



# Tropical Audubon Society



## Pacific Northwest Birding

**June 21-29, 2014**



Washington Pass – Mark Lopez

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## Day 1, Saturday, June 21

All participants met mid-day as scheduled at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's car rental center. We had to deal with a bit of traffic as we headed out of Seattle, but were soon at our first stop, **Lake Sammamish State Park**, nestled between the city and the western foothills of the Cascade Range. The park was quite active for a Saturday afternoon; species tallied included Common Merganser (with young), Bald Eagle, Spotted Sandpiper, Anna's and Rufous Hummingbirds, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Western Wood-Pewee, Willow and Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Warbling and Red-eyed Vireos (the latter heard only), Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees (again, the latter heard only), Bewick's Wren, Swainson's Thrush, Cedar Waxwing, Yellow Warbler, Spotted Towhee, Savannah, Song and White-crowned Sparrows, Black-headed Grosbeak, Purple Finch and American Goldfinch.



Common Merganser – Robin Diaz

We then headed east, over the crest of the Cascades at Snoqualmie Pass. A quick stop off of I-90 east of the crest produced American Dipper and Brown Creeper.



American Dipper – Ted Center

Swainson's Hawk, Eastern and Western Kingbirds, Common Raven and Western Bluebird were spotted along the highway as we neared Ellensburg. After hotel check-in and dinner in Ellensburg, some of the group paid an after-dark visit to **Robinson Canyon**, where several Common Poorwills provided us with outstanding looks. Common Nighthawks were heard calling overhead, but no owls could be found. (**Day 1 list: 61 species**)

## Day 2, Sunday, June 22

Our first full day began in dry scrub-steppe habitat between Ellensburg and Vantage. (Full disclosure: early risers spotted several birds in and around the pasture across from our hotel, including Wilson's Snipe, Eurasian Collared-Dove (now established throughout much of the state), Northern Flicker, Bank Swallow, Black-billed Magpie and Brewer's Blackbird.) At **Quilomene Wildlife Area** along the Old Vantage Highway, we found Northern Harrier, Horned Lark, Mountain Bluebird, Sage Thrasher (distant looks) and Brewer's, Vesper and Sagebrush Sparrows. At **Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park**, a couple of Chukars were lured from cliff-side hiding places, providing dramatic in-flight views. Say's Phoebe and Rock Wren were also seen here. This was the first of many locations where we attempted to find a Canyon Wren, but failed to do so.



Sagebrush Sparrow – Cheryl Lachance



Oregon Junco – Robin Diaz

After breakfast in Ellensburg, we headed north and west, back up into the Cascades. Near the Discovery Trail parking area at **Blewett Pass**, we discovered nesting Williamson's Sapsuckers, quickly followed by a pair of rare Black-backed Woodpeckers! Other birds seen in this area included Cassin's Vireo, Hermit Thrush, Nashville, Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) and Townsend's Warblers, Chipping Sparrow, Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco, Western

Tanager, Cassin's Finch, Red Crossbill, Pine Siskin and Evening Grosbeak. In Leavenworth, a quaint Bavarian-themed mountain village that was overrun with tourists, we added Pygmy Nuthatch in a patch of Ponderosa Pine near town, then stopped for a quick lunch break. At the **Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat** near the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, we found a pair of stunning White-headed Woodpeckers as well as a Red-naped Sapsucker. We also enjoyed up-close views of Violet-green Swallows perched on the banks of Icicle Creek.

Continuing north, we made a quick stop at **Chelan Falls**, where we spotted a Golden Eagle soaring over the cliffs. A White-throated Swift was also seen here. Along the Columbia River after crossing into Okanogan County (Washington's largest county and home to about 200 breeding birds), we found two basic-plumaged Common Loons. A Red-necked Grebe in breeding plumage was spotted on the Douglas County side of the river; both of these species are scarce in the Columbia Basin during summer. Our final stop before reaching our hotel in Omak (our base for the next two nights) was at **Cassimer Bar**; a short walk along this marshy area near the mouth of the Okanogan River added Wood Duck, Western Grebe, American White Pelican, American Bittern (heard booming), California Gull, Cliff Swallow and Bullock's Oriole to our rapidly growing trip list. After checking into our hotel, we ate a late dinner at a restaurant adjacent to the hotel. (**Day 2 list: 90 species**)



Western Grebe – Cheryl Lachance

### Day 3, Monday, June 23

This morning, we headed north and west to Conconully, along the western edge of the Okanogan Valley. Numerous California Quail, along with a couple of Chukar, were spotted crossing the road ahead of us. A Yellow-bellied Marmot was seen scurrying across the road, but sadly, it failed to reach its intended destination.



Yellow-bellied Marmot – Ted Center

Another was seen later, this one perched on a rock a safe distance from the road. Stops en route provided satisfying views of Lazuli Bunting and somewhat closer views of Sage Thrasher, but a stop at a known location for Grasshopper Sparrow failed to find any. Birds tallied during a brief visit to **Conconully State Park** included Canada Goose, Ring-necked



Duck, Common Loon, American Coot and Willow Flycatcher. As we moved up to higher elevation boreal habitat above **Salmon Meadows**, we found our first Hairy Woodpeckers, Gray Jays, Mountain Chickadees, Red-breasted Nuthatches and Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets. While a Pine Grosbeak perched at the top of a conifer was seen by all, only a few participants were able to get on a rather uncooperative American Three-toed Woodpecker. Our first Pacific Wren was heard-only. On a couple of occasions, we bushwhacked through the forest searching for Spruce Grouse, but none were found. We also struck out on Boreal Chickadee.

We took a lunch break in a rockslide area where a Pika was spotted by at least one participant. Much of the afternoon was spent in high-elevation forest around **Lone Frank Pass**, an area that was burned in a massive wildfire in 2009. This area added our tour's first Olive-sided Flycatchers, Clark's Nutcrackers and Townsend's Solitaires, but birds were otherwise scarce in this stark landscape. In a boggy area along a side road to Tiffany Springs, we found a singing Lincoln's Sparrow. Roads damaged by recent snowmelt forced us to backtrack to Conconully; along the way, we stopped in an area where a Veery was singing, but couldn't locate any. At a roadside pond closer to Omak, two Green-winged Teal were found. Our first Yellow-headed Blackbirds of the trip were also seen here. Dinner was at a Mexican restaurant in downtown Omak. (**Day 3 list: 81 species**)



Yellow-headed Blackbird – Cheryl Lachance

## **Day 4, Tuesday, June 24**

Today, we continued our exploration of Okanogan County, beginning with a drive along **Cameron Lake Road**, south of Omak. Our first sighting of a Western Meadowlark was across the street from our hotel as we headed out. Cameron Lake Road is a known breeding location for Gray Flycatcher, a recent arrival to Washington; we were able to find three. While studying a Dusky Flycatcher in a nearby stand of pines, some in the group spotted a cinnamon morph Black Bear ambling across the road! Our only Lark Sparrow of the trip was also seen along the road. Before leaving this area, we scanned several roadside alkaline ponds. Gadwall, American Avocet and Black-necked Stilt were among the species seen on the ponds.



We then backtracked to Omak and continued north to Tonasket, gateway to the **Okanogan Highlands** that extend east from the Okanogan River and north to the Canada border. In agricultural fields along Havillah Road, north and east of



Townsend's Solitaire – Ted Center

Tonasket, we found at least two Bobolinks. We also encountered our first rain of the trip; intermittent showers lasted into the afternoon. Another encounter with nesting Williamson's Sapsuckers, Steller's Jays and a singing Townsend's Solitaire were among the highlights of our stop at **Highland Sno-Park**, where we also had lunch. A Black-backed Woodpecker was heard by some of the group during our visit.

Sadly, the weather and time constraints prevented us from further exploration of this beautiful area. We backtracked west to Tonasket, then north to the Ellisforde bridge area, where Least Flycatcher is known to nest. We saw only Wood Ducks during a quick stop. On Whitestone Lake, between Ellisforde and Loomis, we found Redheads, Lesser Scaup and a Red-necked Grebe. A dark-morph Swainson's Hawk made a couple of passes over us at this stop. Our target bird in **Loomis** was Lewis's Woodpecker; an area of farmhouses nestled under towering cliffs outside of town is home to a large flock of this delightful fly-catching woodpecker. Chukar, Cooper's Hawk and a Bighorn Sheep were among other sightings during this crowd-pleasing stop.



Lewis's Woodpecker – Ted Center

From Loomis, we drove south through the gorgeous **Sinlahekin Valley**, making several stops along the way. Birds found in the Conner's Lake area included



Yellow-breasted Chat – Mark Lopez

Virginia Rail, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Gray Catbird, Yellow-breasted Chat and Black-headed Grosbeak. Bald Eagles were at a nest near the lake. Good numbers of ducks were at Forde Lake, including Cinnamon Teal, Hooded Merganser and Ruddy Duck. A flyover by a Pileated Woodpecker provided a clean sweep of all the woodpeckers possible on the trip, and it was only day four! Other sightings as we made our way through the

valley included MacGillivray's Warbler and a Dusky Grouse, the latter seen by only two in the group. After passing through Omak for a final time, we headed west via the North Cascades Highway to Winthrop, in the beautiful Methow Valley and our base for the next two nights. Winthrop is a western-themed town attractive to tourists, but apparently not so much during the week. Our hotel was located outside of town, but we went into town for dinner. (**Day 4 list: 108 species**)

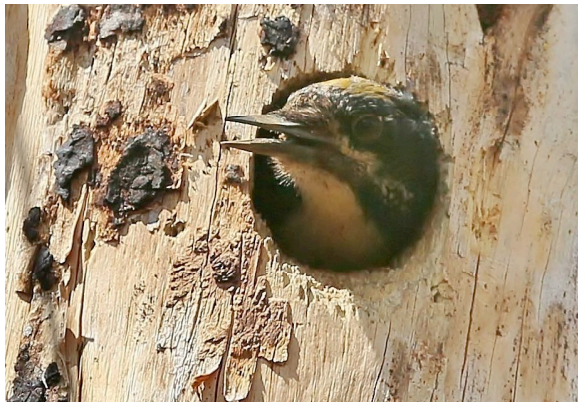
## Day 5: Wednesday, June 25

We rose early this morning and drove up to **Sun Mountain Lodge**, a few miles outside of Winthrop, hoping to spot a Dusky Grouse, a bird missed by most of us yesterday. We would not be denied today; a male grouse was conspicuously perched on a rock just off the road as we approached the lodge, providing outstanding views. Two more grouse were found on the lodge grounds, including one that attempted to conceal itself among the ornamental plants just outside the hotel lobby! The brightly colored flowers planted on the hotel grounds attracted a number of other birds, including at least two Calliope Hummingbirds.



Dusky Grouse – Cheryl Lachance

After breakfast in Winthrop, we headed back into the Okanogan Cascades, this time via 6,367 ft. **Baldy Pass**, an area also heavily impacted by the 2009 wildfire. Our target was Northern Hawk-Owl, which had been reported from this area the previous week and which is known to have nested in this area in recent years. While we failed to find the hawk-owl, we had good repeat looks at other high-

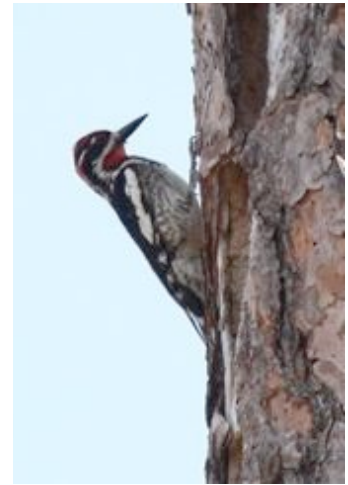


American Three-toed Woodpecker – Ted Center

elevation species including Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Cassin's Vireo, Townsend's Solitaire and Cassin's Finch. A Golden Eagle soared overhead along the way. During a short hike through an area of blown-down trees along Roger Lake, some of us followed a tapping sound to a tree hole that turned out to be the nest of a pair of American Three-toed Woodpeckers! Those in the group who

didn't get to view the male industriously clearing sawdust from the nest cavity later saw at least one of the pair foraging along the trail.

We returned to Winthrop for a late lunch/early dinner, then made a couple of stops along the river near town to search for Harlequin Duck and Veery. Failing to find either, some of the group drove south to the town of Twisp, then west on the **Twisp River Road**. A Wild Turkey was spotted by the side of the road on the way down the road; on the way back, the turkey was in middle of the road! We made several stops along the river, again trying for Harlequin Duck, but found none. We did see a Red-naped Sapsucker at a nest hole at one of the stops and heard a Veery singing in the distance. We returned to the hotel well before sunset, where we all took advantage of an opportunity for an early bedtime. (**Day 5 list: 71 species**)



Red-naped Sapsucker  
– Cheryl Lachance

## Day 6, Thursday, June 26

Leaving Winthrop and the Methow Valley behind, we continued west this morning along the North Cascades Highway, making a quick stop in Mazama for breakfast and to search for Ruffed Grouse (none found). We crossed the crest of the Cascades at **Washington Pass**, driving up to the rest area at the pass to enjoy the spectacular views. The road to the rest area had just been cleared of snow the



Pine Grosbeak – Ted Center

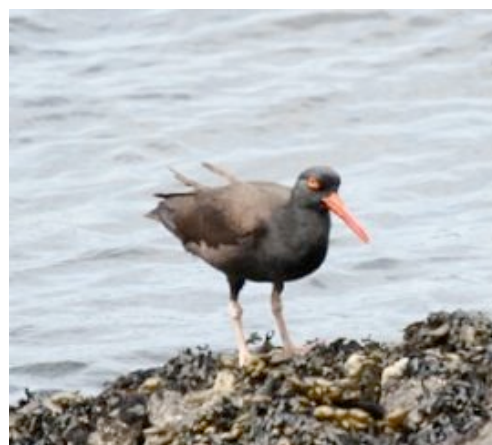
previous week and snowdrifts were still present along the road. A light snow was falling as we arrived. Hearing the ethereal song of a Varied Thrush, we pulled over to try to locate it. As is usually the case, it was perched at the very top of a tree, allowing satisfying scope views. Upon leaving the rest area, we ran into a small flock of Pine Grosbeaks feeding in the snow along the roadside.

As we headed down the cloud-covered western slope of the Cascades, we pulled over to view swifts soaring overhead. Most were Black Swifts, but there was at least one smaller Vaux's Swift among them. In Newhalem, we stopped in a area just off the highway known as the **Newhalem Aggregate Ponds**. This is the only reliable location on the west side of the Cascades where American Redstart breeds;



we found at least two during our walk. A Hammond's Flycatcher was also seen here. We didn't see any expected Black-throated Gray Warblers at this stop, forcing us to double back a mile or so east to forest around the North Cascades National Park visitor center, where we found one or two among a flock of Chestnut-backed Chickadees. We also saw both Red-breasted and Red-naped Sapsuckers at this stop, the latter rare on this side of the Cascades.

After a fast-food lunch in Burlington, we continued west to the coast. Our first Glaucous-winged Gulls, as well as Western x Glaucous-winged hybrids were seen en route. At **Washington Park** on Fidalgo Island, we scanned offshore for alcids, finding several each of Marbled Murrelet, Rhinoceros Auklet and Pigeon Guillemot. Pelagic Cormorant, Black Oystercatcher and Heermann's Gull were also seen here, as were a few Harbor Seals. Orange-crowned and Wilson's Warblers were found in a forested area of the park. A Pacific Wren was seen on Rosario Head at **Deception Pass State Park**, at the south end of the island, as were more Black Oystercatchers. A Harbor Porpoise was spotted offshore. We gazed down at large numbers of Pigeon Guillemots in the pass as we made a quick stop at the bridge that connects Fidalgo and Whidbey Island.



Black Oystercatcher – Cheryl Lachance

Hoping to catch the 7:30 pm ferry to Port Townsend, we decided to stop for an early dinner at a Mexican restaurant in Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island. We reached the ferry dock in Keystone with time to spare, allowing us to scan an adjacent jetty, at the end of which we found a pair of Harlequin Ducks. Pigeon Guillemots were everywhere around the jetty. As we waited for the ferry to arrive, we located a Marsh Wren and flock of Least Sandpipers in a wetland across from the dock. The ferry ride across the chilly waters of Admiralty Inlet took only about



Rhinoceros Auklet – Ted Center

30 minutes; Rhinoceros Auklets streamed across the bow during the short trip. Upon arrival in Port Townsend, we checked into our hotel, conveniently located adjacent to the ferry terminal. Several hoarse-voiced crows were present around the hotel, but Stefan explained that all were in fact American, not Northwestern. **(Day 6 list: 85 species)**

## Day 7, Friday, June 27

We began our quick tour of the Olympic Peninsula with two stops in Port Townsend: **Kah Tai Lagoon** and **Fort Worden State Park**. Ducks were the most conspicuous inhabitants at Kah Tai; we found Gadwall, Mallard, Ring-necked and Ruddy Duck and Hooded Merganser. Fort Worden was cold and windy and we didn't linger at this stop. After a fast food breakfast in town, we headed south on US 101, the scenic coast highway that one can drive all the way to southern California. We were on an inland section of the highway that skirted the eastern edge of the Olympic Mountains. Along the way, we stopped at 2,804-foot **Mount Walker**, in Olympic National Forest, hoping to find a Sooty Grouse along the road leading to the summit. One was spotted on the way up, but it got away before all but one participant was able to see it. We also stopped briefly at **Dosewallips State Park**, on the Hood Canal, a spot popular with clam diggers. As we were leaving, a couple of the participants saw what was likely a Band-tailed Pigeon.

A completely unexpected stop was made along the highway when sharp-eyed Mark Lopez spotted a grouse feeding in a patch of grass by the side of the road. When we turned around to investigate, we discovered that it was in fact a Sooty Grouse! The bird didn't seem bothered at all by the traffic zooming past; participants in both vans had outstanding views from a conveniently located pullover. Continuing south to Shelton, we stopped for lunch at a teriyaki restaurant. Also while in Shelton, we explored a charming old neighborhood that is home to a small number of Western Scrub-Jays; this species range has been slowly expanding north in recent years. We thought we heard a scrub-jay calling, but were unable to locate any.



Sooty Grouse – Cheryl Lachance

Our afternoon was spent in nearby **Capital State Forest**, the most reliable location in Washington to find pure Hermit Warblers (that is, birds that haven't hybridized with Townsend's Warbler). We finally ran into rain showers that had been threatening all day, making finding this beautiful warbler a challenge. We found at least two singing birds but both stayed high in the canopy and only a few of us were able to obtain fleeting glimpses from below. A perched Band-tailed Pigeon was spotted along the way and all were able to view this bird through a scope. Continuing on to the coast and our hotel in Westport, we experienced an unanticipated delay while passing through Aberdeen: a flat tire on one of the vans.

A call for assistance was made and the group scavenged for dinner while we waited for the repairperson to arrive. Within about 90 minutes the spare tire was installed and we completed our drive to Westport. (**Day 7 list: 49 species**)

## **Day 8, Saturday, June 28**

Today, the group was scheduled to participate in a pelagic trip with **Westport Seabirds**. Though better weather than yesterday was anticipated, we were told that swells of seven feet could be expected. This led to half of the group deciding to bow out. The six of us that remained were at the dock just after 5:00 am and our boat, the *Monte Carlo*, was on its way by 5:30 am. While seas overall were not as rough as anticipated, conditions were uncomfortable enough for me that I spent



**Pigeon Guillemot – Ted Center**

much of the trip donating last night's dinner to the chum line. Birds recorded on the way in and out of the harbor included Surf and White-winged Scoters, Brandt's, Pelagic and Double-crested Cormorants, Brown Pelican (thousands lined the jetties!), Heermann's, California, Western and Glaucous-winged Gulls (plus hybrids), Pigeon Guillemot and Rhinoceros Auklet.

The list of amazing birds seen on the open ocean to out beyond the continental shelf included Black-footed Albatross (a flock of about 50-60 birds were enticed by the chum line to swim a few feet behind the boat, providing crippling looks!), Northern Fulmar, Pink-footed and Sooty Shearwaters, Fork-tailed and Leach's Storm-Petrels, Red-necked Phalarope, South Polar Skua, Arctic Tern, Common Murre and Cassin's Auklet. A few on board also spotted a Tufted Puffin. A small pod of Humpback Whales briefly distracted us from the birds; other mammals seen included Dall's Porpoise, Steller's Sea Lion and Elephant Seal. An ocean sunfish passed the boat on our way back to port, which we reached by 3:30 pm.



**Black-footed Albatross – Ted Center**

Meanwhile, a few of the participants left behind spent the day birding in coastal locations near Westport. Among the best birds found were three Snowy Plovers,



seen south of **Grayland Beach State Park**. Whimbrel and Western Sandpiper were some of the other shorebirds found in the area. They were even able to spot some Sooty Shearwaters offshore! Bushtit was finally added to the trip list at **Bottle Beach State Park**. Everyone was waiting for us near the dock when the *Monte Carlo* returned and we all loaded into the vans one last time for the drive to our hotel near SeaTac airport. Our final dinner together was at a Thai restaurant near the hotel. (**Day 8 list: 65 species**)

## **Day 9, Sunday, June 29**

Most of us were on different flights home, some early in the morning, others later in the day. Nearly all of the participants had a story to tell about their flights home, with bizarre tales of flights delayed, rerouted or grounded by various mechanical malfunctions, not to mention lost luggage and dead car batteries once they landed. Thankfully, everyone made it home safely.

Thanks to everyone who joined Stefan and me on this tour; it was an outstanding group and I hope to see everyone again on a future trip. Very special thanks go out to Stefan, a remarkable birder and guide who assisted with every aspect of our tour from creating the itinerary to choosing great dining locations to, of course, finding and identifying just about every bird seen during our visit. His vast knowledge of the abundance and distribution of the birds of the Pacific Northwest, along with his expert ability to identify all of them by sight and sound, was key to the success of our tour. Even though we never saw a Northern Pygmy-Owl during the trip, it wasn't due to Stefan's lack of trying! I very much look forward to working with him again on a future TAS tour.

Following is a complete list of the 192 birds and 16 mammals seen during our tour:

### **Birds:**

Canada Goose	Lesser Scaup	Chukar
Wood Duck	Harlequin Duck	Dusky Grouse
Gadwall	Surf Scoter	Sooty Grouse
Mallard	White-winged Scoter	Wild Turkey
Cinnamon Teal	Hooded Merganser	Common Loon
Green-winged Teal	Common Merganser	Pied-billed Grebe
Redhead	Ruddy Duck	Red-necked Grebe
Ring-necked Duck	California Quail	Western Grebe

Black-footed Albatross	Common Murre	American Kestrel
Northern Fulmar	Pigeon Guillemot	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Pink-footed Shearwater	Marbled Murrelet	Western Wood-Pewee
Sooty Shearwater	Cassin's Auklet	Dusky Flycatcher
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	Rhinoceros Auklet	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Leach's Storm-Petrel	Heermann's Gull	Willow Flycatcher
Brandt's Cormorant	Western Gull	Hammond's Flycatcher
Double-crested Cormorant	California Gull	Gray Flycatcher
Pelagic Cormorant	Glaucous-winged Gull	Say's Phoebe
American White Pelican	Caspian Tern	Western Kingbird
Brown Pelican	Arctic Tern	Eastern Kingbird
American Bittern	Rock Pigeon	Cassin's Vireo
Great Blue Heron	Band-tailed Pigeon	Warbling Vireo
Green Heron	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Red-eyed Vireo
Turkey Vulture	Mourning Dove	Gray Jay
Osprey	Common Nighthawk	Steller's Jay
Golden Eagle	Common Poorwill	Black-billed Magpie
Northern Harrier	Black Swift	Clark's Nutcracker
Cooper's Hawk	Vaux's Swift	American Crow
Bald Eagle	White-throated Swift	Common Raven
Swainson's Hawk	Rufous Hummingbird	Horned Lark
Red-tailed Hawk	Anna's Hummingbird	Tree Swallow
Virginia Rail	Calliope Hummingbird	Violet-green Swallow
American Coot	Black-chinned Hummingbird	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Black-necked Stilt	Belted Kingfisher	Bank Swallow
American Avocet	Lewis's Woodpecker	Barn Swallow
Black Oystercatcher	Williamson's Sapsucker	Cliff Swallow
Snowy Plover	Red-naped Sapsucker	Black-capped Chickadee
Killdeer	Red-breasted Sapsucker	Mountain Chickadee
Spotted Sandpiper	Downy Woodpecker	Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Whimbrel	Hairy Woodpecker	Bushtit
Least Sandpiper	White-headed Woodpecker	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Western Sandpiper	American Three-toed Woodpecker	Pygmy Nuthatch
Wilson's Snipe	Black-backed Woodpecker	Brown Creeper
Red-necked Phalarope	Northern Flicker	Rock Wren
South Polar Skua	Pileated Woodpecker	House Wren
Pacific Wren	MacGillivray's Warbler	Dark-eyed "Oregon" Junco

Marsh Wren  
 Bewick's Wren  
 American Dipper  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Western Bluebird  
 Mountain Bluebird  
 Townsend's Solitaire  
 Veery  
 Swainson's Thrush  
 Hermit Thrush  
 American Robin  
 Varied Thrush  
 Gray Catbird  
 Sage Thrasher  
 European Starling  
 Cedar Waxwing  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Nashville Warbler

Common Yellowthroat  
 American Redstart  
 Yellow Warbler  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 Black-throated Gray Warbler  
 Townsend's Warbler  
 Hermit Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler  
 Yellow-breasted Chat  
 Spotted Towhee  
 Chipping Sparrow  
 Brewer's Sparrow  
 Vesper Sparrow  
 Lark Sparrow  
 Sagebrush Sparrow  
 Savannah Sparrow  
 Song Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 White-crowned Sparrow

Western Tanager  
 Black-headed Grosbeak  
 Lazuli Bunting  
 Bobolink  
 Red-winged Blackbird

Western Meadowlark  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird  
 Brewer's Blackbird  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Bullock's Oriole  
 Pine Grosbeak  
 House Finch  
 Purple Finch  
 Cassin's Finch  
 Red Crossbill  
 Pine Siskin  
 American Goldfinch  
 Evening Grosbeak  
 House Sparrow

**Mammals:**

Pika  
 Snowshoe Hare  
 Yellow-bellied Marmot  
 Columbian Ground Squirrel  
 Red Squirrel  
 Least Chipmunk  
 Muskrat  
 Black Bear

Steller's Sea Lion  
 Elephant Seal  
 Harbor Seal  
 Mule Deer  
 Bighorn Sheep  
 Humpback Whale  
 Harbor Porpoise  
 Dall's Porpoise



**Columbian Ground Squirrel – Ted Center**



**Mule Deer – Robin Diaz**



**Humpback Whale – Ted Center**



**Scenes from the Road: (Photos - Robin Diaz, Mark Lopez, David Schaffter)**













