

2023 “County Firsts”

New State Birds

Cassin’s Sparrow [Clallam] – 7 Oct 2023 Liam Hutcheson, Jason Zolle

New Western WA Species

Pinyon Jay [Thurston] – 8 Oct 2023 Michelle Napoleon
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New Eastern WA Species

Phainopepla [Klickitat] – 17 Nov 2022 Samuel Holman

Adams

Wandering Tattler – 18 Aug 2023 Jon Isacoff

Asotin

Bobolink – 20 Aug 2023 Dave Koehler, Keith Carlson

Benton

Tricolored Blackbird – 23 May 2023 Donald Jonasson

Chelan

Black-and-white Warbler – 22 Sep 2023 Debbie Sutherland

Clallam

Yellow-throated Vireo – 10 Jun 2023 Liam Hutcheson, Elizabeth McManus, Jason Vassallo
Philadelphia Vireo – 13 Sep 2023 Alex Lamoreaux
Little Bunting – 27 Oct 2023 Liam Hutcheson, Louis Kreemer
Cassin’s Sparrow – 7 Oct 2023 Liam Hutcheson, Jayson Zolle

Clark

Heermann’s Gull – 17 Oct 2023 Jim Danzenbaker
Williamson’s Sapsucker – 16 Sep 2023 Jim Danzenbaker

Columbia

California Scrub-Jay – 3 Nov 2023 George Gagnon
Lapland Longspur – 12 Oct 2023 RJ Baltierra

Cowlitz

Laysan Albatross – 13 Feb 2023 Jeff Cooke
Brandt’s Cormorant – 1 Jan 2023 Randy Hill

Douglas

Green Heron – 7 Sep 2023 James Webber

Ferry

Swamp Sparrow – 5 Nov 2023 Norm Engeland

Grant

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 27 Oct 2023 Margaret Heming, Paula Zanter-Stout

Grays Harbor

Common Crane 2 Jan 2023 Liam Hutcheson

Nazca Booby 30 Sep 2023 Ryan Merrill, Scott Mills, and Gene Revelas

Jefferson

Burrowing Owl – 28 Oct 2023 Kerey Barnowe-Meyer

Red-naped Sapsucker – 28 Apr 2023 Jacklyn Canterbury

Black Phoebe – 1 Apr 2023 Steve Hampton

Pygmy Nuthatch – 16 Oct 2023 Steve Hampton

Lesser Goldfinch – 6 May 2023 Steve Hampton

King

Whooper Swan – 2 Jan 2023 Scott Leavens

Pygmy Nuthatch – 12 Sep 2023 Sam Terry

Kitsap

Slaty-backed Gull – 9 Sep 2023 John Puschock, Raphael Fennimore, Greg Harrington

Long-eared Owl – 5 Mar 2023 Nicole Lutzi-Kubista

Acorn Woodpecker – 19 Mar 2023 Helen Cottrell

White-breasted Nuthatch – 2 Sep 2023 Jamie Acker, George Gerdts, Brad Waggoner

Blue Grosbeak – 18 Oct 2023 George Gerdts, Mary Anne Rossing

Kittitas

Acorn Woodpecker – 27 May 2023 Nicholas Hamill

Klickitat

Snowy Plover – 15 Apr 2023 Bill Tweit

Phainopepla – 17 Nov 2022 Samuel Holman

White Wagtail – 8 Sep 2023 Samuel Holman

Lewis

Black-crowned Night-Heron – 21 Jun 2023 Joseph Dunn

Palm Warbler – 23 Dec 2023 Gary Wiles

Pacific

King Eider – 17 Oct 2023 Sam Simon, Addie Willsrud

Painted Bunting – 29 Sep 2023 Liam Hutcheson, Ryan Merrill

Pierce

Allen's Hummingbird – 26 Apr 1856 – Henshaw and Ridgeway
Nazca Booby – 1 Oct 2023 Mark Alan Iantosca, Elizabeth Monson
Smith's Longspur – 8 May 2023 Timothy Leque
Chestnut-sided Warbler – 8 Jun 2023 Cara Borre, Asta Tobiassen

Skagit

Snowy Plover – 20 May 2023 Joel Brady-Power, Tayler Brooks
Long-tailed Jaeger – 27 Aug 2023 Ryan Merrill
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – 18 Nov 2023 Joel Brady-Power
Winter Wren – 25 Nov 2023 Ryan Merrill

Skamania

Short-billed Dowitcher – 17 Jul 2023 John Davis

Spokane

Black-throated Blue Warbler – 16 Nov 2023 Jody Morehouse
Black-throated Gray Warbler – 11 Oct 2023 Alan McCoy

Thurston

Nazca Booby – 2 Oct 2023 Liam Hutcheson
Pinyon Jay – 8 Oct 2023 Michelle Napoleon
Sage Thrasher – 6 May 2023 Laurie Dils

Wahkiakum

American Redstart – 13 Oct 2023 Andrew Emlen

Walla Walla

Blackburnian Warbler – 30 Aug 2023 Christopher Lindsey

Whitman

Chestnut-sided Warbler – 1 Sep 2023 Alexander Sowers

Yakima

Costa's Hummingbird – 2 Jun 2023 Michael Hobbs