boom, Good Rd., Hanstad Rd., Maple Grove, Utsalady Rd., Rekdal Rd., Rocky Point, Salal Hill Ln, Smith/Larkspur Roads, Sunset Drive ponds, Swanson Rd. pump house, Utsalady Bay, Utsalady Point Boat ramp, Utsalady Rd.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Long-tailed Duck, Ring-necked Pheasant, Barn Owl, Barred Owl, White-throated Sparrow

Missed: Brandt's Cormorant, Rhinoceros Auklet, Sanderling

Stake-out: Wild Turkey,

Special Interest: Weather was about optimal this year. Not so cold that ponds were not frozen, little wind, clear skies, no rain. Great Blue Heron count (32) was enhanced when over half the of the count was found at one location (Arrowhead Beach) where they had not been noticed before.

Lincoln

13 January 2019; 5:30am - 3:00pm

Species Totals: 62/62 (Team/Shared)

Team: Curtis Mahon (62), Sandy Schreven (62), Michael Woodruff (62)

Traveled: 160 miles by car, 1 mile on foot

Visiting: Mill Canyon, Hawk Creek Canyon, Seven Bays, Davenport, Detour Road, Reardan Ponds

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: none

Missed: none

Skagit

13 January 2019; 8:00am - 8:45pm

Species Totals: 98/98 (Team/Shared)

Team: Gary Bletsch (98)

Traveled: 65.9 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot

Visiting: Sedro-Woolley, Butler Flats, Samish Island Public Beach, Samish Flats, Bay View State Park, Similk Beach, Padilla Heights, Skagit Flats, Fir Island (including Hayton Reserve & the Game Range), Clear Lake, Healy Rd.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Black Scoter

Missed: Lincoln's Sparrow, Cackling Goose, Mourning Dove

Stake-out: Black Phoebe, Northern Waterthrush, Swamp Sparrow

Clark

8 February 2019; 7:20am - 4:30pm

Species Totals: 102/100(Team/Shared)

Team: Les Carlson (100), Jim Danzenbaker (102), Randy Hill (101), Cindy McCormack (102)

Traveled: 88.5 miles by car, 5.2 miles on foot

Visiting: Ridgefield NWR Carty Unit & S Unit, Vancouver lowlands, Marine Park, Wintler Park

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Northern Shrike

Missed: Horned Grebe, Pileated Woodpecker, Cedar Waxwing, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, Lincoln's Sparrow

Stake-out: Tufted Duck

Special Interest: Started snowing during the day (unusual for the region), heavily in the late afternoon.

Skagit

24 February 2019; 5:30am - 8:30pm

Species Totals: 116/112 (Team/Shared)

Team: Matt Dufort (114), Spencer Hildie (112), Adrian Lee (116)

Traveled: 130 miles by car, 3 miles on foot

Visiting: Fidalgo Island, Washington Park, Rosario Head, March Point, Fir Island, Big Lake, Francis/Thillberg Roads, Samish Island, Samish Flats.

Species of note:

Early: Wood Duck

Missed: Peregrine Falcon

Stake-out: Black Phoebe, Swamp Sparrow

Pierce

26 February 2019; 5:05am - 5:24pm

Species Totals: 94/94 (Team/Shared)

Team: Bruce LaBar (94), Ed Pullen (94)

Traveled: 170 miles by car, 4 miles on foot

Visiting: many stops

Species of note:

Missed: Bushtit, European Collared-Dove, Dunlin, Peregrine Falcon, Trumpeter Swan

Stake-out: Cinnamon Teal, White-throated Sparrow, Harlequin Duck

Skagit

9 March 2019; 3:10am - 6:20pm

Species Totals: 115/111 (Team/Shared)

Team: Gary Bletsch (114), Kurt Ranta (113), Jeff Osmundson (111)

Traveled: 125 miles by car, 2.7 miles on foot

Visiting: Swinomish Reservation, Campbell Lake, Heart Lake, Washington Park, Ship Harbor, Anacortes, Heart Lake, Lake Erie, Sharpe Road, Rosario Head, Pass Lake, South Lake Campbell Road, Similk Beach, March Point, Padilla Heights, Big Indian Slough, Bay View State Park, Samish Flats, Samish Island Public Beach, Samish Flats, Skagit Flats, North Fork Access, Hayton Reserve, Skagit Game Range, Milltown, Thilberg Road, DeBay Slough.

Species of note:

Missed: Eared Grebe, Barrow's Goldeneye, Merlin, Marbled Murrelet, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Short-eared Owl, Western Meadowlark, Redhead.

Stake-out: Northern Mockingbird, Black Phoebe, Swamp Sparrow, Surfbird.

Special Interest: Weather was good. The sky was almost perfectly clear the entire time, with a bit of a breeze by later in the morning, especially at certain of our coastal stops. Temperatures were in the high twenties Fahrenheit when we began owling, but rose to the high forties by late afternoon.

Ferry

2 April 2019; 6:15am - 10:30pm

Species Totals: 61/61 (Team/Shared)

Team: Donna Bragg

Traveled: 138 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot

Visiting: Kettle R. Campground, Sherman Creek Game Range, Trout Lake Rd., Hwy 20 Camp Growden, Sherman Pass, White Mountain Burn Area, San Poil Lake, Curlew Lake SP, Curlew Kai housing development, River Trail Wetlands north of Curlew Lake, Mud Lake, Republic, Republic STP, Barstow Town, Napoleon Rd.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Rough-legged Hawk

Missed: Pied-billed Grebe, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, American Kestrel, Varied Thrush

Island

5 May 2019; 5:00am - 8:00pm

Species Totals: 132/132 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jay Adams (132), Carlos Andersen (132)

Traveled: 87 miles by car, 2 miles on foot

Visiting: Possession Point, Maxwellton Valley, Deer Lagoon, Earth Sanctuary, Crockett Lake, Admiralty Inlet Preserve, Penn Cove, Partridge Point, Swantown, Duguala Wetlands/Flats/Lake/Bay, Cornet Bay

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Long-billed Curlew, Rock Sandpiper

Early: California Gull

Missed: American Coot, White-winged Scoter, Turkey Vulture, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Black-throated Gray Warbler

Klickitat

13 May 2019; 4:50am - 2:50pm

Species Totals: 141/136 (Team/Shared)

Team: Joshua Holman, Samuel Holman

Traveled: 168 miles by car, 7 miles on foot

Visiting: Rappe Road, Swale Creek, Goldendale SP, Conboy Lake NWR, Trout Lake NAP.

Lewis

18 May 2019; 3:20am - 10:30pm

Species Totals: 109/106 (Team/Shared)

Team: Rachel Hudson (108), Dalton Spencer (107)

Traveled: 218 miles by car, 7 miles on foot

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: American Bittern, Barn Owl, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Bank Swallow, Cassin's Finch, Yellow-breasted Chat, Nashville Warbler

Late: Golden-crowned Sparrow

Missed: Hairy Woodpecker

Pierce**18 May 2019; 5:05am - 4:45pm****Species Totals: 102/101 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Bruce LaBar (101), Ed Pullen (102)**Traveled:** 165 miles by car, 4.6 miles on foot**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Western Kingbird, Vesper Sparrow**Late:** Cackling Goose, Pacific Loon, Ruddy Duck**San Juan****12 June 2019; 1:07am - 10:10pm****Species Totals: 99/99 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Blake Hough (99), Tyler Davis (99)**Traveled:** 89.1 miles by car, 9.1 miles on foot**Species of note:****Missed:** Pied-billed Grebe**Stake-out:** Black-capped Chickadee**Pend Oreille****26 June 2019; 12:00am - 11:15pm****Species Totals: 147/147 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Christopher Lindsey (147), Michael Woodruff (147)**Traveled:** 350 miles by car, 4 miles on foot**Visiting:** Deer Valley, Horseshoe Lake, Allen/Kirkpatrick Roads, Davis Lake, Calispell Lake, Cusick, Usk, Pend Oreille River, Metaline Falls, Sullivan Lake, Salmo Pass, Big Meadows Lake**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Flammulated Owl, White-throated Swift, Bewick's Wren, Veery**Late:** Western Grebe**Ferry****23 October 2019; 8:15am - 3:30pm****Species Totals: 39/39 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Donna Bragg (39)**Traveled:** 43.5 miles by car, 0.2 miles on foot**Visiting:** Kettle River Campground, Haag Cove Campground, Barnaby Creek Campground, Inchelium Town, Twin Lakes, Silver Lake Rd., French Rocks Boat Launch**Species of note:****Missed:** Dark-eyed Junco**Big Day Reports from Earlier Years (received this year)****Skagit****25 February 2017; 8:00am - 5:30pm****Species Totals: 92/92 (Team/Shared)****Team:** Gary Bletsch (92)**Visiting:** Healy Road, Lyman; Minkler Flats; Skagit Airport Ponds; Bingo Hall Lagoon; Rosario Head; Lake Erie; Cedardale; Cascade Ridge; Hayton Resrve; Jensen Access; Skagit Flats; Big Indian Slough; Padilla Bay; Samish Flats; Samish Island Public Beach.**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Surfbird, Rock Sandpiper**Missed:** Snow Goose, Hooded Merganser, Marsh Wren

Washington State and County BIG DAY RECORDS by month

monthly totals												
with 2019 updates	110	116	121	143	208	157	136	127	121	113	104	102
	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		102										
Clark	78	102	86							79	84	69
Columbia		43								67	57	50
Cowlitz	83				97							
Douglas			74									
Ferry			61	61		89				39		
Franklin				65								
Garfield											56	
Grant												61
Grays Harbor			96		162							
Island	98	99	106	110	132	95	89	98	94	102	100	93
Jefferson											64	
King	82	84		111	137							102
Kitsap	110	112									104	102
Kittitas					144	155						
Klickitat					141	114						
Lewis					109			46			78	
Lincoln	62			113	124						70	66
Mason	68	78			91	78				65	57	57
Okanogan					121							
Pacific	71											
Pend Oreille	51	60	73	96	133	147	106	127	88	54	55	58
Pierce	88	94	102	107	137	104	82	61	71	78	90	84
San Juan						99				94		
Skagit	98	116	115	103	146	118	77	103	101	101	101	95
Skamania	69	66	70	77	68	73	86	76	80	76	78	81
Snohomish	87				138							64
Spokane	62	72	80	121	143	152					80	66
Stevens				100				101		60		
Thurston												
Wahkiakum		74		80	121							85
Walla Walla							136					
Whatcom		89										
Whitman	45			72	113							
Yakima	70	74	93	103	152							