

Washington Birder

2018 Big Day Reports

Ferry (2016, but submitted in 2918, new June record)

30 June 2016; 6:00am-6:30pm

Species Totals: 89/88 (Team/Shared)

Team: Donna Bragg 89, Sandy Schreven 88

Traveled: 113 miles by car, 1 miles by foot

Visiting: Mikalsen Road, Barney's Junction, Colville National Forest – Canyon Creek, Curlew Lake State Park, Hwy 20 MP 318 Pullout, Kettle River Campground, Mud Lake, Rail Trail Wetland – Curlew Lake, Republic Sewer Treatment Plant, Sanpoil Lake, Sherman Pass

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Williamson's Sapsucker

Missed: Ruffed Grouse, Downy Woodpecker, Dusky Flycatcher

Island

1 January 2018; 6:00am-4:15pm

Species Totals: 93/93 (Team/Shared)

Team: Scott Ramos 93, Louis Kreemer 93

Traveled: 38 miles by car, 3 miles by foot

Visiting: Arrowhead Road, Davis Slough Dike, Smith-Larkspur Roads, Good Road, East Utsalady Road-Rekdal Road, Rocky Point, Sunset Drive ponds, Salal Hill Lane (Camano Island), Maple Grove, Utsalady Bay, Arrowhead Road gasline, Arrowhead Beach, English Boom, Utsalady Road-Rekdal Road, Hanstead Road

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Black Scoter

Late: Hutton's Vireo, Townsend's Solitaire, Orange-crowned Warbler

Missed: Pelagic Cormorant, Common Murre, Rhinoceros Auklet

Stake Out: Wild Turkey

Island

4 January 2018; 7:30am-4:30pm

Species Totals: 94/87 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jay Adams 94, Ruth Richards 92, Carlos Andersen 87

Traveled: 143 miles by car, 3 miles by foot

Visiting: Whidbey Island: Clinton, Sunlight Beach, Deer Lagoon, Lone Lake, Driftwood County Park, Crockett Lake, Keystone Harbor, Keystone State Park, Admiralty Inlet Preserve, Penn Cove, Windjammer Park, Oak Harbor Marina, Dugualla Bay, Deception Pass State Park: Cranberry Lake, West Beach

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Redhead

Missed: Ring-billed Gull, American Kestrel, Bewick's Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Pierce

22 January 2018; 5:30am-4:41pm

Species Totals: 88/87 (Team/Shared)

Team: Bruce LaBar, Ed Pullen

Traveled: 115 miles by car, 2 miles by foot

Visiting: Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Cinnamon Teal

Early: 9 Tree Swallows

Missed: Wood Duck, no Owls

Stake Out: Long-tailed Duck, White-throated Sparrow, Redhead, Least Sandpiper

Special Interest:

Weather: rain

Island

21 February 2018; 7:30am-6:30pm

Species Totals: 99/99 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jay Adams 99, Ruth Richards 99, Gideon Seraphine 99, Carlos Andersen 99

Traveled: 144 miles by car, 3.8 miles by foot

Visiting: Whidbey Island: Clinton Ferry Terminal and environs, Langley Marina and environs, Sunlight Beach, Deer Lagoon, Pacific Rim Institute, Penn Cove, Crockett Lake, Oak Harbor Marina, Dugualla Bay, Deception Pass State Park

Species of note:

Vagrant: Redhead, California Scrub-Jay

Missed: Brown Creeper, Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pierce**26 February 2018; 5:35am-5:06pm****Species Totals:** 74/74 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Bruce LaBar 74**Traveled:** 139 miles by car, 4.8 miles by foot**Visiting:** Pierce County**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Northern Shrike**Stake Out:** 2 Barred Owls, 5 Long-tailed Ducks, 8 Least Sandpipers**Special Interest:****Weather:** nice day**Columbia****28 February 2018; 8:00am-4:00pm****Species Totals:** 43/39 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Jeff Jendro 42, Anne Kahle 39, Ken Knittle 43**Traveled:** 210 miles by car**Visiting:** Lyons Ferry Pond, Little Goose Dam Road, Starbuck, Dayton**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Eurasian Wigeon, Pacific Wren, Common Redpoll, Black-capped Chickadee**Missed:** Rough-legged Hawk, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch**Pierce****28 March 2018; 5:00am-6:00pm****Species Totals:** 102/102 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Bruce LaBar 102, Ed Pullen 102**Traveled:** 160 miles by car, 6 miles by foot**Visiting:** Pierce County**Species of note:****Early:** 5 Band-tailed Pigeons, 1 Northern Rough-winged Swallow, 1 Cliff Swallow, 3 Turkey Vultures**Missed:** Varied Thrush, Pacific Wren, Bewick's Wren, Red-breasted Nuthatch**Stake Out:** Wilson's Snipe, Barred Owl, Harlequin Duck, Long-tailed Duck**Island****31 March 2018; 7:30am-8:05pm****Species Totals:** 106/104 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Jay Adams 106, Ruth Richards 106, Gideon Seraphine 105, Carlos Andersen 105**Traveled:** 121 miles by car, 2 miles by foot**Visiting:** Whidbey Island: Maxwellton Valley, Deer Lagoon, Earth Sanctuary area, Crockett Lake, Penn Cove, Dugualla Bay, Deception Pass State Park, Pacific Rim Institute**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Rock Sandpiper, Evening Grosbeak**Early:** Blue-winged Teal**Missed:** Red-breasted Sapsucker**Stake Out:** Redhead**Special Interest:****Weather:** good weather conditions**Island****19 April 2018; 7:00am-7:30pm****Species Totals:** 110/109 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Jay Adams 110, Ruth Richards 109, Gideon Seraphine 110, Carlos Andersen 110**Traveled:** 127 miles by car, 3 miles by foot**Visiting:** Whidbey Island: Maxwellton Valley, Deer Lagoon, Freeland Harbor, Trillium Community Forest, Crockett Lake, Admiralty Inlet Preserve, Pacific Rim Institute, Penn Cove, Libbey Beach, Swantown, Deception Pass State Park**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Trumpeter Swan**Missed:** Hairy Woodpecker**Stake Out:** Band-tailed Pigeon**Special Interest:****Natural History Highlight:** 2 Gray Whales seen off Long Point, Coupeville

Pierce**23 April 2018; 4:00am-6:00pm****Species Totals:** 107/107 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Bruce LaBar 107, Ed Pullen 107**Traveled:** 150 miles by car, 5 miles by foot**Visiting:** Pierce County**Species of note:****Vagrant:** Black Phoebe**Rare/Unusual:** 50 Greater White-fronted Geese, 1 Sora, 2 American Pipits**Stake Out:** Lesser Goldfinch**Snohomish****4 May 2018; 12:01am-10:30pm****Species Totals:** 138/138 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Josh Adams 138**Traveled:** 85 miles by car, 4 miles by foot, 3 miles by bike**Visiting:** Forbes Road, Sultan Basin Road, Crescent Lake, Paradise Valley Conservation Area, Homeacres Road, Everett waterfront, Eide Road, Stanwood Water Treatment Plant, Tulalip Bay, Priest Point, Edmonds waterfront, Yost Park**Species of note:****Vagrant:** Black-necked Stilt**Late:** Eurasian Wigeon, Red-throated Loon**King****5 May 2018; 3:00am-9:00pm****Species Totals:** 137/131 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Matt Dufort 135, Spencer Hildie 131, Adrian Lee 136, Scott Ramos 134**Traveled:** 190 miles by car, 7 miles by foot**Visiting:** Marymoor Park, Snoqualmie Valley, Stossel Creek Road, Sammamish Valley, Snoqualmie area, Kent Valley, West Seattle, Montlake Fill, Magnuson Park**Species of note:****Vagrant:** American Avocet, Long-billed Curlew**Rare/Unusual:** Clark's Grebe, Lewis's Woodpecker, Dusky Flycatcher**Missed:** Horned Grebe, Brandt's Cormorant**Cowlitz****5 May 2018; 6:30am-7:30pm****Species Totals:** 97/97 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Russ Koppendrayer 97, Becky Kent 97**Visiting:** Longview Mint Farm, Willow Grove, Longview Sewer Treatment Plant, Imboden Road, Barnes Drive (State Forest), Washburn Road, Kalama area waterfront, Woodland Bottoms**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Brown Pelican, Semipalmated Sandpiper**Missed:** Violet-green Swallow**Special Interest:****Geographic note:** Unplanned Cowlitz County Big Day. "Also unplanned was the fact that all our stops were on the west side of I-5 and only one was out of the floodplains of the Cowlitz and Columbia Rivers."**Pierce****9 May 2018; 4:00am-6:45pm****Species Totals:** 133/133 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Bruce LaBar 133, Ed Pullen 133, Ken W. Brown 133, Will Brooks 133**Traveled:** 165 miles by car, 6 miles by foot**Visiting:** Pierce County lowlands**Species of note:****Vagrant:** 2 Western Kingbirds, 1 Blue-winged Teal**Rare/Unusual:** 9 American White Pelicans**Missed:** Bullock's Oriole, Greater Yellowlegs**Stake Out:** Cooper's Hawk, Barred Owl, Wandering Tattler**Special Interest:****Weather:** sprinkles, sun breaks, overcast, 50's**Pierce County lowland record breaking Big Day:** 133 species

Island

12 May 2018; 5:30am-7:30pm

Species Totals: 125/123 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jay Adams 124, Ruth Richards 124, Gideon Seraphine 123, Carlos Andersen 125

Traveled: 132 miles by car, 7.5 miles by foot

Visiting: Whidbey Island: Maxwellton, Freeland, Trillium Community Forest, Crockett Lake, Fort Casey State Park, Partridge Point, Dugualla Lake, Deception Pass State Park

Species of note:

Vagrant: Yellow-headed Blackbird

Special Interest:

Difficult this spring: Swainson's Thrush

Klickitat

12 May 2018; 5:40am-3:30pm

Species Totals: 126/121 (Team/Shared)

Team: Joshua Holman 124, Samuel Holman 123

Traveled: 135 miles by car, 9.2 miles by foot

Visiting: Conboy National Wildlife Refuge, Trout Lake

Species of note:

Late: Tundra Swan

Spokane

6 June 2018; 12:00am-9:00pm

Species Totals: 152/152 (Team/Shared)

Team: Michael Woodruff 152

Traveled: 295 miles by car, 4 miles by foot, 9 miles by bike

Visiting: Stevens Creek Natural Area, Mt. Spokane State Park, Newman Lake, Liberty Lake, Saltese Wetlands, Philleo Lake, Rock Lake Road, Williams Lake, Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge, Granite Lake, West Medical Lake, West Plains, Riverside State Park

Species of note:

Late: Horned Grebe

Missed: Cooper's Hawk, Steller's Jay, Evening Grosbeak

Pierce

27 June 2018; 5:00am-6:15pm

Species Totals: 104/103 (Team/Shared)

Team: Bruce LaBar, Ed Pullen

Traveled: 200 miles by car, 4 miles by foot

Visiting: Pierce County

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Lazuli x Indigo Bunting

Missed: Downy Woodpecker, Killdeer, Western Bluebird, Spotted Sandpiper

Stake Out: Lesser Goldfinch, Red-eyed Vireo

Island

27 June 2018; 7:00am-5:15pm

Species Totals: 95/95 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jay Adams 95, Ruth Richards 95, Gideon Seraphine 95, Carlos Andersen 95

Traveled: 97 miles by car, 5.8 miles by foot

Visiting: Whidbey Island: Maxwellton Valley, Ewing Marsh, Sunlight Beach, Deer Lagoon, Crockett Lake, Penn Cove, Pacific Rim Institute

Species of note:

Missed: Downy Woodpecker, Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Special Interest:

Species numbers: "We all commented on what appeared to be the unusually high numbers of American Goldfinches present this season."

Pierce

7 July 2018; 5:00am-5:30pm

Species Totals: 82/81 (Team/Shared)

Team: Bruce LaBar 81, Ed Pullen 81

Traveled: 200 miles by car, 3 miles by foot

Visiting: Pierce County

Species of note:

Vagrant: Harlequin Duck (feeding in Upper Nisqually River, Longmire), Semipalmated Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher

Missed: Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Anna's Hummingbird

Island**23 July 2018; 7:00am-5:00pm****Species Totals:** 89/89 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Jay Adams 89, Carlos Andersen 89**Traveled:** 53 miles by car, 5 miles by foot**Visiting:** Whidbey Island: Deer Lagoon, Crockett Lake, Admiralty Inlet Preserve, Partridge Point, Hastie Lake, Pacific Rim Institute**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Redhead**Missed:** Semipalmated Sandpiper**Special Interest:****Shorebird Species Abundance:** "Relatively low numbers of shorebirds given how many had been seen the week leading up to count day."**Island****23 August 2018; 6:30am-6:45pm****Species Totals:** 98/98 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Jay Adams 98, Ruth Richards 98, Gideon Seraphine 98, Carlos Andersen 98**Traveled:** 76 miles by car, 5.4 miles by foot**Visiting:** Whidbey Island: Crockett Lake, Penn Cove, Partridge Point, Hastie Lake, Swantown, Pacific Rim Institute, Deer Lagoon, private yards**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Red-necked Phalarope**Missed:** Wilson's Snipe, Swainson's Thrush, Hutton's Vireo, Pileated Woodpecker**Pierce****31 August 2018; 7:43am-4:15pm****Species Totals:** 61/61 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Bruce LaBar 61, Ed Pullen 61**Traveled:** 70 miles by car, 2 miles by foot**Visiting:** Pierce County**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** 2 Lesser Goldfinch, 2 Parasitic Jaegers**Late:** 3 Lazuli Buntings**Special Interest:****Big Day was interrupted:** "by getting a message that a LeConte's Sparrow was found in Discovery Park, Seattle. So ... off we went. SUCCESS !! LeConte's Sparrow was a state bird for Ed and [me]. Back to Tacoma to finish our abbreviated big day. Well worth it !!"**Island****21 September 2018; 7:00am-4:30pm****Species Totals:** 94/91 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Jay Adams 93, Ruth Richards 94, Gideon Seraphine 92, Carlos Andersen 93**Traveled:** 60 miles by car**Visiting:** Whidbey Island: Crockett Lake, Fort Casey State Park, Penn Cove, Partridge Point, Hastie Lake pull-out, Swan Lake, Oak Harbor Marina, Pacific Rim Institute, Deer Lagoon**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Semipalmated Sandpiper, Hermit Thrush, Western Gull**Missed:** American Coot, Pectoral Sandpiper, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, American Kestrel**Pierce****26 September 2018; 5:15am-3:15pm****Species Totals:** 71/71 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Bruce LaBar 71, Ed Pullen 71**Traveled:** 75 miles by car, 8.2 miles by foot**Visiting:** Pierce County**Species of note:****Rare/Unusual:** Ruff, Pectoral Sandpiper, 5 Parasitic Jaegers**Missed:** Eurasian Collared-Dove**Stake Out:** Ruff

Island

18 October 2018; 7:30am-6:15pm

Species Totals: 102/102 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jay Adams 102, Ruth Richards 102, Gideon Seraphine 102, Carlos Andersen 102

Traveled: 112 miles by car, 5.6 miles by foot

Visiting: Whidbey Island: Clinton Ferry area, Maxwellton Valley, Crockett Lake, Partridge Point, Swantown, Oak Harbor Marina, Dugualla Bay

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Red Knot

Missed: Semipalmated Plover, Brandt's Cormorant, Common Raven, Savannah Sparrow

Stake Out Missed: Northern Shrike

Pierce

29 October 2018; 7:30am-4:45pm

Species Totals: 78/74 (Team/Shared)

Team: Bruce LaBar 78, Ed Pullen 74

Traveled: 95 miles by car, 4 miles by foot

Visiting: Pierce County

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: American Bittern, Snow Goose

Late: Green Heron

Missed: Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit

Island

8 November 2018; 7:20am-5:30pm

Species Totals: 100/90 (Team/Shared)

Team: Jay Adams 100, Ruth Richards 90, Gideon Seraphine 100, Carlos Andersen 100

Traveled: 111 miles by car, 1.8 miles by foot

Visiting: Whidbey Island: Maxwellton Valley, Sunlight Beach, Deer Lagoon, Crockett Lake, Penn Cove, Partridge Point, Hastie Lake, Swantown, Dugualla Bay, Oak Harbor Marina

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Eared Grebe

Missed: Cackling Goose, Black Oystercatcher, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, White-throated Sparrow

Stake Out Missed: Sora

Pierce

19 November 2018; 6:48am-4:22pm

Species Totals: 90/89 (Team/Shared)

Team: Bruce LaBar 89, Ed Pullen 90

Traveled: 100 miles by car, 6.1 miles by foot

Visiting: Pierce County

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Clay-colored Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird, Ruff-legged Hawk

Missed: Bushtit, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Eurasian Collared-Dove

Stake Out: Clay-colored Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird, Ruff-legged Hawk

Pierce

3 December 2018; 6:00am-4:00pm

Species Totals: 84/80 (Team/Shared)

Team: Bruce LaBar 80, Ed Pullen 84

Traveled: 115 miles by car, 1.5 miles by foot

Visiting: Pierce County

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Clay-colored Sparrow

Late: Green Heron, Spotted Sandpiper

Missed: Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bushtit, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Downy Woodpecker

Stake Out: Clay-colored Sparrow

Island**5 December 2018; 7:30am-4:30pm****Species Totals:** 93/92 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Jay Adams 93, Ruth Richards 93, Gideon Seraphine 92, Carlos Andersen 92**Traveled:** 126 miles by car, 3.8 miles by foot**Visiting:** Whidbey Island: Clinton Ferry Terminal, Maxwellton Valley, Sunlight Beach, Deer Lagoon, Holmes Harbor, Crockett Lake, Partridge Point, Boss Lake, Oak Harbor Marina, Dugualla Bay, Deception Pass State Park**Species of note:****Missed:** Cackling Goose, Bonaparte's Gull, Cooper's Hawk, Great Horned Owl, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Bushtit, Brown Creeper, Yellow-rumped Warbler**Stake Out Missed:** Northern Shrike**Special Interest:****Shorebird Species Abundance:** "The numbers of Dunlin and Black-bellied Plovers at Deer Lagoon were impressively high."**King****8 December 2018; 4:15am-9:00pm****Species Totals:** 102/100 (Team/Shared)**Team:** Matt Dufort 100, Spencer Hildie 101, Sam Terry 100**Traveled:** 124 miles by car, 2 miles by foot**Visiting:** Marymoor Park, Snoqualmie Valley, Montlake Fill, Discovery Park, West Seattle, Kent Valley**Species of note:****Vagrant:** Prairie Falcon**Rare/Unusual:** Swamp Sparrow**Late:** Heermann's Gull, Cinnamon Teal**Missed:** Pileated Woodpecker, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Varied Thrush, Purple Finch

Washington State and County BIG DAY RECORDS by month

monthly totals												
with 2018 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		43								67	57	50
Cowlitz	83				97							
Douglas			74									
Ferry			61			89						
Franklin				65								
Garfield											56	
Grant												61
Grays Harbor			96		162							
Island	94	99	106	110	125	95	89	98	94	102	100	93
Jefferson											64	
King	82	84		111	137							102
Kitsap	110	112									104	102
Kittitas					144	155						
Klickitat					126	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	88	74	102	107	137	104	82	61	71	78	90	84
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				138							64
Spokane	62	72	80	121	143	152					80	66
Stevens				100				101		60		
Thurston												
Wahkiakum		74		80	121							85
Walla Walla							136					
Whatcom		89										
Whitman	45			72	113							
Yakima	70	74	93	103	152							