

Washington Birder

2009 Big Day Reports

Spokane

11 January 2009; 4:30am-4:30pm.

Species Totals: 62/61 (Team/Shared)

Team: Michael Woodruff 62, Tim O'Brien 61.

Traveled: 175 miles by car, 1 mile by foot.

Visiting: Mt. Spokane SP, Peone Prairie, Little Spokane River, Spokane Fish Hatchery, Painted Rocks, Nine Mile, West Plains.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Clark's Nutcracker, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch.

Whitman

22 January 2009; 5am-1pm.

Species Totals: 45/45 (Team/Shared)

Team: Michael Woodruff 45.

Traveled: 155 miles by car, 0.75 mile by foot.

Visiting: Wawawai Canyon, Pullman, Rose Creek Preserve, Kamiak Butte, Steptoe Butte.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Northern Goshawk, Long-eared Owl, Pine Grosbeak, White-winged Crossbill.

Ferry

15 March 2009; 7am-6pm.

Species Totals: 58/58 (Team/Shared)

Team: Michael Woodruff 58, Roger Woodruff 58.

Traveled: 180 miles by car, 0.50 mile by foot.

Visiting: Swawilla Basin, Keller, Lake Roosevelt, Silver Creek Rd., Republic.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Loggerhead Shrike, Pine Grosbeak.

Grays Harbor

19 March 2009; 7am-9pm.

Species Totals: 96/96 (Team/Shared)

Team: Michael Woodruff 96.

Traveled: 170 miles by car, 1 mile by foot.

Visiting: Damon Point, Ocean Shores Marina, Point Brown Jetty, Hoquiam STP, Brady Loop, Wenzel Slough Rd., Bottle Beach, Westport, Johns River Rd.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: "Bewick's" Swan, 12 Black-legged Kittiwakes, 3 Glaucous Gulls, Mountain Bluebird.

Spokane

31 March 2009; 8:30am-6:30pm.

Species Totals: 76/76 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jon Isacoff 76.

Traveled: 128 miles by car, 2 miles by foot.

Visiting: Liberty Lake County Park, Peone Prairie Wetland, Little Spokane Fish Hatchery, Philleo Lake, Paradise Prairie, Cheney, Meadow Lake, Palouse Highway.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Trumpeter Swan, Eurasian Wigeon, Northern Goshawk.

Early: Horned Grebe, Red-necked Grebe.

Species Missed: Wild Turkey, Double-crested Cormorant.

Special Interest: 34-45 degrees, rain, snow, hail showers, some sun.

Whitman

5 April 2009; 7am-2pm.

Species Totals: 72/72 (Team/Shared)

Team: Michael Woodruff 72, Roger Woodruff 72.

Traveled: 160 miles by car.

Visiting: Hole-in-the ground, Glorfield Rd., Rock Lake, Steptoe Butte, LaCrosse, Central Ferry.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: 4 Eurasian Wigeon, Dunlin.

Spokane

30 April 200; 9am-6pm.

Species Totals: 80/80 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jon Isacoff 80.

Traveled: 78 miles by car, 3 miles by foot.

Visiting: Peone Prairie Wetland, Gonzaga University, Deep Creek Canyon/Riverside SP, Philleo Lake.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Snow Goose, Ross's Goose, Black-necked Stilt, Solitary Sandpiper.

Missed: Wild Turkey, Northern Harrier, Say's Phoebe, Horned Lark, House Wren, Marsh Wren.

Stake Out: Snow Goose, Ross's Goose.

Special Interest: 45-55 degrees, sunny.

Spokane

20 June 2009; 5am-9:15pm.

Species Totals: 128/128 (Team/Shared)

Team: Tim O'Brien 128.

Traveled: 270 miles by car, 2 miles by foot.

Visiting: Peone, Mt. Spokane, Turnbull NWR, Spangle, West Plains, Riverside SP.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Short-eared Owl.

Missed: Bald Eagle, Virginia Rail, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Pileated Woodpecker, Steller's Jay, Rock Wren, Lark Sparrow.

Spokane

1 November 2009; 6:45am-5pm.

Species Totals: 72/68 (Team/Shared)

Team: Tim O'Brien 69, Michael Hobbs 70, Terry Sisson 68, MaryFrances Mathis 69.

Traveled: 171 miles by car, 1 mile by foot.

Visiting: Turnbull NWR, Philleo Lake, Spangle, Peone Prairie, Mount Spokane, Little Spokane Natural Area, Riverside SP.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Greater White-fronted Goose.

Columbia

13 November 2009; 7am-4pm.

Species Totals: 57/57 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Knittle 57, Tom Mansfield 57.

Traveled: ? miles by car.

Visiting: Lyon's Ferry pond, Tucannon River mouth, Little Goose Dam, Ferrall Rd., Archer Rd., Tucannon River valley, Spring Lake, Rainbow Lakes, Eckler Mountain Rd., Dayton

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Gray Partridge, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Sora, American Tree Sparrow, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch.

Late: Say's Phoebe, Rock Wren, Hermit Thrush, Varied Thrush, Lincoln's Sparrow.

Garfield

14 November 2009; 7am-3:30pm.

Species Totals: 56/55 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Knittle 55, Tom Mansfield 56.

Traveled: ? miles by car.

Visiting: Central Ferry, Texas Rapids, Willow Bar, Rice Bar, Lower Granite Dam, Almota, Pataha Creek, Brown Gulch Rd., Pomeroy.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Red-necked Grebe, Eared Grebe, Ruffed Grouse, Merlin, Gyrfalcon - "County First", Barn Owl, Long-eared Owl, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Townsend's Solitaire.

Late: Say's Phoebe, Lincoln's Sparrow.

Jefferson

21 November 2009; 6am-4pm.

Species Totals: 64/64 (Team/Shared)

Team: Ken Knittle 64, Tom Mansfield 64.

Traveled: ? miles by car.

Visiting: Chemicum Valley, Oak Bay, Fort Flagler SP, Marrowstone Point, Mystery Bay, Port Townsend, Point Wilson.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Tundra Swan, Anna's Hummingbird.

Late: Heermann's Gull.

Special Interest: windy.

Pend Oreille

22 November 2009; 8:30am-3pm.

Species Totals: 54/54 (Team/Shared)

Team: Michael Woodruff 54, Roger Woodruff 54.

Traveled: 100 miles by car, 1 mile by foot.

Visiting: Davis Lake, Usk, Cusick, River Rd., Cusick Wetland, Calispell Lake, Calispell Indian Reservation, Flying Goose Ranch, Riverbend, Allen Rd.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Canyon Wren.

Late: Tundra Swan.

Lewis

26 November 2009; 8am-4pm.

Species Totals: 53/53 (Team/Shared)

Team: Tom Mansfield 53, Ken Knittle 53.

Traveled: 200 miles by car.

Visiting: Pleasant Valley Road, Twin Oaks Rd., Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery, Mayfield Lake, Swofford Pond, Riffe Lake, Centralia Steam Plant, Fort Borst Park.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Pacific Loon, Eurasian Collared-Dove.

Skamania

28 November 2009; 7am-6pm.

Species Totals: 77/77 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 77, Ken Knittle 77, Tom Mansfield 77.

Traveled: ? miles by car.

Visiting: Marble Rd., Franz Lake NWR, Beacon Rock, North Bonneville, Hamilton Island, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Trumpeter Swan, Red-breasted Merganser, Great Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Wilson's Snipe, White-breasted Nuthatch, Canyon Wren, White-throated Sparrow, Western Meadowlark.

Late: Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Stake Out: Northern Saw-whet Owl.

Columbia

5 December 2009; 7:45am-4pm.

Species Totals: 50/50 (Team/Shared)

Team: MerryLynn Denny 50, Mike Denny 50, Ken Knittle 50, Tom Mansfield 50.

Traveled: ? miles by car.

Visiting: Lyon' Ferry Marina, Tucannon River mouth, Little Goose Dam, Starbuck, Dayton Cemetery, Wolf Fork Rd., Robinson Fork Rd., Dayton.

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Greater Scaup, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Marsh Wren.

Washington State and County BIG DAY RECORDS by month

monthly totals	110	112	121	143	201	157	134	127	121	113	100	102
<i>with 2009 updates</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
State												
Adams												
Asotin					110		98	102		61		
Benton												
Chelan												
Clallam												
Clark	78											
Columbia											57	50
Cowlitz												
Douglas												
Ferry			58									
Franklin				65								
Garfield											56	
Grant												61
Grays Harbor			96		162							
Island												
Jefferson											64	
King				111	126							90
Kitsap	110	112										102
Kittitas												
Klickitat					120	114						
Lewis											78	
Lincoln				113								58
Mason											57	57
Okanogan					121							
Pacific	71											
Pend Oreille					133			127			54	
Pierce												
San Juan										94		
Skagit					146						94	95
Skamania		53	66								77	60
Snohomish												
Spokane	62	72	76	80	143	128					72	66
Stevens								101		60		
Thurston												
Wahkiakum					121							85
Walla Walla							134					
Whatcom												
Whitman	45			72	113							
Yakima												