

# Seven Ponds Nature Center

## Oregon Birding Tour

May 10-17, 2019

### LEADERS & GUIDES

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### LODGING

**Proposal Rock Inn** – Neskowin, Oregon – May 10, 11

**Lake Creek Lodge** – Camp Sherman, Oregon – May 12, 13

**Frenchglen Hotel & Drovers Inn** – Frenchglen, Oregon – May 14, 15, 16

### BIRDING LOCATIONS

#### Friday, May 10

- **Cannon Beach & Haystack Rock** (Clatsop County)
- **Nehalem Meadows / Nehalem Sewage Ponds** (Tillamook County)
- **Wheeler Wildlife Viewing Area** (Tillamook County)
- **Barview Tidal Pool** (Tillamook County)
- **Bayocean Spit** (Tillamook County)
- **Cape Meares State Park—Lighthouse** (Tillamook County)

#### Saturday, May 11

- **Proposal Rock Inn vicinity** (Tillamook County)
- **Hawk Creek Hills (Summit Road & Fairway Road)** (Tillamook County)
- **Salmon River, Siuslaw National Forest** (Lincoln County)
- **Siletz Bay** (Lincoln County)
- **Boiler Bay State Wayside** (Lincoln County)
- **Devil's Punchbowl State Park (Otter Crest)** (Lincoln County)
- **Yaquina Head Outstanding National Area—Lighthouse** (Lincoln County)

- **Yaquina River—SE Jetty Way** (Lincoln County)
- **Oregon Coast Aquarium grounds & pond** (Lincoln County)
- **Yaquina Bay State Park** (Tillamook County)

#### **Sunday, May 12**

- **Siuslaw National Forest** (Tillamook & Lincoln counties)
- **Roadside pond—Highway 101** (Lincoln County)
- **Salmon River Estuary** (Lincoln County)
- **Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge** (Polk County)
- **Rock-n-Rogers Diner** (Polk County)
- **Lost Lake** (Linn County)
- **Lake Creek Lodge** (Jefferson County)

#### **Monday, May 13**

- **Lake Creek Lodge** (Jefferson County)
- **Private feeders—Deschutes National Forest** (Jefferson County)
- **Camp Sherman—Metolius River** (Jefferson County)
- **Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery** (Jefferson County)
- **Cold Springs Campground** (Deschutes County)
- **Deschutes National Forest** (Deschutes County)

#### **Tuesday, May 14**

- **Deschutes National Forest** (Deschutes & Jefferson counties)
- **Double-O Road** (Harney County)
- **Frenchglen Highway** (Harney County)
- **Malheur National Wildlife Refuge** (Harney County)

#### **Wednesday, May 15**

- **Malheur NWR—Central Patrol Road, Headquarters, Benson Pond, Buena Vista Ponds** (Harney County)
- **Page Springs Campground** (Harney County)
- **Pete Bench Round Barn State Park** (Harney County)

#### **Thursday, May 16**

- **Catlow Valley** (Harney County)
- **Fields Oasis** (Harney County)
- **Alvord Desert area** (Harney County)
- **Page Springs Campground** (Harney County)
- **Malheur NWR—Central Patrol Road** (Harney County)

#### **Friday, May 17**

- **Malheur NWR—Central Patrol Road** (Harney County)
- **Frenchglen Highway** (Harney County)
- **Ruh-Red Road** (Harney County)
- **Hotchkiss Lane** (Burns County)

## **BIRDS (187 species + 1 hybrid)**

**Brant** – we saw a flock of seven fly by at the Yaquina River SE jetty

**Canada Goose** – observed every day in flocks ranging from a few birds to 40+

**Trumpeter Swan** – we saw a nesting pair along Central Patrol Road at Malheur NWR

**Wood Duck** – a lone duck was seen in the roadside pond along Hwy. 101 near our Pacific coast lodging

**Cinnamon Teal** – we enjoyed numerous looks at these beautiful ducks in Malheur NWR

**Northern Shoveler** – Nehalem Sewage Ponds, Baskett Slough NWR, and several in Malheur NWR

**Gadwall** – first seen at Nehalem Sewage Ponds, then more at Malheur NWR

**American Wigeon** – seen just twice, both in pairs, notably at Malheur NWR

**Mallard** – we saw Mallards several times, including a flock of ~40 at Nehalem Sewage Ponds

**Northern Pintail** – certainly not common on our trip, we did have lone birds at the Round Barn, Six Mile Ponds in the Catlow Valley, and Malheur NWR

**Green-winged Teal** – one at Baskett Slough NWR and one at the Round Barn

**Canvasback** – we saw these large divers twice at Malheur NWR

**Redhead** – seen on several occasions at Malheur NWR

**Ring-necked Duck** – we saw ring-necks at Nehalem Sewage Ponds and Six Mile Lake in the Catlow Valley

**Lesser Scaup** – at Nehalem Sewage Ponds

**Harlequin Duck** – distant but satisfying looks at a half-dozen of these beauties through the scope at Devil's Punchbowl SP

**Surf Scoter** – we had eight of these large sea ducks diving off the point at Devil's Punchbowl SP

**Bufflehead** – we saw five buffies at Nehalem Sewage Ponds

**Barrow's Goldeneye** – wonderful looks at a breeding pair of these western divers at Lost Lake

**Hooded Merganser** – nice looks from the van of a female, with her funky hairdo, at the Hwy. 101 roadside pond that we checked several times

**Common Merganser** – first seen when we stopped along the Salmon River (Lifer for Michele!)

**Ruddy Duck** – seen in small numbers (singles and a pair) a few times at Malheur NWR, including at the Round Barn

**California Quail** – these wonderful birds popped up here or there a few times, most notably at Fields Oasis

**Ring-necked Pheasant** – wonderful looks at these beautiful imports along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR

**Pied-billed Grebe** – a lone individual was seen in Benson Pond at Malheur NWR

**Red-necked Grebe** – seen diving in the ocean at Devil’s Punchbowl SP and Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area

**Eared Grebe** – we saw six individuals in their splendid breeding plumage at the Round Barn

**Western Grebe** – seen at Boiler Bay State Wayside and Six Mile Pond (Catlow Valley), none of which could be turned into Clark’s Grebes, despite our efforts!

**Rock Pigeon** – yes, we saw Rock Pigeons

**Band-tailed Pigeon** – our first couple encounters were of distant flying birds as they disappeared into the forest canopy at Hawk Creek Hills; then we were treated to a wonderful, lengthy look at a perched bird near our lodging at the Proposal Rock Inn

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** – seen in small numbers the first couple days; we had significant flocks at Fields Oasis

**Mourning Dove** – absent the first few days of our trip, we finally found these “elusive” birds in Frenchglen and Fields

**Common Poorwill** – a few of us ventured out at dark, cruising Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR, and were treated to close-up looks at several of these small nightjars

**Vaux’s Swift** – the western counterpart to our eastern Chimney Swift, we saw pairs of these at Lake Creek Lodge and the Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery

**Black-chinned Hummingbird** – a male and female were seen frequenting the nectar feeder at the Malheur NWR Headquarters

**Anna’s Hummingbird** – this hummer was seen on four separate occasions early in our tour: Cannon Beach (town), Hawk Creek Hills, Proposal Rock Inn, and Yaquina Bay SP

**Rufous Hummingbird** – seen twice, both times at the private feeders in the Deschutes National Forest just down the road from our Lake Creek Lodge cabins

**Virginia Rail** – seen by a few of us on an optional trip to Page Springs Campground, where one individual walked out of the cattails and gave us a wonderful look

**Sora** – heard only on Day 6 and Day 7 in Malheur NWR

**American Coot** – seen every day that we were in Malheur NWR

**Sandhill Crane** – seen and heard in small numbers at Malheur NWR

**Black-necked Stilt** – first seen at Baskett Slough NWR en route to the Cascades; we had close-up looks along Central Patrol Road at Malheur NWR

**American Avocet** – we only saw these elegant shorebirds once, while we were traveling east from the Cascades toward Frenchglen

**Black Oystercatcher** – seen three times among the rocks along the Pacific coast: Boiler Bay State Wayside, Tidal Raves Restaurant, and Devil's Punchbowl SP

**Killdeer** – we only had these shorebirds a few times, including Nehalem Sewage Ponds and Fields Oasis

**Whimbrel** – lone individuals were seen at Cannon Beach and Boiler Bay State Wayside, and we had a large flock (~35) that provided great looks at Nehalem Sewage Ponds

**Long-billed Curlew** – always a great bird to see, we had a fly-by during a pit stop at the Riley Store, then saw lone birds at Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR and along Hotchkiss Lane (where we had the Franklin's Gulls)

**Wilson's Snipe** – the flight winnow of these unique shorebirds was heard by several people in our group, and we had looks at them along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR and along Hotchkiss Lane

**Wilson's Phalarope** – great looks at Benson Pond (Malheur NWR) and Hotchkiss Lane

**Red-necked Phalarope** – we enjoyed a flock of 32 at Nehalem Sewage Ponds, spinning on the water's surface

**Spotted Sandpiper** – we "spotted" these sandpipers three times: Nehalem Sewage Ponds, Bayocean Spit, and along Hwy. 205 in the Catlow Valley

**Wandering Tattler** – after some searching, we managed to find two tattlers working the tidal rocks at Devil's Punchbowl SP

**Willet** – we saw these large shorebirds a handful of times in Malheur NWR

**Common Murre** – seen a few times along the Pacific coast, most notably at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, where we saw a massive raft of murre, estimated at 5,000

**Pigeon Guillemot** – seen on a half-dozen locations along the Pacific coast, including Haystack Rock, Barview Tide Pool, Cape Meares SP, Boiler Bay State Wayside, Devil’s Punchbowl SP, and Yaquina River—SE Jetty Way

**Rhinoceros Auklet** – seen flying overhead at Haystack Rock, with their white belly and dark upper chest band

**Tufted Puffin** – the bird of the tour for some, seen flying overhead and through the scope on Haystack Rock at Cannon Beach

**Franklin’s Gull** – we finally happened upon these handsome black-headed gulls with their broken eye ring on our final day, most notably along Hotchkiss Lane

**Ring-billed Gull** – we finally saw this familiar gull in good numbers along Sodhouse Lane in Malheur, then again along Hotchkiss Lane

**Western Gull** – the default gull of the Pacific coast, we saw these large gulls regularly from Cannon Beach all the way down the coast to Yaquina Bay

**Glaucous-winged Gull** – a lone, tattered immature gull was seen at Barview Jetty along Tillamook Bay, the only one we saw during our tour

**Caspian Tern** – we watched about five of these large terns hunting and diving along the Bayocean Spit

**Black Tern** – seen twice during our tour: first, we had at least three individuals hunting insects high in the sky over the pond at the Round Barn, then we saw a lone bird along the Frenchglen Highway on our final day as we left Malheur NWR

**Forster’s Tern** – we saw these sleek terns hunting along the roadside waterways in Malheur NWR

**Common Loon** – lone loons were seen at Boiler Bay State Wayside and Devil’s Punchbowl SP

**Brandt’s Cormorant** – we enjoyed 80+ of these ocean-bound cormorants as they performed breeding displays on the rocks at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, showing off their vibrant blue throat patch

**Pelagic Cormorant** – this small cormorant was seen in good numbers along the coast, most prominently at Boiler Bay State Wayside

**Double-crested Cormorant** – seen a few times along the coast and again at Malheur NWR

**American White Pelican** – two of these large white birds were seen in the distance at the Round Barn

**American Bittern** – we got a brief glimpse of this marsh bird from the van as it took flight along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR

**Great Blue Heron** – seen along the coast at Bayocean Spit, Siletz Bay, Oregon Coast Aquarium grounds & pond, and Salmon River Estuary, and also in Malheur NWR

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** – seen by a few individuals in our group at Malheur NWR

**White-faced Ibis** – we saw these birds a handful of times, including a large number at the Malheur NWR Headquarters and again on our final day along Highway 205 and Hotchkiss Lane

**Turkey Vulture** – every day

**Osprey** – seen on at least four occasions, including a nesting pair at the Oregon Coast Aquarium grounds & pond

**Golden Eagle** – we saw two, both while driving east from the Cascades; once along the Central Oregon Highway, and another in Harney County as we approached Malheur NWR

**Northern Harrier** – we recorded seven individuals, all seen separately, including Baskett Slough NWR, Malheur NWR, Alvord Desert area, and the Frenchglen Highway

**Cooper's Hawk** – two coops were seen, one along Highway 205 heading into the Catlow Valley, and another in Malheur NWR

**Northern Goshawk** – we had a brief look at this bird of prey from the van as we were driving through Deschutes National Forest on Forest Service Road 1018 in the Sisters area

**Bald Eagle** – we saw our national bird on four separate days, including at Haystack Rock, Nehalem Meadows, Wheeler Wildlife Viewing Area, Barview Tide Pool, Cape Meares SP, Yaquina Head, Rock-n-Rogers Diner, Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery, and along the Central Oregon Highway

**Swainson's Hawk** – almost always seen by us along a highway or road, these western raptors were recorded along Sodhouse Lane, Lava Bed Road, Steens Road, and Frenchglen Highway

**Red-tailed Hawk** – we saw red-tails statewide, from the Nehalem Sewage Ponds in the west all the way to the Catlow Valley in the east, and several points in between

**Ferruginous Hawk** – striking hawks of the west, with bright white bellies and dark red backs, sporting rusty feathered legs, we recorded at least 12 individuals during our time in the wide-open eastern part of Oregon

**Great Horned Owl** – we had the pleasure of seeing these large owls at the Malheur NWR Headquarters (including fuzzy owlets!) and at Fields Oasis

**Short-eared Owl** – those who chose to venture out on our nighttime foray along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR were treated to a courting flight of two of these wonderful owls

**Belted Kingfisher** – seen on three of our first four days, including at Bayocean Spit, Proposal Rock Inn, and Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery

**Williamson's Sapsucker** – this one took some effort! We worked hard in the vicinity of Cold Springs Campground, and were finally rewarded with excellent looks at a male as he worked on a nest cavity; we never did see the very different-looking female

**Red-breasted Sapsucker X Red-naped Sapsucker (hybrid)** – we enjoyed close-up looks at this beautiful sapsucker hybrid at the private feeders near our Lake Creek Lodge cabins

**Black-backed Woodpecker** – a few of us had a glimpse of this bird along Pole Creek Road (FS 15) in the Deschutes National Forest, where we spent the next hour combing the forest without luck (although we did track down a Dusky Flycatcher and a Townsend's Solitaire, so all was not lost); later on during the drive we had good looks in the rain at a bird that Falco found working a dead tree

**Downy Woodpecker** – while searching for the Williamson's Sapsucker at Cold Springs Campground we had nice looks at two of these familiar, diminutive woodpeckers

**Hairy Woodpecker** – seen twice: once along the coast at Hawk Creek Hills, and once in the Camp Sherman area near the Metolius River

**White-headed Woodpecker** – WOW! We first saw this bird shortly after arriving at Lake Creek Lodge, as it was working some trees along the creek right next to our cabins; we got a few more looks in the Camp Sherman area and while driving/birding in the Deschutes National Forest

**Northern Flicker (red-shafted)** – seen on three separate days, including at Yaquina Bay SP, Page Springs Campground, and in the town of Frenchglen (*note: in Michigan we see the yellow-shafted flicker almost exclusively*)

**American Kestrel** – these small falcons were seen on utility wires several times during our trip

**Peregrine Falcon** – fantastic looks at this majestic falcon as it worked the coastline at Cape Meares SP

**Prairie Falcon** – at least three individuals seen, including en route to Frenchglen, along Sodhouse Lane in Malheur NWR, and in the Catlow Valley

**Western Wood-Pewee** – first seen in Fields Oasis, we also had one in the town of Frenchglen and two more in the Page Springs Campground

**Willow Flycatcher** – a lone individual gave good looks from the van as we drove Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR

**Hammond's Flycatcher** – we worked hard for this elusive little flycatcher while birding along the trail near our cabins at the Lake Creek Lodge



**Dusky Flycatcher** – searching for our wayward Black-backed Woodpecker in the Deschutes National Forest led us to finding this little flycatcher, another *Empidonax* that we had to really work for

**Pacific-slope Flycatcher** – we parked in the Siuslaw National Forest and took a bit of a walk, where we were treated to good looks at this flycatcher, which had only been heard up to this point

**Say's Phoebe** – this handsome western flycatcher was seen near our hotel in Frenchglen, at the Malheur NWR Headquarters, and at the Round Barn

**Ash-throated Flycatcher** – this member of the *Myiarchus* genus of flycatchers, which includes our Great Crested Flycatcher, was seen by some members of our group along the hillside behind our hotel in Frenchglen

**Western Kingbird** – we didn't see many of these generally common western flycatchers, but did record one en route to Frenchglen, another in the Alvord Desert area, and two more along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR

**Eastern Kingbird** – seen by at least one member of our party in the Malheur NWR – in or near Frenchglen

**Loggerhead Shrike** – the songbird that wants to be a hawk! Lone birds were seen along the Frenchglen Highway, Steens Road, Alvord Desert Wilderness Study Area, and Catlow Valley Road

**Cassin's Vireo** – we found this bird in a light rain while parked in the Deschutes National Forest along an offshoot road from FS 1018 (where we also had the Black-backed Woodpecker)

**Warbling Vireo** – seen in the west at Siuslaw National Forest, in the central part of the state at Lake Creek Lodge, and in the east at Malheur NWR Headquarters and Fields Oasis (where we had at least four)

**Pinyon Jay** – a serendipitous find as we took the road less traveled through the Deschutes National Forest on our way to Calliope Crossing, as we happened upon at least five members of this nomadic jay

**Steller's Jay** – we never found large numbers of these stunning jays, but we did get some good looks at a handful of spots, including Cape Meares SP, Proposal Rock Inn, Yaquina Bay SP, and the Camp Sherman area

**California Scrub-Jay** – we had one lone individual as we traveled east on Oregon Hwy. 22

**Black-billed Magpie** – seen at a number of locations, usually along the road while traveling

**American Crow** – seen every day but one (not on Day 4)

**Common Raven** – seen every day but one (not on Day 2)

**Horned Lark** – we didn't see many HOLAs, but we did get them on Double-O Road and again on Catlow Valley Road

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** – seen a handful of times throughout our trip, then in large numbers along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR on our final day, when we saw hundreds of swallows of five different species

**Tree Swallow** – sometimes difficult to distinguish from Violet-green Swallows, we probably saw more than we made note of, but we did record them on six different days, and statewide

**Violet-green Swallow** – seen throughout the week, then in big numbers along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR on our final day (the Day of the Swallows)

**Barn Swallow** – seen throughout our trip, and among the hordes of swallows on our final day along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR

**Cliff Swallow** – we saw these handsome swallows throughout Malheur NWR, but most prominently during the Day of the Swallows along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR, where there were an estimated 400+ (although really impossible to accurately estimate)

**Mountain Chickadee** – seen at the private feeders in the Deschutes National Forest and again at Cold Springs Campground

**Chestnut-backed Chickadee** – we came across these handsome little chickadees at a handful of spots along the west coast, including Hawk Creek Hills, Yaquina Bay SP, the Highway 101 roadside pond, and Siuslaw National Forest

**Bushtit** – a small band of these birds (at least two) were seen at Fields Oasis

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – seen around our cabins at the Lake Creek Lodge

**White-breasted Nuthatch** – two birds were seen at the Cold Springs Campground in the Deschutes National Forest

**Pygmy Nuthatch** – seen well at the Cold Springs Campground while on the hunt for Williamson's Sapsucker

**Brown Creeper** – we had a lone creeper while searching for the Williamson's Sapsucker at Cold Springs Campground

**Canyon Wren** – seen by a few, heard by a few near our hotel in Frenchglen, of all places!

**House Wren** – along the road near our cabins at the Lake Creek Lodge

**Pacific Wren** – good, long looks at this (usually) reclusive little wren up in the Hawk Creek Hills along the coast

**Marsh Wren** – heard far more often than seen, we did manage looks that this denizen of the cattails in Malheur NWR, at Buena Vista Ponds, and along Central Patrol Road

**Bewick's Wren** – seen by a few members of our group near our lodging at the Proposal Rock Inn

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – recorded by some members of our group on Day 6 at Fields Oasis

**American Dipper** – wonderful bird seen several times in the vicinity of our Lake Creek Lodge cabins, as well as at the Metolius River in Camp Sherman, the Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery, and east at the Page Springs Campground

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – recorded on Day 2 by a few members of our group

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – seen at the Fields Oasis, and elsewhere near Malheur NWR

**Western Bluebird** – first seen at the Rock-n-Rogers Diner, then again at the Page Springs Campground

**Mountain Bluebird** – we found a lone individual in Deschutes National Forest along the same road we found the Pinyon Jays

**Townsend's Solitaire** – just one, the one we saw in Deschutes National Forest while searching for the Black-backed Woodpecker; scope views for everybody as it characteristically perched atop a tree

**Varied Thrush** – we saw two individuals while birding the Siuslaw National Forest near the coast

**Swainson's Thrush** – while birding near the Proposal Rock Inn we spotted this thrush, familiar to eastern birders with its buffy eye ring

**Hermit Thrush** – this bird was seen foraging in the underbrush at Malheur NWR Headquarters

**American Robin** – seen statewide throughout our tour, only missing on Day 5

**Sage Thrasher** – another bird Mark spotted while driving, seen along Ruh-Red Road, where we dipped on the Burrowing Owls

**European Starling** – seen every day

**American Pipit** – seen by most of our group among the coastal rocks at Devil's Punchbowl SP

**Cedar Waxwing** – a flock of 20 was seen by those who made an extra trip to Page Springs Campground

**Evening Grosbeak** – we watched four birds visit the private feeders near our Lake Creek Lodge

**House Finch** – seen in the town of Cannon Beach during a construction traffic jam and again at the Rock-n-Rogers Diner

**Purple Finch** – two birds were seen briefly through the van windows at the Oregon Coast Aquarium grounds & pond

**Cassin's Finch** – another bird we enjoyed at the private feeders near Lake Creek Lodge

**Pine Siskin** – the private feeders near Lake Creek Lodge gave us about eight of these little finches as well

**Lesser Goldfinch** – we had four Lesser Goldfinches at Fields Oasis

**American Goldfinch** – seen in the town of Frenchglen and again at Malheur NWR Headquarters

**Chipping Sparrow** – we saw chippers on two different occasions in the Deschutes National Forest

**Brewer's Sparrow** – three Brewer's Sparrows were seen along Sodhouse Lane in Malheur NWR, and we had another encounter with this dweller of the sagebrush in the Alvord Desert Wilderness Study Area

**Lark Sparrow** – seen along Lava Bed Road in Malheur NWR, and again at the Alvord Desert Wilderness Study Area

**Fox Sparrow** – when we stopped to search for the Green-tailed Towhee in the Deschutes National Forest, we were also treated to the sight of the much darker race of Fox Sparrows that is found out west

**Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)** – Oregon Juncos abound in Oregon, and we saw them several times, including at Lake Creek Lodge, Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery, Cold Springs Campground, and Malheur NWR Headquarters

**White-crowned Sparrow** – sometimes trying hard to pass themselves off as Golden-crowned Sparrows, we saw white-crowns at several locations along the coast, including Cape Meares SP, Proposal Rock Inn, Devil's Punchbowl SP, and Yaquina Bay SP

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** – what a great find as we were coming back up toward the parking lot at Cape Meares SP, where we saw at least five individuals of this west coast sparrow, still migrating north to its breeding territory in British Columbia, Yukon Territory, and Alaska

**Vesper Sparrow** – we found two Vesper Sparrows along the Frenchglen Highway on our way to the Steens Mountains

**Savannah Sparrow** – we saw more than a dozen Savannah Sparrows during our visit to the Nehalem Sewage Ponds

**Song Sparrow** – we saw Song Sparrows nearly every day, missing them only on Day 5

**Green-tailed Towhee** – a lone individual played hide-and-seek with us in the Deschutes National Forest, eventually giving most of us a good look

**Spotted Towhee** – we saw two Spotted Towhees at Yaquina Bay SP

**Yellow-breasted Chat** – always a treat, we saw this bird twice: along Highway 205 on the return from Fields, and also by a few of us at Page Springs Campground

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** – in big numbers and up-close at the feeder at Malheur NWR Headquarters

**Bobolink** – we saw two early arrivals in a grassy area along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR

**Western Meadowlark** – heard early on our trip near the coast, we finally got binoculars on birds out west, first during a pit stop at the Riley Store, and again in the Alvord Desert Wilderness Study Area

**Bullock's Oriole** – seen at Malheur NWR, Page Springs Campground, and Fields Oasis

**Red-winged Blackbird** – seen every day of the tour, statewide

**Brown-headed Cowbird** – seen all but one day (missed on Day 3)

**Brewer's Blackbird** – common throughout our trip, and only missed on Day 2

**Orange-crowned Warbler** – seen while birding Hawk Creek Hills near the coast

**MacGillivray's Warbler** – surprisingly good looks at Lake Creek Lodge, scope views at Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery, and more good looks at Cold Springs Campground

**Common Yellowthroat** – more often heard than seen, we did get nice views at Camp Sherman (Metolius River) and along Central Patrol Road in Malheur NWR

**Yellow Warbler** – seen on both the eastern side of the Cascades and in the Malheur NWR area

**Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)** – from the west coast (Proposal Rock Inn) to the Cascades (Lake Creek Lodge) to the east end of the state (Fields Oasis), we saw the Audubon's subspecies of butter butts

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** – a few of us joined the optional trip to Page Springs Campground and were rewarded with a brief glimpse of this handsome western warbler

**Townsend's Warbler** – good looks were enjoyed at the Malheur NWR Headquarters

**Hermit Warbler** – it was a challenge, but eventually all of us got on this treetop bird at Cape Meares SP

**Wilson's Warbler** – seen at a few different locations, including Cape Meares SP, Fields Oasis, and Page Springs Campground, they were most prominent at the Malheur NWR Headquarters

**Western Tanager** – after a few fleeting glimpse, our group was rewarded with close-up looks at this stunning tanager at Malheur NWR Headquarters; we then had about 16 at Fields Oasis

**Black-headed Grosbeak** – seen at Deschutes National Forest, Malheur NWR Headquarters, and behind the Frenchglen Hotel

**Lazuli Bunting** – we saw two of these beautiful buntings at the Alvord Desert Wilderness Study Area

**House Sparrow** – seen nearly every day

**TOTAL BIRDS SEEN/HEARD BY OUR GROUP: 186 species + 1 hybrid**  
**(your total may differ)**

### **MAMMALS (19)**

**California Rock Squirrel**

**Steller's Sea Lion**

**Harbor Seal**

**Blacktail Deer**

**Douglas Squirrel**

**Mule Deer**

**Elk**

**Western Gray Squirrel**

**Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel**

**Belding's Ground Squirrel**

**Yellow Pine Chipmunk**

**Mink**

**Pronghorn**

**Yellow-bellied Marmot**

**Coyote**

**Beaver**

**Porcupine**

**Black-tailed Jackrabbit**

**Mountain Cottontail**

### **REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS (4)**

**Red-backed Salamander**

**Pacific Chorus Frog (heard only)**

**Gopher Snake**

**Garter Snake**