

BIRDING ACROSS AMERICA BY TRAIN

May 17 - 28, 2005

BIRDLIST

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NOTES
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Our encounters with this species were some of the real high points of our trip. Unlike the winter, in which we see Common Loons as gray, unmarked birds in our off-shore waters, we experienced several pairs in high plumage. Thanks to our local guide, Gary Lee, we learned more about them than any of us previously did. Perhaps best was that a number of us were so fortunate to have heard them giving their wild, resonant calls, for which the species is so famous. Seen only in the Adirondack Mountains.
Pacific Loon	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>	Several seen in flight, but none well, in the waters of Puget Sound.
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	A couple in North Dakota.
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Upper Souris NWR, N.D. One stunning adult seen well by all.
Eared Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Thousands on the pothole lakes and reservoirs of N.D.
Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	Fairly common on pothole lakes and reservoirs around Minot. Several excellent, diagnostic views
Clark's Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>	Only one, Des Lacs NWR, N.D. One individual seen well was suspected of being an intergrade between the two above species.
American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	Seen in good numbers at Des Lacs NWR, N.D.
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	Seen in good numbers in both ND and WA
Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pelagicus</i>	One of the more common birds in the Puget Sound region, we enjoyed many nice looks at high plumaged birds. When seen under good lighting conditions, the glossy greens and purples were

Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	obvious and easy to see. Seen in small numbers throughout the trip.
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	One group of 10 birds at the Salier Refuge in ND was all.
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	A few seen in flight at sundown in ND; not seen well
White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>	Several seen well, but at a distance at the Salier refuge in ND.
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Common and seen daily throughout.
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Several males at Oak Park the first morning in Minot.
American Wigeon	<i>Ana americana</i>	A few at pothole lakes and ponds, ND.
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	A very common duck in both ND and WA
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Seen nearly every day of the trip.
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Fairly common on pothole lakes in ND; several striking males.
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	A very common duck on pothole lakes in ND.
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Another common breeding duck of the pothole lakes region
Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	Several stunning drakes seen in and around the potholes marshes of ND; best were the close individuals at Lostwood NWR
Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>	Fairly common in the pothole ponds and reservoirs around Minot
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	Same
Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>	Several spectacular males along the waterfront at Ediz Hook, Port Angeles, WA. Scope views for all at what surely must be one of our most beautiful ducks.
Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	A single drake on the waterfront at Ediz Hook, WA
White-winged Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Several seen in flight at Diamond Point, WA .
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	A few in the ponds and reservoirs around Minot; several drakes
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Three summering birds spotted by Victor on Sequim Bay, WA
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus Merganser</i>	A pair seen sporadically along the shoreline of Little Moose Lake, NY.
Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	A single pair on Little Moose Lake in the Adirondacks in NY; two

Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	other males at Des Lacs NWR ND. Seen best at the Minot sewage lagoon; lots of showy drakes
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Seen in both NY and WA; common.
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	While not at all common; we managed a couple in WA.
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Several spectacular adults and other young birds along the shore of Puget Sound
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Several males and females seen well in the grasslands of ND
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Seen best in ND; a female on a nest at Oak Park and a couple of other flybys.
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	A couple individuals in the forest around the Adirondack League Club, but none seen particularly well; another flying over Oak Park in ND.
Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	Several nice views of soaring birds around Minot, ND
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Fairly common, seen most days.
Ferruginous Hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>	Excellent views of a flying bird in the grasslands outside Kenmare ND. A declining species, this bird is one of the most striking and spectacular hawks in North America.
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	Another bird of the prairies in apparent decline; we had a single female near Salier NWR, ND.
Merlin	<i>Falcon columbarius</i>	Both exciting and unexpected was a pair of Merlins in apparent courtship display over the International Inn in Minot; the pale "Richardson's" race of the high prairies.
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	A group of three in the woods at the Adirondack League Club.
Sharp-tailed Grouse	<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>	Another highlight of this trip, we had between 85 and 100 birds in scattered locations near Lostwood NWR and around Kenmare. Best was the group of 25 birds on display at a lek at Lostwood. They danced and pranced about while we watched for close to half an hour.
California Quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	An introduced bird in WA state,

Gray Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	we had excellent studies of a calling male near Dungeness NWR Two seen in flight at Salier NWR, ND; an unexpected and lucky find for us; pretty good looks.
Ring-necked Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchius</i>	Nice studies of several males around Minto and Kenmare, ND.
Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	Several seen in fields from the train while passing through Wisconsin.
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	Several heard calling in the marshes of Des Lacs NWR; one seen briefly by perhaps half the group darting across open water.
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	Several in the marshes around Minot.
American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	Several stunning adults in and around the refuges around Minot.
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	A group of about 25 birds at the Minot sewage lagoons was a bonus, as many of the birds were in high plumage.
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	One in the plowed fields with all the other shorebirds at the Minot sewage lagoons.
Killdeer Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i> <i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Several around Minot, ND. A breeding pair at a salty lagoon at Lostwood NWR was a good find; this is a bird usually seen on the wintering grounds, so it was a little odd to see these otherwise coastal shorebirds on the prairie.
Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	Several at Lostwood; we enjoyed several of them doing their "winnowing" displays.
Marbled Godwit Whimbrel	<i>Limosa fedoa</i> <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Good studies at Lostwood. Two birds at Des Lacs NWR were apparently an excellent find. Although seen at considerable distance, we did have diagnostic views. This species is not seen every year in North Dakota.
Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	Found at the last minute by our ND guide, Ron Martin; although we had great studies of the bird, it was somewhat surprising that we didn't see more.
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Several late migrants seen at a variety of places around Minot.
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	A few seen in the marshes around Minot; another at the sewage lagoons

Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	A few at Lostwood NWR, and a few more at Des Lacs NWR
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Several in the large field with the other shorebirds at the Minot sewage lagoons.
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	same
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	same
White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	Knockout views of multiple birds at very close range at the Minot sewage lagoons.
Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris Bairdii</i>	Several in the same field for direct comparison with the last.
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Numerous in the same field also, nice comparisons with the others.
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Several in the large flooded field at Salier NWR; several in high plumage.
Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	Numerous in the same flooded field; lots of bright, alternate plumaged birds.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>	Several birds with the hundreds of other shorebirds in the fields around the Minot sewage lagoons. Prolonged scope studies for all and a real trip highlight.
Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	A fairly common breeder in the pothole lakes and marshes of North Dakota, we had many good views of high plumaged females; there were many more additionally, in amongst the throngs of the following species.
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	We had large flocks of hundreds on most of the larger bodies of water. Though they were only passing through, we learned that North Dakota is one of the largest and most significant gathering places in the United States for this species. Lots of elegant females seen, and also in direct comparison to the lesser numbers of Wilson's present too.
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	One on Little Moose Lake in the Adirondacks; here and there in North Dakota.
California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	A half a dozen perhaps on the log booms at Ediz Hood in Port Angeles, WA; mostly immature birds present, but some adults around too.
Glaucous-winged Gull	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	The gull most commonly en-

Western Gull	<i>Larus occidentalis</i>	countered and really, the characteristic gull of the Puget Sound region; lots of nice views. In WA, this is a species normally encountered on the outer coast, however, in Puget Sound, a few make it in as far as the Port Angeles area, and Ediz Hook is one such place where they can be reliably found. We had several adults.
Franklin's Gull	<i>Larus pipixcan</i>	Present by the thousands around virtually every body of water, big or small, in North Dakota. Although we had countless good studies, perhaps most impressive was the huge concentration of birds at the breeding colony at Salier NWR.
Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>	One bird found by Victor on the mudflats of Discovery Bay; best though were the two at rest on the flats at John Wayne Marina at Sequim Bay.
Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	Several pair at Des Lacs NWR, ND.
Black Tern	<i>Chidonias niger</i>	The heart of this species's breeding range lies in ND, and, therefore, we saw thousands; lots of great studies.
Common Murre	<i>Uria aalge</i>	We ultimately had great looks at this species, but they seemed to be present in fewer numbers than expected; several distant birds from Diamond Point, but much better looks from the Port Angeles waterfront
Pigeon Guillemot	<i>Cepphus columba</i>	The most commonly encountered alcid in WA. We had numerous good views of perched, swimming, and feeding birds from nearly every coastal location.
Marbled Murrelet	<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>	High quality views of breeding pairs at several coastal locales, including Diamond Point, Ediz Hook, and the Port Angeles waterfront.
Rhinoceros Auklet	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>	Excellent views of this species also; scope views at Diamond Point were best, but other studies were had at Ediz Hook.
Tufted Puffin	<i>Fratercula cirrhata</i>	Only 1 seen, but boy what a look!

Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>
Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>
Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>
Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>
Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>
Red-breasted Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>

Upon our arrival at Diamond Point, we were immediately in Puffin heaven, as a stunning male bird fed in the tidal waters off the end of the boatdock. Not more than 10 feet from shore, we all had crippling looks as it swam about in front of us, totally unconcerned with our presence. Cities and towns throughout Seen almost entirely in flight at various locations in and around the Olympic Mountains. One found behind the train station in Minot, ND; further evidence of this species's rapid range expansion. Once we got to ND, this species became an everyday bird. At the Adirondack League Club we were treated to a heck of show as two Barred Owls called loudly and often one night, much to our delight; we never saw them, but this was almost as good. Several recently arrived migrants were spotted north and west of Minot. Seen every day in New York and North Dakota Only one bird - a quick look at a male in Ferd's Bog. Several females and one male at the feeder outside Salisbury State Park, WA. Actually a fairly common bird in the Puget Sound lowlands; we had numbers of females and a bright male at the feeders outside Salisbury Park. A nice male in Oak Park for those who opted to stay out a little later on our last afternoon in Minot. Wonderful views of a bright male at the Adirondack League Club; the bird was apparently on territory as it spent an entire morning tapping dead trees behind our cabins. Though this was our target bird when we went to Salisbury Park

Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	in WA, it was Victor who found a bright individual actually outside the park; seen briefly, but very well. Seen easily in NY and also in Oak Park, ND.
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Seen best at the Adirondack League Club, where we had a male in the trees over our head.
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	A fairly common bird seen nearly throughout the trip; we had many "yellow-shafted" types in NY, including a pair attending a nest hole, several more in ND, and then a few of the "red-shafted" types in WA; all in all, a good trip for this species.
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	Both bold and dramatic, we had spectacular looks at several birds in several places in the Adirondacks.
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	A total of 3 birds seen and all in WA. First up was a pair at the forest edge near John Wayne Marina, but best was the the vocal individual in the Olympic Mountains on the road to Hurricane Ridge, which sang at a close distance to our great enjoyment.
Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	A single bird at Tucker's Coulee in ND near Kenmare.
Alder Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	A single bird in Oak Park the final afternoon in Minot was seen well by all those who elected to stay out a little later.
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax trailii</i>	A nice little surprise was the discovery of a singing male on territory at the Dungeness NWR; seen well by all.
Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Many nice looks at this common forest flycatcher in both the Adirondacks and as a migrant in North Dakota.
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>	The Latin name of this species would suggest that it is difficult to identify, however, it might also include difficulty in seeing! Amongst the tall, old growth trees of the Pacific Northwest, the slight calls of this diminutive sprite are but barely detectable

Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	voices from the depths of the forest. Persistence led to maybe half the group obtaining satisfactory views. Seen only in North Dakota; one at Salier NWR and another at Tasker's Coulee.
Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	One at Lostwood NWR.
Great-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	A vocal pair at Oak Park in Minot.
Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	A very common bird on the North Dakota prairies, many nice looks.
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Almost as common as the above and often seen side by side.
Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Fairly common in ND, we saw several very well at Lostwood NWR.
Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	Almost incredibly, we missed this bird in both NY and ND; while not at all common in either place, this was rather mystifying; even stranger was finding them on the coast of WA at both Edmonds on the mainland and at the Dungeness river mouth on the Olympic Peninsula, where the species is decidedly uncommon.
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Common and seen daily. This is a most striking bird that more of us should take time to study. With crisp white underparts and deep glossy blue upperparts, this bird is a real looker.
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	Like the above species, this is a truly beautiful bird; although common in WA, it wasn't until Victor put the scope on a sun-drenched male that we could really appreciate this bird's subtle, yet obvious, beauty.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	Several good looks in both ND and WA.
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Good thing we were paying attention because the only ones we saw were at the Minot sewage lagoons while we were focused on shorebirds.
Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	Present by the thousands at the Minot sewage lagoons; common all over the Minot area really, and many more still in WA.

Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common from ND to WA
American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	One of the last new birds of the trip, we found a pair feeding and calling at the edge of the retreating snow field at the visitor center high up on Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park.
Sprague's Pipit	<i>Anthus spragueii</i>	Yet another trip highlight; we had spectacular views of displaying males high overhead at Lostwood NWR; then when one came down in the prairie in front of us, we were left with no choice but to come away completely satisfied.
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	A tough trip for this species. We had calling birds at Helldiver Lake in NY and at Heart-o'-the-Hills campground in Olympic Nat. Park, WA. However, we just couldn't quite pull the trigger on this species and get it for everybody. Fleeting looks for most only.
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedorum</i>	Many good looks in WA; other in ND.
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	Heard only at Dungeness NWR, WA.
Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	In NY, we had mixed results with this bird, the eastern subspecies. It was certainly heard by all, but seen by only a few of us in the Adirondack Mountains; In WA we experienced much greater success as the whole group enjoyed close views in Olympic Nat. Park.
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Seen well by all on the grounds of the Adirondack League Club.
Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Great looks for everybody of a singing male in the tall grass at Salier NWR.
Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	Similar story for this bird, except that we saw this species at Lostwood NWR.
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	One in NY and several in ND.
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	One pair only during the entire trip and they were very flighty at that; Lostwood NWR.
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	Adirondack League Club and one more around Kenmare, ND.
Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	Great looks at a calling individual in an alder swamp on the Moose River Plains, NY.

Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Many migrants in ND, and many breeding birds of the western race in WA. First up was a pair at the
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	Several seen well in the extensive woodlands of the Adirondack League Club, including several along the roadside.
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	Common and seen every day of the trip.
Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	A signature bird species of the forests of the Pacific Northwest; we had outstanding luck with this bird as we found it to be a fairly common one in the deep forests of Olympic Nat. Park; many seen along the roadside in the morning hours.
Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	Two pair seen in the Puget Sound lowlands, WA.
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapilla</i>	Common and seen every day from New York to North Dakota.
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>	Excellent looks at several birds at the Heart-of-the-Hills campground in Olympic National Park; others seen at Dungeness NWR and atop Mt. Walker; a west coast specialty.
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Good looks for most at a single bird in the Adirondacks; another in Olympic National Park.
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	Several seen well in the deciduous forests on the grounds of the Adirondack League Club.
Gray Jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	Prolonged studies of an entertaining pair searching for food at Ferd's Bog in the Adirondacks; others, of the west coast subspecies, were common in Olympic Park and atop Mt. Walker.
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	Great views of a bird at Heart-o'-the-Hills in Olympic Nat. Park.
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Common in the east.
Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica hudsonia</i>	Several at Lostwood NWR, ND; a few others from the train.
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	Common from NY to WA.
Northwestern Crow	<i>Corvus caurinus</i>	This species is the source of much controversy as to whether it is really a separate species, or merely a version of American Crow; not easily identified, the best means are

Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	by its lower, more guttural voice; we found this species to be reasonably common from Sequim west through Port Angeles. Seen in the Adirondacks, including a nest with most grown young; several more in Olympic Nat. Park.
European Starling	<i>Sternus vulgaris</i>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	
Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	One bird in Oak Park, Minot, ND with the hundreds of other migrants that were swirling through the treetops; not seen by all, but with all the other action, this is not surprising.
Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	A fairly common bird in the Adirondack Mtns.; another bird in Oak Park in Minot.
Hutton's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>	An inconspicuous, non-calling pair at Dungeness NWR in WA; appearing more like a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, this bird is not easily detected or identified.
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	A few of the eastern race in Oak Park, Minot, ND; birds of the western race were heard singing on the Olympic peninsula, WA.
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Outstanding looks at an individual at a roadside pullout while leaving the Adirondack Mtns.
Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	Many males and females at Gary Lee's birdfeeders at Inlet NY. Super looks for everybody.
House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	NY and WA
Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	Seen best at Gary Lee's feeders in NY, but others around Minot, ND.
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	Common and conspicuous; seen nearly every day of the tour.
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	One migrant in Oak Park in Minot; many others in WA; the WA birds were bright yellow and of the very different looking coastal race.
Nashville Warbler	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	Several individuals in the Adirondack Mtns.; with some seen very well.
Northern Parula	<i>Parula americana</i>	Excellent studies of several birds on the same day in the Adirondacks; nice males.
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	Several males seen well at the

Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	Adirondack League Club; more in Oak Park in Minot Several beautiful males along streams and near swamps in the Moose River Plains, NY.
Magnolia Warbler	<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	At least two glowing males in the Adirondack Mtns.; one in the Moose River Plains, and another on the property of the Adirondack League Club; a couple more in Oak Park in Minot.
Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Dendroica caerulescens</i>	Probably the 4th most common warbler in the Adirondack Mtns.; many gorgeous males seen throughout the forests of the Adirondack League Club
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	The 3rd most common warbler in the Adirondack Mtns.; all of the "Myrtle" type, we had wonderful views of numerous males, with some right around the main lodge house.
Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Dendroica virens</i>	The most common warbler in the Adirondacks; we must have been in the heart of this species's breeding range, as they were present nearly everywhere we went; although we saw numbers of them, their songs permeated seemingly every patch of woods we passed. It was wonderful.
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Dendroica townsendi</i>	Two brilliant males found and both on the Olympic peninsula; first was the songster along the road up to Hurricane Ridge, the other was the individual atop Mt. Walker during the Hermit Warbler search.
Hermit Warbler	<i>Dendroica occidentalis</i>	The search for this species was an endeavor that provided a strange mix of frustration and excitement, followed by more frustration and a test of our patience. Atop Mt. Walker, it appeared that we had located a singing male, only to find out to our chagrin that the bird was a male Townsend's; as it joined a group of chickadees, it was Victor who had noticed another bird that had surreptitiously joined the flock. Closer inspection

Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>	revealed a gorgeous, golden-headed male Hermit Warbler. While satisfaction was had for those who saw it, a bit of frustration was felt by those who didn't see it, since the Townsend's Warbler turned aggressive and drove it away. The 2nd most common warbler in the Adirondacks. We had one knockout view after another of glowing male after glowing male; we indulged and then over indulged ourselves with this fiery-headed, living jewel.
Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>	In the southern Adirondacks, this bird becomes scarce at this end of its range; we were fortunate to have seen two or three in the tall pines surrounding several of the various lakes in the area.
Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Dendroica castanea</i>	A beautiful male (migrant) in with a flock of warblers in the woods at the Adirondack League Club; two others at Oak Park in Minot
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	A singing male at the Adirondack League Club; a couple more in Oak Park, Minot
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	An immature male on the Moose River Plain in NY and a couple bright males at Oak Park in Minot.
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	A very common bird in the Adirondacks, its voice was heard throughout the forests about everywhere we went; certainly heard far more often than actually seen, nevertheless, we had excellent views of a bird on the forest floor our first morning out.
Mourning Warbler	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>	A stunning find by Victor was a glorious male Mourning Warbler at Tasker's Coulee outside Kenmare, ND; superb looks for all and one of the best sightings of the whole trip.
Connecticut Warbler	<i>Oporornis agilis</i>	Probably one of the most sought-after birds in North America, we had a singing male at Oak Park in Minot, ND. As is typical of this species, it proved very elusive and not easy to spot; while it proved

Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	to be fantastic for those who saw it (half the group), it was a little frustrating for those who didn't get it. Excellent looks at one on the Moose River Plain, NY and more around Minot.
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	Seen well by all near Sequim on the Olympic peninsula.
Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	Literally just back on their breeding grounds, we had stunning views of several incomparable males in the Adirondack Mtns.
Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	A common and fairly conspicuous bird through the forests of the Olympic Mtns.; several good looks at bright males in showy spring plumage.
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	At Tasker's Coulee, near Kenmare, ND, we saw a very spotted towhee singing in the treetops; in WA we saw several less spotted towhees in the understory of the darkened forests.
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	Common and seen daily from NY to ND.
Clay-colored Sparrow	<i>Spizella pallida</i>	A prolific sparrow of the ND prairies, we saw numbers of these interesting little birds about everywhere we went.
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>	One particularly well seen bird along the road at Lostwood NWR.
Lark Bunting	<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>	Seen by a few people from the train; while passing through western ND and eastern Montana, several recently arrived flocks were spotted from the lounge car.
Savannah Sparrow LeConte's Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i> <i>Ammodramus leconteii</i>	Seen well in both ND and WA. Several males singing in the tall grass around one of the ponds at Lostwood NWR. This was a memorable and wonderful sighting of a bird most often seen as a skulker in the deep grasses and sedge on its wintering ground. Scope views for all.
Baird's Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus bairdii</i>	Several singing males at Lostwood NWR; a real treat indeed as this species is a seldom encountered one and, apparently, a steeply declining one.

Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Nice studies, eventually, of a flighty male in the same areas as the above species.
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Talk about variety; from pale to intermediate to super dark, we found Song Sparrows in such diversity from NY to ND to WA that it was difficult for some to believe it was all the same species.
Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	Nice looks at a singing bird at Ferd's Bog, NY
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	Good looks, eventually, at a skulking bird in the same place as the above species.
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia alibicollis</i>	Seen well at the Adirondack League Club.
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	Common in areas of dense shrubs and open woodland on the Olympic peninsula; the "pugetensis" race.
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	Several seen at the Adirondack League Club and at Gary Lee's Feeders in NY; the "Slate-colored" race; several more seen on the Olympic peninsula in WA; the Oregon race.
Chestnut-collared Longspur	<i>Calcarius ornatus</i>	Several gorgeous males seen in "Longspur Field" near Lostwood NWR in ND.
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	We had several in Olympic National Park, but best was the well-marked young male seen from one of the upper pullouts.
Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>	Quick looks for some of an elusive bird at Oak Park in Minot. A species at the edge of its range.
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Lots of good looks at displaying males nearly everywhere we went in ND, including the sewage lagoons, Lostwood NWR and Des Lacs NWR.
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Seen across the entire tour route.
Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	Seen best at Lostwood NWR, ND.
Yellow-headed Blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	Very common throughout our route in ND. Seemingly present in the marshes around every body of water. Lots of nice views.
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	Good looks; ND and WA.
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Common from NY to ND.
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Common from ND to WA.

Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula	A single male on the grounds of the Adirondack League Club; others in ND.
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Eastern Cottontail	Sylvilagus floridanus	Common in Oak Park, Minot, ND.
Snowshoe Hare	Lepus americanus	Several seen well at the end of the Hurricane Ridge Road in Olympic National Park
White-tailed Jackrabbit	Lepus townsendii	Several seen from the train in eastern and central ND. This is a good animal to see at it has declined in some parts of its range
Eastern Gray Squirrel	Sciurus carolinensis	Common in Oak Park, Minot, ND.
Douglas's Squirrel	Tamiasciurus douglasii	The darker counterpart of the Red Squirrel that inhabits the forests of the Pacific Northwest.
Red Squirrel	Tamiasciurus hudsonicus	Several in the Adirondack Mtns.
Richardson's Ground-Squirrel	Spermophilus richardsonii	Like the Jackrabbit, we saw numbers from the train; we actually mistook them for prairie dogs initially, but were corrected later on this matter. While not common, we saw several around the train station and others in the NWRs in ND.
Eastern Chipmunk	Tamias striatus	Several on the grounds of the Adirondack League Club, including a few inside the lodge!
Townsend's Chipmunk	Tamias townsendii	A few in the Heart-o'-the-Hills campground in Olympic Nat. Park; a few more up high at Hurricane Ridge.
Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes	Wonderful looks at an adult animal on the grounds of the Adirondack League Club; as it turns out, there was a family living under the tennis courts, which were seen repeatedly by all.
Harbor Seal	Phoca vitulina	Several in the water off Diamond Point, WA.
Pronghorn	Antilocapra americana	Seen in moderate numbers from the train while passing through eastern Montana.
White-tailed Deer	Odocoileus virginianus	Common in the Adirondacks.
Mule Deer	Odocoileus hemionus	Seen on the lower slopes of Olympic Nat. Park; I initially identified this species as White-

Harbor Porpoise

Phocoena phocoena

tailed Deer, but I was wrong, and it was actually of the coastal race that shows a wider, "puffier" tail with more black.

Several seen at a distance in the waters off Diamond Pt.; Olympic Peninsula.

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