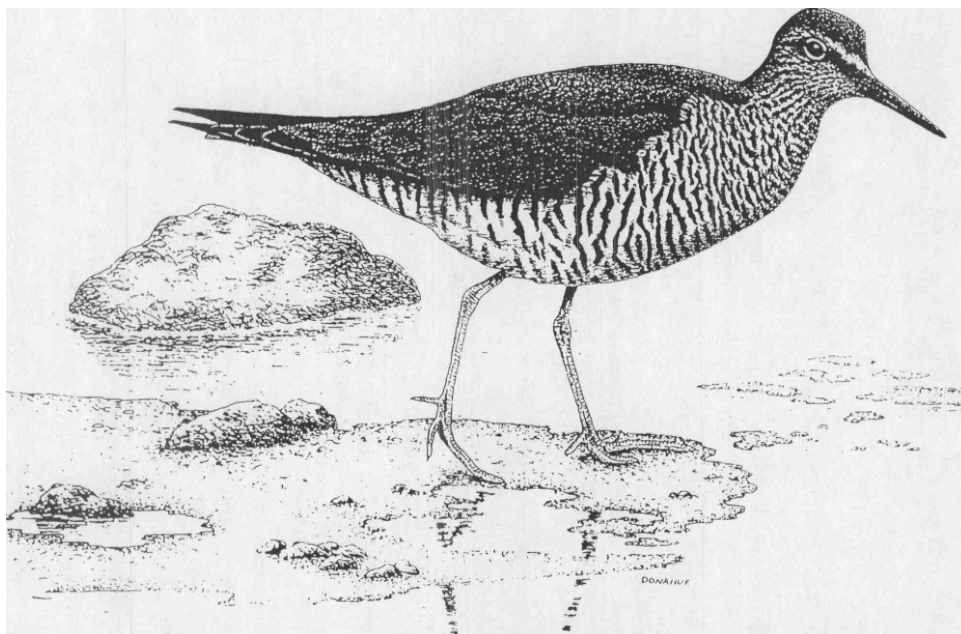


# CAMP CASCADES

**JULY 26 – AUGUST 6, 2001**



**Wandering Tattler**  
*Heteroscelus incanus*

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## ITINERARY

**July 26, 2001.** Arrival in Seattle with camp orientation. Afternoon trip to Bob Sundstrom's yard in West Seattle for feeder watching.

**July 27.** Morning ferry ride from Edmonds to Kingston with birding from ferry; Salisbury Point County Park, Dipper search at the Quilcene National Fish Hatchery, rest of morning birding Mount Walker; afternoon ferry ride and birding from Port Townsend to Keystone, arrival at Camp Casey.

**July 28.** Entire day birding Whidbey Island. We spent the morning birding the area around the camp, the deep woods, the coastline, the State Park and back. We then went to Crockett Lake for shorebirds for the rest of the morning. Afternoon at Penn Cove and Swantown Marsh.

**July 29.** Early morning ferry run back to Port Townsend (with birding) for a day on the Olympic Peninsula. In succession we went to Diamond Point for Tufted Puffin, John Wayne Marina for gulls and shorebirds, Ediz Hook for more gulls and rocky shorebirds and then Lincoln Park for lunch (with the one-footed Emperor Goose); post lunch drive to Olympic National Park; afternoon return to Whidbey Island via the Port Townsend to Keystone ferry

**July 30.** Departure from Whidbey Island with a stop at spectacular Deception Pass. Rest of day on Highway 20 to Mazama with a lengthy stop at Rockport State Park for a walk in the old growth forest on the Fem Trail and at Gorge and Diablo Reservoirs for Barrow's Goldeneye; late afternoon arrival in Mazama.

**July 31.** First part of morning birding around Mazama and the Methow River Valley; birding the road to Klipchuck campground and then up to beautiful Washington Pass, afternoon drive back through the river valley to Winthrop and twin lakes.

**August 1.** Early morning departure from Mazama to Winthrop for a lengthy drive to Freezeout Ridge with quick stops en route. Hike up Freezeout Ridge to 8000 feet Tiffany Mtn. on a rather cold, blustery day; birding back to Winthrop through the Okanogan National Forest; ice cream in Winthrop and incredible Pileated Woodpecker display; return to Mazama.

**August 2.** Departure from Mazama to Hart's Pass (with flat tire!); arrival at Hart's Pass and camping at the Meadows campground, post lunch drive to Slate Peak parking area and walk up to the Slate Peak lookout for stupendous views of the North Cascades and the Pasayten Wilderness.

**August 3.** Eight mile roundtrip hike into the Middle fork of the Pasayten Wilderness.

**August 4.** Departure from Hart's Pass to Mazama for phone calls and lunch, afternoon drive to Grand Coulee with a Williamson's Sapsucker search at famous Loup Loup campground.

**August 5.** Entire day birding the Columbia River lakes and potholes south of Moses Lake.

**August 6.** Early departure for Seattle with search for Sage Sparrows at the Quilomene National Wildlife Refuge.

## BIRDLIST

Common Loon - several going into basic plumage at Perm Cove

Pied-billed Grebe - only 1 this time

Eared Grebe - several at a distance on Soap Lake

**Western Grebe** - numerous on Banks Lake with many nests

**Clark's Grebe** - a few with the Western's for direct comparison; wonderful studies

American White Pelican - a small group on Banks Lake

Double-crested Cormorant - common along the coast

**Pelagic Cormorant** - fairly numerous in Puget Sound and off the Olympic Peninsula; seen best on the ferry runs

Great Blue Heron - common throughout

Great Egret - a few at Potholes SWA

Green Heron - seen best at Quilcene

Turkey Vulture - fairly common throughout

**Waterfowl:** we saw many kinds of waterfowl along different parts of our route. Most interesting though was that they were all in eclipse plumage, making them much harder to identify than in the winter.

Canada Goose

**Emperor Goose** - we saw "Stumpy," the famous one-footed goose that migrated in as an immature bird with a damaged foot. The foot dropped off, the bird healed, but never migrated. Is it still countable? That's for you to decide.

Wood Duck - one on the nearly barren Dodson Road ponds

Gadwall - several near Banks Lake

American Wigeon - a few with the other ducks near Banks Lake

Mallard

Blue-winged Teal - a distant group en route to Grand Coulee

Cinnamon Teal - a few on Whidbey Island

Northern Shoveler - Whidbey Island

Green-winged Teal - best looks on Whidbey Island

Canvasback - one near Banks Lake

Redhead - several near Banks Lake

Lesser Scaup - a small, distant group at Swantown

**Harlequin Duck** - most numerous at Ediz Hook, but best looks perhaps at Penn Cove

**Surf Scoter** - many in the big scoter flock at Penn Cove

**White-winged Scoter**- same

Common Goldeneye - a few at twin lakes near Winthrop

Barrow's Goldeneye - about a dozen on Diablo reservoir, this was not an easy i.d

Hooded Merganser - a few on Banks Lake

Common Merganser - a few on Gorge reservoir

Red-breasted Merganser - one female seen at Ediz Hook

Ruddy Duck - several near Banks Lake

Osprey - a couple along the Methow river

**Bald Eagle** - spectacular looks repeatedly at our national bird on the Olympic Peninsula, Whidbey Island and at Deception Pass, with the latter sighting breathtaking

Northern Harrier - here and there, with several immatures migrating high up in the alpine zone

Sharp-shinned Hawk - one near Diamond Point

Cooper's Hawk - only a couple, near Sequirn

Swainson's Hawk - several dark morph birds east, south and west of Moses Lake

Red-tailed Hawk - here and there throughout

**Golden Eagle** - a few in the high country, best though was the one soaring by the road en route to Slate Peak

American Kestrel - only a few this time

**Prairie Falcon** - great looks at bird coming over the ridge just overhead in the Pasayten Wilderness

**Spruce Grouse** - 2 females this year; one on Freezeout Ridge, the other in the road near Hart's Pass

**Blue Grouse** - seen in good numbers this year; all females though including several hens with young;  
Mount Walker; Freezeout Ridge; Hart's Pass

**White-tailed Ptarmigan** - seen by only three-fourths of the group unfortunately; as we were emerging out of the Pasayten Wilderness two groups of several birds were spotted below Slate Peak, the birds moved off and the weather steadily worsened before we could all see them

California Quail - several on the Olympic Peninsula and more in the Methow River Valley

**Virginia Rail** - great looks at an immature bird at Crockett Lake

Sora - one at a distance by Rob and Jessica near Banks Lake

American Coot

Black-bellied Plover - several beauties still in alternate plumage at Ediz Hook

Semipalmated Plover - many at Crockett Lake

Killdeer

**Black Oystercatcher** - wonderful scope views of several birds at John Wayne Marina and Ediz Hook

Black-necked Stilt - a few at the Potholes

Greater Yellowlegs - Crockett Lake and side by side with the next

Lesser Yellowlegs - side by side with the previous

**Wandering Tattler** - one on the floating logs at Ediz Hook; a good find

Spotted Sandpiper - a few throughout in appropriate habitat

Ruddy Turnstone - several on Ediz Hook

**Black Turnstone** - about a dozen at Ediz Hook

**Surfbird** - one with the tumstones at Ediz Hook was an exciting find; still in alternate plumage

Sanderling - a few at Ediz Hook

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** - a worn adult at Crockett Lake was the only one seen; uncommon in the west

Western Sandpiper - Crockett Lake

Least Sandpiper - same

Pectoral Sandpiper - one at Crockett Lake

**Short-billed Dowitcher** - Crockett Lake

**Long-billed Dowitcher** - same

**Bonaparte's Gull** - fairly common in Puget Sound; with several still in alternate plumage

**Heermann's Gull** - very common in Puget Sound; many immatures but a few adults also; this is the best time of year to see these birds in WA as they disperse from points much farther south

**Mew Gull** - good looks at adult birds at John Wayne Marina

Ring-billed Gull - here and there throughout

California Gull - one of the most common gulls

**Glaucous-winged Gull** - probably the most common gull, with many hybrid types mixed in for good measure

**Black-legged Kittiwake** - several at Ediz Hook

Caspian Tern - fairly common along the coast

**Common Murre** - hundreds and hundreds in Puget Sound

**Pigeon Guillemot** - common in Puget Sound with exceptional views of close, swimming birds

**Marbled Murrelet** - perhaps a dozen; mostly from the ferry crossings; a bird of special interest that is always good to see

**Rhinoceros Auklet** - several thousand in Puget Sound

**Tufted Puffin** - one of the prize birds of this trip with a striking adult just offshore at Diamond Pt.; another flying by; this was a wonderful experience where the bird was close and good for study at length

Rock Dove

**Band-tailed Pigeon** - great looks at a secretive bird in Sundstrom's yard

Mourning Dove

**Northern Pygmy Owl** - great looks at a bird teed up on cedar at the summit of Mt. Walker

Common Nighthawk - Methow River Valley

**Black Swift** - incredible looks at many birds on the eastern slope of the Cascades and at Mazama

**Vaux's Swift** - great looks at many birds around Mazama and often flying with Blacks

White-throated Swift - lots high overhead and a few zipping by in front of us in the rimrock country along the Columbia River

**Anna's Hummingbird** - nice looks at a male in Sundstrom's yard

**Calliope Hummingbird** - a female at last gasp in Mazama

Rufous Hummingbird - many immatures around the feeders in Mazama; a couple of males seen briefly elsewhere

Belted Kingfisher - here and there throughout

**Lewis's Woodpecker** - another one of the prize birds for this trip; we saw many in the Methow River Valley, including close scope views of perched and flying birds

**Red-naped Sapsucker** - fairly common in the hardwoods around Mazama; a nice male also at Washington Pass

**Williamson's Sapsucker** - nice looks at a male at Loup Loup campground

Downy Woodpecker - fairly common along the coast; the darker pacific-northwest variety

Hairy Woodpecker - same

**Three-toed Woodpecker** - an astonishing 8 birds this year, probably due to the many recently killed spruce trees, Freezeout Ridge and Hart's Pass

Northern Flicker - The "Red-shafted" raw throughout

Pileated Woodpecker - incredible looks at several birds in Winthrop

Olive-sided Flycatcher - great looks at a pair at Fort Casey State Park

Western Wood Pewee - common in the Methow River Valley

Dusky Flycatcher - never seen by all; one by a few at Mazama and another at Loup Loup initially called Hammond's but seen well by Rob and was in fact this species

**Pacific-slope Flycatcher** - good looks, finally, on Whidbey Island

Say's Phoebe - a pair at Mazama was nice

Western Kingbird - only a couple this year, mainly in ag. fields west of Moses Lake

Eastern Kingbird - common along the Columbia River

**Cassin's Vireo** - Methow River Valley; heard far more often than seen; actually this bird was barely more than glimpsed by a few

**Hutton's Vireo** - great looks at Fort Casey State Park

Warbling Vireo - Mazama

Gray Jay - a group of the dark *obscurvs* form on Mt. Walker on the Olympic Peninsula and intermediate birds approaching the *canadensis* forms in the Cascades

Steller's Jay - fairly common along the coast and around Mazama

Clark's Nutcracker - fairly common around Mazama and the high country

Black-billed Magpie - only a few this year; Methow River Valley

American Crow

**Northwestern Crow** - John Wayne Marina and Port Angeles

Common Raven

**Purple Martin** - a male over Sundstrom's backyard; a very local breeder in Washington and a very good find

Tree Swallow

Violet-green Swallow - common throughout

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Bank Swallow

Cliff Swallow

Barn Swallow

Black-capped Chickadee

Mountain Chickadee - common on the east slope of the Cascades and in the high country

**Chestnut-backed Chickadee** - especially common on the coast and around-Camp Casey

**Boreal Chickadee** - our best year yet for this species with several at the crossbill spot in the Okanogan N.F. north of Winthrop and several more in the Hart's Pass area

Bushtit - common around Camp Casey

Red-breasted Nuthatch - common throughout

White-breasted Nuthatch - Bank's Lake

Pygmy Nuthatch - excellent looks at Mazama

Brown Creeper - Rockport S.P.

Rock Wren - Banks Lake

Canyon Wren - Banks Lake

Bewick's Wren - Camp Casey

House Wren

**Winter Wren** - in the moist woods behind Camp Casey

Marsh Wren - in the marsh at Banks Lake

**American Dipper** - it took awhile but we had good looks at Quilcene

Golden-crowned Kinglet - common throughout

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - a few in the high country

Western Bluebird - one by Gabe only en route to Loup Loup

**Mountain Bluebird** - a big group of at least fifty birds atop Tiffany Mtn.; many males

Townsend's Solitaire - several en route to Freezeout Ridge

Swainson's Thrush - heard far more often than seen, but good looks at Mazama

Hermit Thrush - high country

American Robin

**Varied Thrush** - one of the signature species of the northwest; we had a couple females atop Mt. Walker and several more in the Pasayten Wilderness, including one younger or heavily molting male

Gray Catbird - Glenn only; over the river at Winthrop

European Starling

American Pipit - one atop Tiffany Mtn.

Cedar Waxwing - throughout

Orange-crowned Warbler - probably not seen by all; best was the bird at Camp Casey in the brush

Nashville Warbler - Hart's Pass Yellow Warbler - common in riparian areas

Yellow-rumped Warbler - high country

**Townsend's Warbler** - tougher this year, eventually seen well by most at Hart's Pass, at least 1 or 2 "Heto" warblers atop Mt. Walker

**MacGillivray's Warbler** - great looks at several birds in the Mazama area

Common Yellowthroat - Crockett Lake

Wilson's Warbler - only a few: here and there

Western Tanager - fairly common throughout; several striking males

Spotted Towhee - fairly common throughout

Chipping Sparrow

**Brewer's Sparrow** - good looks at Quilcene NWR

Vesper Sparrow - Methow River Valley and Mazama; good looks

Lark Sparrow - a few around Bank's Lake

**Sage Sparrow** - great looks at the usual place at Quilcene NWR, a perfect ending to the trip

Savannah Sparrow - Crockett Lake

Fox Sparrow - the "Slate-colored" form; high up in the North Cascades

Song Sparrow - common low down throughout

White-crowned Sparrow - Camp Casey and up high

Dark-eyed Junco - the "Oregon" form

Black-headed Grosbeak - best were the birds visiting Sundstrom's feeders that first afternoon

Lazuli Bunting - one shaggy male north of Winthrop was definitely not seen by all

Red-winged Blackbird  
 Western Meadowlark  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird - a sizable flock along the road near Banks Lake and more, including males in the distant marshes  
 Brewer's Blackbird  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Bullock's Oriole - a female in the willows at Mazama  
**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** - this bird was one of the best and most exciting finds of this trip; as we topped out at Slate Peak; we noticed a male walking around a remaining snowpatch; the "Hepburn's" or coastal race  
 Pine Grosbeak - no males this year; several females around Hart's Pass  
 Purple Finch - an obvious pair around the cabin at Mazama  
 Cassin's Finch - many around Mazama; the immatures of this species and the previous challenged our identification techniques  
 House Finch  
 Red Crossbill - most common on the coast with several birds seen well around Crockett Lake  
**White-winged Crossbill** - another remarkable bird for this trip; not present this far south every year, we heard and saw males north of Winthrop, below Hart's Pass and in the Pasayten wilderness  
 Pine Siskin  
 American Goldfinch  
 Evening Grosbeak - special views of males and females at the feeders at Jack's Hut near Mazama  
 House Sparrow

**TOTAL = 195**

**MAMMAL LIST:**

White-tailed Deer  
 "Black-tailed" Deer  
 Mule Deer  
 Yellow-bellied Marmot  
 Hoary Marmot  
 Eastern Gray Squirrel  
 Golden-mantled Ground-Squirrel  
 Columbian Ground-Squirrel  
 Red Squirrel  
 Douglas Squirrel (Chikaree)  
 Townsend's Chipmunk  
 Least Chipmunk  
 Yellow-pine Chipmunk  
 Eastern Cottontail  
 Collared Pika  
 Coyote  
 Harbor Seal  
 Harbor Porpoise