

# Northwestern USA

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Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota,  
Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and Washington.

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### Introduction

Ever since my first trip to western USA in 1996, I've been longing to go back. The nature is simply amazing, birds and mammals are plentiful and it's very easy to get around. Even though a trip to the northwest would only produce some 15 new bird species for me, it's been close at heart. Especially if I could combine it with another destination. So, when it came to decision time for the 2003 summer trip, I ended up choosing northwestern USA and eastern Venezuela. When the political situation got unstable in Venezuela in January 2003 I switched the itinerary to northern Peru, another area of high priority. Daniel and Stefan were interested to join me at an early stage while Daniel's friend Benny signed up a bit later on. Antonio Salvadori, Canada, would take Stefan's place on the Peru part of the journey, which is covered in a separate trip report.

The planning of the USA trip took many hours of preparation, mainly by searching the internet and carefully study maps and (limited) books. The itinerary worked well, even though it was a bit tight at times. Tight schedules are something I would like to try to avoid in the future. Those few extra days give more flexibility and relaxation, and of course more birds. This time it simply wasn't possible. Had we been able to go two weeks earlier we would probably also have ended up seeing more birds. Bird activity felt a bit low at times, particularly in Washington. Despite some misses (basically White-tailed Ptarmigan, Williamson's Sapsucker, Lewis's Woodpecker, Hermit, Bay-breasted, Cape May, Palm and Tennessee Warblers, Pinyon Jay and Hutton's Vireo) we ended up quite well. I got all the species I needed except for some seabirds rarely seen from land, and for me this trip was surely not only about birds. Fantastic sceneries, butterflies, mammals and plants were just as important. We had three fantastic weeks in unique and wonderful nature. And yes, I would love to return to the West many more times...

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## Summary of the journey

**19/6** Flight Stockholm-Amsterdam-Newark-Minneapolis, **Minnesota**. Camping at KOA, Savage.

**20/6** Morning at Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve near Savage. Long transport via Duluth and Grand Marais to the Gunflint trail area of Superior National Forest, where camping.

**21/6** Gunflint trail (mainly FR 315). Lunch in Grand Marais, then afternoon birding along FR 166 and 172 between Tofte and Isabella. Night at Isabella Lake.

**22/6** Morning birding in the vicinity of Isabella, along Stony River Rd and at the White Pine Picnic Ground. Then transport to McGregor via Duluth. Birding at McGregor marsh and Rice Lake NWR in afternoon/evening. Night at motel in McGregor.

**23/6** Long transport through Minnesota and **North Dakota**. Afternoon/evening birding at J. Clark Salyer NWR. Night at Carbury Dam.

**24/6** Morning at J. Clark Salyer NWR. Afternoon at Lostwood NWR. Rain forces us to give up birding early and take in at a motel in Stanley.

**25/6** Morning at Lostwood NWR. Transport southwards, visiting the Medora area in the afternoon. Evening birding along dirt road between Marmarth and Buffalo, **South Dakota**. Late arrival to Spearfish, where camping at KOA.

**26/6** Black Hills: Spearfish Canyon, Little Spearfish Creek, Hanna Campground and Terry Peak. Badlands NP in late afternoon and evening. Late arrival to campground between Mt. Rushmore and Custer.

**27/6** Custer SP and Wind Cave NP in the morning. Boles/Roby Canyons during midday and early afternoon. Late afternoon and evening at Thunder Basin Ntl. Grassland, **Wyoming**. Night at Devils Tower Ntl. Monument.

**28/6** Morning at Devils Tower. Then a long transport through Wyoming, passing Bighorn Mts during midday. Afternoon birding stops between Greybull and Cody and at Beck Lake, Cody. In the evening we drive up the Chief Joseph Scenic Highway and end up at Beartooth Lake Campground.

**29/6** Beartooth Pass area in the morning. We enter Yellowstone NP around noon, visiting Lamar Valley, Tower Falls, Hayden Valley and Yellowstone Lake. We camp east of the East entrance.

**30/6** Morning birding in eastern Yellowstone. Late morning at Old Faithful. Afternoon in Grand Teton NP: Two Ocean Lake/Emma Matilda Lake and Willow Flats. Evening at Creek Flat, Jackson. Night at Atherton Creek east of Kelly.

**1/7** Grand Teton: Gros Ventre Rd., Lupine Meadows, Signal Mountain. Back to Yellowstone, visiting Upper and Midway Geyser Basins and Mammoth Hot Springs. Night at KOA in Pine Creek, **Montana**.

**2/7** Morning birding near Pine Creek. Transport through Montana along Hwy 89. Afternoon birding at Freezout Lake WMA. In the evening we reach St. Mary and camp near Babb.

**3/7** Glacier NP: Iceberg Lake trail (Many Glacier), Going-to-the-sun Road. Night outside of the park at Hungry Horse Reservoir.

**4/7** Morning along Inner North Fork Road as far as Camas Creek. Then transport along Hwy 2 to Bonners Ferry, **Idaho**, and further on to Spokane and Moses Lake in **Washington**. Evening birding at Potholes Reservoir. Night in Moses Lake.

**5/7** Morning spent birding south of Vantage by the Columbia River and along Hwy 12 towards Yakima, midday and afternoon in Wenas Valley near Naches. In the evening we reach Clear Lake Campground in the Cascades.

**6/7** Mt Rainier NP: Eastside trail, Sunrise, Frozen Lake. In the evening we reach Ocean City SP just north of Ocean Shores.

**7/7** Birding in the Ocean Shores area, mainly from Point Brown. In the afternoon transport northwards, making stops at Big Cedar tree and Ruby Beach. We camp at Pillar Point on the northern shore of the Olympic Peninsula.

**8/7** Cape Flattery in the morning. Dungeness NWR and Sequim's Railroad Bridge Park in the afternoon. Night at KOA near Port Angeles.

**9/7** Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP. Midday visit to Ediz Hook, Port Angeles. We end up at Big Creek Campground near Lake Cushman in Olympic NF in the late afternoon.

**10/7** Morning birding at Lake Cushman. Then drive to Sea-Tac airport where we return the car and take in at Days Inn for a well needed and comfortable rest.

**11/7** Stefan leaves for Sweden, the others continue to Peru via Houston. In business class...

## **Site notes**

There is good information available on most of the sites we visited, but it has to be gathered from several different sources. All protected areas are covered on government home pages on the internet, though details of where to find the birds often are lacking. On site, brochures are often helpful, especially if there is some kind of wildlife drive. There are site guides for most states. We only purchased the Wyoming guide (ABA) which was good but not essential for this route. We also used the basic *A guide to Birdwatching Sites. Western U.S.* by Mel White and *Birdfinding in 40 National Forests and Grasslands* published by the ABA. Here, I give notes on some of the sites.

### **Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve (Regional Park), Minnesota**

This area is unique for Minnesota, as it regularly hold more southern species than any other site in the state, including Prothonotary, Hooded, Blue-winged and Cerulean Warblers, Acadian Flycatcher and Henslow's Sparrow. We birded along Murphy Lake Boulevard (Dickcissel and Blue-winged Warbler – Prairie Warbler had been here 2 weeks earlier) and along Sunset Lake Boulevard with its closest trail to the north of the road (Hooded and Blue-

winged Warblers, Scarlet Tanager, possibly Acadian Flycatcher, Red-headed Woodpecker). Information, a good map and directions are available at [www.hennepinparks.org](http://www.hennepinparks.org)

### **McGregor Marsh and Rice Lake NWR, Minnesota**

This site is one of the best in Minnesota for Yellow Rail, easily accessible from the town of McGregor, 45 minutes drive west of Duluth. Just east of McGregor SR 65 turns south from SR 210. Yellow Rails are usually found within 2 miles south of this junction. "Our" birds held territory in the vicinity of mile marker 161, but I guess the exact location for the rails vary with water levels from year to year. The headquarters of Rice Lake NWR is 7 miles south of the same junction. The auto tour takes you to many different habitats and we enjoyed the area very much. Plenty of birds and mammals including many waterbirds, Sedge Wren, Golden-winged Warbler and Bobolink.

### **J. Clark Salyer NWR, North Dakota**

A very nice site with amazing numbers of breeding birds. The observation tower near the headquarters and the auto tour loop were good areas. Although the Grassland trail didn't produce the wanted specialities, it was nice as well. We found our only Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow in a slough between Upham and Bantry.

### **Lostwood NWR, North Dakota**

One of the most famous sites for North Dakota's prairie specialities, and a very nice area indeed. There is good information on the internet. Up-to-date distribution maps of the most sought-after prairie species are available at the NWR headquarters - Sprague's Pipits and Baird's Sparrows both prefer recently burned areas, and the location of these vary from year to year with refuge management. Check out [www.mountain-prairie.fws.gov/dslcomplex](http://www.mountain-prairie.fws.gov/dslcomplex)

### **Roby Canyon, South Dakota**

Roby Canyon is a fairly recently discovered site for Virginia's Warbler, at the northeasternmost limit of its range. From Custer, drive westwards on Hwy 16. Just past the state border with Wyoming, take the first dirt road to the right (east) along Redbird Canyon. About 1 mile from the turn-off, take the road to the left leading north into Boles Canyon. Watch out for Lazuli Bunting, Rock Wren and Mountain Bluebird here. After about 3 miles, the road bends to the right and another dirt road leads northwards to the left. This is Roby Canyon. Park the car at the gate and walk up the canyon. The warblers prefer areas with thick understory.

### **Thunder Basin National Grassland, Wyoming**

Finding any valuable bird finding information about this vast area of short grass prairie was hard work, so we just took a chance and drove westwards from Newcastle on SR 450 and then north along SR 116 to Upton, making a few stops where it looked promising. About 20 miles from Newcastle we found a large area with very short grass to the south of the road. We went out walking and found our first McCown's Longspur after just 100 meters! We also found Chestnut-collared Longspurs and Burrowing Owl, while Mountain Plover should be a strong possibility. Close by we had a female Greater Sage-Grouse passing the road with her chicks!

### **Greybull-Cody, Wyoming**

An area of arid grassland is found north of Hwy 2 between Greybull and Emblem. The area is briefly mentioned in the Wyoming guide as a site for Mountain Plover. We went out walking and flushed a pair after just 20 minutes, which perhaps was a strike of luck. I'd guess that there aren't that many pairs around. Further to the west against Cody there are vast areas of

sage where Sage Thrasher was common. Beck Lake, at the eastern outskirts of Cody right by the road, was a rewarding site with observations of Sora, Clark's Grebe, American Avocet, Wilson's Phalarope and most species of dabbling ducks.

### **Glacier NP, Montana**

An easily accessible site for Timberline Sparrow is Iceberg trail in the Many Glacier area. We found one bird that sang sporadically, but we were unable to spot it. Here we also had a Grizzly Bear walking against us right on the trail! Black Swifts were seen at Avalanche Creek around 06.30 in the morning. We stood watching from the bridge. I don't know if this is the best place to stand at, but you have fairly good views from here.

### **Vantage/Wanapum SP, Washington**

The area south of Vantage, just west of the Columbia River, is the only regular site for Black-throated Sparrow in Washington. It's not present every year, though. We visited the area on a very windy morning. Birding was a bit difficult, but we did see California Quail, Rock Wren and quite a few Brewer's and Lark Sparrows.

### **Ocean Shores, Washington**

We used an excellent article about the area written by Bob Morse and published in the October 1996 issue of *Birding* (ABA). Point Brown is one of the best places in Washington for seabird watching from shore.

### **Cape Flattery, Washington**

Information and directions to this the most northwesterly point in the lower 48 can be found at [www.northolympic.com/capeflatterytrail](http://www.northolympic.com/capeflatterytrail) The key species here is Tufted Puffin, but it's also good for Harlequin Duck, Sea Otter and all the regular coastal species.

### **Northern Olympic Peninsula, Washington**

This website is useful for information on birding sites in the northern Olympic Peninsula: [www.olympus.net/opas/where-to.htm](http://www.olympus.net/opas/where-to.htm)

## **Diary**

**19/6** After months of preparations, the day of departure had finally come! We had a very early start from the Bengtsson residence in Södertälje and got away from Arlanda without any trouble. For some reason we had to wait in Amsterdam for 5 hours, a time most of us used to study books and tapes. I mostly walked around or birded. During the morning our list grew to an impressive 35 species! The flight over the Atlantic lasted the traditional 8 hours, and we landed in Newark around four in the afternoon. Exaggerated airport security, crowds of people and concrete-dominated surroundings made our 3 hour wait here boring. Our last flight was more exciting, though, as the weather cleared up when we approached Minnesota. It was quite fascinating to watch the gigantic park-like suburbs of **Minneapolis-St. Paul** stretch out underneath us. When we finally landed we were quite tired, since we had started our day almost 24 hours earlier. Unfortunately one of our bags were missing, so we didn't get away from the airport as fast as we wanted. The only good thing about it was that it was the bag of least importance. When finally installed in our rental silver Dodge, we set out for the KOA campground in **Savage**. Only kilometers from our final destination, we were stopped by the police for speeding! Was that bad luck or what? The officer let us go after a thorough lecture in speed limits and signs. It was about 23.30 when we finally went to sleep.

**20/6** Despite our late arrival last night we were up before dawn at about 5 o'clock. We didn't want to be late for our only chance of seeing some birds of the southeast at the nearby **Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve**. It was a pleasant morning. We started to look for the two Prairie Warblers that had been seen a couple of weeks earlier. No luck with those, but nice birds included 1 Dickcissel and 2 White-breasted Nuthatches before we went walking into the forest. Here we saw goodies like 1 male each of Blue-winged and Hooded Warbler, Scarlet Tanager and Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and we also found Red-headed, Red-bellied and Pileated Woodpeckers, Wood Thrush and American Redstarts. Benny was breathtaken by his first hummingbirds ever! At around 09.30 we returned to the campground to pack our tents. A few hours didn't make justice at all to the area, but we had a long day ahead of us. After we'd packed up we headed for the airport to pick up the missing bag that fortunately had arrived in the morning. By lunchtime we were on our way northwards. I would have liked to stay much longer in southern Minnesota to visit cultural places linked to the Swedish immigrants, but hopefully I'll come back another time. North of Duluth we made a few short stops by Lake Superior, otherwise we drove more or less nonstop to Grand Marais, where we drove up the **Gunflint trail**. From the escarpment we could enjoy the views of a Lake Superior in total stillness! We found a nearby campground and could enjoy a bit of evening birding before sunset. It was a bit on the quiet side, with few birds seen. A Ruffed Grouse drummed, 2 Belted Kingfishers flew by and I alone managed to see a stunning male Blackburnian Warbler. A calling Barred Owl finished our long day just before we went to sleep.

**21/6** We were up at dawn and headed straight for **FR 315** nearby. It was a clear and cold morning. Caps and gloves really came in handy, but still we were freezing! We walked the road for a few hours and eventually ended up with a good list for the morning. Most notable were 1 female Black-backed Woodpecker, 1 male Merlin, 2 Gray Jays and nice observations of Veery, Swainson's and Hermit Thrushes, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Black-and-white and Canada Warblers, Northern Parula and Northern Waterthrush. An American Marten was a surprise mammal. When the sun started to generate some warmth the butterflies became active, with White Admirals being the most beautiful. Later in the morning our birding efforts didn't pay off as well, but we could add 1 juv. Bald Eagle, 2 Olive-sided Flycatchers, 2 Lincoln's Sparrow and several Canadian Tiger Swallowtails to our list. The temperature had risen considerably until noon. We took a well needed siesta, though it was hard to get a rest for the hordes of intimate big, black flies that were all over the place. Stefan and I went for a walk and had an amazing scope view of a male Blackburnian Warbler. What a beautiful bird! We packed our tents and went back to **Grand Marais** for dinner, ending up at Dairy Queen since most other restaurants were pretty expensive. The afternoon was spent driving and walking along forest roads between **Tofte-Isabella** a bit to the south. Activity was limited but we found i.e. 3 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, numerous Least Flycatchers and a Ruffed Grouse with 2 chicks. Other interesting findings were a Porcupine, a Snowshoe Hare and a turtle laying eggs by the roadside. We ended up at Isabella Lake in the evening, where we camped.

**22/6** We packed before sunrise and went to a well known site for Connecticut Warbler just nearby. It didn't take long before we heard a singing Connecticut Warbler, but seeing it proved to be a much more difficult task. We tried to get closer by walking near the edge of the bog, but the vegetation was pretty thick. Hoping to get another chance later in the morning, we headed first for a sphagnum bog and then onto the **Stony River Road**. It soon became a bit windy and chilly, which wasn't too good for our birding. We had excellent views of a male Chestnut-sided Warbler and a female Northern Parula and saw our 4:th Ruffed Grouse in two days, otherwise it wasn't that rewarding. Our last site in northern Minnesota became the **White Pine Picnic Ground**, where I really was hoping to find Bay-breasted and Cape May

Warblers. Unfortunately no success with those, but we had splendid observations of 5 Black-throated Green Warblers and heard a Pine Warbler. By eleven we were on our way southwards. Our visit to the north had been a bit too short, and we left with several misses. The Bay-breasted Warbler hurt most... In Duluth we had lunch at McDonald's (what a variation, huh?) and photographed Ring-billed Gulls. In the early afternoon we arrived at **McGregor marsh**, making inspections for tonight's Yellow Rail search. The cool winds of the morning had now changed to warm and humid. Sedge Wrens were plentiful and some Bobolinks moved through the vast marshlands. Otherwise most of the afternoon and evening was spent at the nearby **Rice Lake NWR**. Birding here was pleasant, though windy at the lake itself. Among the birds seen can be mentioned 3 Pied-billed Grebes, c. 15 Wood Ducks, 5 Ring-necked Ducks, 3 Bald Eagles, 1 Sandhill Crane, 6 Black Terns, 2 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, 4 Eastern Bluebirds, 1 superb male Golden-winged Warbler and 2 Purple Finches. In the evening dark clouds started to roll in, so we decided to spend the night at a motel in McGregor where we had a well needed shower and relaxed a bit before it was time to go to back to the Yellow Rail site. We arrived just before dusk and were greeted by lightning from a fast approaching thunder storm! Traffic was rather heavy and it soon started to rain, so we had to give up and retreat to the motel. Disappointing, since this was the only reliable chance we had to get the rail...

**23/6** The thunderstorm was a mighty and violent one. Not wanting to give up entirely on the Yellow Rail, I had set my alarm clock at 02.30 in case the weather situation would improve. When I went up, there was still rain and thunder. At about 03.00 I was still awake and made a final weather check - the rain had stopped and the thunders were more distant! This was the chance! When I prepared to go the others woke up. Daniel and Benny decided to join me while Stefan stayed behind in bed. Just 10 minutes later we could enjoy the "tik, tik, tik-tik-tik" of two Yellow Rails! Very satisfactory. We got a couple of more hours sleep before it was time to go up again... Today we had a very long drive before us, since we had our goal set to the middle of North Dakota. In Minnesota we basically only stopped to have breakfast and fill up the tank. The most interesting bird we saw along the way was a Common Loon that flew parallel with the road in 90/kph! Almost as soon as we entered **North Dakota** and its vast, rolling landscape, prairie potholes started to appear and with them abundant bird life. Black Terns were found in almost every pool along the highway, together with many ducks and Yellow-headed Blackbirds. Amazing! We also had our first Upland Sandpiper, Swainson's Hawk and Franklin's Gulls. In **Devils Lake** we had a tasty lunch buffet at Pizza Hut. At about 15.30 we finally arrived to **J. Clark Salyer NWR** north of Minot, a long way from where we had started in the morning. Birding here was superb! The extensive wetlands and grasslands were boiling with birds! Examples of good birds and numbers: 160 Eared Grebes, 1-2 White-faced Ibises (scarce visitor?), c. 20 Cattle Egrets, 200 Blue-winged Teals, 100 Redheads, 5 Canvasbacks, 2 Buffleheads, 100 Ruddy Ducks, 1 Cooper's Hawk, 6 Upland Sandpipers, 2 American Avocets, 2 Short-billed Dowitchers, 12 Wilson's Phalaropes, 300 Franklin's Gulls, an astonishing 400-500 Black Terns, 1 Great Horned Owl, 12 Sedge Wrens, 2 Mountain Bluebirds, 8+14 heard Clay-colored, 1 Lark, 1+1 heard Le Conte's and 2 Grasshopper Sparrows, 4 Bobolinks, 400 Yellow-headed Blackbirds and 1 male Orchard Oriole. A triumph for me was to *finally* see a live Raccoon! In the evening we ended up at a public camping by the **Carbury Dam** not far from the Canadian border, where we had a beautiful and relaxed ending of a long day. Not counting the mosquitoes, that is.

**24/6** We woke up to a chilly and overcast morning. After the usual packing procedures we headed back to J. Clark Salyer NWR and its grassland trail. It was rather quiet in the grasslands, while the wetlands were full of birds just as yesterday. Two Le Conte's Sparrows

were heard, otherwise Savannah and Clay-colored Sparrows totally dominated the picture. Slightly disappointed, we started our way back to Minot and further west. A random stop in search of Chestnut-collared Longspur failed to produce the desired species but gave some other good stuff instead, i.e. 8 Marbled Godwits, 1 Black-billed Cuckoo (heard) and 1 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow. Much more satisfied, we could now go to Minot to buy food and have lunch. Our next goal was **Lostwood NWR**, famous for its prairie specialities. Extensive road works halted us on the way, but we arrived in good time for a full afternoon's birding. The landscape at Lostwood was beautiful, with lake-dotted grasslands and rolling hills. At the headquarters we photographed Thirteen-lined and Richardson's Ground-Squirrels, before heading out birding. Our first stops produced lots of ducks, both Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, 1 Willow Flycatcher, tons of Savannah and Clay-colored Sparrows and 1 Le Conte's Sparrow. By the time we reached the burned area clouds were low and dark. We heard a singing Baird's Sparrow before it started to rain lightly. Then two Sharp-tailed Grouse were flushed from the road! Wow! We managed to find a family of Piping Plovers, a Willet and 2 Marbled Godwits before the rain increased in intensity and forced us inside the car. We waited for a good while, but as the raining kept on we decided to call it a day and hope for better luck tomorrow. We drove to Stanley and got ourselves a motel room. It was actually nice to have an early and comfortable evening. On the weather channel we learned that heavy thunderstorms with tornadoes were passing well to the south-east of us, in S. Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota. A part of me wished to be there. To see a live tornado must be an extraordinary feeling...

**25/6** We were up at dawn and could hear both Sora and Wilson's Snipe from the parking lot. It had not been raining for quite a while. Back at Lostwood it was quite cold but still we had good birding. The highlights were 3 displaying Sprague's Pipits, Baird's and Grasshopper Sparrows seen well (one of each), 1 American Bittern, a pair of Marbled Godwits protecting their young, the Piping Plovers, displaying Upland Sandpipers, 3 Sharp-tailed Grouse and 1 Coyote. Except for the coldness this was very, very nice! The only real drawback the last few days was the lack of butterflies due to the overcast weather. But hey, you can't get everything! Satisfied we could leave the area a bit earlier than planned. On the way back to Stanley we were lucky enough to find a Ferruginous Hawk at close range! We passed Stanley and continued southwards. Soon we turned west and passed the Missouri River at Sanish. Here we saw our first Spotted Towhee, as well as an Orchard Oriole and 2 Brown Thrashers. West of the river the landscape started to change, as we entered the badland country of North Dakota. A brief photo stop near Theodore Roosevelt NP gave some strange-singing Field Sparrows, but our goal was an area south of Medora near the southern unit of the national park. Once in the genuine tourist town **Medora** there was some confusion about the right direction, but we got a good map at the tourist office and headed out in search of longspurs and other species of the shortgrass prairie. We found the road to the best part of the area blocked and saw few birds of interest. Thus, we left the area after a couple of hours, visited the Painted Canyon and then continued southwards. We finally got some food in Bowman, at Taco John's. Good! Though the time began to rush towards evening, we decided to try some birding along the road between Marmarth and Buffalo, South Dakota. We wasted some time in "secondary" grasslands but eventually found the right habitat. During the course of the evening we had quite a few nice birds and mammals, including 2 Long-billed Curlews, c. 10 Upland Sandpipers, c. 40 Horned Larks, 2 Say's Phoebes, c. 80 Lark Buntings, 5 stellar Chestnut-collared Longspurs, 1 Striped Skunk, c. 40 Pronghorns, 14 Elks and 1 White-tailed Jack Rabbit. Eastern Kingbirds and Western Meadowlarks abounded. Just after sunset we reached the highway again. We arrived to Spearfish around 22.30, exhausted from a very long and eventful day. As soon as our tents was on site at KOA, we went to sleep.



**26/6** This was the first morning when it felt a bit tough to get up early, but we were eager to make the most also of this day. We began our exploration of the famous Black Hills by driving up **Spearfish Canyon**, making regular stops along the way. Traffic was unfortunately a bit too heavy for convenient birding, and it was cold - it took a couple of hours before the first sunbeams found their way down into the canyon and another two before the temperature started to get reasonably pleasant. A couple of very lightly dressed cyclists astonished us as we were freezing with all our clothes on! The birding of course gave many new species for the trip, i.e. 50 White-throated Swifts, 4 Red-naped Sapsuckers, 1 Dusky and 3 Cordilleran Flycatchers, 1 singing Canyon Wren, 3 American Dippers, 4 MacGillivray's Warblers, 1 male Western Tanager and 8 Black-headed Grosbeaks. American Redstarts were very common. Among mammals we found 1 American Marten, 2 Yellow-bellied Marmots and several Least Chipmunks. The **Hanna Campground** gave us our only White-winged Junco, endemic to the Black Hills, 1 Brown Creeper, both Kinglets and some nice butterflies. The nearby Terry Peak would have been a phenomenal place if it wasn't for the multitude of masts that deprived the vision. Still very nice to get a panoramic view of the Black Hills! It was already around 2 pm when we headed down to **Rapid City** to fill up our food supplies and have a late lunch. We didn't do very well on either of our tasks. No supermarket could be found (frustrating search!) and the restaurant we chose served disappointingly small meals. We didn't get back on the road until 15.45, and we had an hour's drive to **Badlands NP**, our next goal. The time we spent in the national park was too short but marvelous indeed. What a beautiful place! It exceeded my expectations by far, with its incredible formations, colors and sheer grandiosity. Except for the landscape itself, we had several nice birds and mammals such as 1 Ferruginous Hawk, 1 Burrowing Owl, 4 Rock Wrens, 5 Say's Phoebes, 1 pair of Blue Grosbeaks, hundreds of Black-tailed Prairie Dogs and 1 Coyote and. We left the Badlands at mid-evening. Back in Rapid City we did ultimately find a supermarket, and we also had dinner at Denny's. It was already dark when we finally hit the road again to find a campground in Black Hills. Unintentionally we got all the way to Mt. Rushmore. We admired the statues outside of the gates for a short while before the police came and urged us to get inside. We didn't feel like going inside and pay \$10 - we wanted to go to bed... And so we did at 23.30.

**27/6** Since we had already seen Mt. Rushmore we went to Custer SP for some improvised birding, passing Crazy Horse Mountain on the way. Fascinating! I wasn't even aware of its existence. **Custer SP** didn't produce that many birds, but interesting species were 6 Wild Turkeys, 1 White-breasted Nuthatch, 1 Townsend's Solitaire and our first Western Wood-Pewees. Mammals were more plentiful, with many Bison (some on the road!), Mule Deer, Pronghorn, 1 Coyote, 2 Mountain Cottontails and hundreds of Black-tailed Prairie Dogs. Next on our schedule was a visit to **Wind Cave NP**. We took a guided tour at 09.00 and had a nice hour down in the cave system, which is the world's third largest. Yet a surprise was the dryish condition of the caves. Let's see if I can remember the unique formations...popcorn, boxwork and...well one more. Around the NP headquarters we had excellent views of a Yellow-breasted Chat, and I also found a Plumbeous Vireo. We took our time, bought some postcards and continued around 10.45. When filling up gas in Custer, several Edwards's Fritillaries could be studied well. We decided to give Virginia's Warbler a chance and headed for **Roby Canyon** on the state border with Wyoming. We spent a few hot hours here looking for it. Daniel succeeded almost right away, but it took quite a while before we all could enjoy a pair of this inconspicuous species. Hungry as wolves, we then headed for Pizza Hut in Newcastle. After our pleasant meal, we headed out into the vast **Thunder Basin National Grassland**. Our goal was to see as many short grass and sage species as possible by random stops where it looked promising. Lark Buntings were plentiful. After about 20 miles on SR 450 we

eventually found an area of very short grass. We didn't have to walk more than a hundred meters before we got our first McCown's Longspur! What's more, it posed very nicely in front of our cameras! McCown's Longspurs were fairly common here, and we also found Chestnut-collared Longspurs and a Burrowing Owl but no Mountain Plovers. Not far from here a female Greater Sage-Grouse came strolling across the road with her chicks! Well, the chicks got separated, which gave us another good photo opportunity. Very, very good! Brewer's Sparrow was the only other sage species we managed to find before it was time to continue. We reached the fabulous **Devils Tower** in the evening and had a comparatively relaxed evening before heading up to the tower itself for a bit of night birding under a starlit sky. A singing Common Poorwill was the only bird encountered, but we also saw a Porcupine and some Mule Deer. Another long and eventful day came to an end around midnight...

**28/6** Today we slept in slightly, before returning to the tower in daylight. The clear skies of yesterday evening were now totally overcast, and bird activity was low. Our most interesting finding was a nest of Plumbeous Vireo, unfortunately inhabited by a hungry Brown-headed Cowbird. White-throated Swifts were omnipresent. Below the tower, in the riparian habitats, we found several Bullock's Orioles and a Red-headed Woodpecker. We left Devils Tower already by 08.30 but we had a very long drive ahead of us, through all of Wyoming. As we crossed the **Bighorn Mountains**, alpine meadows sparkling thickly with lupines and other flowers were a truly impressive sight, and we also had our first Clark's Nutcrackers. West of the mountains the landscape soon became semiarid. At Ten Sleep we found a small colony of White-tailed Prairie Dog. An animal that looked like a badger in size turned out to be a prairie dog as well – perhaps the world's fattest! Finally we got to eat at Burger King, in Worland, where we also went to fill up our food supplies. By a coincidence I happened to read about an area for Mountain Plover in the Wyoming guide, located between Greybull and Emblem which was just along our road. The area held arid grasslands, and we made a try to find the plover by walking an area close to the road. I was very sceptical, but after 20 minutes Daniel did flush a pair of Mountain Plovers! They flew quite a distance, so we could only watch them in flight. Still a very good bonus bird! Further west against Cody we had a Golden Eagle and about 10 Sage Thrashers. A short but rewarding birding stop at Beck Lake, Cody, gave 1 Sora, 1 Clark's Grebe, 1 Cinnamon Teal, 32 American Avocets, 15 Wilson's Phalaropes and 40 California Gulls. The time was around 18.30 when we drove up the fantastic **Chief Joseph Scenic Highway** with its awesome sceneries. At Dead Indian Pass we watched Uinta Chipmunks, Golden-mantled Squirrels and Clark's Nutcrackers while low clouds started to roll in between the mountain tops. A bit further on, 12 Ring-necked Ducks were found in a roadside pond. The wonderfully backlit Pilot Peak was an absolutely amazing sight! We continued up towards the Beartooth Plateau and found ourselves taking the last campsite at Beartooth Lake. Here it was still spring, with patches of snow just outside of our tents. This promised for a night temperature below zero. Indeed, it was a long and cold night...

**29/6** It was a very cold and clear morning. The Beartooth Lake was like a mirror, reflecting the surrounding landscape with uttermost perfection. A couple of Spotted Sandpipers flew along the shore, a Lincoln's Sparrow sang from a nearby bush and 70 Elks grazed on the opposite side of the lake. We headed up the road to do some birding at Island Lake campground. Here we could enjoy more beautiful views, flowering meadows and among the birds 3 Pine Grosbeaks. The strong sun soon changed freezing into sweating and off went the thick layer of clothes. Next, we drove up to the **Beartooth Pass** area in search of Black Rosy-Finch. The panoramic view from here was stunning. I found the Rosy-Finches after just 5-10 minutes, while the others ran into a Pika, which I unfortunately missed. American Pipits were all over the place. All got to see the Rosy-Finches well, and after this success we drove down

to pack our tents. I managed to take some nice pictures of Milbert's Tortoiseshell before it was time to head for **Yellowstone NP**. We reached the northeastern entrance around noon and made our first stop at Pebble Creek. It was now quite warm, and bird activity of course a bit low. There were lots of butterflies around, but I only managed to identify a few species, including Common Alpine and Phoebus Parnassian. We were all a bit tired, and we only did some limited birding in the Lamar Valley. Both Bald and Golden Eagles were highlights, while Uinta Ground Squirrel could be added to our mammal list. While Stefan, Benny and I searched in vain for Harlequin Duck along the Yellowstone River, Daniel took a nap in the car. Maybe Tower Falls could change our fortune? Well, it was too crowded with people for Harlequin Ducks, but a Prairie Falcon saved the day when it came circling right over our heads! The next strike of fortune was a Grizzly Bear near Mt. Washburn, watched by numerous tourists. The Lower Falls and the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone was just as impressive as in 1996. Beautiful Hayden Valley produced quite a few Buffalo, 2 Beavers and some Barrow's Goldeneyes. The smelly Sulphur Cauldron was inspected before we reached Yellowstone Lake, where we watched numerous Barrow's Goldeneyes and Buffleheads. Along the road to the eastern entrance, near Sylvan Pass, a Gray Wolf suddenly appeared! We could follow it for at least a minute before it went back into the forest. Very tired, we now headed for a campsite east of the park and got there near dusk. A fantastic day soon came to an end.

**30/6** We spent some time birding near Sylvan Pass in the morning. It was kind of quiet but we did see some birds, most notably 1-2 American Three-toed Woodpeckers. Daniel and Stefan saw them, that is, since Benny and I only got to hear them despite standing just 20 meters from the two observers. Other birds included 4 Pine Grosbeaks and 2 Olive-sided Flycatchers, while Yellow-pine Chipmunk and Sara Orangetip also were nice encounters. At Steamboat Point a Bald Eagle flew by at close range, and 4 Western Grebes and ducks of many species could be studied nearby. We made a short stop at West Thumb Geyser Basin before heading to Old Faithful to watch the famous geyser. It was crowded with people. The beginning of the eruption was very impressive, but after only a minute or so the height fell considerably. Then many people started to walk away (!), which was kind of annoying. Anyway, a true wonder of nature! We had some problems to decide what to do next, whether to walk around in the area in the rather strong midday heat (c. 27°C) or to continue to **Grand Teton NP**. We ended up choosing the latter alternative. We were all kind of tired after yesterday's adventures, so all but our driver Stefan slept during most of the transport. To see Teton Range again was wonderful! Our first site to visit was the area around Two Ocean/Emma Matilda Lakes. The forest here was beautiful with a rich understory. I concentrated mostly on the numerous butterflies, and had problems to hold the same pace as the others. The prize was 2 beautiful and uncommon Gillett's Checkerspots, and other identified species included Silvery Blue, Northern Crescent, Variable Checkerspot, Hayden's Ringlet (common) and Arctic Skipper. Among the birds, several Red-naped Sapsuckers and Lincoln's Sparrows are worth to be mentioned. In the late afternoon we birded the oxbows of Snake River and the Willow Flats. It was still hot. We didn't get the specialities we needed but saw 5 Willow Flycatchers, 2 Gray Catbirds, 5 Moose and a few others. But the scenery was of course great! Our last site of the day was the Creek Flat just outside of Jackson, where we had no problems finding 4 Trumpeter Swans among the many ducks. Daniel was fortunate enough to see a flying Virginia Rail. Taco Bell gave us a most welcome dinner, and we were also in need of more food supplies in general. It was about 9 pm when we finally headed northwards again to find a campground. We ended up at Atherton Creek east of the national park at dusk.

**1/7** We woke up to a chilly and a bit windy morning, and started the birding with investigation of aspen groves in the hills and sage flats along the Gros Ventre Road. Four nice Green-tailed Towhees were the only new species for the trip. Teton Range was glowing beautifully in the morning sun. We soon headed for the Lupine Meadows, where we had breakfast and found many nice species including 1-2 male Calliope Hummingbirds, 1 male Rufous Hummingbird (Benny), 1 Fox Sparrow and 3 Warbling Vireos. A walk along the trail to the Grand Teton peak gave 1 female Blue Grouse, 2 Gray Jays, c. 10 Clark's Nutcrackers, 2 Cassin's Finches and a very surprising male White-winged Crossbill. Unfortunately only Daniel and Stefan saw the crossbill (Benny saw it as a dot just when it took off), which was way south of its breeding range. No Williamson's Sapsuckers could be found. Among the butterflies, Pale Swallowtail, Calliope Fritillary, Hoary Comma and Edith's Copper were identified. Next on our schedule was a visit to Signal Mountain, with awesome views of Teton Range. Butterflies abounded, and we stayed here for quite a while doing whatever each of us wanted to do. I photographed butterflies and watched the scenery. My list grew considerably with i.e. Anise Swallowtail, Hydaspe Fritillary, Compton Tortoiseshell, Edith's Checkerspot, Small Wood-Nymph, Mariposa Copper, Colorado Alpine and Shasta Blue. Daniel found a displaying male Blue Grouse! We all went out looking for it, but it was nowhere to be found. The time was around 13.30 when we started to drive northwards back into **Yellowstone**. We headed straight for the Upper Geyser Basin and the beautiful Sapphire Pool. In the Lower Geyser Basin we drove the Firehole Lake Drive (no Great Fountain Geyser eruption until many hours later) and went to see the Fountain Paint Pot area with small geysers and boiling mud. Then we drove all the way to Mammoth Hot Springs to find that the springs themselves had dried up during recent years. In the early evening we entered **Montana** and went to McDonald's in Livingstone (Trumpeter Swan on the nest along the way) before reaching KOA in **Pine Creek**. We were badly in need of both a shower and doing our laundry. No problems with the wonderful shower, but the laundry had to wait until next morning.

**2/7** Since we needed to get our laundry done we had a relaxed morning in the campground, but we were all set already by 7 o'clock. Yesterday we had passed a nice-looking area of pinyoncovered slopes and riparian forest just north of Pine Creek. We went there and birded for an hour or so. It looked good for both Lewis's Woodpecker and Pinyon Jay, but we had to do with i.e. 5 Calliope Hummingbirds and 1 Yellow-breasted Chat. Today it was time for another long transport, so we soon went northwards along Hwy 89. The stretch between Livingston and White Sulphur Springs produced both Bald and Golden Eagles, but we didn't really stop to bird anywhere. We watched for Pinyon Jays in the pine forests of Little Belt Mountains without any luck, but we had a great lunch buffet at a Chinese restaurant in Great Falls. We reached the **Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area** around 14.00. It was quite windy, but the area was very birdy and gave us some nice photo opportunities of Clark's and Western Grebes, Franklin's and California Gulls, Forster's Tern, Yellow-headed and Red-winged Blackbirds and Willet. Among all other birds seen were 1 Red-necked Grebe, 1 White-faced Ibis, 1 American Bittern, 50 Lesser Scaups, 100 Buffleheads, 2 Swainson's Hawks, 25 Black-necked Stilts, 250 American Avocets, 1 Long-billed Curlew, 75 Marbled Godwits, 600 Wilson's Phalaropes, 1 male Chestnut-collared Longspur and a few Wyoming Ground Squirrels. Great! The continued drive northwestwards through vast and beautiful prairies gave 1 Ferruginous Hawk, 1 Long-billed Curlew and our last Upland Sandpiper. We reached St. Mary just outside of the spectacular **Glacier NP** in the evening. We drove around to look for a camp site in the nearby Blackfoot Indian Reservation (seeing at least what looked like a male Eastern Bluebird, far west of its normal range) and eventually found one that pleased all of us (including Stefan) just east of Babb.

**3/7** Today it was time to discover the glories of Glacier NP, starting with **Iceberg Lake trail** in the Many Glacier area. With the first morning sun coloring the impressive mountain walls red, we started to walk up the Bear Grass-lined trail. Daniel went slightly ahead of us after a while but suddenly came jogging against us, outbursting: "there's a Grizzly on the trail!". We jogged back a bit and went up a slope to stand partially hidden when the bear came. It was quite a sight to see a Grizzly at a distance of 20 meters! Benny got it on video from behind. Wow! Further up the trail we heard our target "species" Timberline Sparrow, but only very sporadically and we couldn't get a view of it. A couple of Varied Thrushes and a Northern Waterthrush were singing as well, while 2 Fox Sparrows and a Dusky Flycatcher were more cooperative. On our way back to St. Mary we made several photo stops, but this was only the beginning. When we went up the **Going-to-the-sun Road** the panoramic views were simply amazing! We went for a walk in nice forest on a trail leading to St. Mary Falls. Here we found several beautiful Townsend's Wablers (yes!) and 3 Boreal Chickadees. At **Logan Pass** we followed the line of tourists walking up the snowy trail to Hidden Lake. A great place! We got the wanted Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches (excellent looks!), many American Pipits, 3 Hoary Marmots, 9 Mountain Goats and several Columbian Ground Squirrels. But no Ptarmigan. At Avalanche Creek we scanned the skies for Black Swifts but could only find Vaux's Swifts. We also walked the short Trail of the Cedars. Hunger drove us out of the park, and we ended up at Burger King in Columbia Falls – a weird combination to our many adventures of the day. We eventually found a camp site by the Hungry Horse Reservoir, where we birded a bit and spoke to an odd chap that seemed to be living in the nature year-round and enjoyed telling his bear stories to people visiting the campground. Our first (!) Steller's Jay of the trip was seen, as well as 5 Townsend's Warblers and 1 Hammond's Flycatcher.

**4/7** We packed our tents and drove back to Glacier NP. First we went back to Avalanche Creek to look for Black Swifts, this time with a successful result. A misreading of the map (by me) wasted some time, but eventually we found ourselves on the **Inside North Fork Road**. A 4WD would have been good, but we made it without any problems. On the road itself we had 1 pair of Evening Grosbeak, lots of Swainson's Thrushes and 1 Varied Thrush not seen by all. At Camas Creek we went for a walk. Fires had destroyed much of the forest, but it was still good for woodpeckers. A Northern Pygmy-Owl called a few times, but didn't respond to imitations. A very tame White-tailed Deer with some nasty cysts got our full compassion. We didn't stay for long but found a few nice birds including 1 Chestnut-backed Chickadee and 1 Fox Sparrow. We had another long transport ahead of us today, so we soon drove westwards along Hwy 2 making very few stops. Forested ranges and basins passed by one after another. In the afternoon we entered **Idaho**. Here the landscape changed. Instead of only forest and an occasional dull village, farmland and idyllic housing was an important part of the picture. It almost looked like at home in good old Sweden. A "desperate" try to find Red-tailed Chipmunk at a roadside campsite made a few campers raising their eyebrows. The mission failed... We entered **Washington**, passed Spokane and drove all the way to Moses Lake. The original plan otherwise had been to stay the night at Coeur d'Alene, which we didn't pass at all. Tired from a full day in the car, we got to stretch our legs and do a little bit of birding at the nearby **Potholes Reservoir**. The number of birds seen weren't that great, but we did find a number of nice species including 2 Western Grebes, 10 Black-crowned Night-Herons, 4 Cinnamon Teals, 2 Spotted Sandpipers, 2 Western Sandpipers, 3 Black-necked Stilts, 2 Black Terns, 1 Loggerhead Shrike, 5 Lark Sparrows, 5 Bushtits and 2 Bullock's Orioles. Fourth of July celebrators had taken about every available campsite in **Moses Lake**, but we managed to get one anyway. It was a bit noisy with all the fireworks (which was nice to look at for a while) but I had no problems whatsoever to fall asleep.

**5/7** We had a 40 minutes drive to the Columbia River and our first birding site south of **Vantage**. Unfortunately it was very windy. No of the hoped for Black-throated Sparrows could be located, but we did find 2 California Quails, 1 Common Nighthawk, 2 Sage Thrashers, 3 Rock Wrens and 10 Lark Sparrows. We tried to make a shortcut along the western edge of the river but ended up at a military facility, so we had to go all the way back to Vantage, cross the river and continue southwards in our search of Sage Sparrow. Heavily fenced areas with annoying "no trespassing" signs dominated the picture. When we had been driving for quite a while and were ready to give up, we suddenly found a small dirt road without any signs leading through good-looking sage. We spread out a bit. Benny could count himself lucky to be attacked by a Great Basin Gopher Snake and not by a rattlesnake, since this was the **Rattlesnake Hills**. A bit traumatic, though. Benny also found a Short-horned Lizard. And a Sage Sparrow, when most of us had given up hope! Had it not started to sing, Stefan and I would probably have missed it. We drove on, passed Yakima and headed up the **Wenas Valley** on the east slope of the Cascades. Here we spent the hot midday and early afternoon hours, resting and birding. A sapsucker well attracted both Rufous and Calliope Hummingbirds. Other noteworthy birds were 1 Cassin's Vireo, 2 Pacific-slope Flycatchers and 2 Belted Kingfishers. For the first time during the trip we met another birder, a young Canadian with his wife that were here (just as us) to look for White-headed Woodpecker. Unfortunately, we learned, most mature trees had been logged, so the species was probably gone from the area. On our way down the valley we saw our only Western Bluebirds of the trip. Back in Yakima we had dinner at Taco Bell where we also witnessed a minor serial car accident and what followed, with the police and all. Interesting. We reached **Clear Lake** campground in the Cascades in the evening. It was full of mosquitoes, but a short birding walk produced Bald Eagle at nest and 2 Evening Grosbeaks. Our neighbors didn't seem to be affected at all by the mosquitoes – they were partying almost until morning...

**6/7** With Glacier NP only two days behind us (was it really only two days??) it was now time for another majestic mountainous experience at **Mount Rainier NP**. While eating breakfast near Stevens Canyon Entrance we could finally watch a beautiful male Varied Thrush jumping along the road, and we also had our first Douglas's Squirrel. We started with a walk along the Eastside trail in an area with huge Douglas Firs and Red Cedars. Very nice, though not very birdy. Steller's Jays, Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Chestnut-backed Chickadees and Winter Wrens were the most conspicuous species. Later on, a roadside stop produced our first Wilson's Warbler. We drove up the slopes to Sunrise and were met by glorious sights of the mountain top in perfectly clear weather. A walk to Frozen Lake gave even better vistas, and we found 5 Cascade Ground Squirrels, 1 Hoary Marmot, 4 American Pipits, 1 California Tortoiseshell and 3 Compton Tortoiseshells. We scanned the slopes for White-tailed Ptarmigans but couldn't find any. Had we been here early and walked a longer distance maybe we would had succeeded. Eager to get to the coast, we left Mt. Rainier earlier than planned. Our traditional hamburger stop (in Lakewood) produced the first Glaucous-winged Gulls and at least what seemed to be Northwestern Crows. We arrived at **Ocean City SP** in good time to do some birding from the nearby beach. After thousands of kilometers of driving across half of the continent we had finally reached the Pacific Ocean! Among the many birds seen can be mentioned 30 Pacific Loons, 700 Sooty Shearwaters, 500 Western Sandpipers, 50 Rhinoceros Auklets and 25 Heermann's Gulls. Very nice! We otherwise had a quiet evening and could enjoy one of the best camp sites of our trip.

**7/7** We woke up to an overcast morning and headed straight for the nearby Point Brown at **Ocean Shores**. All clothes available came in handy. We had a very nice morning, observing many good species including 1000 Sooty Shearwaters, 20 Brown Pelicans, 20 Pelagic

Cormorants, 4 Black-bellied Brants, 500 Surf Scoters, 1 male Harlequin Duck, 3 Black Turnstones, 5 Surfbirds (yes!), 1 Pomarine Jaeger, 300 Heermann's Gulls, 10 Marbled Murrelets, 700 Rhinoceros Auklets, 15 Pigeon Guillemots and 2 Tufted Puffins. We also saw 1 Steller's Sea Lion, 2 Harbor Seals and a few unidentified dolphins. At around 09.45 we headed back to pack our tents. We walked around a bit in the state park to look for Bewick's Wren and Hutton's Vireo but had to be satisfied with 3 Orange-crowned Warblers. Next, we went to the sewage treatment plant and a nearby bay to look for waders. Only small numbers occurred, but we did find 5 Semipalmated Plovers and 5 Least Sandpipers as well as 10 Common Loons, 10 Brandt's Cormorants and 5 Greater Scaups. We hit the road again and had Mexican food in Hoquiam before turning north onto the Olympic Peninsula. The planned visit to Hoh Rainforest had to be cancelled since there wasn't enough time, which was a shame. We visited the Big Cedar Tree and **Ruby Beach** instead, seeing Northwestern Crows and 6 Band-tailed Pigeons. We ended up camping at the recently closed campground at **Pillar Point** along the northern shore of the peninsula. We really didn't feel like going any further, and we were in no need of the water that was the reason for closing the campground. We had a relaxed ending of the day.

**8/7 Cape Flattery**, the northwesternmost point of the lower 48, was our goal this morning. We were not aware of the permission that is needed (\$7), available from the Makah nation, something I learned of first when I came home. Maybe we missed a sign... Anyway, we drove straight to the Cape Flattery trail parking lot and walked to the point. There were very low clouds that occasionally made the visibility poor, but most of the time it was quite OK. A nice place! Among the many birds we recorded can be mentioned 14 Harlequin Ducks, 6 Bald Eagles, 9 Black Oystercatchers, 1 Black Turnstone, 1000 Glaucous-winged and 1000 Western Gulls, 15 Marbled Murrelets and 15-20 wonderful Tufted Puffins. A Sea Otter swimming and feeding close by was a very nice surprise. Satisfied we left the site around 10.00 and drove to Port Angeles where we had Chinese food for lunch. The afternoon was spent at **Dungeness NWR**. Few birds were present near the sand spit, but further to the east there was a good area with i.e. 5 Black-bellied Brants, 1 Black-bellied Plover, 2 Bonaparte's Gulls, 22 Caspian Terns and 2-3 Bald Eagles. One of the eagles posed very nicely in front of our cameras, even as we slowly walked up to it. In the late afternoon we went to **Sequim's Railroad Bridge Park** to look for some forest birds. The forest here aren't many hectares, but has nevertheless been declared an Important Bird Area. It was very quiet and the stream flowing through the area made too much noise to catch up what perhaps was the song of a Black-throated Gray Warbler. A Townsend's Chipmunk was new to us, though. We called it a day rather early and went to KOA outside of Port Angeles. An expensive place, but we (at least I) was in great need of doing some laundry. Only three days left to our journey to Peru...

**9/7** Our last full birding day in the USA. We first went up to **Hurricane Ridge** in **Olympic NP**. On our way up we could enjoy excellent sightings of 3 Varied Thrushes, 1 Hermit Thrush and 3 Townsend's Warblers. The scenic views were stunning. As we went walking along the Hurricane Ridge, we recorded several Gray Jays (great photos - one juvenile inspected the inside of our car!), 3 Rufous Hummingbirds, 2 Orange-crowned Warblers, 2 Pine Grosbeaks, 1 Snowshoe Hare, several tame Mule Deer and 1 very cooperative Townsend's Chipmunk. Here and on our way down the mountains we found no less than 4 female Blue Grouse, three of them with chicks! Also butterflies put in a good appearance, with i.e. Chryxus Alpine, Arctic Blue, Pale Swallowtail, Lorquin's Admiral and Clodius Parnassian. Back in Port Angeles we went out to Ediz Hook, which proved to be a smart move. Here we could watch and photograph (not very close) no less than 22 Harlequin Ducks and various gulls. We had lunch at Taco Bell (well, I went to McDonald's *as well* to have a Big 'n tasty...) before

heading eastwards. We made a short stop at Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Center for birds (none) and art. In Quilcene we stopped by the Hood Canal Ranger District Office in hope of getting some advice of where to find some of our missing species. A young female biologist helped us out and recommended the area around Big Creek Campground near **Lake Cushman** further to the south. We thanked very much for her help and went there! Our first stop produced the very much wanted Black-throated Gray Warbler, but the Red-breasted Sapsucker eluded us during the evening. An interesting finding was a nest with four eggs of a Dark-eyed Junco. Common Nighthawks displayed all night.

**10/7** Our last birding efforts were dedicated to find Red-breasted Sapsucker and Hutton's Vireo. The former responded with tappings after a desperate playback attempt from a CD in the car, but could not be seen! We probably heard a somewhat distant Hutton's Vireo. Anyway, I was pleased with nice observations of 1 male Wilson's Warbler, 2 male Black-throated Gray Warblers and 1 female MacGillivray's Warbler. We left around 07.30 and headed straight for **Tacoma**. A "short" stop at a shopping mall took 45 minutes, but we still had time to go to our pre-booked and paid hotel room at Days Inn before returning the car. To my great surprise we were not expected here. It seemed like we had been set up by a mysterious agency on the internet, so we had to pay for another room! After this confusement we went to return the car at Sea-Tac International Airport. The rest of the day was spent relaxing and reorganising our luggage. Daniel went out running. I happened to switch on the TV to hear an excellent live speech against the neo-con philosophy, given by the republican Ron Paul from Texas (!). More of that, please! In the evening we had dinner at Pizza Hut, with Daniel paying for the bill. Many thanks!

**11/7** The day of departure had come. Stefan was going home to Sweden, while the rest of us were going to spend nearly 4 weeks in Peru. Exciting! We had great views of Mt. Rainier and Mt. Saint Helens from the plane, and during most of the flight there were cloudless skies. We landed in **Houston, Texas** in the early afternoon. Here, to our great surprise, we were greeted by Toni, my friend from Canada and our new participant. He informed us that the plane to Lima was overbooked, so we placed ourself at the Coninental Airlines desk and waited. We were rewarded with seats in business class! Just before take-off I located 2 Scissor-tailed Flycatchers and the luck was complete! We arrived in **Lima** on time and took a shared bus to Hostal de las Artes near the city center where we entered around midnight. Bueno!

## Species list

This species list is based on my personal observations. Additional observations have been included at least for the more interesting species, but the list is not complete.

**Red-throated Loon** *Gavia stellata* 6/7 1 ad. Ocean City SP, 7/7 5 Ocean Shores, 8/7 1 ad. Cape Flattery.

**Pacific Loon** *Gavia pacifica* 6/7 c. 30 Ocean City SP, 7/7 1 Ocean Shores, 8/7 1 ad. Cape Flattery.

**Common Loon** *Gavia immer* 20/6 1 ad. Lake Superior, N. Duluth, 21/6 1 ad.+1 heard Gunflint trail, 22/6 1 ad. Stony River Road, 2 ad. Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 1 ad. W. Bemidji (flying in 90 km/h!!), 3/7 3 ad. Glacier NP, 4/7 1 heard Glacier NP, 7/7 10 Ocean Shores, 1 Ruby Beach, 8/7 1 ad. Dungeness NWR.

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* 22/6 3 (2 on nests) Rice Lake NWR, 24/6 1 heard J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 2 ad., 3 pulli+1 heard Lostwood NWR, 28/6 1 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 4/7 1 heard Potholes Reservoir.



**Red-necked Grebe** *Podiceps grisegena* 2/7 1 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Eared Grebe** *Podiceps nigricollis* 23/6 c. 160 ex., 24/6 c. 20 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 5, 25/6 c. 40 Lostwood NWR, 28/6 2 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 2/7 c. 80 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Western Grebe** *Aechmophorus occidentalis* 23/6 2 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 1 Carbury Dam, 30/6 4 Yellowstone Lake, 1 Grand Teton NP, 2/7 7 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 2 Potholes Reservoir.

**Clark's Grebe** *Aechmophorus clarkii* 28/6 1 Beck Lake, Cody, 2/7 3 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Sooty Shearwater** *Puffinus griseus* 6/7 c. 700 Ocean City SP, 7/7 c. 1000 Ocean Shores.

**American White Pelican** *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* 23/6 6 Bemidji-Grand Forks, Mn., c. 120 Grand Forks-Devils Lake 60 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24-25/6 6 Lostwood NWR, 25/6 2 Missouri River, W. Sanish, 29/6 6, 30/6 6 Yellowstone NP, 30/6 2 Grand Teton NP, 2/7 c. 100 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 c. 20 W. Sprague, Wa., c. 10 Potholes Reservoir, 5/7 c. 10 S. Vantage.

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* 7/7 c. 20 Ocean Shores.

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus* 20/6 3 Lake Superior, N. Duluth, 22/6 1 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 c. 5 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 24/6 c. 20 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 30/6 1 Grand Teton NP, 2/7 c. 30 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 c. 400 Potholes Reservoir, c. 30 Ocean Shores, 8/7 c. 5 Cape Flattery.

**Brandt's Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax penicillatus* 7/7 c. 10 Ocean Shores, 8/7 c. 30 Cape Flattery.

**Pelagic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax pelagicus* 7/7 c. 20 Ocean Shores, c. 150 Ruby Beach, 8/7 c. 50 Cape Flattery, c. 5 Dungeness NWR.

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* 20/6 10-15 Minneapolis/St. Paul, 22/6 6 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 3 Bemidji-Grand Forks, a few Grand Forks-Devils Lake, a few J. Clark Salyer NWR, 28/6 1 Moorcroft, Wy., 29/6 1 Yellowstone NP, 2/7 1 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 3 Potholes Reservoir, 5/7 1 S. Vantage, 7/7 1 Ocean Shores.

**Great Egret** *Egretta alba* 20/6 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul, 23/6 2 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 4/7 5-10 Potholes Reservoir.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* 23/6 c. 20 ex. J. Clark Salyer NWR.

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens* 20/6 2 ad. Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 23/6 2 Bagley, Mn., 24/6 2 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 7/7 1 ad. Ocean City SP, 8/7 1 Cape Flattery, 1 Dungeness NWR.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* 23/6 1 ad., 24/6 3 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 1 Lostwood NWR, 2/7 2 ad. Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 c. 10 Potholes Reservoir.

**American Bittern** *Botaurus lentiginosus* 23/6 1 heard J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 1+1 heard Lostwood NWR, 2/7 1 Freezout Lake WMA.

**White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi* 23/6 1 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 2/7 1 Freezout Lake WMA. Stragglers.

**Trumpeter Swan** *Cygnus buccinator* 30/6 3 ad., 1 pull Creek Flat, Jackson, 1-2/7 2 ad. Pine Creek, Montana.

**Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis* Fairly common-common.

**Black-bellied Brant** *Branta (bernicla) nigricans* 7/7 4 Ocean Shores, 8/7 5 Dungeness NWR.

**Wood Duck** *Aix sponsa* 20/6 1 hona, 4 pulli Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 1 pair Isabella Lake, 22/6 c. 15 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 c. 10 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 4/7 1 Potholes Reservoir.

**American Wigeon** *Anas americana* 22/6 5 Rice Lake NWR, 24/6 1 pair Minot-Lostwood, 28/6 3 Beck Lake, Cody, 29/6 8, 30/6 3 Yellowstone Lake, 30/6 1 pair Grand Teton NP, 7 Creek Flat, Jackson.

**Gadwall** *Anas strepera* 23/6 c. 20 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 23/6 c. 100, 24/6 c. 100 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 23/6 4 Carbury Dam, 24/6 50-100 Minot-Lostwood, 24-25/6 c. 100 Lostwood NWR, 28/6 c. 30 Beck Lake, Cody, 29/6 1, 30/6 c. 25 Yellowstone Lake, 30/6 1 Grand Teton NP, c. 30 Creek Flat, 2/7 c. 300 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 c. 5 Potholes Reservoir.

**Green-winged Teal** *Anas carolinensis* 23/6 1 male, 24/6 6 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 2 males Lostwood NWR, 28/6 4 Beck Lake, Cody, 30/6 1 pair Grand Teton NP, a few Creek Flat.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos* Fairly common-common.

**Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta* 23/6 1 female, 24/6 c. 15 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 a few Minot-Lostwood, 24-25/6 c. 15 Lostwood NWR, 28/6 11 Beck Lake, Cody, 2/7 4 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* 22/6 5 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 c. 30 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 23/6 c. 200, 24/6 c. 100 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 c. 40 Minot-Lostwood, 24-25/6 c. 50 Lostwood NWR, 28/6 1 male Beck Lake, Cody, 2/7 c. 20 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 2 pairs Potholes Reservoir.

**Cinnamon Teal** *Anas cyanoptera* 28/6 1 male Beck Lake, Cody, 29/6 1 male Yellowstone Lake, 30/6 2 males Creek Flat, 2/7 c. 10 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 1 pair+2 males Potholes Reservoir.

**Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata* 23/6 1 pair Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 23/6 c. 30, 24/6 c. 50 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24-25/6 c. 30 Lostwood NWR, 28/6 1 male Beck Lake, Cody, 2/7 1 female, 8 pulli Freezout Lake WMA.

**Canvasback** *Aythya valisineria* 23/6 5 males, 24/6 1 female J. Clark Salyer NWR, 23/6 1 male, 5 females Carbury Dam, 25/6 1 Lostwood NWR.

**Redhead** *Aythya americana* 23/6 c. 30 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 23/6 c. 100, 24/6 c. 50 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 23/6 4 Carbury Dam, 25/6 4 Lostwood NWR, 28/6 2 pairs Beck Lake, Cody, 30/6 4 Creek Flat, 2/7 2 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 2 pairs+1 female Potholes Reservoir.

**Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris* 22/6 3 males, 2 females Rice Lake NWR, 28/6 12 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 29/6 4, 30/6 c. 10 Yellowstone Lake, 30/6 c. 10 Creek Flat, 2/7 c. 20 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Greater Scaup** *Aythya marila* 7/7 1 male, 4 females Ocean Shores.

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis* 23/6 2 pairs J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 c. 10 Minot-Lostwood, 24/6 c. 10, 25/6 a few Lostwood NWR, 29/6 2 males, 30/6 3 males Yellowstone Lake, 2/7 c. 50 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Harlequin Duck** *Histrionicus histrionicus* 7/7 1 male Ocean Shores, 8/7 3 males, 11 females Cape Flattery, 9/7 22 Ediz Hook, Port Angeles.

**Surf Scoter** *Melanitta perspicillata* 6/7 1 male Ocean City SP, 7/7 c. 500 Ocean Shores, c. 15 Pillar Point, 8/7 c. 15 Cape Flattery.

**White-winged Scoter** *Melanitta (fusca) deglandi* 6/7 4 Ocean City SP, 7/7 c. 10 Ocean Shores, 28 Pillar Point, 8/7 23 Cape Flattery.

**Bufflehead** *Bucephala albeola* 23/6 1 male, 1 female J. Clark Salyer NWR, 29/6 50, 30/6 c. 50 Yellowstone Lake, 2/7 c. 100 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Barrow's Goldeneye** *Bucephala islandica* 29/6 57, 30/6 c. 25 Yellowstone NP.

**Common Goldeneye** *Bucephala clangula* 21/6 1 female Gunflint trail, 22/6 1 female Isabella Lake, 29/6 1 pair Beartooth Lake, 2/7 3 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Red-breasted Merganser** *Mergus serrator* 21/6 1 pair Grand Marais.

**Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser* 21/6 1 male Grand Marais, 29/6 2 Beartooth, c. 25 Yellowstone NP, 30/6 c. 10 Yellowstone Lake, c. 40 Grand Teton NP, 2/7 1 female Pine Creek, Mt., 7/7 c. 65 Pillar Point, 8/7 c. 80 Dungeness NWR.

**American Ruddy-Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis* 23/6 c. 20 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 23/6 c. 100, 24/6 c. 50 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 c. 10 Minot-Lostwood, 24-25/6 c. 15 Lostwood NWR, 28/6 2 males, 1 female Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 2/7 c. 60 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 1 female Potholes Reservoir.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* Fairly common.

**Osprey** *Haliaeetus albicilla* 20/6 1 Gunflint trail, 29/6 3 Yellowstone NP, 1/7 1 Grand Teton NP, 4/7 3 N Idaho, 5/7 1 Clear Lake Campground, Wa., 10/7 1 Tacoma-Seattle.

**Bald Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* 21/6 1 juv. Gunflint trail, 22/6 2 ad., 1 juv. Rice Lake NWR, 29/6 2 ad., 30/6 1 ad. Yellowstone NP, 2/7 1 ad. Livingston-White Sulphur Springs, Mt., 5/7 1 ad. at nest Clear Lake Campground, Wa., 7/7 1 ad. Ruby Beach, 8/7 3 ad., 2 juv.+1 Cape Flattery, 2-3 ad. Dungeness NWR.

**American Harrier** *Circus (cyaneus) hudsonius* 22/6 2 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 2 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 23/6 c. 5, 24/6 3-4 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 3-4 Lostwood NWR, 1 Sanish-Watford City, 2-3 Watford City-Belford, 5 Mar-marth-Buffalo, 2/7 1 male Livingston-Great Sulphur Springs, 4 Freezout Lake WMA, 2 Choteau-Browning, 4/7 1 male W. Sprague, Wa., 8/7 2 females Dungeness NWR.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** *Accipiter striatus* 20/6 1 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 26/6 1 Spearfish Canyon, 2/7 1 Pine Creek.

**Cooper's Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii* 23/6 1 J. Clark Salyer NWR.

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus* 20/6 1 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 2 Gunflint trail, 1 Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 1 White Pine Picnic Ground, 23/6 1 Grand Forks-Devils Lake.

**Swainson's Hawk** *Buteo swainsoni* 23/6 1 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 24/6 2 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 1 W. Minot, 25/6 1 Stanley-Newtown, 1 Sanish-Watford City, 1 Watford City-Belford, 1 Marmarth-Buffalo, 1/7 1 Atherton-Kelly, Grand Teton, 2/7 2 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis* Fairly common.

**Ferruginous Hawk** *Buteo regalis* 25/6 1 ad. Lostwood-Stanley, 26/6 1 Badlands NP, 2/7 1 Choteau-Browning, Montana.

**Golden Eagle** *Aquila chrysaetos* 28/6 1 ad. Greybull-Cody, 1 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 29/6 1 Lamar Valley, Yellowstone NP, 2/7 1 Livingston-White Sulphur Springs, Montana.

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* Fairly common.

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius* 21/6 1 male Gunflint trail.

**Prairie Falcon** *Falco mexicanus* 29/6 1 ad. Tower Falls, Yellowstone.

**Wild Turkey** *Meleagris gallopavo* 25/6 6 Watford City-Belford, 1 Medora, Nd., 27/6 6 Custer SP, 1 Wind Cave NP, 28/6 1 heard Devils Tower, 28/6 3 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway.

**Blue Grouse** *Dendragapus obscurus* 1/7 1 female +1 male (DB) Grand Teton NP, 9/7 4 females with 3, 2, 1 and 0 chicks Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Ruffed Grouse** *Bonasa umbellus* 20/6 1 heard, 21/6 1 heard Gunflint trail, 21/6 1 female, 1 chick Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 1 male Isabella, 1 female Stone River Rd.

**Greater Sage-Grouse** *Centrocercus urophasianus* 27/6 1 female, 3 chicks Thunder Basin Ntl Grassland.

**Sharp-tailed Grouse** *Tympanuchus phasianellus* 24/6 2, 25/6 3 Lostwood NWR.

**California Quail** *Callipepla californica* 5/7 1 pair S. Vantage, c. 8 Wenas Valley, 8/7 1 female Dungeness NWR, 1 heard Sequim's Railroad Bridge Park.

**Ring-necked Pheasant** *Phasianus colchicus* 20/6 1 male+2 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 25/6 2 males, 1 female Sanish-Watford City, 1 Marmarth-Buffalo, 5/7 1 heard Potholes Reservoir, 7/7 2 heard Ocean Shores.

**Sandhill Crane** *Grus canadensis* 22/6 1 Rice Lake NWR, 30/6 4, 1/7 2+2 heard Grand Teton NP, 30/6 1 Creek Flat, 1/7 2 W. Yellowstone.

**Yellow Rail** *Coturnicops noveboracensis* 23/6 2 heard McGregor marsh.

**Virginia Rail** *Rallus limicola* 23/6 1 heard J. Clark Salyer NWR, 30/6 1 Creek Flat, Jackson (DB).

**Sora** *Porzana carolina* 23/6 2 heard J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 1 heard Stanley, 28/6 1 Beck Lake, Cody, 1/7 1 heard Lupine Meadows, Grand Teton NP, 1 heard Pine Creek.

**American Coot** *Fulica americana* Fairly common-common.

**American Black Oystercatcher** *Haematopus bachmani* 8/7 9 Cape Flattery, 2 Dungeness NWR.

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* 2/7 c. 25 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 3 Potholes Reservoir.

**American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana* 23/6 2 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 1 Lostwood NWR, 28/6 32 Beck Lake, Cody, 2/7 c. 250 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* 8/7 1 ad. Dungeness NWR.

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* 7/7 5 Ocean Shores, 8/7 2 Dungeness NWR.

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus* Fairly common.

**Piping Plover** *Charadrius melodus* 24-25/6 2 ad., 2 chicks Lostwood NWR.

**Mountain Plover** *Charadrius montanus* 28/6 2 Greybull-Emblem, Wyoming.

**Wilson's Snipe** *Gallinago wilsoni* 25/6 2 heard Stanley, Nd., 29/6 2 heard Hayden Valley, Yellowstone NP, 1/7 3 Lupine Meadows, Grand Teton NP, 2/7 1 heard Pine Creek, 4/7 1 heard Glacier NP.

**Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus* 23/6 2 ad. J. Clark Salyer NWR.

**Marbled Godwit** *Limosa fedoa* 24/6 8 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 2, 25/6 4 ad., 1 chick Lostwood NWR, 2/7 c. 75 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Long-billed Curlew** *Numenius americanus*\* 25/6 2 Marmarth-Buffalo, 2/7 1 Freezout Lake WMA, 1 Choteau-Browning, Montana.

**Upland Sandpiper** *Bartramia longicauda* 23/6 1 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 23/6 1 pair, 3 chicks+2, 24/6 2 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 2+1 heard, 25/6 3 Lostwood NWR, 25/6 5 Marmarth-Buffalo, 2/7 1 Choteau-Browning, Montana.

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* 24/6 1 Lostwood NWR, 2/7 9 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* 23/6 c. 10 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 1 Lostwood NWR, 2/7 4 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularia* 21/6 1 heard Isabella Lake, 29/6 2 Beartooth, 4/7 2 Potholes Reservoir.

**Willet** *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus* 23/6 1, 24/6 5 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 3, 25/6 2 Lostwood NWR, 2/7 c. 20 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Black Turnstone** *Arenaria melanocephala* 7/7 3 ad. Ocean Shores, 8/7 1 ad. Cape Flattery.

**Surfbird** *Aphriza virgata* 7/7 5 ad. Ocean Shores.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba* 7/7 1 Ocean Shores.

**Western Sandpiper** *Calidris mauri* 4/7 2 Potholes Reservoir, 6/7 c. 500 Ocean City SP, 7/7 c. 100 Ocean Shores, 8/7 c. 100 Dungeness NWR.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla* 7/7 5 Ocean Shores.

**Wilson's Phalarope** *Steganopus tricolor* 23/6 12, 24/6 1 male J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 4, 25/6 c. 20 Lostwood NWR, 28/6 c. 15 Beck Lake, Cody, 2/7 c. 600 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Pomarine Jaeger** *Stercorarius pomarinus* 7/7 1 subad./ad. Ocean Shores.

**Heermann's Gull** *Larus heermanni* 6/7 c. 25 Ocean City SP, 7/7 c. 300 Ocean Shores, 8/7 c. 20 Cape Flattery, 9/7 c. 100 Ediz Hook, Port Angeles.

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis* 20/6 c. 20 Lake Superior, N. Duluth, 22/6 c. 10 Duluth, 23/6 c. 20 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 23/6 c. 20, 24/6 c. 10 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 a few Lostwood NWR, 30/6 5 Yellowstone Lake, 4/7 c. 50 W. Sprague, Wa., 8/7 2 Dungeness NWR.

**California Gull** *Larus californicus* 28/6 c. 40 Beck Lake, Cody, 1/7 2 ad. W. Yellowstone, 2/7 c. 50 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Glaucous-winged Gull** *Larus glaucescens* 5/7 1 ad., 1 subad., 1 juv. Lakewood, 1 juv. Ocean City SP, 7/7 10 Ocean Shores, 8/7 c. 1000 Cape Flattery, c. 500 Dungeness NWR, 9/7 100s Ediz Hook, Port Angeles.

**Western Gull** *Larus occidentalis* 7/7 c. 100 Ocean Shores, 8/7 c. 1000 Cape Flattery, c. 500 Dungeness NWR, 9/7 100s Ediz Hook, Port Angeles.

**American Herring Gull** *Larus smithsonianus* 19/6 1 ad. Newark (SH). Probably more seen.

**Bonaparte's Gull** *Larus philadelphia* 8/7 2 2K Dungeness NWR.

**Franklin's Gull** *Larus pipixcan* 23/6 c. 50 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 23/6 c. 300, 24/6 c. 200 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 2/7 300-400 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia* 4/7 1 Moses Lake, Wa., 6/7 1 Ocean City SP, 7/7 c. 40 Ocean Shores, 8/7 22 Dungeness NWR.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* 2/7 1 Freezout Lake WMA.

**Forster's Tern** *Sterna forsteri* 23/6 c. 10, 24/6 a few J. Clark Salyer NWR, 2/7 c. 15 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 2 Potholes Reservoir.

**Black Tern** *Chlidonias niger* 22/6 6 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 c. 50 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 23/6 400-500, 24/6 100-150 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 c. 20 Lostwood NWR, 4/7 2 Potholes Reservoir.

**Common Murre** *Uria aalge* 6/7 c. 25 Ocean City SP, 7/7 c. 400 Ocean Shores, a few Ruby Beach, 8/7 c. 400 Cape Flattery, 9/7 a few Ediz Hook, Port Angeles.

**Pigeon Guillemot** *Cephus columba* 7/7 c. 15 Ocean Shores, c. 10 Pillar Point, 8/7 c. 70 Cape Flattery, c. 30 Dungeness NWR, 9/7 c. 10 Ediz Hook, Port Angeles.

**Marbled Murrelet** *Brachyramphus marmoratus* 7/7 c. 10 Ocean Shores, 1 Pillar Point, 8/7 c. 15 Cape Flattery.

**Rhinoceros Auklet** *Cerorhinca monocerata* 6/7 c. 50 Ocean City SP, 7/7 c. 700 Ocean Shores, c. 5 Pillar Point, 8/7 c. 100 Cape Flattery, c. 10 Dungeness NWR, 9/7 c. 25 Ediz Hook, Port Angeles.

**Tufted Puffin** *Fratercula cirrhata* 7/7 2 Ocean Shores, 8/7 15-20 Cape Flattery. A wonderful bird!

**Rock Dove** *Columba livia* Fairly common, sometimes in natural habitats.

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Columba fasciata* 7/7 6 Ruby Beach, 9/7 1 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaidura macroura* Locally fairly common.

**Black-billed Cuckoo** *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* 24/6 1 heard J. Clark Salyer NWR.

**Great Horned Owl** *Bubo virginianus* 23/6 1 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 26/6 1 heard near Mt. Rushmore (SH), 28/6 1 heard Devils Tower.

**Barred Owl** *Strix varia* 20/6 1 heard Gunflint trail.

**Northern Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium californicum* 4/7 1 heard Camas Creek, Glacier NP.

**Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia* 26/6 1 Badlands NP, 27/6 1 Thunder Basin Ntl Grassland (BH).

**Common Nighthawk** *Chordeiles minor* 25/6 1 Belfield-Bowman, Nd., 2 N. Belle Fourche, Sd., 27/6 1 heard Devils Tower, 5/7 1 S. Vantage, 1 heard Clear Lake Campground, Wa., 9/7 1+1 heard, 10/7 1 heard Lake Cushman.

**Common Poorwill** *Phalaenoptilus nuttallii* 27/6 1 heard Devils Tower.

**Black Swift** *Cypseloides niger* 4/7 c. 10 Avalanche Creek, Glacier NP, 8/7 1 female Cape Flattery.

**Chimney Swift** *Chaetura pelagica* 20/6 1 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 22/6 3 Duluth, 23/6 5 Bagley, Minnesota.

**Vaux's Swift** *Chaetura vauxi* 3/7 4-6, 4/7 2 Avalanche Creek, Glacier NP, 3/7 2 Hungry Horse Reservoir, 7/7 1 Hoquiam-Amanda Park, 8/7 1 Sequim's Railroad Bridge Park.

**White-throated Swift** *Aeronautes saxatalis* 26/6 c. 50 Spearfish Canyon, 27/6 4 Roby Canyon, 28/6 c. 40 Devils Tower, 30/6 4 Grand Teton NP.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris* 20/6 2-3 males Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 22/6 1 male Stony River Rd., 2 males Rice Lake NWR.

**Calliope Hummingbird** *Stellula calliope* 1/7 1-2 males Lupine Meadows, Grand Teton NP, 2/7 5 Pine Creek, Montana, 5/7 1 female Wenas Valley.

**Rufous Hummingbird** *Selasphorus rufus* 1/7 1 male Lupine Meadows, Grand Teton NP (BH), 5/7 1 male, 1 female Wenas Valley, 6/7 c. 5 Mt. Rainier NP, 9/7 1 female+2 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon* 20/6 2 Savage, 20/6 2, 21/6 1 Gunflint trail, 26/6 2 Spearfish Canyon, 5/7 2 Wenas Valley, 8/7 1 heard Cape Flattery, 2 Dungeness NWR.

**Red-headed Woodpecker** *Melanerpes erythrocephalus* 20/6 1 pair Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 28/6 1 Devils Tower.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** *Melanerpes carolinus* 20/6 4 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** *Sphyrapicus varius* 20/6 1 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 2 Gunflint trail, 1 pair at nest hole+1 Tofte-Isabella, 1 heard Isabella Lake, 22/6 1 male Rice Lake NWR.

**Red-naped Sapsucker** *Sphyrapicus nuchalis* 26/6 3+1 heard Spearfish Canyon, 27/6 1 Custer SP, 30/6 5, 1/7 3-4 Grand Teton NP, 2/7 2 Babb, 3/7 2, 4/7 3 Glacier NP, 5/7 1-2 Wenas Valley.

**Red-breasted Sapsucker** *Sphyrapicus ruber* 10/7 1 heard tapping Lake Cushman.

**Downy Woodpecker** *Picoides pubescens* 20/6 1+1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 3 Gunflint trail, 1 Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 1 White Pine Picnic Ground, 23/6 1 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 30/6 1 Grand Teton NP, 9/7 1 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Picoides villosus* 20/6 1 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 20/6 1, 21/6 3 Gunflint trail, 22/6 4 Stony River Rd., 4 Rice Lake NWR, 27/6 2 Custer SP, 28/6 1 Devils Tower, 30/6 3+1 chick at nest Yellowstone NP, 2 Grand Teton NP, 1/7 1, 2/7 2 Pine Creek, 6/7 2 Mt. Rainier NP, 8/7 1 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP, 10/7 2 Lake Cushman.

**American Three-toed Woodpecker** *Picoides dorsalis* 30/6 1-2 Sylvan Lake, Yellowstone NP. Seen by DB and SB, only heard by SH and BH.

**Black-backed Woodpecker** *Picoides arcticus* 21/6 1 female Gunflint trail.

**Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus* Fairly common.

**Pilated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus pileatus* 20/6 1+1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** *Empidonax flaviventris* 21/6 3 heard Gunflint trail.

**Acadian Flycatcher** *Empidonax virens* ?? 20/6 1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve. Most likely this species, but only heard a couple of times.

**Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus* 20/6 1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 5+4 heard Tofte Isabella, 22/6 a few heard Stony River Rd., 3 heard White Pine Picninc Ground, 2 heard Rice Lake NWR, 2/7 1 heard Pine Creek.

**Hammond's Flycatcher** *Empidonax hammondii* 3/7 1, 4/7 1 heard Hungry Horse Reservoir, Mt., 9/7 1 heard Lake Cushman.

**Dusky Flycatcher** *Empidonax oberholseri* 26/6 1 male Spearfish Canyon, 27/6 1 male Boles Canyon, 3/7 1 Glacier NP.

**Pacific-slope Flycatcher** *Empidonax difficilis* 5/7 2 Wenas Valley, 6/7 1+6 heard Mt. Rainier NP, 7/7 2 heard Ocean City SP, 8/7 1 heard Pillar Point, 1 heard Dungeness NWR, 9/7 2+c. 5 heard Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP, 10/7 3 heard Lake Cushman.

**Cordilleran Flycatcher** *Empidonax occidentalis* 26/6 1+2 heard Spearfish Canyon, 27/6 2 heard Custer SP.

**Willow Flycatcher** *Empidonax traillii* 24/6 1 male Lostwood NWR, 30/6 5 Grand Teton NP, 10/7 1 heard Lake Cushman (SH).

**Alder Flycatcher** *Empidonax alnorum* 20/6 1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 1 male+2 heard Gunflint trail, 22/6 2+3 heard Stony River Rd.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** *Contopus virens* 20/6 2+4 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 2 heard Tofte-Isabella.

**Western Wood-Pewee** *Contopus sordidulus* 27/6 2+3 heard Custer SP, 1 male Wind Cave NP, 28/6 1+3 heard Devils Tower, 1/7 1 heard Grand Teton NP, 1 heard Pine Creek, Mt., 5/7 c. 5 Wenas Valley.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** *Contopus cooperi* 21/6 2 Gunflint trail, 29/6 1, 30/6 2 Yellowstone NP, 30/6 1 Grand Teton NP, 8/7 2 heard Dungeness NWR.

**Eastern Phoebe** *Sayornis phoebe* 22/6 2 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 1 J. Clark Salyer NWR.

**Say's Phoebe** *Sayornis saya* 25/6 2 Marmarth-Buffalo, 26/6 5 Badlands NP.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus* 20/6 4 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Western Kingbird** *Tyrannus verticalis* 23/6 1 Geand Forks-Devils Lake, 1 Carbury Dam, 23/6 c. 5, 24/6 a few J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 2 Surrey, a few Minot-Lostwood, a few Lostwood NWR, 25/6 3 Stanley-Newtown, several S. Medora, 10-20 N/S Dakota, 28/6 1 Devils Tower, 4/7 2 W. Sprague, Wa.

**Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus* 20/6 4 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 22/6 6 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 3 Bemidji-Grand Forks, c. 10 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 2 Carbury Dam, 23/6 c. 20, 24/6 10-15 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 c. 10, 25/6 c. 5 Lostwood NWR, 25/6 c. 5 Stanley-Newtown, c. 30 N/S Dakota, 27/6 a few Thunder Basin Ntl. Grassland, 28/6 1 Devils Tower, 2/7 2 Great Falls-Fairfield, 2 Freezout Lake NWR.

**Horned Lark** *Eremophila alpestris* 24/6 2 ad., 1 juv. J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 2 Minot-Lostwood, 25/6 a few Lostwood NWR, c. 40 Marmarth-Buffalo, 26/6 c. 10 Badlands NP, 27/6 c. 30 Thunder Basin Ntl. Grassland, 28/6 c. 10 Greybull-Cody, 2/7 c. 10 Freezout Lake WMA, a few Choteau-Browning, 6/7 2 Mt. Rainier NP.

**Purple Martin** *Progne subis* 22/6 2 females, 23/6 3 McGregor.

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor* 20/6 c. 30 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 22/6 c. 15 McGregor marsh, c. 30 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 c. 50, 24/6 c. 50 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 1/7 c. 30 Grand Teton NP, 2/7 2 Babb, 4/7 c. 30 Potholes Reservoir.

**Violet-green Swallow** *Tachycineta thalassina* 26/6 c. 30 Spearfish Canyon, 29/6 c. 50 Yellowstone NP, 1/7 a few Grand Teton NP, 8/7 c. 5 Dungeness NWR.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* 26/6 1 Badlands NP, 4/7 c. 10 W. Sprague, Wa., 6/7 2 Mt. Rainier NP. Surely overlooked.

**Bank Swallow** *Riparia riparia* 23/6 c. 30 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 29/6 50-100 Yellowstone NP, 30/6 2 Grand Teton NP, 5/7 c. 100 S. Vantage.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* Fairly common-common.

**Cliff Swallow** *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* Fairly common-common, especially frequently seen in the Dakotas.

**American Pipit** *Anthus rubescens* 29/6 6 Beartooth Pass, 3/7 c. 10 Logan Pass, Glacier NP, 6/7 4 Mt. Rainier NP, 9/7 1+1 heard Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Sprague's Pipit** *Anthus spragueii* 25/6 1 male+1+1 heard Lostwood NWR.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus calendula* 21/6 1 heard Gunflint trail, 26/6 2 Spearfish Canyon, 4 heard Hanna Campground, 28/6 2 heard Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 29/6 c. 5 heard Beartooth, 29/6 2 heard, c. 5 heard Yellowstone NP, 30/6 2+c. 5, 1/7 2+c. 5 Grand Teton NP, 4/7 2+3 Glacier NP.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus satrapa* 26/6 1+3 heard Hanna Campground, 3/7 2+c. 5 heard, 4/7 c. 5 heard Glacier NP, 7/7 2+c. 10 heard Ocean City SP, 8/7 c. 5 heard Dungeness NWR, 9/7 1+c. 10 heard Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Cedar Waxwing** *Bombycilla cedrorum* 20/6 3 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 20/6 3, 21/6 a few Gunflint trail, 21/6 2 Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 2 Stony River Rd., 26/6 1 Spearfish Canyon, 27/6 2 Wind Cave NP, 1/7 2 Grand Teton NP, 2/7 c. 10 Pine Creek, 4/7 2 Glacier NP.

**American Dipper** *Cinclus mexicanus* 26/6 3 Spearfish Canyon, 29/6 2 LeHardy Rapids, Yellowstone NP.

**Rock Wren** *Salpinctes obsoletus* 26/6 4 Badlands NP, 27/6 1 Boles Canyon, 28/6 1 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 1/7 1 heard Grand Teton NP, 5/7 1 male+2 heard S. Vantage.

**Canyon Wren** *Catherpes mexicanus* 26/6 1 heard Spearfish Canyon.

**Winter Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes* 21/6 5 heard Gunflint trail, 1 heard Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 2 heard Stony River Rd., 29/6 3 heard Beartooth, 4/7 1 heard Glacier NP, 6/7 3+c. 10 heard Mt. Rainier NP, 7/7 2 heard Ocean City SP, 8/7 1 heard Cape Flattery, 1 heard Dungeness NWR, 9/7 1 heard, 10/7 1+3 heard Lake Cushman.



**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* 20/6 3+c. 5 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 24/6 1+1 heard Lostwood NWR, 27/6 1 pair at nest Wind Cave NP, 1 Roby Canyon, 2/7 2+2 heard Pine Creek.

**Sedge Wren** *Cistothorus stellaris* 22/6 c. 7 McGregor marsh, 1 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 2+c. 10 heard, 24/6 2+c. 5 heard J. Clark Salyer NWR.

**Marsh Wren** *Cistothorus palustris* 25/6 1 male+6 heard Lostwood NWR, 4/7 c. 5 heard Potholes Reservoir, 7/7 1 heard Ocean City SP, 1 heard Hoquiam NWR.

**Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis* 20/6 2 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 1 Savage, 22/6 2 Rice Lake NWR, 1/7 2 Willow Flats, Grand Teton NP, 2/7 1 Pine Creek.

**Sage Thrasher** *Oreoscoptes montanus* 28/6 9 Greybull-Cody, 5/7 2 S. Vantage, 3 Rattlesnake Hills.

**Brown Thrasher** *Toxostoma rufum* 23/6 1 Carbury Dam, 25/6 2 Missouri River, W. Sanish, Nd.

**Mountain Bluebird** *Sialia currucoides* 23/6 1 female, 1 juv. J. Clark Salyer NWR, 27/6 1 pair Boles Canyon, 28/6 1 male Devils Tower, 1 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 29/6 1 male Beartooth, 1/7 1 pair, 2 juv. Grand Teton NP, 6/7 1 male Mt. Rainier NP.

**Western Bluebird** *Sialia mexicana* 5/7 1 male, 1 female Wenas Valley.

**Eastern Bluebird** *Sialia sialis* 20/6 3 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 22/6 4 Rice Lake NWR.

**Townsend's Solitaire** *Myadestes townsendi* 26/6 1 Spearfish Canyon (DB), 27/6 1 Custer SP, 29/6 1 Yellowstone NP, 3/7 1 Hungry Horse Reservoir, 6/7 2 Mt. Rainier NP.

**Veery** *Catharus fuscescens* 20/6 2 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 20/6 3 heard, 21/6 1+2 heard Gunflint trail, 22/6 2 heard Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 1+1 heard J. Clark Salyer NWR, 26/6 2 heard Spearfish Canyon, 28/6 1 heard Bighorn Mountains, 2/7 1 male+1 heard Pine Creek, 5/7 1 heard Wenas Valley.

**Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus* 20/6 2-3 heard, 21/6 2+4 heard Gunflint trail, 21/6 1 heard Tofte-Isabella, 2 heard Isabella Lake, 22/6 1+3 heard Stony River Rd., 26/6 1+3 heard Spearfish Canyon, 30/6 1 heard, 1/7 5+c. 7 heard Grand Teton NP, 3/7 4+4 heard, 4/7 c. 10+c. 10 heard Glacier NP, 3/7 3-4+2 heard, 4/7 2 heard Hungry Horse Reservoir, 5/7 3 heard Clear Lake Campground, 6/7 1+a few heard Mt. Rainier NP, 6/7 1+2 heard, 7/7 2+2 heard Ocean City SP, 7-8/7 2 heard Pillar Point, 8/8 1+3 heard Cape Flattery, 9/7 1 heard Hurrican Ridge, Olympic NP, 9/7 1 heard, 10/7 2 heard Lake Cushman.

**Hermit Thrush** *Catharus guttatus* 21/6 1 male Gunflint trail, 26/6 1 heard Spearfish Canyon, 28/6 1 heard Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 30/6 1 heard Yellowstone NP, 3/7 2 heard Glacier NP, 6/7 2 heard Mt. Rainier NP, 9/7 1 male +2 heard Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Wood Thrush** *Hylocichla mustelina* 20/6 1+2 heard Murphy-Hanrehan PR, 22/6 1 heard Rice Lake NWR.

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius* Common and widespread.

**Varied Thrush** *Ixoreus naevius* 3/7 2 heard, 4/7 2+3 heard Glacier NP, 4/7 2 heard Hungry Horse Reservoir, 6/7 1 male+5 heard Mt. Rainier NP, 9/7 3+6 heard Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Bushtit** *Psaltiriparus minimus* 4/7 c. 5 Potholes Reservoir.

**Black-capped Chickadee** *Poecile atricapilla* 20-23/6 fairly common Minnesota, 26/6 4+ heard Spearfish Canyon, 28/6 c. 5 Devils Tower, 30/6 1+1 heard Grand Teton NP.

**Mountain Chickadee** *Poecile gambeli* 29/6 1+3 heard Beartooth, 30/6 1 heard Yellowstone NP, 1/7 2+2 heard Grand Teton NP, 4/7 3 Glacier NP, 5/7 3 Wenas Valley, 6/7 2 Mt. Rainier NP.

**Chestnut-backed Chickadee** *Poecile rufescens* 4/7 1 Glacier NP, 6/7 c. 15 Mt. Rainier NP, 7/7 2 Pillar Point, 8/7 a few Cape Flattery, 2+ heard Dungeness NWR, 9/7 c. 5+c. 10 heard Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP, 9/7 5+c. 10 heard, 10/7 c. 5 heard Lake Cushman.

**Boreal Chickadee** *Poecile hudsonica* 3/7 2-3 Glacier NP.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis* 20/6 1 female, 21/6 7+heard Gunflint trail, 21/6 1+1 heard Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 1 heard White Pine Picnic Ground, 26/6 3 heard Spearfish Canyon, 27/6 1+3 heard Custer SP, 28/6 2+2 heard Devils Tower, 29/6 1 pair at nesthole, 30/6 1 heard Yellowstone NP, 1/7 1+3 heard Grand Teton NP, 3/7 2+3 heard, 4/7 3 heard Glacier NP, 9/7 2+3 heard Hurricane Ridge, 10/7 1 heard Lake Cushman.

**White-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta carolinensis* 20/6 2+3 heard Murphy-Hanrehan PR, 27/6 1 Custer SP.

**Brown Creeper** *Certhia americana* 21/6 1 Gunflint trail (BH), 26/6 1 Spearfish Canyon, 1 Hanna Campground, 28/6 5 Devils Tower, 3/7 1+1 heard Glacier NP, 8/7 1 heard Cape Flattery.

**Loggerhead Shrike** *Lanius ludovicianus* 23/6 1 S. Carbury, Nd., 25/6 3 Marmarth-Buffalo, 27/6 2 Thunder Basin Ntl. Grassland, 4/7 1 Potholes Reservoir.

**Gray Jay** *Perisoreus canadensis* 21/6 1 ad., 1 juv. Gunflint trail, 22/6 1 Stony River Rd., 29/6 1 Yellowstone NP, 30/6 2, 1/7 2 Grand Teton NP, 3/7 2, 4/7 3 Glacier NP, 6/7 1 Mt. Rainier NP, 9/7 7 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP, 6 Lake Cushman.

**Steller's Jay** *Cyanocitta stelleri* 3/7 1 Hungry Horse Reservoir, 6/7 5 Mt. Rainier NP, 9/7 2 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP. Very few birds!

**Blue Jay** *Cyanocitta cristata* 20/6 3+1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Black-billed Magpie** *Pica hudsonia* 23/6 2 Grand Forks-Devils Lake, 2 ad., 3 juv. J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 1 Lostwood NWR, 26/6 1 Badlands NP, 28/6 1 Ten Sleep, Wy., 29/6 several Yellowstone NP, 2/7 c. 10 Pine Creek.

**Clark's Nutcracker** *Nucifraga carolinensis* 28/6 2 Bighorn Mountains (SH), 1 Dead Indian Pass, 29/6 2+2 heard Beartooth, 29/6 2 heard, 30/6 3+3 heard Yellowstone NP, 1/7 c. 5+2 heard Grand Teton NP, 6/7 15-20 Mt. Rainier NP.

**American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos* Fairly common-common.

**Northwestern Crow** *Corvus caurinus* 7/7 c. 10 Ruby Beach, 8/7 c. 15 Cape Flattery, 8-10/7 fairly common northern Olympic Peninsula.

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax* Fairly common.

**European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris* Locally common.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* Locally fairly common.

**Plumbeous Vireo** *Vireo plumbeus* 27/6 1 male Wind Cave NP (SH), 28/6 1 pair at nest feeding a cowbird chick Devils Tower.

**Cassin's Vireo** *Vireo cassinii* 5/7 1 Wenas Valley.

**Blue-headed Vireo** *Vireo solitarius* 20/6 1 heard, 21/6 4+2 heard Gunflint trail, 21/6 1 heard Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 1 heard S. Isabella.

**Warbling Vireo** *Vireo gilvus* 26/6 2+3 heard Spearfish Canyon, 27/6 3+2 heard Custer SP, 4+2 heard Roby Canyon, 1/7 1+2 heard Grand Teton NP, 2/7 2+2 heard Pine Creek, 3/7 1 heard Glacier NP, 6/7 1 Mt. Rainier.

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* 20/6 c. 5 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 1 Savage, 21/6 a few+ heard Gunflint trail, c. 5 heard Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 4+ heard White Pine Picnic Ground, 26/6 c. 15 heard Spearfish Canyon.

**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** *Leucosticte tephrocotis* 3/7 5 Logan Pass, Glacier NP.

**Black Rosy-Finch** *Leucosticte atrata* 29/6 3-5 Beartooth Pass.

**Pine Grosbeak** *Pinicola enucleator* 29/6 1 male, 2 females Beartooth Pass, 30/6 4 Yellowstone NP, 3/7 1 Glacier NP (SH), 9/7 2 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP (SH).

**Cassin's Finch** *Carpodacus cassinii* 29/6 1 male Beartooth Pass, 1 female Yellowstone NP, 1/7 1 pair Grand Teton NP.

**Purple Finch** *Carpodacus purpureus* 22/6 2 females Rice Lake NWR.

**House Finch** *Carpodacus mexicanus* 22/6 1 heard McGregor, 2/7 3 Pine Creek, 5/7 5 S. Vantage, a few Rattlesnake Hills.

**Red Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra* 26/6 1 male+c. 5 heard Spearfish Canyon, a few heard Hanna Campground, 27/6 c. 20 Custer SP, 28/6 c. 5 heard Devils Tower, 29/6 c. 15+ heard Beartooth, 29/6 c. 5 heard, 30/6 c. 5 heard Yellowstone NP, 1/7 a few heard Grand Teton NP, 3/7 1 male+2 heard, 4/7 a few heard Glacier NP, 8/7 2+c. 10 heard Cape Flattery, 9/7 c. 15 heard Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP, 10/7 a few heard Lake Cushman.

**White-winged Crossbill** *Loxia leucoptera* 1/7 1 male Lupine Meadows, Grand Teton NP (DB, SB). Doubtless the most remarkable observation of the journey, far south of the species's breeding range. Too bad the not all of us got to see it.

**Pine Siskin** *Carduelis pinus* 26/6 1 heard Spearfish Canyon, 28/6 1 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 30/6 1, 1/7 c. 15 Grand Teton NP, 3/7 1+1 heard Glacier NP, 5/7 c. 5 Clear Lake Campground, 6/7 c. 10 Mt. Rainier NP, 9/7 c. 15 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**American Goldfinch** *Carduelis tristis* 20/6 c. 12 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 1 male Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 c. 20 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 c. 5, 24/6 c. 5 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 3 Lostwood NWR, 2/7 3 Pine Creek, 8/7 1 male Dungeness NWR.

**Evening Grosbeak** *Hesperiphona vespertinus* 4/7 1 pair Glacier NP, 5/7 2 males+3 heard Clear Lake, Wa.

**Blue-winged Warbler** *Vermivora pinus* 20/6 1 male+2 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Golden-winged Warbler** *Vermivora chrysoptera* 22/6 1 male Rice Lake NWR.

**Orange-crowned Warbler** *Vermivora celata* 7/7 2+1 heard Ocean City SP, 8/7 1 heard Cape Flattery, 9/7 2 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP (SH).

**Nashville Warbler** *Vermivora ruficapilla* 21/6 2 males+c. 10 heard Gunflint trail, c. 5 heard Tofte-Isabella, 2 heard Isabella Lake, 22/6 c. 5 heard S. Isabella, c. 10 heard Stony River Rd.

**Virginia's Warbler** *Vermivora virginiae* 27/6 1 pair Roby Canyon, Sd.

**Northern Parula** *Parula americana* 21/6 1 male+4 heard Gunflint trail, 3 heard Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 1-2 heard S. Isabella, 1 female+1 heard Stony River Rd., 1 male+3 heard White Pine Picnic Ground.

**Yellow Warbler** *Dendroica (petechia) aestiva* 20/6 2 females+3 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 22/6 c. 10 +c. 10 heard Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 c. 5+c. 5, 24/6 a few+heard J. Clark Salyer NWR, 23/6 1+1 heard Carbury Dam, 24/6 a few Lostwood NWR, 27/6 2+1 heard Wind Cave NP, 28/6 c. 5+c. 5 heard Devils Tower, 30/6 c. 5+c. 5 heard, 1/7 c. 5 Grand Teton NP, 2/7 10-15+c. 5 sj. Pine Creek, 5/7 1 female, 2 juv. Wenas Valley.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** *Dendroica pensylvanica* 20/6 1 male, 21/6 1-2 heard Gunflint trail, 22/6 1 male+2 heard Stony River Rd., 1 heard White Pine Picnic Ground, 2 males Rice Lake NWR.

**Magnolia Warbler** *Dendroica magnolia* 20/6 2 heard, 21/6 5 males+c. 10 heard Gunflint trail, 21/6 1 heard Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 3 heard S. Isabella, 5-10 heard Stony River Rd.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Dendroica coronata* 21/6 c. 7+c. 7 heard Gunflint trail, 21/6 c. 5 heard Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 3+c. 10 sj. Stony River Rd., 26/6 c. 5+c. 5 heard Spearfish Canyon, 4+3 heard Hanna Camp-

ground, 27/6 2+2 heard Custer SP, 2+1 heard Roby Canyon, 28/6 2+3 heard Devils Tower, 29/6 2+2 heard Beartooth, 29/6 1 female+a few heard, 30/6 c. 5+ heard Yellowstone NP, 3-4/7 fairly common Glacier NP, 5/7 2 Wenas Valley.

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** *Dendroica nigrescens* 9/7 1 male+1 heard, 10/7 2 males+3 heard Lake Cushman.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** *Dendroica virens* 20/6 1 heard, 21/6 4 heard Gunflint trail, 21/6 c. 5 heard Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 3 heard S. Isabella, 2 heard Stony River Rd., 4-5 males+2 heard White Pine Picnic Ground.

**Townsend's Warbler** *Dendroica townsendi* 3/7 3 males+2 heard, 4/7 7 heard Glacier NP, 3/7 5 Hungry Horse Reservoir, 5/7 2 heard Clear Lake Campground, 9/7 3+3 heard Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Blackburnian Warbler** *Dendroica fusca* 20/6 1 male+1 heard, 21/6 3 males Gunflint trail, 22/6 1 male+1 heard White Pine Picnic Ground.

**Pine Warbler** *Dendroica pinus* 22/6 1 heard White Pine Picnic Ground.

**Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia* 21/6 1 male Gunflint trail, 22/6 3 heard Stony River Rd.

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla* 20/6 4 males+3 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 1 male+2 heard Gunflint trail, 22/6 2 males Stony River Rd., 2 heard Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 1 heard Bena, Mn., 26/6 4+c. 15 heard Spearfish Canyon.

**Ovenbird** *Seiurus aurocapilla* 20/6 1+c. 6 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 20/6 6 heard, 21/6 c. 6 heard Gunflint trail, 21/6 c. 7 heard Tofte-Isabella, 3 heard Isabella Lake, 22/6 2 heard Stony River Rd., 3 heard White Pine Picnic Ground, 26/6 3 heard Spearfish Canyon, 27/6 3-4 heard Roby Canyon.

**Northern Waterthrush** *Seiurus noveboracensis* 21/6 1-2 males+2 heard Gunflint trail, 22/6 1 heard Stony River Rd., 3/7 1 heard, 4/7 1 heard Glacier NP.

**Connecticut Warbler** *Oporornis agilis* 22/6 1 heard S. Isabella.

**Mourning Warbler** *Oporornis philadelphia* 21/6 2 heard Gunflint trail.

**MacGillivray's Warbler** *Oporornis tolmiei* 26/6 2 males+2 heard Spearfish Canyon, 3/7 1 heard Hungry Horse reservoir, 1/7 2 Grand Teton NP, 4/7 1 heard Glacier NP, 10/7 1 female Lake Cushman (SH).

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichus* 20/6 4+6 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 2 heard Gunflint trail, 1 female Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 1 male+c. 5 heard Stony River Rd., 2 heard White Pine Picnic Ground, c. 5 +c. 10 heard Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 c. 5 heard, 24/6 c. 5 heard J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 2 heard, 25/6 2 heard Lostwood NWR, 26/6 1 male Spearfish Canyon, 28/6 1 heard Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 29/6 1 heard Yellowstone NP, 30/6 2+c. 5, 1/7 1 heard Grand Teton NP, 4/7 1 heard Glacier NP.

**Hooded Warbler** *Wilsonia citrina* 20/6 1 male Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Wilson's Warbler** *Wilsonia pusilla* 6/7 1 male Mt. Rainier NP, 7/7 1 heard Ocean City SP, 1 male Ruby Beach, 3 Pillar Point, 9/7 1, 10/7 1 male+1 heard Lake Cushman.

**Canada Warbler** *Wilsonia canadensis* 21/6 3 Gunflint trail, 22/6 1 heard Stony River Rd.

**Yellow-breasted Chat** *Icteria virens* 27/6 1 male Wind Cave NP, 1 heard Boles Canyon, 2/7 1 Pine Creek.

**Scarlet Tanager** *Piranga olivacea* 20/6 1 ad. male+1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Western Tanager** *Piranga ludoviciana* 26/6 1 male Spearfish Canyon, 1 pair Hanna Campground, 27/6 1 male Custer SP, 3 Roby Canyon, 28/6 1 male+1 heard Devils Tower, 29/6 2 males Yellowstone NP, 30/6 1 male+1 heard, 1/7 3+3-4 heard Grand Teton NP, 3/7 1, 4/7 1+1 heard Glacier NP, 3/7 1 juv. male Hungry Horse reservoir.

**Green-tailed Towhee** *Pipilo chlorurus* 1/7 6+2 heard Grand Teton NP.

**Spotted Towhee** *Pipilo maculatus* 25/6 1 Missouri River, W. Sanish, 26/6 1 heard Badlands NP, 27/6 1 male Wind Cave NP, 1 Roby Canyon, 2/7 1 Pine Creek, 8/7 1 Sequim's Railroad Bridge Park, 9/7 3 heard Lake Cushman.

**Chipping Sparrow** *Spizella passerina* Fairly common-common.

**Clay-colored Sparrow** *Spizella pallida* 20/6 1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 23/6 8+14 heard, 24/6 c. 10+ c. 10 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 23/6 1 male+1 heard Carbury Dam, 24/6 c. 15+c. 10 heard, 25/6 c. 15 Lostwood NWR.

**Brewer's Sparrow** *Spizella breweri* 27/6 5+1 heard Thunder Basin Ntl. Grassland, 28/6 2 Greybull-Cody, 2 heard Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 29/6 2 heard Yellowstone NP, 1/7 2+2 heard Grand Teton NP, 5/7 5 S. Vantage, c. 7+2 heard Rattlesnake Hills.

**Timberline Sparrow** *Spizella (breweri) taverneri* 3/7 1 heard Iceberg Lake trail, Glacier NP.

**Field Sparrow** *Spizella pusilla* 20/6 2+1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 25/6 3 heard Theodore Roosevelt NP (N unit).

**Vesper Sparrow** *Poocetes gramineus* 23/6 4 Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 3 Lostwood NWR, 6 S. Medora, 10 Marmarth -Buffalo, 27/6 1 heard Wind Cave NP, 1/7 1 heard Grand Teton NP, 2/7 2 Freezout Lake WMA, 5/7 1 Rattlesnake Hills, 1 ex. Wenas Valley.

**Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammacus* 23/6 1 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 1 Missouri River, W. Sanish, 1 Medora, 2 S. Medora, 1 Marmarth-Buffalo, 26/6 1 Badlands NP, 27/6 1 Boles Canyon, 4/7 5 Potholes Reservoir, 5/7 10 S. Vantage, 6 Rattlesnake Hills.

**Sage Sparrow** *Amphispiza belli* 5/7 1 male Rattlesnake Hills, Washington.

**Lark Bunting** *Calamospiza melanocorys* 25/6 c. 20 Belfield-Bowman, c. 80 Marmarth-Buffalo, 27/6 c. 80 Thunder Basin Ntl. Grassland, 28/6 2 males Devils Tower-Moorcraft, c. 5 Beck Lake, Cody.

**Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis* 22/6 4+4 heard Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 c. 15+c. 10 heard, 24/6 c. 30 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 c. 40, 25/6 c. 30 Lostwood NWR, 25/6 3 Sanish-Watford City, c. 5 Marmarth-Buffalo, 29/6 1 male+1 heard Beartooth, 1 heard Yellowstone NP, 6/7 1 heard Ocean City SP, 7/7 1 male+1 heard Ocean Shores.

**Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow** *Ammodramus nelsoni* 24/6 1 male J. Clark Salyer NWR.

**Le Conte's Sparrow** *Ammodramus leconteii* 23/6 1 male+1 heard, 24/6 2 heard J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 1 male Lostwood NWR.

**Baird's Sparrow** *Ammodramus bairdii* 24/6 1 heard, 25/6 1 male+1 heard Lostwood NWR.

**Grasshopper Sparrow** *Ammodramus savannarum* 23/6 2 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 1 male, 25/6 1 male+3 heard Lostwood NWR, 25/6 1 heard Marmarth-Buffalo.

**Slate-colored Fox Sparrow** *Passerella (iliaca) schistacea* 1/7 1 male Lupine Meadows, Grand Teton NP, 3/7 2 Iceberg Lake trail, 4/7 1 male Camas Creek trail, Glacier NP, 6/7 2 males Sunrise, Mt. Rainier NP.

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia* Fairly common.

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolnii* 21/6 1 male Gunflint trail, 29/6 2+1 heard Beartooth, 30/6 1+1 heard Yellowstone NP, 4+2 heard Grand Teton NP, 4/7 c. 5+1 heard Camas Creek trail, Glacier NP.

**Swamp Sparrow** *Melospiza georgiana* 20/6 1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 21/6 1+1 heard Gunflint trail, 1+2 heard Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 2+2 heard Stony River Rd., c. 5 McGregor marsh, 1 Rice Lake NWR.

**White-crowned Sparrow** *Zonotrichia leucophrys* 29/6 4 Beartooth, 30/6 1 Yellowstone NP, 1+heard Grand Teton NP, 3/7 3+3 heard Glacier NP, 6/7 c. 10 Mt. Rainier, 7/7 2 Ocean Shores, 9/7 1 heard Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP, 10/7 1 Tacoma.

**White-throated Sparrow** *Zonotrichia albicollis* 20/6 3 heard, 21/6 c. 15+c. 15 heard Gunflint trail, 21/6 a few+c. 10 heard Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 a few+c. 10 heard Stony River Rd.

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis* Slate-colored: 22/6 1 heard N. Isabella. White-winged: 26/6 1 male Hanna Camp-ground. Pink-sided: 29/6 c. 5 Beartooth, 29/6-1/7 fairly common Yellowstone and Grand Teton. Oregon: 3/7 a few+c. 5 heard, 4/7 c. 10 Glacier NP, 6/7 c. 10 Mt. Rainier NP, 9/7 c. 20 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP, nest with 4 eggs+a few Lake Cushman.

**McCown's Longspur** *Calcarius mccownii* 27/6 c. 25 Thunder Basin Ntl. Grassland.

**Chestnut-collared Longspur** *Calcarius ornatus* 25/6 3 males, 2 females Marmarth-Buffalo, 27/6 1 female (SH) +5 (DB) Thunder Basin Ntl Grassland, 2/7 1 male Freezout Lake WMA.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus* 20/6 1 male, 1 female Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Black-headed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus melanocephalus* 26/6 c. 8 Spearfish Canyon, 1/7 2 males Grand Teton NP, 4/7 1 male Potholes Reservoir, 5/7 1 male Wenas Valley.

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis* 20/6 1 male+4 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Blue Grosbeak** *Passerina caerulea* 26/6 1 pair Badlands NP.

**Lazuli Bunting** *Passerina amoena* 27/6 1 male Boles Canyon, Sd.

**Indigo Bunting** *Passerina caerulea* 20/6 2 ad. males Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 22/6 1 ad. male Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 1 ad. male Bena, Minnesota.

**Dickcissel** *Spiza americana* 20/6 1 male+1 heard Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Bobolink** *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* 22/6 3-4 males McGregor marsh, 4 males, 2 females Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 4 males J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 c. 5 Lostwood NWR, 1 male Belfield-Bowman, Nd.

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus* Common.

**Western Meadowlark** *Sturnella neglecta* Fairly common-common in grasslands.

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* 23/6 c. 100 Grand Forks-Devils Tower, 23/6 c. 400, 24/6 c. 300 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24-25/6 c. 100 Lostwood NWR, 28/6 1 male Beck Lake, Cody, 1 male Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 30/6 1 male Yellowstone NP, c. 40 Creek Flat, 2/7 c. 50 Freezout Lake WMA, 4/7 1 male Potholes Reservoir.

**Brewer's Blackbird** *Euphagus cyanocephalus* Fairly common.

**Common Grackle** *Quiscalus quiscula* Fairly common-common east of the Rocky Mountains.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater* Fairly common.

**Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus galbula* 20/6 3 males Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 22/6 2 heard Rice Lake NWR.

**Bullock's Oriole** *Icterus bullockii* 27/6 1 male, 28/6 c. 5 Devils Tower, 2/7 1 male Pine Creek, 4/7 2 Potholes Reservoir.

**Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurius* 23/6 1 male J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 1 male Missouri River, W. Sanish.

## Mammals

**Grizzly Bear** *Ursus arctos* 29/6 1 Dunraven Pass, Yellowstone NP, 3/7 1 Iceberg Lake trail, Glacier NP.

**Coyote** *Canis latrans* 25/6 1 Lostwood NWR, 26/6 1 Badlands NP, 27/6 1 (radio tagged) Custer SP.

**Gray Wolf** *Canis lupus* 29/6 1 near Sylvan Pass, Yellowstone NP.

**Red Fox** *Vulpes vulpes* 22/6 1 Stony River Rd., 23/6 2 J. Clark Salyer NWR.

**Sea Otter** *Enhydra lutris* 8/7 1 Cape Flattery.

**American Marten** *Martes americana* 21/6 1 Gunflint trail, 26/6 1 Spearfish Canyon.

**American Badger** *Taxidea taxus* 25/6 1 S. Medora (BH).

**Striped Skunk** *Mephitis mephitis* 25/6 1 Marmarth-Buffalo.

**Northern Raccoon** *Procyon lotor* 23/6 1 J. Clark Salyer NWR. Finally!

**Dolphin sp.** 7/7 several Ocean Shores.

**Steller's Sea Lion** *Eumetopias jubatus* 7/7 1 Ocean Shores, 8/7 13 Cape Flattery.

**Harbor Seal** *Phoca vitulina* 7/7 2 Ocean Shores, 8/7 1 Dungeness NWR.

**North American Porcupine** *Erethizon dorsatum* 21/6 1 Tofte-Isabella, 27/6 1 Devils Tower, 3/7 1 Hungry Horse Reservoir (DB, SB). Cool!

**Beaver** *Castor canadensis* 23/6 1 Carbury Dam, 24/6 1 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 29/6 2 Hayden Valley, Yellowstone NP.

**Nutria** *Myocastor coypus* 4/7 a few Potholes Reservoir. Probably more seen.

**Columbian Ground Squirrel** *Spermophilus columbianus* 2/7 2 Babb, 3/7 c. 20 Glacier NP.

**California Ground Squirrel** *Spermophilus beecheyi* 5/7 1 Wenas Valley (SH).

**Wyoming Ground Squirrel** *Spermophilus elegans* 2/7 2+1 heard Freezout Lake WMA.

**Richardson's Ground Squirrel** *Spermophilus richardsonii* 23/6 3 E. Grand Forks, 24/6 2, 25/6 1 Lostwood NWR.

**Uinta Ground Squirrel** *Spermophilus armatus* 29/6 c. 5 Yellowstone NP, 30/6 c. 5 Grand Teton NP, 2/7 3 Livingstone-White Sulphur Springs.

**Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel** *Spermophilus tridecemlineatus* 23/6 2 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 2 Lostwood NWR.

**Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel** *Spermophilus lateralis* 29/6 1 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway.

**Cascade Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel** *Spermophilus saturatus* 5/7 1 Wenas Valley, 6/7 5 Mt. Rainier NP. Recent split.

**Least Chipmunk** *Tamias minimus* 21/6 2 Gunflint trail, 2 Tofte-Isabella, 22/6 1 Stony River Rd., 26/6 5 Spearfish Canyon, 28/6 3 Devils Tower, 29/6 1 Yellowstone NP.

**Yellowpine Chipmunk** *Tamias amoenus* 30/6 1 W. Sylvan Pass, Yellowstone NP, 5/7 1 Wenas Valley, 6/7 3 Mt. Rainier NP.

**Uinta Chipmunk** *Tamias umbrinus* 28/6 c. 5 Dead Indian Pass, 1/7 a few Grand Teton NP.

**Townsend's Chipmunk** *Tamias townsendii* 8/7 1 Sequim's Railroad Bridge Park, 9/7 c. 10 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Eastern Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus carolinensis* 20/6 1 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 23/6 1 J. Clark Salyer NWR.

**Red Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus* 20/6 1+2 heard, 21/6 heard Gunflint trail, 22/6 2+heard Stony River Rd., several Rice Lake NWR, 29/6 1+heard Yellowstone NP, 1/7 1+heard Grand Teton NP, 3/7 2+heard Glacier NP.

**Douglas's Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus douglasii* 6/7 1 Mt. Rainier NP, 9/7 2 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Hoary Marmot** *Marmota caligata* 3/7 3 Logan Pass, Glacier NP, 6/7 1 Mt. Rainier NP.

**Yellow-bellied Marmot** *Marmota flaviventris* 26/6 2 Spearfish Canyon, 28/6 2 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 29/6 3 Beartooth Pass.

**Black-tailed Prairie Dog** *Cynomys ludovicianus* 25/6 c. 30 Marmarth-Buffer, 26/6 300-400 Badlands NP, 27/6 100s Custer SP, c. 100 Thunder Basin Ntl. Grassland.

**White-tailed Prairie Dog** *Cynomys leucurus* 28/6 c. 10 Ten Sleep, Wyoming.

**Elk** *Cervus (elaphus) canadensis* 25/6 14 Marmarth-Buffer, 28/6 4 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 29/6 70 Beartooth Lake, 29/6 6, 1/7 4 Yellowstone NP, 3/7 1 Glacier NP.

**Mule Deer** *Odocoileus hemionus* 26/6 1 Spearfish Canyon, 2 Badlands NP, 27/6 3 Custer SP, 4 Thunder Basin Ntl. Grassland, 27/6 5, 28/6 3 Devils Tower, c. 10 Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, 29/6 c. 15 Yellowstone NP, 30/6 1 Grand Teton NP, 9/7 10 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* 20/6 1 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, 22/6 3 Stony River Rd., 5 Rice Lake NWR, 23/6 1, 24/6 a few J. Clark Salyer NWR, 24/6 2 Lostwood NWR, 2/7 1 Babb, 4/7 1 Glacier NP.

**Moose** *Alces alces* 30/6 5 Grand Teton NP.

**Pronghorn** *Antilocapra americana* 25/6 4 S. Medora, c. 40 Marmarth-Buffer, 26/6 2 Badlands NP, 27/6 c. 20 Custer SP, c. 50 Thunder Basin Ntl. Grassland, 28/6 11 Devils Tower-Moorcroft, 2 Greybull-Cody, 29/6 5 Yellowstone NP, 30/6 3 Grand Teton NP, 2/7 7 Livingston-White Sulphur Springs.

**Bison** *Bison bison* 27/6 c. 200 Custer SP, 29/6 c. 400, 30/6 c. 5 Yellowstone NP.

**Mountain Goat** *Oreamnus americanus* 3/7 9 Logan Pass, Glacier NP.

**American Pika** *Ochotona princeps* 29/6 1 Beartooth Pass.

**Snowshoe Hare** *Lepus americanus* 21/6 1 Gunflint trail, 1 Tofte-Isabella, 9/7 1 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**White-tailed Jack Rabbit** *Lepus townsendii* 23/6 1 J. Clark Salyer NWR, 25/6 1 Marmarth-Buffer.

**Eastern Cottontail** *Sylvilagus floridanus* 24/6 1 Lostwood NWR, 26/6 1 Badlands NP.

**45 species**



## Butterflies

My interest in butterflies is steadily growing. I had a goal set for this trip – to identify 50 species. And I made it! The list could easily have been longer, but there was a constant lack of time (midday = travel time) and some species groups are so difficult! Most Fritillaries and Blues, even many Swallowtails, had to be left unidentified. Some species have been identified/confirmed from my many butterfly photos from the trip.

**Canadian Tiger Swallowtail** *Papilio canadensis* 21/6 c. 15 Gunflint trail/Isabella, 22/6 c. 10 Rice Lake NWR.

**Western Tiger Swallowtail** *Papilio rutulus* 1/7 2 Grand Teton NP, 9/7 5 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Pale Swallowtail** *Papilio eurymedon* 1/7 6 Grand Teton NP, 9/7 3 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Black Swallowtail** *Papilio polyxenes* 20/6 1 female Savage, S. Minneapolis.

**Anise Swallowtail** *Papilio zelicaon* 1/7 4 Signal Mountain, Grand Teton NP.

**Clodius Parnassian** *Parnassius clodius* 9/7 c. 5 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Phoebus Parnassian** *Parnassius phoebus* 29/6 3 Yellowstone NP, 1/7 10-15 Grand Teton NP,

**Cabbage White** *Artogeia rapae* 2/7 1 male Freezout Lake WMA.

**Mustard White** *Pieris napi* 8/7 2 Dungeness NWR, 9/7 2 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Western White** *Pontia occidentalis* 29/6 1 male Beartooth Pass.

**Sara Orangetip** *Anthocharis sara* 29/6 1 male, 30/6 1 male Yellowstone NP.

**Clouded Sulphur** *Colias philodice* 22/6 2 Rice Lake NWR. Several unidentified Sulphurs were also seen.

**Edith's Copper** *Lycaena editha* 1/7 1 Lupine Meadows, Grand Teton NP.

**Mariposa Copper** *Lycaena mariposa* 1/7 1 female Signal Mountain, Grand Teton NP.

**Western Pine Elfin** *Callophrys eryphon* 26/6 1 Hanna Campground, Black Hills.

**Western Tailed Blue** *Everes amyntula* 26/6 1 male Hanna Campground.

**Silvery Blue** *Glaucopsyche lygdamus* 30/6 1 Grand Teton NP.

**Shasta Blue** *Plebejus shasta* 1/7 1 Signal Mountain, Grand Teton NP.

**Arctic Blue** *Agriades glandon* 9/7 c. 10 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Callippe Fritillary** *Speyeria callippe* 1/7 1 Lupine Meadows, Grand Teton NP.

**Edwards's Fritillary** *Speyeria edwardsi* 27/6 6+ Black Hills.

**Hymaspe Fritillary** *Speyeria hydaspe* 1/7 1 Signal Mountain, Grand Teton NP.

**Atlantis Fritillary** *Speyeria atlantis* 21/6 3 Gunflint trail, 22/6 1 Rice Lake NWR.

**Silver-bordered Fritillary** *Boloria selene* 21/7 a few Gunflint trail.

**Pearl Crescent** *Phyciodes tharos* 26/6 2 Spearfish Canyon, 27/6 c. 5 Black Hills.

**Northern Crescent** *Phyciodes selenis* 21/6 several Gunflint trail.

**Silvery Checkerspot** *Chlosyne nycteis* 21-22/6 common N. Minnesota.

**Northern Checkerspot** *Chlosyne palla* 30/6 a few Willow Flats, Grand Teton NP.

**Variable Checkerspot** *Euphydryas chalcedona* 30/6 1, 1/7 c. 10 Grand Teton NP.

**Edith's Checkerspot** *Euphydryas editha* 1/7 c. 10 Grand Teton NP.

**Gillett's Checkerspot** *Euphydryas gillettii* 30/6 2 Two Ocean/Emma Matilda Lakes, Grand Teton NP.  
A very attractive and uncommon species.

**Hoary Comma** *Polygonia gracilis* 21/6 1 Gunflint trail, 1/7 1 Grand Teton NP, 9/7 1 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Compton Tortoiseshell** *Nymphalis vaualbum* 1/7 c. 5 Signal Mountain, Grand Teton NP, 6/7 3 Sunrise, Mt. Rainier NP.

**California Tortoiseshell** *Nymphalis californica* 6/7 1 Sunrise, Mt. Rainier NP.

**Milbert's Tortoiseshell** *Nymphalis milberti* 29/6 3 Beartooth Lake, 1/7 2 Grand Teton NP, 3/7 1 Glacier NP, 6/7 1 Sunrise, Mt. Rainier NP.

**Red Admiral** *Vanessa atalanta* 22/6 6 Rice Lake NWR, 26/6 3 Hanna Campground.

**Painted Lady** *Vanessa cardui* 26/6 2 Hanna Campground, several Badlands NP, 27/6 c. 10 Black Hills, 29/6 c. 5 Beartooth Lake, 6/7 several Mt. Rainier NP.

**White Admiral** *Limenitis arthemis* 21/6 10-15 Gunflint trail/Isabella, 22/6 c. 15 Isabella/Rice Lake NWR.

**Weidemeyer's Admiral** *Limenitis weidemeyerii* 27/6 2 Roby Canyon.

**Lorquin's Admiral** *Limenitis lorquini* 9/7 2 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Monarch** *Danaus plexippus* 21/6 3 Gunflint trail/Isabella, 22/6 c. 25 Isabella/Rice Lake NWR, 27/6 1 Black Hills, 30/6 1, 1/7 3 Grand Teton NP.

**Little Wood Satyr** *Megisto cymela* 20/6 1 Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve.

**Great Basin Wood-Nymph** *Cercyonis sthenele* 5/7 1 Rattlesnake Hills, Wa.

**Small Wood-Nymph** *Cercyonis oetus* 1/7 2 Grand Teton NP.

**Hayden's Ringlet** *Coenonympha haydenii* 30/6 c. 20, 1/7 1 Grand Teton NP. Has a very small range.

**Common Alpine** *Erebia epipsodea* 29/6 c. 10 Yellowstone NP, 30/6 c. 5 Grand Teton NP.

**Colorado Alpine** *Erebia callias* 1/7 1 male Signal Mountain, Grand Teton NP. Has a small range.

**Chryxus Arctic** *Oeneis chryxus* 9/7 1 Hurricane Ridge, Olympic NP.

**Dreamy Duskywing** *Erynnis icelus* 21/6 1 Gunflint trail, 22/6 1 Rice Lake NWR.

**Afranius Duskywing** *Erynnis afranius* 26/6 2-3 Spearfish Canyon.

**Common Sootywing** *Pholisora catullus* 1/7 2 Signal Mountain, Grand Teton NP.

**Arctic Skipper** *Carterocephalus palaemon* 30/6 1 Two Ocean/Emma Matilda Lake, Grand Teton NP.

**Pahaska Skipper** *Hesperia pahaska* 27/6 1 Boles Canyon.

**53 species**