

Washington Birder

2017 Big Day Reports

Skagit (2014, but submitted in 2017, new November record)

8 November 2014; 7:22am-4:52pm

Species Totals: 101/101 (Team/Shared)

Team: Gary Bletsch

Traveled: 75 miles by car

Visiting: Rosario Head, Lake Erie, Campbell Lake, March Point, Samish Flats, Samish Island Public Beach, Butler Flats, Minkler Flats, Healy Road

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Redhead, Eared Grebe, "Thayer's Gull", now a subspecies of Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull

Early: Ancient Murrelet

Missed: swans, Green-winged Teal, Red-necked Grebe, Western Grebe, Steller's Jay

Pierce

11 May 2017; 4:00am-7:45pm

Species Totals: 122/120 (Team/Shared)

Team: Bruce LaBar, Peter Wimberger, Will Brooks

Traveled: 194 miles by car, 5 miles by foot

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Long-tailed Duck, Northern Bobwhite, Long-billed Curlew, Solitary Sandpiper, Dusky Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Bank Swallow

Late: Harlequin Duck

Lincoln

17 May 2017; 6:33am-4:38pm

Species Totals: 124/124 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jon Isacoff 124

Traveled: 170 miles by car, .5 miles by foot

Visiting: Mill Canyon, Seven Mile Road, Old Kuck's Road, Harrington Cemetery, Sprague Sewage Ponds, Sprague Lake, County Line Ponds, Sprague Lake Resort, Ames Lake

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Tundra Swan, Red-breasted Merganser, American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Black-bellied Plover

Missed: Osprey, Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, Virginia Rail, Red-naped Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Gray Flycatcher, Bewick's Wren, Red Crossbill

Stake Out: Eurasian Wigeon, Marbled Godwit

Lewis

16 August 2017; 7:00am-9:00pm

Species Totals: 47/45 (Team/Shared)

Team: Dalton Spencer 47, Kathleen Snyder 45

Traveled: 250 miles by car, 3 miles by foot

Visiting: Taidnapam Park (Glenoma), Peters Road wetlands, Packwood, White Pass, Bench Lake Trail

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Gray Jay, Gray Flycatcher, Red Crossbill

Special Interest: Over 1000 Violet-Green Swallows at Peter's Road wetlands, plus other Barn Swallows

Clark

16 October 2017; 7:07am-3:50pm

Species Totals: 79/79 (Team/Shared)

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

Traveled: 67 miles by car

Visiting: Hazel Dell (Vancouver) residence, Ridgefield NWR River "S" Unit, Fruit Valley WWTP and LaFramboise Road, Lower River Road, Frenchman's Bar Park

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: White-throated Sparrow (Steak-out in Hazel Dell),

Missed: Snow Goose, American Bittern

Special Interest: About 200 White Pelicans were soaring over Lake River

Weather: Heavy Fog at Ridgefield NWR and along the Columbia River until 11:00 am, then sunny and mild

Skagit

28 October 2017; 8:00am-8:35pm

Species Totals: 101/101 (Team/Shared)

Team: Gary Bletsch 101

Traveled: 115 miles by car

Visiting: Healy Road, Minkler Flats, Sedro-Woolley, Fir Island Game Range, Hayton Reserve, Fir Island, Bingo Hall Lagoon, March Point, Padilla Bay, Bay View State Park, Samish Flats, Samish Island Public Beach, Samish Flats, Butler Flats, Northern State Recreational Area, Harry Osborne State Forest (owling)

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Lesser Yellowlegs, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Black Phoebe

Missed: Northern Shoveler, Least Sandpiper, Brown Creeper

Clark

22 November 2017; 7:10am-4:15pm

Species Totals: 84/83 (Team/Shared)

Team: Randy Hill 84, Les Carlson 83

Traveled: 68 miles by car, 1 miles by foot

Visiting: Ridgefield NWR Carty Unit, Ridgefield NWR River "S" Unit, Vancouver lowlands, Vancouver Marine Park, Vancouver Water Resource Center

Species of note:

Vagrant: Snowy Egret

Missed: Varied Thrush, Pacific Wren, Bewick's Wren, Red-breasted Nuthatch

Special Interest:

Significant numbers of annually occurring species: 4 Red-shouldered Hawk, 3 White-throated Sparrow, 2 Merlin, 1800 Snow Geese

Weather: Rain the first 4 hours (7:10-11:1am), Fog affected birding in the first two hours, temperature: 44 degrees (low), 55 (high)

Island

9 December 2017; 7:45am-4:15pm

Species Totals: 87/85 (Team/Shared)

Team: Scott Ramos 87, Andy Jacobson, Ruth Mynar, W, Taylor, Joyce Fowler, Tom Munsch, Menglin Wang

Traveled: 70, 1.5 miles by foot miles by car

Visiting: Cranberry Lake (Deception Pass State Park), West Beach (Deception Pass State Park), Dugualla Bay, Oak Harbor Marina, Swantown / Bos Lake, Hastie Lake Road beach Access, Ebey's Landing, Crockett Lake, Keystone Ferry Landing, Deer Lagoon, Useless Bay, Clinton Ferry Terminal

Species of note:

Late: Redhead, Sandhill Crane

Missed: Steller's Jay, Bewick's Wren

Washington State and County BIG DAY RECORDS by month

monthly totals												
with 2017 updates	110	112	121	143	208	157	136	127	121	113	104	102
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
State					208		136				104	
Adams												
Asotin	62	56			110		98	102	66	61		
Benton												
Chelan												
Clallam		102										
Clark	78	65	86							79	84	69
Columbia										67	57	50
Cowlitz	83											
Douglas			74									
Ferry			61									
Franklin				65								
Garfield											56	
Grant												61
Grays Harbor			96		162							
Island		87		90		93		92	88			87
Jefferson											64	
King	82	84		111	126							90
Kitsap	110	112									104	102
Kittitas					144	155						
Klickitat					120	114						
Lewis					78			46			78	
Lincoln				113	124						70	66
Mason	68	78			91	78				65	57	57
Okanogan					121							
Pacific	71											
Pend Oreille	51	60	73	96	133	113	106	127	88	54	55	58
Pierce					137							
San Juan										94		
Skagit	80	87	91	103	146	118	77	103	101	101	101	95
Skamania	69	66	70	77	68	73	86	76	80	76	78	81
Snohomish	87				122							64
Spokane	62	72	80	121	143	140					80	66
Stevens				100				101		60		
Thurston												
Wahkiakum		74		80	121							85
Walla Walla							136					
Whatcom		89										
Whitman	45			72	113							
Yakima	70	74	93	103	152							