

The Great Washington State Birding Trail

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Tufted Puffins

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INFO KEY

MAP ICONS



Best seasons for birding(spring, summer, fall,winter)



Developed camping available, including restrooms; fee required.



Restroom available at day-use site.



Handicapped restroom and handicapped trail or viewing access.



Site located in an **Important Bird Area**



Fee required. Passes best obtained prior to travel.

- Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and state parks require Discover Pass 866-320-9933, www.discoverpass.wa.gov; USFS, USFWS, and national parks— 888-275-8747, www.nps.gov/passes
- Makah tribal recreational use permit available in Neah Bay

ABBREVIATIONS

USFS - US Forest Service

USFWS - US Fish and Wildlife Service

WDFW - Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

WDNR - Washington Dept. of Natural Resources

LOCAL SERVICES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Overall Washington: www.experiencewashington.com

Olympic BirdFest: First weekend in April,
360-681-4076, www.olympicbirdfest.org

Shorebird Festival: Last weekend in April,
800-303-8498, www.shorebirdfestival.com

Clallam County Parks: www.clallam.net/CountyParks

Sites 1-5: Olympia/Thurston County Visitor & Convention Bureau,
877-704-7500, www.visitolympia.com

Sites 6 and 46-54: Shelton-Mason County Chamber of Commerce,
360-426-2021, www.sheltonchamber.org

Sites 7-14: Grays Harbor Tourism,
800-621-9625, www.graysharbertourism.com

Sites 15-21: Forks Chamber of Commerce,
800-443-6757, www.forkswa.com

Sites 22-29 and 38-45: North Olympic Peninsula Convention and Visitor Bureau,
800-942-4042, www.olympicpeninsula.org

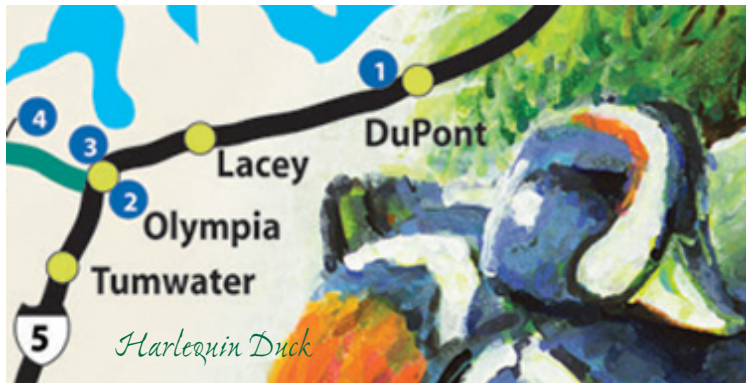
Sites 30-32: Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce,
360-452-2363, www.portangeles.org

Sites 33-37: Sequim Chamber of Commerce,
800-737-8462, www.visitsun.com



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Use Birding Trail map along with a state highway map.
- Driving directions may list mileage plus a fraction, e.g., “milepost 37.5”, which means continue 0.5 mile beyond milepost 37.0. Mileage markers are on east or south side of state highways; mileage goes south to north, and west to east.
- Many WDFW and Wildlife Refuge sites allow hunting September-January. Follow posted instructions and use caution.
- Disclaimer: Hiking and birding, even on formal trails, can be dangerous. Audubon does not warrant conditions on or the safety of any site, and assumes no liability for injuries suffered as a result of travel or other activities associated with this map.



1 Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge



HABITAT: USFWS/WDFW 4,000-acre delta, salt/freshwater wetlands, forest.

BIRDING: Every season wonderful! Spring foliage shelters Western Tanagers, Pacific-slope and Willow Flycatchers, and warblers – Wilson’s, Yellow, Yellow-rumped, Orange-crowned, and Black-throated Gray. Find Spotted Towhees in brush, Rufous Hummingbirds in wildflowers. Meadows attract Song and Savannah Sparrows, Short-eared Owls, Northern Harriers. Year-round, check for Great Horned Owls, wetlands for American Bitterns, Virginia Rails. Winter fields host Northern Shrikes. Freshwater ponds sustain 6,000+ waterfowl: Northern Pintails, Green-winged Teals, American and some Eurasian Wigeons, Canada and Cackling Geese; plus raptors: Peregrine Falcons, Merlins, Bald Eagles.

VIEWING: Walk 1.1-mile ADA Twin Barns Loop, or 5.5-mile Brown Farm Loop on outer dike (closed: hunting season Oct-Jan).

ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 114 (Nisqually). Turn north onto Nisqually Cut-off Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right (east) into Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. Drive 0.5 mile to parking areas.

MORE BIRDING: From I-5, take exit 114 (Nisqually). Drive southwest on Martin Wy 1.1 miles. Turn right (north) onto Meridian Rd. Drive 0.4 mile. At roundabout, exit right (east) onto Meridian Rd NE. Drive 2 miles. Turn right (east) onto 46th Ave NE. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn left (north) onto D’Milluhr Dr NE. Drive 0.5 mile to boat landing, park. Aug-Nov, scope mudflats for Brants, Dunlins, Greater Yellowlegs, Least and Western Sandpipers, Short- and Long-billed Dowitchers; and waters for Rhinoceros Auklets, Common Murres, Marbled Murrelets, Red-throated and Common Loons, Eared and Horned Grebes; Surf and White-winged Scoters. (Caution: Hunting season Oct-Jan.)

2 Tumwater Historical Park



HABITAT: 35 acres of municipal-run parks by Deschutes River with waterfalls, woods, wetlands, contiguous with **3 Capitol Lake**.

BIRDING: Belted Kingfishers swoop by Hooded and Common Mergansers on river. Song Sparrows, Cedar Waxwings, Black-capped Chickadees, Townsend’s Warblers flit in foliage. Fall-winter, watch Canvasbacks, Gadwalls, and Ring-necked Ducks, Horned Grebes, Common Goldeneyes, Greater and Lesser Scaups, plus possible Thayer’s Gulls in winter.

VIEWING: Follow path downriver to fenced viewing area; take bridge to wetlands path. ADA trail leads under freeway to viewing platform.

ACCESS: From **I-5 southbound**, take exit 103 (2nd Ave). At stop sign go straight. Drive 1 block, turn left onto Custer Wy SW. Cross bridge over freeway, turn right onto Boston St SW curving back over second bridge to T intersection. Turn right onto Deschutes Pkwy SW. Drive 0.3 mile, staying straight at Y. From **I-5 northbound**, take exit 103 (Deschutes Wy). At stop sign, continue straight on Deschutes Pkwy SW. Drive 0.6 mile, staying straight at Y. From Y, drive 1 block, turn right on Grant St, drive down into park, continue straight, park at river.

MORE BIRDING: Tumwater Falls Park – 3 waterfalls, lowest one has American Dippers, spawning salmon Oct-Nov. Located 0.4 miles south of historical park on Deschutes Pkwy.

3 Capitol Lake



HABITAT: State parks with 260-acre lake, cove, riparian wetlands; adjacent to **2 Tumwater Historical Park**.

BIRDING: Spring and fall, Bonaparte’s Gulls fly over lake at sunset. Bald Eagles nest in trees. Fall and winter, see congregations of American Wigeons, Coots, Buffleheads, plus Ruddy Ducks, Northern Pintails, Green-winged Teals, Wood Ducks, Gadwalls. Listen for Common Loons. Cormorants parade in Percival Cove; Wood Ducks forage at creek mouth.

VIEWING: Use platform at interpretive center; take ADA path by river.

ACCESS: From **I-5 southbound**, take exit 103 (2nd Ave). At stop sign go straight. Drive 1 block, turn left onto Custer Wy SW. Cross bridge over freeway, turn right onto Boston St SW curving down and to right over second bridge to T intersection. Turn right onto Deschutes Pkwy SW. From **I-5 northbound**, take exit 103 (Deschutes Wy). At stop sign, continue straight on Deschutes Pkwy SW. Once on Deschutes Pkwy, drive 0.7 mile to Capitol Lake Interpretive Center. Park on roadside. To view lake/cove, drive 0.7 mile to Marathon Park, park in lot. Walk dike to scan lake. Cross Deschutes Pkwy for Percival Cove.

4 Grass Lake Refuge



HABITAT: Municipal 165-acre marsh wetland, shrubs, deciduous trees.

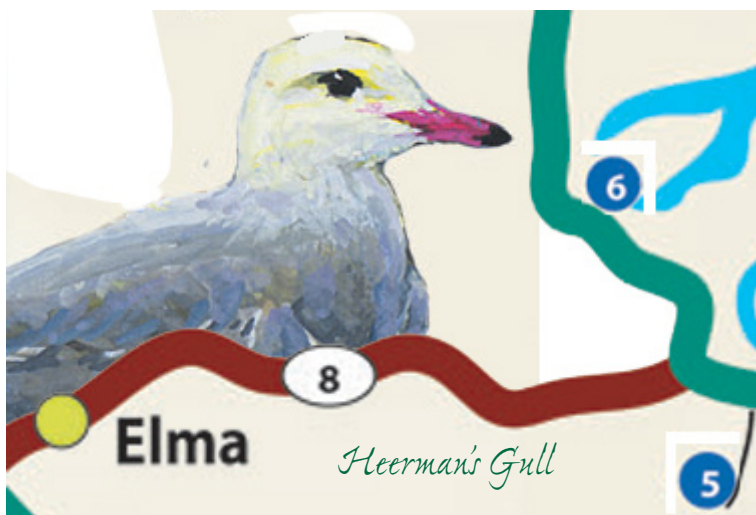
BIRDING: Spring features Rufous Hummingbirds, Violet-green Swallows, Willow Flycatchers, Wilson’s and Black-throated Gray Warblers, Wilson’s Snipes, Ruffed Grouse. Cedar Waxwings and California Quail come in summer. Year-round, find Sharp-shinned Hawks, Steller’s Jays, Spotted Towhees, Winter Wrens, Ruby- and Golden-crowned Kinglets. Listen for Chestnut-backed Chickadee-dee-dees.

VIEWING: From fence gate, take trails around marshy lake. Mornings best.

ACCESS: From **Hwy 101 westbound** at milepost 362.3, take 2nd Ave SW exit. Turn right (east) onto Mud Bay Rd. From **Hwy 101 eastbound** at milepost 360.5, take Mud Bay/Evergreen College exit. Turn left (north) at



end of ramp, drive 0.2 mile, turn right (east) onto Mud Bay Rd. Once on Mud Bay Rd, drive 1.4 miles. Turn left (north) onto Kaiser Rd NW. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn right into gravel parking.



5 McLane Creek Nature Trail



HABITAT: WDNR forest, large beaver pond.

BIRDING: Beginning birding-by-ear. Spring-summer, listen for Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Cassin's and Hutton's Vireos. Local nesters include Black-headed Grosbeaks, Rufous Hummingbirds, Wood Ducks, Hooded Mergansers. Vaux's Swifts soar in summer. Fall features Band-tailed Pigeons, Ring-billed Ducks, Gray Jays. See Bald Eagles, Greater Scaups, Varied Thrushes in winter. Year-round, find Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Winter Wrens.

VIEWING: Follow 0.6-mile ADA and 1.1-mile trails to overlook, around pond.

ACCESS: From **Hwy 101 westbound** at milepost 362.3, take 2nd Ave SW exit. Turn right (east) onto Mud Bay Rd. From **Hwy 101 eastbound** at milepost 360.5, take Mud Bay/Evergreen College exit. Turn left (north) at end of ramp, drive 0.2 mile, turn right (east) onto Mud Bay Rd. Once on Mud Bay Rd, drive 0.7 mile. Turn left (south) onto Delphi Rd SW. Drive 3.1 miles. Turn right (SW) at McLane Creek Nature Trail sign. Drive 0.4 mile to parking, trailheads.

6 Kennedy Creek



HABITAT: Squaxin Tribe's bay, WDNR Natural Area Preserve's 164 acres of creek, estuary, mudflats, salt marsh.

BIRDING: April brings migrating Swainson's Thrushes, Western Tanagers. Purple Martins nest in boxes on pilings. In fall see Black-bellied Plovers, Western and Least Sandpipers, Dunlins, followed by Caspian Terns, hundreds of Bonaparte's and Glaucous-winged Gulls. Eared Grebes, Hooded Mergansers, Ruddy Ducks stay through winter.

VIEWING: Walk 0.1 mile on rough trail down to overlook. Scope mudflats, saltwater. Bonus: spawning salmon in fall, Squaxin Island Tribe Museum.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 356.0, turn east onto Old Olympic Hwy. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn right into Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve parking. Squaxin Museum – From Hwy 101 milepost 356.0, turn onto Old Olympic Hwy. Turn right onto SE K'wuh-Deegs-Altsw. Park in

lot. Call tour coordinator to visit archeology site, 360-432-3841.

MORE BIRDING: Squaxin kiosk - From Hwy 101 milepost 356.0, turn east onto Old Olympic Hwy. Immediately turn right into Oyster Bay estuary scenic pullout with Squaxin legend kiosk. Scope migrating shorebirds. **Salmon trail** - November weekends/holidays, private trail opens for forest birding, salmon. From Hwy 101 at milepost 356.0, turn west onto Old Olympic Hwy. Drive 0.75 mile. Veer right onto Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail Rd/FS Rd 2700. Drive 0.5 mile, park.

7 Friends Landing



HABITAT: Private 152-acre riparian wetlands, flood-plain lake, Chehalis River.

BIRDING: Summers bring Ospreys, Hooded and Common Mergansers, Willow Flycatchers, Townsend's Warblers, Cedar Waxwings, Common Yellowthroats. Double-crested Cormorants, Pied-billed Grebes stay summer-fall. Winter features Bald Eagles, Hermit Thrushes, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Fox and Golden-crowned Sparrows. Year-round, see American Kestrels, Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Bewick's Wrens, Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Downy Woodpeckers.

VIEWING: ACCESS: From Hwy 12 W at milepost 9.5, take Devonshire Rd exit. Turn right at stop sign, turn right (south) again, cross over freeway. Drive 1.1 miles. Turn left (south) onto Katon Rd (# 5719). Drive 1.2 miles to parking area, 0.1 mile further to boat launch, 0.1 mile more to camping/picnicking.

8 Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge

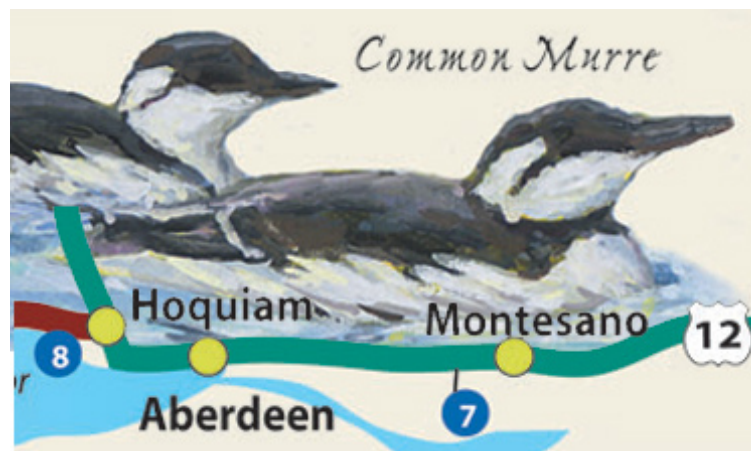


HABITAT: USFWS 1,500-acre marsh and mudflats also known as Bowerman Basin.

BIRDING: Five-star spring birding! Migration peaks end of April/first of May with tens of thousands of shorebirds: Red Knots, Least and Western Sandpipers, Dunlins, Short-billed Dowitchers, Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers, Greater Yellowlegs – all avoiding Peregrine Falcons, Merlins. In fall, check marsh for Greater White-fronted Geese, Eurasian Wigeons, plus occasional White Pelicans, Ross's and Snow Geese, Sandhill Cranes.

VIEWING: Walk west to 0.7-mile Sandpiper Trail boardwalk. Best viewing 2 hours before/after high tide. Shorebird Festival provides guides.

ACCESS: From Hwy 109 at milepost 1.5, turn south onto Paulson Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn right onto Airport Wy. Drive 0.9 mile. Park on right.





9 Humptulips Estuary



HABITAT: Grays Harbor Audubon Society's Humptulips River sloughs, forested wetlands, mudflats on bay.

BIRDING: Spring on the wing! Thousands of Western Sandpipers, Dunlins, Long-billed and Short-billed Dowitchers migrate through, plus Wilson's and Black-throated Gray Warblers, Turkey Vultures, Red-tailed Hawks. Winter brings American Wigeons, Green-winged Teals, Northern Pintails, Buffleheads.

VIEWING: From edge of trees, view spring shorebirds on marsh, mudflats. Best viewing 2 hours before/after high tide.

ACCESS: From Hwy 109 at milepost 10.4 turn south onto Burrows Rd. Drive 1 mile. Park in small pullout on left (south).

MORE BIRDING: Birding-by-boat. From Hwy 109 at milepost 10.1, turn south at public fishing sign. Drive 0.1 mile, park in WDFW boat launch. Launch on rising tide, return on slack. Caution: impassible brush prevents landing on slough shores.

10 Damon Point



HABITAT: 71-acres of state-owned sand spit, shore pines; saltwater harbor.

BIRDING: Look inland for Western Sandpipers, Dunlins, Semipalmated Plovers. Respect Snowy Plover nesting areas March-August. Raptors abound: year-round find Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, Northern Harriers, and Peregrine Falcons; September-April see Merlins, Rough-legged Hawks; rarely Gyrfalcons. Offshore highlights are Red-throated Loons; Surf, Black, and White-winged Scoters. Snowy Owls come occasionally in winter.

VIEWING: Paved trail leads 0.2 mile. Continue on beach 3.5 miles to point for raptors. Brants winter to east of spit. North shoreline hosts American Pipits spring and fall; Horned Larks spring-fall; Pacific Golden Plover and Lapland Longspur fall-spring; Snow Buntings in winter. Best viewing 2 hours before/after high tide. Bonus: Gray whales in April.

ACCESS: From Hwy 109 at milepost 16, turn south onto Hwy 115. Drive 2.3 miles, turn left (south) into Ocean Shores on Point Brown Ave NW. Drive 5.3 miles. Veer right (west) onto Discovery Ave SE/Marine View Dr SE. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn left onto Protection Island Rd SE. Drive 0.1 mile, park in turn-around.

MORE BIRDING: **Beach** – West of Damon Point on Marine View Dr, park on roadside for short walk to shore. **Interpretive Center** – From Damon Point, turn north onto Marine View Dr SE/Discovery Ave SE. Drive 0.3 mile, staying straight at Y. Park at center. Cross street south to boardwalk. Watch for Common Loons in bay, Least Sandpipers on beach.

11 Ocean Shores North Jetty



HABITAT: Pacific Ocean, municipal sand beach, 0.5-mile rock jetty.

BIRDING: See Caspian and Common Terns spring-summer; Heermann's Gulls and Brown Pelicans late summer-fall. Black-legged Kittiwakes, Common Murres, Red-throated Loons, Western and Clark's Grebes come fall-winter.

Find Wandering Tattlers mid-April-May and again late July-mid-October; Black Turnstones and Surfbirds July-April; Rock Sandpipers fall-spring.

VIEWING: Walk short path to beach. Shorebirds frequent jetty while pelagic species favor surrounding seas. Caution: Jetty rocks can be dangerous.

ACCESS: From Hwy 109 at milepost 16, turn south onto Hwy 115. Drive 2.3 miles, turn left (south) into gates of Ocean Shores on Point Brown Ave NW. Drive 0.6 miles. Turn right (west) onto W Chance A La Mer NW. Drive 0.1 mile, turn left (south) onto Ocean Shores Blvd NW. Drive 5.6 miles. Park.

MORE BIRDING: From jetty, drive north on Ocean Shores Blvd NW 1.2 miles. Turn left (west) onto Driftwood Ave. Park at road end, walk path through dunes. See Merlins, Peregrine Falcons, plus Glaucous-winged, Bonaparte's, Ring-billed, Western Gulls spring-summer; and Sanderlings, Dunlins fall-spring.

12 Point Grenville



HABITAT: Pac. Ocean; Quinault Tribe's peninsula, forest edge, shore, sea stacks.

BIRDING: Rare Tufted Puffins nest April to mid-June along with Double-crested and Pelagic Cormorants, Common Murres, Pigeon Guillemots, Peregrine Falcons, Western and Glaucous-winged Gulls. Check rocks for Black Oystercatchers and waves for Western Grebes, Surf and White-winged Scoters. Forest-dwellers include: Orange-crowned Warblers, Fox Sparrows, Pileated Woodpeckers.

VIEWING: Tribal guide required on Quinault lands. Call Mike Mail, 360-276-4751. Bonus: Gray whales in April.

ACCESS: Arrange with tribal guide.

MORE BIRDING: Arrange with tribal guide to visit Cape Elizabeth for shorebirds, pelagic species, tide pools.

13 Campbell Tree Grove



HABITAT: USFS old-growth forest, Humptulips River.

BIRDING: Birding-by-ear. Camp overnight to hear calls of Marbled Murrelets that nest in ancient conifers; Northern Pygmy Owls also possible. Often-heard-but-seldom-seen forest birds include: Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Swainson's and Varied Thrushes, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Winter Wrens.

VIEWING: Best mid-June. Hike 4-mile West Fork Humptulips River Trail #806.

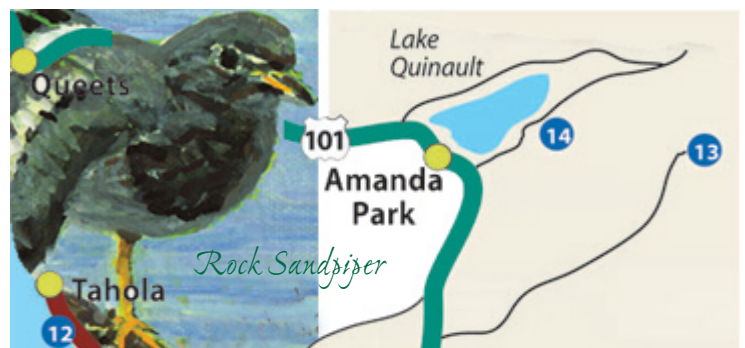
ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 112.6, turn east onto Donkey Ck Rd/USFS Rd 22. Drive 8.4 miles. Turn left (north) onto USFS Rd # 2204. Drive 4.2 miles. Stay right at Y. Drive 9.8 miles. Turn right (east) into campground. Drive 0.1 mile. Park by campsite #1.

14 Lake Quinault



HABITAT: USFS old-growth forest, glacier-carved lake.

BIRDING: Birds of ancient forest stay year-round: Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Winter Wrens, Varied Thrushes, Dark-eyed Juncos. Watch spring



shoreline for Black-capped Chickadees, Hutton's and Warbling Vireos, Gray and Steller's Jays, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeaks, and warblers – Wilson's, Orange-crowned, Black-throated Gray. Summer brings Ospreys, Common Loons, Common and Hooded Mergansers, occasional Marbled Murrelets. In winter, see Bald Eagles along shores, Trumpeter Swans at lake's east end.

VIEWING: Take 0.5-mile Quinault Rain Forest Nature Trail (#855) for American Dippers. Bonus: Quinault tribal art, legends along Lakeshore Trail (#854).

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 125.5, turn east onto South Shore Rd. Drive 1.3 miles. Turn right (south) into nature trail parking lot. Drive 0.6 miles further to Lake Quinault Lodge for Lakeshore Trail to campground.



15 Kalaloch Creek   



HABITAT: Pacific Ocean, Olympic National Park bluffs, beach, estuary, forest.

BIRDING: Gulls for all seasons! Spring-summer, see Western, Glaucous-winged, and Ring-billed; California and Heermann's in August-September; Herring and Mew in winter, plus Black-legged Kittiwakes. Scan ocean for avian divers: Pacific, Common, and Red-throated Loons; Western and Red-necked Grebes; Surf, White-winged, and Black Scoters. Brown Pelicans soar summer-fall. Forests harbor Western Screech and Barred Owls.

VIEWING: From white gazebo, take stairs to beach. Best birding within 0.5 mile of Kalaloch Creek. Bonus: Gray whales in April.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 157.1, turn west into Kalaloch Lodge. Use picnic parking.

16 4th Beach   



HABITAT: Pacific Ocean, Olympic National Park headland, beach.

BIRDING: Spring and fall bring suite of rock shorebirds: Black Turnstones, Black Oystercatchers, Rock Sandpipers, Surfbirds. April-August, scanning waters may yield Sooty Shearwaters, Rhinoceros Auklets, Tufted Puffins.

VIEWING: Short ADA path leads to overlook, interpretive trail goes to beach.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 160.4, turn west into 4th Beach parking.

MORE BIRDING: From Hwy 101 at milepost 164.6, turn west on Ruby Beach access road. Drive 0.1 mile to parking. Walk 0.1-mile path to beach. Scope offshore Abbey Island 0.5 mile to north for Brandt's Cormorants, Common Murres, Pigeon Guillemots.

17 Hoh Rainforest  



HABITAT: Olympic National Park old-growth rainforest; wetlands, Hoh River.

BIRDING: Check riparian deciduous trees for Hammond's Flycatchers, Warbling Vireos, Black-throated Gray Warblers, Downy Woodpeckers. Conifers sustain Hairy and Pileated Woodpeckers, Pacific-slope

Flycatchers, Chestnut-backed Chickadees. Ponds host Green-winged Teals, Ring-necked Ducks, Hooded Mergansers.

VIEWING: Walk 0.7-mile Hall of Mosses loop, 1.2-mile Spruce Nature Trail.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 178.5, turn east onto Upper Hoh Rd. Drive 19 miles. Park at visitor center.

MORE BIRDING: For seriously hardy birders, 18.5-mile Hoh River Trail ascends to alpine meadows for Gray-crowned Rosy Finches, Black Swifts.

18 Anderson Homestead  



HABITAT: WDFW 60 acres of meadows, forest, Bogachiel River.

BIRDING: Spring brings Varied Thrushes, Savannah Sparrows, Ruby-crowned Kinglets; Ruffed Grouse males drum for mates. Check skies for Red-tailed Hawks, Ospreys, Bald Eagles; trees for Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Northern Flickers; and river for American Dippers.

VIEWING: Walk past silver/yellow gates to open meadows, follow elk trails through woods. Bonus: Herd of 40+ Roosevelt elk plus black-tailed deer.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 186.5, turn south onto Fuhrman Rd. Drive 0.2 mile. Park at "End of County Road" sign.

19 La Push   



HABITAT: Pacific Ocean; Quileute Tribe's 40 acres of beach, islands, estuary.

BIRDING: Summer-fall, watch phalanxes of Brown Pelicans, plus Caspian Terns, and mobs of California, Heermann's, Western, Glaucous-winged Gulls. Bald Eagles perch on trees. Peregrine Falcons nest on offshore island. Enjoy Barrow's and Common Goldeneyes, Buffleheads; Black, Surf, and White-winged Scoters. Fall-spring visitors are Harlequin Ducks, Black-legged Kittiwakes; Mew, Herring, and Thayer's Gulls.

VIEWING: From platform, scan shoreline, estuary, sandbars. Scope A-Ka-Lat ("James Island") for nesting Tufted Puffins. Walk through drift logs to beach.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 193.1, turn west onto Hwy 110/La Push Rd. Drive 13.8 miles. Turn right onto Alder St. Drive 1 block, turn left onto River St. Drive 0.1 mile, turn left at T onto Main St. Drive 0.1 mile to jetty. Park at viewing platform.

MORE BIRDING: From Hwy 101 at milepost 193.1, turn west onto Hwy 110/La Push Rd. Drive 11.4 miles to Third Beach parking. Walk 1.3-mile Olympic National Park trail for Northwestern Crows on wilderness beach, Marbled Murrelets in waves.

20 Quillayute River Estuary



HABITAT: Quileute Tribe's tidally influenced river and estuary.

BIRDING: Double-crested Cormorants spread wings to dry. Find Buffleheads, Common Goldeneyes, Common and Red-breasted Mergansers on river, Bald Eagles in cottonwoods. Forest edges support Varied Thrushes, Red Crossbills.

VIEWING: At overlook, scan river, foliage. Bonus: seals in estuary.



ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 193.1, turn west onto Hwy 110/La Push Rd. Drive 7.8 miles. At Y intersection, turn right (north) onto Hwy 110 Spur/Mora Rd. Drive 4.4 miles to river overlook with Quileute tribal interpretive panel.

MORE BIRDING: Rialto Beach – From overlook, continue west 0.2 mile to day-use parking. Take short ADA interpretive path, or trails to beach. **Birding-by-boat** – From Hwy 101 at milepost 193.1, turn west onto Hwy 110/La Push Rd. Drive 7.8 miles. At Y intersection, turn right (north) onto Hwy 110 Spur/Mora Rd. Drive 3.9 miles to WDFW Little Dickey River boat launch on left; parking lot on right. Caution: No access at low tide. Tribal guide: 1-866-457-8398, info@Rainforestpaddlers.com



21 Lake Ozette

HABITAT: Olympic National Park lake, wetlands, forest, meadows, coast.

BIRDING: Spring brings breeding songbirds: Wilson's and Orange-crowned Warblers, Red Crossbills, Hutton's and Warbling Vireos. Scan lake for Common Loons, Belted Kingfishers; trees for Bald Eagles, Northern Flickers, Pileated Woodpeckers. Along trails, check for Barred Owls, Northern Goshawks, Merlins, Varied Thrushes, plus possible "accidentals" spring and fall. At coast, find Northwestern Crows, Black Oystercatchers, Black Turnstones.

VIEWING: At campground, scan lake. Two 3-mile trails lead to wilderness coast that make 9.3-mile loop at low tide. Bonus at coast: seals, sea lions, river and sea otters; Cape Alava archeological site.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 203.4 turn north onto Hwy 113/Burnt Mtn Rd. Drive 9.9 miles. Turn left (west) onto Hwy 112. From Hwy 112 at milepost 12.6, turn south on Hoko-Ozette Rd. Drive 20.4 miles to Lake Ozette Ranger Station, turn right, cross bridge, park on left for coast trailheads.

22 Hobuck Beach

HABITAT: Pacific Ocean; Makah Tribe's beach, river.

BIRDING: What a roost! Fall-spring, see thousands of California, Glaucous-winged, Mew, Thayer's Gulls. Find fall migrants on rocky shoreline: Wandering Tattlers, Surfbirds, Black Turnstones. Harlequin Ducks frequent river mouth.

ACCESS: In town of Neah Bay, Hwy 112 becomes BayView Dr. Obtain required tribal recreational use permit at Makah Cultural/Research Center (turn left at "Makah Museum" sign) or continue 0.3 miles to Washburn's General Store. From museum turn-off, drive west 1.2 miles on BayView Dr. Turn left onto Fort St. Drive 1 block. Turn right onto 3rd. Drive 1 block. Turn

left onto Cape Flattery Rd. Drive 3.5 miles. Turn left (south) onto Hobuck Rd. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn right onto Makah Passage Rd. Drive 0.3 mile. At Y intersection stay right on Tsoo Yess Beach Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Immediately past Hobuck RV Park, veer right to parking pullout.

MORE BIRDING: River – From intersection with Hobuck Rd, drive east on Cape Flattery Rd 0.8 miles, veer right onto gravel road. Park in pullout by Waatch River for American Wigeons, Lesser Scaups, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs. **Neah Bay** – After Pacific winter storms, bay fills with seabirds; watch from shore next to Senior Center on Bay View Dr.

23 Cape Flattery

HABITAT: Pacific Ocean; Makah Tribe's northwest corner of contiguous U.S., cliffs, caves, islands, forest.

BIRDING: Look up, down, and out! Summer headliners: soaring Black and Vaux's Swifts, and paddling Tufted Puffins. Spring-fall, watch Leach's Storm-Petrels, Sooty Shearwaters, Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros and Cassin's Auklets, Common Murres, Pigeon Guillemots; Common, Red-throated, and Pacific Loons; Pelagic and Brandt's Cormorants. Winter visitors include Surf and White-winged Scoters; Western, Red-necked, and Horned Grebes. Black Oystercatchers stay year-round.

VIEWING: 0.7-mile Cape Flattery Trail to platform overlooking ocean, Tatoosh Island. Bonus: Marine Mammals – Gray whales in April; sea lions, harbor seals, harbor porpoises, sea otters year-round. Makah Cultural and Research Center – World-class museum on natural history, tribal culture.

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24 Clallam Bay Park

HABITAT: 33-acre county/state park, beach, deciduous foliage, Clallam River.

BIRDING: Spring riparian visitors include Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Golden-crowned Kinglets. River estuary sustains Violet-green Swallows, Belted Kingfishers, and occasional Green Herons, Lesser Yellowlegs. Fall-winter gulls include California, Ring-billed, Herring, Glaucous-winged, Mew. See wintering Common Goldeneyes, Common and Hooded Mergansers on lagoon. Bonus: river otters in estuary.

VIEWING: Take short trail west, cross footbridge.

ACCESS: From Hwy 112 at milepost 17.2 in town of Clallam Bay, turn north immediately west of Frontier St into park.

25 Pillar Point County Park

HABITAT: County park on saltwater bay, shoreline, forested bluff.

BIRDING: In spring, Great Blue Herons gather in shallows, Black Swifts soar by bluffs. Beaches beckon shorebirds: Black-bellied Plovers, Sanderlings, Dunlins, Whimbrels. At forest edge, hear migrants: Wilson's Warblers, Warbling Vireos, Pacific-slope Flycatchers. After Pacific winter storms, bay fills with seabirds: Black, Surf, and White-winged Scoters; Common, Red-throated, and Pacific Loons; Red-necked and Horned Grebes.

VIEWING: From boat launch, walk west on rocky beach ONLY at low tide.

ACCESS: From Hwy 112 at milepost 29.8, turn north onto Pillar Point Rd. Drive 0.2 mile, turn right into day-use parking.



26 Salt Creek County Park



HABITAT: 198-acre county park with forest, tide pools, creek, estuary.
BIRDING: Last week of September, Turkey Vultures soar on thermals to migrate south. Spring-summer, check thickets for Wilson's and Orange-crowned Warblers, Warbling and Hutton's Vireos. Find Downy, Hairy, and Pileated Woodpeckers, Swainson's Thrushes, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Western Tanager, Band-tailed Pigeons. Year-round, ocean sustains Harlequin Ducks, Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros Auklets.

VIEWING: Walk short path to overlook for Black Oystercatchers, Black Turnstones on rocks. Bonus: River otters off point.

ACCESS: From Hwy 112 at milepost 53.8, turn north onto Camp Hayden Rd. Drive 3.4 miles, veer right at Y into park entrance. Drive 1.2 miles through campground to Tongue Point picnic parking.

MORE BIRDING: **Salt Creek** – Exit park, turn right at Y onto Crescent Beach Rd. Drive north 0.2 mile to paved parking on right. Walk right side of creek on falling tide. Check firs for Bald Eagles, rock island for Pigeon Guillemot nest holes.

Private Beach – Drive 0.3 mile west on Hayden Rd, turn left into Crescent Beach RV Park. Buy required day pass at office. Long-tailed Ducks possible fall-spring.

27 Elwha River Estuary



HABITAT: Private beach, river mouth, freshwater wetlands, riparian shrubs.
BIRDING: Fall-winter, THE place for roosting Thayer's Gulls. And more gulls: Herring, Western, California, Ring-billed, Glaucous-winged, Glaucous. Off-shore, find Common, Pacific and Red-throated Loons; Red-necked, Eared, and Western Grebes; Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes. Year-round, watch Harlequin Ducks; Common and Red-breasted Mergansers; Black, Surf, and White-winged Scoters; Greater Scaups. Check pond for Pied-billed Grebes, Lesser Scaups, Gadwalls, Hooded Mergansers. In spring, hear Yellow Warblers, Warbling Vireos, Black-capped Chickadees.

VIEWING: 2 posts mark start of 0.2-mile beach trail. At first Y in trail bear left to dike, ponds, beach.

ACCESS: From Hwy 112 at milepost 58.9, turn north onto Place Rd. Drive 1.8 miles. Turn right at Dike Access sign. Drive 0.1 mile, park on right.

28 Lake Crescent



HABITAT: Olympic National Park old-growth conifer forest, Barnes Creek.
BIRDING: American Dipper? Definitely. Plus Gray Jays, Varied Thrushes along trailsides. Listen for Townsend's Warblers, Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Warbling Vireos during daytime; Northern Pygmy, Northern Saw-whet, and Barred Owls at night.

VIEWING: Take 1.5-mile trail to Marymere Falls.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 227.9, turn north onto Barnes Point Rd. Drive 0.6 mile. Use picnic parking.

29 Whiskey Bend Trail



HABITAT: Olympic National Park/USFS old-growth conifers, deciduous lowlands, Elwha River.
BIRDING: See and hear Barred Owls. Woodlands bustle April-early July with Rufous Hummingbirds, Northern Flickers, Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Hammond's Flycatchers, Gray and Steller's Jays, Common Ravens, Western Tanager, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Varied Thrushes, Wilson's and Townsend's Warblers, Red Crossbills.

VIEWING: Walk 2.5-mile trail to Hume's Ranch, Michael's Cabin; continue 3.7-mile loop for Krause Bottom.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 239.5, go south onto Olympic Hot Springs Rd. Drive 3.9 miles. Turn left at Whiskey Bend Trailhead; 4.2 miles to parking.

30 Hurricane Ridge



HABITAT: Olympic National Park sub-alpine forest, alpine meadows.
BIRDING: Sooty (Blue) Grouse's booming-breeding display highlights spring. Spring-fall, see Gray and Steller's Jays, Band-tailed Pigeons. Summer-fall, watch for Red Crossbills in trees; soaring Golden Eagles, American Kestrels, Northern Harriers, – and Vaux's and Black Swifts near ridge tops. Listen for Townsend's Solitaires, Townsend's Warblers, Hermit Thrushes.

VIEWING: Trails give easy access to meadows. Options: drive 1.2 miles west to 1.5-mile steep Hurricane Hill Trail for Horned Larks, American Pipits; drive 7.8-mile gravel road to Obstruction Point overlook, trails. Bonus: Olympic Marmots.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 in city of Port Angeles, turn south onto Race St. Drive 1.0 mile to Olympic National Park Visitor Center. Continue right at Y on Heart O' the Hills Pkwy 5.0 miles to park entrance, continue 12 miles to Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center.

MORE BIRDING: At 0.2 mile from park entrance, turn into Heart O' the Hills campground. May-July, nesting Marbled Murrelets call at dawn.

31 Ediz Hook



HABITAT: Municipal harbor, Strait of Juan de Fuca, 2.7-mile sandbar.
BIRDING: Spring brings Common Goldeneyes, Buffleheads, Common Loons, and Harlequin Ducks to bay. Spring and fall feature shorebirds – Wandering Tattlers, Rock Sandpipers, Sanderlings, Western Sandpiper, and rare Whimbrels, Golden Plovers. Winter residents include Black-bellied Plovers, Dunlins, Black Turnstones, a few Willets, plus occasional Snowy Owls, Lapland Longspurs, Snow Buntings.

VIEWING: Birds closest at high tide. Walk harborside beach, check ocean from rock seawall. Caution: climbing seawall can be dangerous. Olympic Discovery Trail leads 7 miles to **32 Morse Creek**.

ACCESS: **Eastbound:** In city of Port Angeles, Hwy 101 becomes Lincoln St. Drive north on Lincoln St 0.9 mile. Turn left (west) onto Front St/W Marine Dr. Drive 2.5 miles (through industrial site) to Soil and Paddle Park's paved lot. **Westbound:** In city of Port Angeles, Hwy 101 becomes Front St. At intersection of Front and N Lincoln streets, continue straight (through industrial site) 2.5 miles to Soil and Paddle Park's paved lot. Continue 1.3 miles to Harbor View Park, park in gravel pullouts.

MORE BIRDING: Birding-by-ferry in fall. Take MV Coho from downtown to Victoria, British Columbia, for 1.5-hour crossing of Strait of Juan de Fuca. Watch for Northern Fulmars, Sooty and Short-tailed Shearwaters, Parasitic Jaegers, Marbled and Ancient Murrelets. Bonus: marine sanctuary center at dock.



32 Morse Creek

HABITAT: WDFW/county/municipal creek, tree-lined bluff, saltwater harbor.

BIRDING: Year-round check creek for American Dippers, riparian forest for Hairy Woodpeckers. Watch spring skies for Bald Eagles and Cooper's Hawks, shrubs for American Goldfinches, Fox and Song Sparrows; saltwater for Harlequin Ducks, Western and Red-necked Grebes.

VIEWING: Olympic Discovery Trail leads 7 miles to **31 Ediz Hook.**

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 252.2, turn north onto Strait View Dr. Park in gravel lots.

33 Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge



HABITAT: USFWS 641 acres w/sand spit in Strait of Juan de Fuca, mudflats, forest; adjacent 216-acre Dungeness County Recreation Area.

BIRDING: Nesters include Black Oystercatchers, Caspian, some Arctic Terns. Fall-spring, see Brants; Black, Surf, and White-winged Scoters and Long-tailed Ducks. Offshore, find Marbled Murrelets in summer. Listen at night for Great-horned, Western Screech Owls. Some winters, Gyrfalcons and Snowy Owls visit.

VIEWING: Take trail 0.5 mile to observation deck, continue 0.2 mile to Dungeness Spit; beach goes 6.0 miles to lighthouse.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 260.0, turn north onto Kitchen-Dick Rd. Drive 3.1 miles. Road turns right (east) becoming Lotzgesell Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn left (north) onto Voice of America Rd. Drive 1.0 mile through recreation area/campground to refuge parking.

MORE BIRDING: From southwest end of refuge parking, walk 1.0-mile bluff trail to recreation area; or drive back to campground entrance, continue south 0.2 miles on Voice of America Rd, park in pullouts on either side. Spring-summer, follow trails to wetlands for Virginia Rails, Common Yellowthroats, American Bitterns, American Coots. Short-eared Owls and Northern Harriers hunt meadows. Check winter sparrow flocks for Lincoln's and White-throated.

34 Dungeness River Audubon Center



HABITAT: Audubon Society/Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe/River Center Foundation's nature center in 28-acre Railroad Bridge Park w/riparian woodland, salmon-spawning river.

BIRDING: Important site for breeding songbirds: Swainson's Thrushes, Pacific-slope and Willow Flycatchers, Western Tanagers, Evening Grosbeaks, Orange-crowned Warblers, Red-breasted Nuthatches, and vireos – Hutton's, Warbling, Cassin's, and Red-eyed. Summer skies feature Rough-winged and Violet-green Swallows, Bald Eagles, Merlins, Peregrine Falcons. Year-round, find Downy, Hairy, and Pileated Woodpeckers; Red-breasted Sapsuckers; Golden-crowned Kinglets by day – Great-horned

and Western Screech Owls by night. Check river for American Dippers, Belted Kingfishers, Common Mergansers.

VIEWING: Best birding on bridge over river plus 0.5 mile west on Olympic Discovery Trail. Bonus: Center offers free weekly bird walks, interpretive/exhibits, native plant garden, birding classes; www.dungenessrivercenter.org.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 262.7 eastbound/263.7 westbound, take River Rd exit. Turn north onto River Rd. Drive 0.2 mile. Veer right (east) onto Washington St. Turn left (north) immediately onto N Priest Rd. Drive 0.6 mile. Turn left (west) onto Hendrickson Rd. Drive 0.7 mile to River Center.

35 Dungeness Bay



HABITAT: WDFW/county 200+ acres of river estuary, freshwater wetlands, tide flats, saltwater bay on Strait of Juan de Fuca.

BIRDING: Year-round avian extravaganza! Plentiful Black-bellied Plovers, Dunlins, Sanderlings, Brant, Western and Least Sandpipers – and rarely seen species: Black and Ruddy Turnstone, Whimbrel, Marbled Godwit, Wilson's Phalarope; Sharp-tailed, Stilt, and Pectoral Sandpiper. Catch sight of American and Pacific Golden Plovers. Highlighting fall-winter are huge flocks of American Wigeons with some Eurasians; plus Northern Pintails, Northern Shovelers, Gadwalls. Double-crested and Pelagic Cormorants abound.

VIEWING: Premier birding at **Crabs & Helen's Pond** – Best at rising/falling tide. From roadside at restaurant, scan tide flats, river estuary. Purple Martins nest in boxes on pilings May-August. At high tide, many birds move to Helen's Pond, surrounding fields and cattail marshes. Check for Virginia Rails, American Bitterns, occasional Yellow-headed Blackbirds **Dungeness Landing County Park** – From ADA observation deck, watch bay for sea- and shorebirds, skies for Caspian Terns spring-summer, trees for Bald Eagles. **Marlyn Nelson County Park** – Check Strait for Rhinoceros Auklets, Ancient Murrelets, Eared Grebes, Harlequin Ducks; and cliffs for Pigeon Guillemot nest holes.

ACCESS: **Crabs & Helen's Pond** – From Hwy 101 at milepost 264.2 eastbound/263.8 westbound, take Sequim Ave exit. Turn north onto Sequim Ave/Sequim-Dungeness Wy. Drive 4.8 miles, veering right at Y to stay on Sequim-Dungeness Wy. Drive north 0.6 mile to road end, park on west or north. For pond, turn east onto 3 Crabs Rd, drive 0.2 mile to gravel pullout on right. **Dungeness Landing County Park** – From road end, drive back south on Sequim-Dungeness Wy 0.6 mile. At Y intersection, turn right (west) onto E Anderson Rd. Drive 0.8 mile. Turn right (north) onto Marine Dr. Drive 0.2 mile, veer right onto Oyster House Rd, go downhill to Dungeness Landing parking. **Marlyn Nelson County Park** – From Y intersection with E Anderson Rd, drive 3.5 miles south on Sequim-Dungeness Wy. Turn left (east) onto Port Williams Rd. Drive 2.6 miles to road end. Park by beach.

36 John Wayne Marina



HABITAT: Port breakwater; estuary, creek mouth, Sequim Bay.

BIRDING: Late-winter to summer, see great flocks of Pigeon Guillemots with Marbled Murrelets on fringes. Most species present year-round, though birds most numerous in winter: Pacific, Common, and occasional Yellow-billed Loons; Common Murres, Horned and Red-necked Grebes, Long-tailed Ducks, Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes, Hooded Mergansers. Spring-summer, Rhinoceros Auklets feed in bay. Fall-spring, check breakwater for Black-bellied Plovers, Sanderlings, Dunlins.

VIEWING: Best at rising/falling tide. Scan bay, breakwater. From south parking fall-winter, view creek mouth for Black Oystercatchers, and numerous gull

species including Bonaparte's, and Mew, with Heermann's only in winter.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 262.2, turn north onto Whitefeather Wy. Drive 0.6 mile. Turn left (north) onto W Sequim Bay Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right into south parking lot; walk/drive 0.2 mile to north lot.



37 Jimmycomelately Creek



HABITAT: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe/WDFW 150-acre mudflats, estuary.
BIRDING: Fall-spring, look on beach for Black-bellied Plovers, Dunlins; and offshore for Surf and White-winged Scoters, Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes, Long-tailed Ducks, Greater Scaups. Fall migration may bring flocks of Common Terns plus Parasitic Jaegers. Rarely seen species include Great and Snowy Egrets, Bar-tailed Godwits, Elegant Terns, Franklin Gulls.
VIEWING: Take stairs at pullout's west end to Olympic Discovery Trail, walk 1.0 mile to Jimmycomelately Creek. Take stairs at pullout's east end, cross street, walk between totem poles to covered waterfront area. Bonus: interpretive pavilion of Jamestown S'Klallam tribal art, history.
ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 271.2, turn north into scenic pullout.

38 Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge



HABITAT: USFWS/WDFW 364-acre island, 70% of Puget Sound's nesting seabirds.
BIRDING: State's largest colonies of nesting Rhinoceros Auklets and Glaucous-winged Gulls, plus abundance of Double-crested Cormorants and Pigeon Guillemots, and a few Tufted Puffins April –August. Pacific Loons, Long-tailed Ducks, Ancient Murrelets forage in refuge waters.
VIEWING: Birding-by-boat only. Make reservations through Port Townsend Marine Science Center 800-566-3932, cruises@ptmsc.org; or Dungeness River Audubon Center 360-681-4076. Bonus: Harbor and elephant seals.
ACCESS: In city of Port Townsend, Hwy 20/Sims Wy at milepost 12.0 becomes Water St. Continue northeast on Water St to road's end at Point Hudson Marina. Turn left, drive two blocks, park in long-term parking. Walk back to dock across from PS Express to meet tour.

39 Kah Tai Lagoon Park



HABITAT: Municipal 80 acres with brackish wetland, mixed deciduous/conifer groves, grasslands.
BIRDING: Spring boasts singers: Yellow-rumped, Wilson's, Orange-crowned, and Yellow Warblers; Hermit Thrushes, Western Tanagers; plus paddlers: Ruddy Ducks, Hooded Mergansers, Green-winged Teals, Gadwalls. Summer features swallows: Barn, Violet-Green, Tree, Cliff, Rough-winged, Purple Martins. Along trails, find Common Nighthawks, Cedar Waxwings, American Goldfinch, Bushtits, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Rufous Hummingbirds. Wintertime, check for Least and Western Sandpipers, Short-Billed Dowitchers, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs. Cooper's Hawks hunt year-round.

VIEWING: Follow 0.2-mile trail south by lagoon, cross footbridge, take 0.7-mile loop through meadow.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 11.5 in city of Port Townsend, turn north onto Haines Pl. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right (east) onto 12th St. Drive 1 block. Turn left (north) into parking lot.

MORE BIRDING: From Hwy 20 at milepost 11.5 in city of Port Townsend, turn south onto Haines Pl. Drive 0.1 mile, veering right at stop sign. Park by Building-15 (restrooms). ADA trail extends 1.0 mile west. Bluff has Barn Owl burrow. Check shrubs for Song, Fox, Golden-crowned, White-crowned, Savannah, Lincoln's Sparrows. Sanderlings, Black-bellied Plovers, Black Turnstones, Dunlins frequent winter waterfront.

40 Fort Worden State Park



HABITAT: State park's 434 acres of coniferous forest, bluffs, 6 miles of beach on Strait of Juan de Fuca.
BIRDING: Spring and fall spotlight shorebirds: Sanderlings, Whimbrels, Spotted Sandpipers. Forest nesters include Red Crossbills, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Ruby- and Golden-crowned Kinglets, Pine Siskins. In summer, find Wilson's Warblers, Hutton's Vireos, Olive-sided and Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Bewick's Wrens. Winter-spring, saltwater draws Common Loons, Marbled Murrelets, Buffleheads, Western and Red-necked Grebes, Harlequin Ducks; and Black, Surf and White-winged Scoters. Brants stay January-March. (Also see sparrows of **39 Kah Tai Lagoon**; raptors/woodpeckers of **42 Fort Flagler**.)

VIEWING: Walk to beach. 12 miles of trails wind through park. Bonus: Marine Science Center.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 12.0 in city of Port Townsend, follow signs to Fort Worden. Turn left (north) into Fort. Drive 2 blocks, turn right onto Eisenhower Rd. Drive 0.3 miles. Turn left at sign to beach/ Marine Science Center. Drive 0.6 mile to beach parking.

MORE BIRDING: From Fort Worden entrance, turn right (west) onto W St. Drive 0.4 mile, turn right onto Spruce St, which curves to left. Turn right onto San Juan St/49th St. Drive 0.6 mile. Turn right onto Kuhn St. Drive 0.4 mile to North Beach Park, park in lot. Beach extends 6 miles west, 3 miles east to Point Wilson; meadow trail leads to Chinese Gardens wetlands for Northern Shovelers, Green-winged Teals, Gadwalls.

41 Chimacum Creek Estuary



HABITAT: WDFW/county 13-acre creek, forest, saltwater beach, estuary.
BIRDING: Hundreds of ducks come spring and fall – Surf and White-winged Scoters, American Wigeons, Green-winged Teals; Common, Hooded, and Red-breasted Mergansers – plus dozens of Dunlins. Watch for Ospreys, Bald Eagles.

VIEWING: Walk shore north 0.25 mile to creek. Bird-by-boat: paddle up creek at high tide for Belted Kingfishers, Pileated and Downy Woodpeckers. Bonus: spawning salmon in fall.

ACCESS: From Hwy 19 at milepost 11.6, turn east onto Irondale Rd. Drive 0.7 mile. Turn left (north) onto 4th Ave. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right (south) onto E Moore St. Drive 0.1 mile to parking.

42 Fort Flagler State Park



HABITAT: State's 784 acres of meadows, forest, 4 miles of saltwater beach.
BIRDING: Shorebirds grab headlines: Western Sandpipers, Black-bellied Plo-

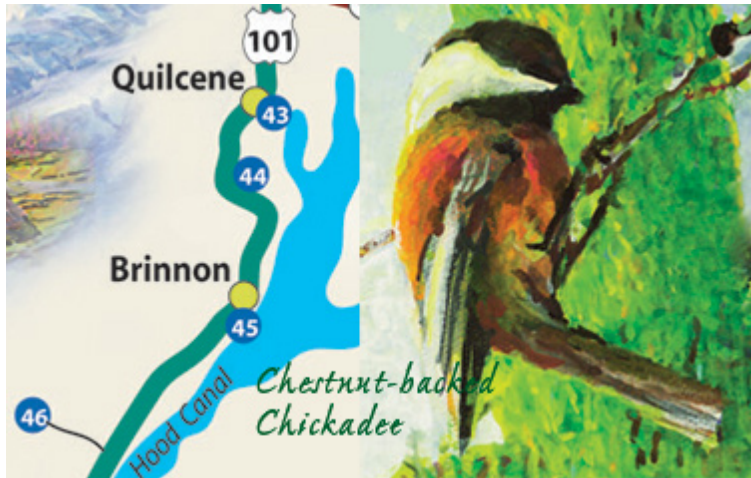
vers, Black Turnstones, Surfbirds. Summer-fall, see Heermann's, Bonaparte's, and California Gulls; plus Caspian and Common Terns. In winter on sand spit, Thayer's Gulls mix with Glaucous-winged and Mew. Fall-spring, salt-water is home to Pacific Loons, Brants, Red-breasted Mergansers, Pigeon Guillemots, Horned and Red-necked Grebes, Long-tailed Ducks, Double-crested and Pelagic Cormorants.

VIEWING: Walk west on sand spit for Western Meadowlarks in driftwood. At low tide, walk beach east 1.0 mile to Marrowstone Point. Take trail up to bluff and back on park road for American Pipits. Check snags year-round for Pileated, Hairy, and Downy Woodpeckers, Red-breasted Sapsuckers. Scope tallest trees for Bald Eagles, Merlins, Peregrine Falcons. (Also see sparrows of **39 Kah Tai Lagoon**; forest birds of **40 Fort Worden**.)

ACCESS: From Hwy 19 at milepost 10.7, turn east onto Hwy 116/Ness's Corner Rd/Flagler Rd. Drive 9.8 miles (stay left at Y at 1.9 miles) to end of Hwy 116 at park. Continue 0.5 mile to 4-way intersection. Spit/campground – Turn left (west), drive 1.2 miles to end, park at kiosk. Marrowstone Point – Drive north to learning center/museum/housing. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right at sign to Marrowstone Point. Drive 0.4 miles; road curves along bluff, drops to parking at beach.

MORE BIRDING: From Fort Flagler entrance, return west 5.4 miles on Hwy 116. Turn left (south) at Jefferson County Park sign, drive 0.2 mile to beach parking lot. Halfway to beach is access to 2-mile trail to small county park by highway bridge over Oak Bay Lagoon.

EVEN MORE BIRDING: From Fort Flagler entrance, return 8.1 miles on Hwy 116 to Y intersection. Turn left onto Oak Bay Rd. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn left at camping sign onto Portage Wy. Drive 0.2 mile to Oak Bay Campground. Scan inner bay. Along with birds found in/around Fort Flagler, rocky shore and jetty attract Black Turnstones, Surfbirds, Black Oystercatchers. Bonus: harbor seals, river otters.



43 Big Quilcene River Estuary



HABITAT: WDFW riparian mixed forest, river estuary on Hood Canal.

BIRDING: Songbirds brighten spring: Yellow-rumped and Wilson's Warblers, Varied Thrushes, Ruby-crowned Kinglets. Fall salmon runs attract Bald Eagles, Common Ravens, Rough-legged Hawks, Glaucous-winged Gulls. Great Egrets poke in marshes, Dunlins at water's edge. Check river for American Dippers. Winter brings Trumpeter Swans, American and Eurasian Wigeons, Red-necked Grebes.

VIEWING: 0.5-mile trail leads to estuary. Caution: Estuary floods at high tide.

ACCESS: From Highway 101 at milepost 294.9 in the town of Quilcene, turn east onto Linger Longer Rd. Drive 0.3 mile. Turn left onto Fremont Ave. Park on north at road end.

44 Mt. Walker



HABITAT: USFS 100-year-old conifers, views of Puget Sound, Olympic Mountains.

BIRDING: Easy access to mid-elevation forest birds: Hermit and Townsend's Warblers, Sooty (Blue) Grouse, Gray and Steller's Jays. Check trees for Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creepers, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Chestnut-backed Chickadees. Northern Pygmy Owls are out during daylight.

VIEWING: From south viewpoint parking, walk 0.2-mile loop to overlook. Bonus: native rhododendrons bloom May-June.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 299.8, turn east onto Mt. Walker View Point Rd/FS Rd 2730. Drive 4.0 miles to summit. Turn right, drive 0.4 mile for south viewpoint of Hood Canal, Puget Sound; or continue left 0.1 mile for north viewpoint of Olympic Mountains. Strenuous route: From trailhead parking at 0.2 mile on Mt. Walker View Point Rd, hike 2.0-mile Trail #894 to summit.

45 Dosewallips State Park



HABITAT: State's 431 acres of conifers, deciduous riparian trees, river, salt marsh.

BIRDING: Fall bird-salmon migrations coincide in viewing bonanza: Surf and White-winged Scoters, Greater and Lesser Scaups; Horned and Red-necked Grebes, American Wigeons, Northern Pintails. Singers come in spring: Yellow and Orange-crowned Warblers, Hutton's Vireos, Golden-crowned Kinglets, plus Rufous Hummingbirds. Fall-spring, find forest dwellers: Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers.

VIEWING: Watch for Bald Eagles by 0.2-mile alder-lined **North Tidal Trail** to observation deck. **Campground** – Take 3.5-mile Steam Donkey Trail, or 1.5-mile Maple Valley Trail from group campsite. **Picnic Area** – Walk by river, salt marsh sloughs. Bonus: Roosevelt Elk, harbor seals.

ACCESS: **North Tidal Trail** – From Hwy 101 at milepost 306.5, immediately north of Dosewallips River bridge, turn east onto unnamed road that goes 0.1 mile through field with interpretive signs, kiosk, trailhead parking.

Campground – From Hwy 101 at milepost 307, turn west into park campground. **Picnic Area** – From Hwy 101 at milepost 307, turn east into park picnic area.

46 Hamma Hamma Beaver Pond



HABITAT: USFS 20-acre freshwater beaver pond, basalt cliff.

BIRDING: See Band-tailed Pigeons in trees, Ring-necked Ducks on ponds, Vaux's Swifts above cliff. Listen for Wilson's Warblers, Swainson's Thrushes, Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Song Sparrows, Winter Wrens. Check big-leaf maples for Northern Flickers, Red-breasted Sapsuckers; snags for Bald Eagles, Belted Kingfishers.

VIEWING: Best viewing in first 0.2 mile of 0.7-mile loop; bear left at Y 0.1-mile to pond overlook.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 317.9, turn west at sign for Hamma Hamma Recreation Area onto FS Rd 25. Drive 9.3 miles (stay right at Y at 6.3 miles). Park in pullout for Trail #815.

MORE BIRDING: From Hwy 101 at milepost 317.9, turn west at sign for Hamma Hamma Recreation Area onto FS Rd 25. Drive 5.8 miles, turn left into campground, drive loop to riverside kiosk. Walk 1.5-mile Living Legacy Trail (#802).





47 Potlatch State Park

HABITAT: 57-acre park; Hood Canal saltwater shoreline and mixed forest.

BIRDING: Fall-spring, high tide offers best waterfowl birding. Common Loons, Surf Scoters, Greater Scaups, Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes, Buffleheads, Red-breasted Mergansers; Horned, Western, and Red-necked Grebes. Check foliage for Red Crossbills, Varied Thrushes, Steller's Jays, Fox Sparrows, and Band-tailed Pigeons.

VIEWING: Scope salt water to south, west. Check trees to north.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 335.1 turn east into park picnic area.

MORE BIRDING: From Hwy 101 at milepost 334.5, turn east into Tacoma Power's Saltwater Park. At north edge of parking lot, stand under fir trees to scan water "outfall" for specialties: Harlequin Ducks, American Dippers.

48 Skokomish Delta

HABITAT: Skokomish Tribe's 800 acres of river estuary, forest, wetlands, Hood Canal shoreline.

BIRDING: Winter wins bird lottery! Shore hosts huge flocks of Dunlins; on saltwater, find Marbled Murrelets, Canvasbacks, Northern Pintails; Common, Red-breasted, and Hooded Mergansers; Buffleheads, Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes, Black, Surf, and White-winged Scoters; in marsh are Gadwalls, Green-winged Teals, Northern Shovelers. Raptors abound: Bald Eagles, Ospreys, Peregrine Falcons, Northern Harriers, Red-tailed Hawks, Short-eared Owls. Early spring brings Long-billed Dowitchers, Wilson's Snipes, Western Sandpipers.

VIEWING: Tribal lands open for guided birding second Saturday of month. Reserve guide at Skokomish Dept. of Natural Resources, 360-877-2110, www.skokomish.org. Take 0.5-mile tour for Great Blue Heron rookery, Green Herons and American Bitterns in wetlands. Scope Hood Canal for Common, Red-throated, and Pacific Loons; Western, Red-necked, Horned, Eared, and Pied-billed Grebes.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 336.5, turn east into Lucky Dog Casino parking lot to meet guide.

49 Twanoh State Park

HABITAT: 182-acre state park with Hood Canal shoreline, conifer forest.

BIRDING: Use scope to see divers: Common Loons, Marbled Murrelets, Western and Red-necked Grebes, Surf and White-winged Scoters, Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes, Red-breasted Mergansers, Buffleheads, Greater Scaups, Ruddy Ducks.

VIEWING: Waterfront affords spectacular 200-degree view of Hood Canal.

Nov-April, best viewing 2 hours before/after high tide. Check trees by parking lot for Brown Creepers, Red Crossbills. Cross highway for 2.5-mile trail up through forest. Bonus: salmon in creek summer-fall.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 337, turn east onto Hwy 106. At

milepost 12.3, turn left (north) into Twanoh State Park boat launch, or right (south) into trailhead parking.

50 George Adams Salmon Hatchery

HABITAT: WDFW 30-acre riparian corridor of conifers, deciduous foliage.

BIRDING: Wood Ducks highlight spring birding. Autumn berries beckon flocks of Cedar Waxwings. Wintering ducks include

Buffleheads, Common and Hooded Mergansers. See American Dippers in all seasons.

VIEWING: Walk north on gravel road through buildings, past fish ponds to dike, take short path either direction; or cross Skokomish Valley Rd, walk 0.1 mile by Purdy Creek for American Dippers.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 339.5, turn west onto Skokomish Valley Rd. Turn right into hatchery parking lot.

51 Panhandle Lake 4H Camp

HABITAT: Private 450-acre woodland sanctuary of old conifers amid clear-cut.

BIRDING: Spring attractions include Wood Ducks, Wilson's Warblers, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Tree and Violet-green Swallows, American Goldfinches. Spring and fall, scan skies for Bald Eagles, Ospreys. Check snags for Northern Flickers; Downy, Hairy, and Pileated Woodpeckers, and trees for busy Pine Siskins, Dark-eyed Juncos, Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Red-breasted Sapsuckers.

VIEWING: Camp open to birders for small fee; must call first, 360-426-9523. Lakeside kiosk marks beginning of 1.3-mile trail around lake, wetlands. Bonus: Ethno-botany interpretive signs.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 347, take City Center/Matlock exit. Turn west toward Matlock. Drive 5.9 miles. Turn left (south) onto W Highland Rd. Drive 3.9 miles. Veer left (east) onto W Panhandle Lake Rd. Drive 0.3 mile. Park in paved lot.

52 Oakland Bay

HABITAT: WDFW viewpoint on bay, mudflats, fringe of evergreen trees.

BIRDING: Bay offers dynamite duck viewing: Northern Pintails, Red-breasted Mergansers, American and Eurasian Wigeons, Buffleheads, Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes, Surf and White-winged Scoters, Gadwalls, Green-winged Teals. See Ospreys spring-fall, Dunlins in winter. Common Ravens, and Bald Eagles visit year-round.

VIEWING: Walk through stile, follow trail 100 yards, turn left to waterfront. Nov-April, best birding 2 hours before/after high tide.

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 at milepost 347, take City Center/Matlock exit. Turn east toward Shelton on W Railroad Ave. Drive 1.6 miles. Turn north on Front St/Hwy 3. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn east onto E Pine/Hwy 3. Drive 3.7 miles (milepost 6.8), turn right (east) onto gravel road at Public Fishing sign. Park at Oakland Bay Recreational Area.

53 Jarrell Cove State Park

HABITAT: State park's 43-acre forested shoreline, saltwater bay.

BIRDING: Spring = singers! Listen for Hutton's Vireos and Pacific-slope Flycatchers in forest. Also find Brown Creepers and Red-breasted

Nuthatches. Ducks grab winter spotlight: On rising tide, see Surf Scoters, Common Goldeneyes, Red-breasted Mergansers, plus Common, Pacific, and occasional Red-throated Loons. At low tide, Bonaparte's, Mew, and Ring-billed Gulls lounge on mudflats.

VIEWING: Walk left to 1.0-mile forest loop for Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers; turn right to floating dock.

ACCESS: From Hwy 3 at milepost 10.7, turn right (east) on Pickering Rd. Drive 4.1 miles crossing E Hartstine Bridge. At T intersection, turn left (north) onto E North Island Dr. Drive 3.3 miles. Turn left (west) onto Wingert Rd. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn left into park, drive 0.3 mile to picnic parking past restrooms. Also, bird by kayak, canoe, or sailboat as part of Cascadia Marine Trail.

54 Theler Wetlands



HABITAT: School district/WDFW 135-acre preserve on Hood Canal, salt- and freshwater marshes, forested wetlands, river estuary.

BIRDING: Spring and fall, listen for Golden-crowned Kinglets; Bewick's, Marsh, and Winter Wrens. Birds of prey "prowl" the air: Bald Eagles, Ospreys, Red-Tailed Hawks, Short-eared Owls. Winter brings Northern Shrikes to meadows. Features include dabblers: Northern Pintails,



American Wigeons, Green-winged Teals; and divers: Ruddy Ducks, Horned Grebes, Common Mergansers, Common Goldeneyes.

VIEWING: Two miles of ADA interpretive trails begin at iron-art gate.

In 0.1 mile are exhibit-classroom buildings, wildlife art, native plant garden, interpretive kiosks. Alder-Cedar Swamp Trail includes Dike Rd, where South Tidal Marsh and River Estuary trails begin. South Tidal's boardwalk stretches 0.3 mile to Hood Canal. River Estuary Trail leads to freshwater marsh, along saltwater wetlands to mouth of Union River, upstream to picnic area where trail forks; right path best viewing. Non-ADA Sweetwater Creek Salmon Trail is 0.1-mile loop from exhibit-classroom buildings. Bonus: Skokomish archeological site at end of river estuary trail; river otters in freshwater marsh.

ACCESS: From Hwy 3 at milepost 25.5 in town of Belfair, turn left (west) at crosswalk stop light into Mary E. Theler Community Center (22871 Hwy 3.) Park at south end of paved lot by trailhead.

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Bird Information

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