

# Welcome to Washington's Wonderful Birds

Along the Great Washington State Birding Trail, you'll find the best places for the best bird watching in the Evergreen state.

The Olympic Loop features more than 200 of Washington's 365 bird species!

Spring migration brings clouds of shorebirds to sandy beaches—Dunlin, Sandpeeps, and Western Sandpipers—and waterfowl to grasslands—Black Turnstones, Surf Scoters, and Wandering Tattlers. In spring, Marbled Murrelets and Bald Eagles nest in old-growth forests. American Dippers bob on glacial streams, and Yellow Warblers sing in wetland willows. Fall's berries feed Cedar Waxwings. Winter features waterfowl extravaganza on fresh and saltwater.

From the gentle Nisqually River delta in south Puget Sound, the Olympic Loop leads west to white dune breakers, follows rivers through moss-draped forests, and reaches the northwest corner of the contiguous U.S. at Cape Flattery. The route runs along the Strait of Juan de Fuca across the top of the Olympic Peninsula and into the quiet waters of Hood Canal.

This loop explores the gems of Olympic National Park, three national wildlife refuges, stunning state and local parks, as well as the exquisite natural and cultural history of six Native American tribes: Jamestown S'Kallam, Makah, Quileute, Quinalt, Skokholm, and Squaxin.

You'll find a warm welcome in Olympic Loop communities. Please take advantage of local services, and enjoy places to stop and eat along the way. Let residents know you're a visiting birdie!

### MAP ICONS

- Seasonal Access (spring, summer, fall, winter)
- Developed camping available, including restrooms. Fee required.
- Restroom available at day-use sites.
- Handicapped restroom and handicapped trail or viewing access.
- Important Bird Area
- Fee required. Passes and decals are best obtained prior to your trip. WDFW requires vehicle use permit: 866-246-9453. <http://wdfw.wa.gov/OlympicNat1> Park and US Forest services permits: 800-270-7504. [www.natureturnover.com/passes.htm](http://www.natureturnover.com/passes.htm) Makah tribal recreational use permit available in Neah Bay.

### ABBREVIATIONS

USFWS - US Fish and Wildlife Service  
WDFW - Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife  
WDNR - Washington Dept. of Natural Resources

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Use Birding Trail map along with state highway map.
- Driving directions often list mileage plus a fraction, e.g., "milepost 37.5", which means continue 0.5 mile beyond milepost 37.0. Mileage markers are located on east or south side of state highways, with mileage calculated from north to south and from 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 established trails can be dangerous. Audubon does not warrant conditions or the safety of any site, and assumes no liability for injuries suffered as a result of travel or other activities associated with use of this map.

### LOCAL SERVICES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Overall Washington: [www.experiencewashington.com](http://www.experiencewashington.com)  
Shorebird Festival: Last weekend in April. 800-303-8498. [www.shorebirdfestival.com](http://www.shorebirdfestival.com)  
Olympic BirdFest: Last weekend in March. 360-481-4076. [www.olympicbirdfest.org](http://www.olympicbirdfest.org)  
Clallam County Parks: [www.clallamnet.com/county\\_parks](http://www.clallamnet.com/county_parks)  
Sites 1-5: Olympia Shelton-Mason & Convention Bureau. 877-704-7500. [www.visitolympia.com](http://www.visitolympia.com)  
Sites 6-26 and 46-54: Shelton-Clatsop County Chamber of Commerce. 360-426-2021. [www.sheltonchamber.org](http://www.sheltonchamber.org)  
Sites 7-14: Grays Harbor Tourism. 800-421-9625. [www.graysharbortourism.com](http://www.graysharbortourism.com)  
Sites 25-29: Forks Chamber of Commerce. 800-443-6577. [www.forkswa.com](http://www.forkswa.com)  
Sites 30-32 and 38-45: North Olympic Peninsula Convention and Visitor Bureau. 800-942-4042. [www.olympicpeninsula.org](http://www.olympicpeninsula.org)  
Sites 33-37: Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce. 360-452-2363. [www.portangeles.org](http://www.portangeles.org)  
Sites 33-37: Sequim Chamber of Commerce. 800-737-8462. [www.visitusn.com](http://www.visitusn.com)

### Birding Ethics

- Respect private property and do not trespass.
- Stay on trails and avoid disturbing habitat.
- Observe and photograph birds without disturbing them.
- Never chase or flush birds. Walk slowly and stay concealed.
- Do not use recordings to attract birds.
- Share birding ethics by word and example.

### 1 Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

**HABITAT:** USFWS. S.W.DPWF. 4000-acre river delta, upland and riparian forest, salt and freshwater wetlands. Puget Sound mudflats.  
**BIRDING:** Every season wonderful! Spring foliage shelters Westerns, Pacific-love and Willow Flycatchers, and warblers—Wilson's, Yellow, Red-capped, Orange-crowned, and Black-throated Gray. Find Spotted Towhees in brush, Rufous Hummingbirds in willows. Meadows attract Song and Savannah Sparrows. Short-eared Owls, Northern Harriers, Barn Swallows, check for forest Horned Owls, wetlands for Golden-crowned Kinglets, Western Kingbirds, and Northern Shrikes. Freshwater ponds sustain 6,000+ waterfowl: Northern Pintails, Green-winged Teals, American and Eurasian Wigeons, Canada and Cackling Geese; plus raptors: Peregrine Falcons, Merlin, Bald Eagles.  
**VIEWING:** Walk 1.1-mile ADA Twin Barns Loop, 0.5-mile Brown Farm Loop on ocean dune (later closed during 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 area.  
**MORE BIRDING:** From I-5, exit 114 (Nisqually). Drive southwest on Martin Wy 1.1 miles to right (north) onto Meridian Rd. Drive 0.4 mile. At roundabout, east right (east) onto Meridian Rd. NE. Drive 2 miles. Turn right (east) onto 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn left (north) onto D Millhru Dr. NE. Drive 0.5 mile to north landing park. Aug-Nov, scope mudflats in Brans, Dunlin, Greater Yellowlegs, Least and Western Sandpipers, Short- and Long-billed Dowitchers, and waters for Rhinoceros Aukslets, Common Murres, Marbled Murrelets, Red-tailed Hawks, and Common Loons, Eared and Horned Grebes, Surf and White-winged Scoters. (Common: Hunting season Oct-Jan).

### 2 Tumwater Historical Park

**HABITAT:** 35 acres of adjacent municipal-run parks along Deschutes River with meadow, wetlands, contiguous with 3 Capitol Lakes.  
**BIRDING:** Belted Kingfishers perch by Hooded and Common Mergansers on river. Song Sparrows, Cedar Waxwings, Black-capped Chickadees, Townsend's Warblers fill in foliage. Fall-winter, watch Canvasbacks, Gadwalls, and Ring-necked Ducks, Horned Grebes, Common Goldeneyes, Greater and Lesser Scaups. Winter features Yellow-rumped Crows, American Goldeneyes, and Downy Woodpeckers, and Downy Woodpeckers, and Downy Woodpeckers.  
**VIEWING:** From all parking areas, across 1.7-mile boardwalk-and-paved ADA trail to circle lake. Riverbank has observation deck.  
**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 W. milepost 9.5, take Deshoversh Rd exit. Turn right at stop sign, turn right (south) again, cross over freeway. Drive 1.1 miles on curving road. Turn left (south) onto Katan Rd (#5719). Drive 1.2 miles to 1<sup>st</sup> parking area, 0.1 mile further to boat launch, and 0.1 mile more to camping and picnicking.

### 3 Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge

**HABITAT:** USFWS. 1,500-acre salt marsh and mudflats known locally as Bowman 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, Merlin, Fall marsh attracts White-fronted Geese, Eurasian Wigeons, plus occasional White Pelicans, Ross and Snow Geese, Sandhill Cranes.  
**VIEWING:** Walk 0.7-mile Sandpiper Trail boardwalk. Watch shorebirds 2 hours before/after high tide. Shorebird Festival provides guides. [www.shorebirdfestival.com](http://www.shorebirdfestival.com).  
**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.

### 4 Humpulpts Estuary

**HABITAT:** Grays Harbor Audubon Society's Humpulpts 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 sloughs beckon to Common Loons, Westerns, Ring-necked Plovers, and Ring-necked Plovers.  
**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 (WDFW).  
**MORE BIRDING:** Brings by boat. From Hwy 109 at milepost 10.1, turn south at public fishing sign. Drive 0.1 mile, park at Newport boat launch. Launch on rising tide, return on slack. Caution: impassible brush prevents landing on slough shores.

### 5 Damon Point State Park

**HABITAT:** State park sand spit, shore pines; WDFW saltwater harbor.  
**BIRDING:** Look inland for Western Sandpipers, Dunlins, Semipalmated Plovers, Respect Snowy Plover nesting near Marling Avenue. Raptors abound: Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, Northern Harriers, and Peregrine Falcons; song year-round: Merlins, Rough-legged Hawks; some Gyrfalcons September-April. Offshore, see Red-throated Loons, Surf, Black, and White-winged Scoters. Snowy Owls come occasionally in winter. Best viewing 2 hours before/after high tide. Bonus: Gray whales in April.  
**BIRDING:** Turnwater Falls Park—3 waterfalls; lowest one has American Dippers, spawning salmon Oct-Nov. From Tumwater Falls Park drive south on Deschutes Pkwy SW 0.4 mile. Turn left (east) onto Port Canby. Park at NW corner of lot. Walk trail 0.2 mile to falls.

### 6 Approximate area covered by the Olympic Loop

### This Birding Trail map should be used along with a state highway map.

### 7 Capitol Lake

**ICONS:** Spring, fall, winter; ADA, restrooms  
**HABITAT:** City park 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, Bluefishes, plus Ruddy Ducks, Northern Pintails, Green-winged Teals, Wood Ducks, Gadwalls. Listen for Common Loons. Cormorants parade in Percival Dunes. Hooded Mergansers forage at creek mouth.  
**VIEWING:** Use observation platform at Capitol Lake Interpretive Center, take ADA path along river.  
**ACCESS:** From I-5 southbound, take exit 103 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 along road to view lake/cove. Drive 0.7 mile to Marathon Park, park in lot. Walk dike for lake. Cross Deschutes Pkwy for Percival Cove.

### 8 Grass Lake Marsh

**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 Sparrows, Ruffed Grouse, Cedar Waxwings, 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-see-dees. Great Egrets possible in fall.  
**VIEWING:** Enter through fence gate, walk loop around marshy lake. Birding best in mornings.  
**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) on 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 area.

### 9 McLane Creek Nature Trail

**HABITAT:** WDNR forest, large beaver pond.  
**BIRDING:** Beginning birding-by-ear. Spring-summer listen for Pacific-love Flycatchers, Cassin's and Hutton's Vireos, Common Nesters including Black-headed Grosbeaks, Rufous Hummingbirds, Wood and Ring-necked Ducks, Hooded Mergansers, Vaux's Swifts soar in summer. Band-tailed Pigeons and Gray Jays feed on fall fruits. Watch in winter for Bald Eagles, Pile-billed Grebes, Greater Scaups. Varied Thrushes. Year-round, find Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Winter Wrens.  
**VIEWING:** Follow 0.6-mile ADA and 1.1-mile self-guided loop 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 mile. Turn right (SW) onto unnamed road at McLane Creek Nature Trail Park. Drive 0.4 mile to parking lot and trailshead.

### 10 Kennedy Creek

**HABITAT:** Squaxin Indian Tribe's bay plus WDNr Natural Area Preserve's 164 acres of creek, estuary, mudflats, salt marsh.  
**BIRDING:** April brings migrating Swallows, Thrushes, Western Tanager. Purple Martins nest in boxes on pilings. In fall, thousands of salmon spawn in Kennedy Creek, which enriches ecosystem and results in plumper-than-normal shorebirds. Black-bellied Plovers, Western and Least Sandpipers, Dunlins precede Caspian Terns, and hundreds of Bonaparte's Gulls. Winter highlights include Eared Grebes, Hooded Mergansers, Ruddy Ducks.  
**VIEWING:** Walk 0.1 mile on rough trail through overlook. Scope mudflats, saltwater. Bonus: Squaxin Indian Tribe Museum (directions below).  
**ACCESS:** From Hwy 101 at milepost 356.0, turn east onto Old Olympic Hwy. Turn right 0.2 mile. Turn right into Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve parking. Squaxin Museum parking 0.2 mile. Walk 0.1 mile to trail. Guided tours to tribal archeology site, Squaxin Museum. Call 360-432-3841.  
**MORE BIRDING:** From Hwy 101 milepost 356.0, turn east onto Old Olympic Hwy. Immediately turn right onto Oyster Bay. Enjoy scenic outlook to Squaxin legend kiosks; scope migrating shorebirds, winter waddlers and holidays, nearby private trails open for forest birding and salmon viewing. 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. Hike trails to creek.

### 11 Friends Landing

**HABITAT:** Trout Unlimited's 152-acre riparian wetlands, flood-plain lake, Chehalis River.  
**BIRDING:** Ospreys come for summer fishing, along with Double-crested Cormorants and Pied-billed Grebes who stay through fall. Hooded and Common Mergansers river in summer. Summer bring Willow Flycatchers, Cedar Waxwings, Common Yellowthroats. Winter features Bald Eagles, Hermit Thrushes, Townsend's Warblers, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Fox and Golden-crowned Sparrows. Year-round, wetlands support Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Bewick's Wrens, Red-breasted Sapsuckers, and Downy Woodpeckers.  
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**BIRDING:** Turnwater Falls Park—3 waterfalls; lowest one has American Dippers, spawning salmon Oct-Nov. From Tumwater Falls Park drive south on Deschutes Pkwy SW 0.4 mile. Turn left (east) onto Port Canby. Park at NW corner of lot. Walk trail 0.2 mile to falls.

### 15 Ocean Shores North Jetty

**HABITAT:** Pacific Ocean, municipal sand beach, 0.5-mile rocky 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 July-April-May and again late July-mid-August. Black Turnstones and Surf Scoters, Black Egrets, and Red-necked Grebes frequent jetty while pelagic species forage 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 West Chace A. On LR NW, Drive 0.1 mile. Turn left (south) onto Ocean Shores Blvd NW. Drive 5.6 miles. Park on right in long pullout.  
**MORE BIRDING:** From jetty drive down on Ocean Shores Blvd NW 1.2 miles. Turn left (west) onto Driftwood Ave. Park at road end, walk path through dunes. Merlins, Red-tailed Hawks perch on driftwood. Sandpiper, Dunlins roost on beach. Fall-winter, Gulls galore: spring-summer: Glaucous-winged, Bonaparte's, Ring-billed, Western.

### 16 Point Grenville

**HABITAT:** Quinalt Indian Tribe's rock-cliff peninsula, deciduous forest edge, Pacific Ocean shoreline, sea stacks.  
**BIRDING:** Rare Tuffed Puffins nest April-mid-May along with Double-crested Yellowlegs, Cormorants, Golden Plovers, Pigeon Guillemots, Peregrine Falcons, Western and Glaucous-winged Gulls. Peer down at rocks for Black Oystercatchers, into waves for Western Grebes, Surf and White-winged Scoters. Forest-dwellers include Orange-crowned Warblers, Fox Sparrows, Sooty Grouse, Pileated Woodpeckers.  
**VIEWING:** Great Egrets possible closed to public without tribal guide. Call Mike Mail 360-276-2745. Bonus: Gray whales in April.  
**ACCESS:** Arrive with tribal guide.  
**MORE BIRDING:** Arrange for tribal guide to visit Cape Elizabeth for shorebirds, pelagic species, tide pools all year.

### 17 Campbell Tree Grove

**HABITAT:** USFS old-growth forest, Humpulpts River.  
**BIRDING:** Brings-by-ear. Camp overnight to hear Marbled Murrelets calling as they fly to nest in ancient cavers; Northern Pygmy Owls also possible. Often-heard seldom-seen forest birds include Pacific-love Flycatchers, Swainson's and Varied Thrushes, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Winter Wrens.  
**VIEWING:** Best birding mid-June. Hike 4-mile West Fork Humpulpts River Trail #H06 along river.  
**ACCESS:** From Hwy 101 at milepost 116.6, 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 0.1 mile. Turn right (east) into Campbell Tree Grove Campground. Drive 0.1 mile. Park by campsite nr.

### 18 Lake Quinalt

**HABITAT:** USFS old-growth forest, glacier-carved lake.  
**BIRDING:** Birds of ancient forest year-round: Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Winter Wrens, Varied Thrushes, Dark-eyed Junco, Spring Redwing, Bristle-throated Diver, Hutton's and Warbling Vireos, Gray and Scissor's Tails, Westerns, Black-throated and Warblers—Wilson's, Orange-crowned, Black-throated Gray. Summer features Ospreys, Common Loons, Common and Hooded Mergansers, occasional Marbled Murrelets. In winter, Bald Eagles roost near boxes on pilings. In fall, thousands of salmon spawn in Kennedy Creek, which enriches ecosystem and results in plumper-than-normal shorebirds. Black-bellied Plovers, Western and Least Sandpipers, Dunlins precede Caspian Terns, and hundreds of Bonaparte's Gulls. Winter highlights include Eared Grebes, Hooded Mergansers, Ruddy Ducks.  
**VIEWING:** Walk 0.1 mile on rough trail through overlook. Scope mudflats, saltwater. Bonus: Squaxin Indian Tribe Museum (directions below).  
**ACCESS:** From Hwy 101 at milepost 356.0, turn east onto Old Olympic Hwy. Turn right 0.2 mile. Turn right into Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve parking. Squaxin Museum parking 0.2 mile. Walk 0.1 mile to trail. Guided tours to tribal archeology site, Squaxin Museum. Call 360-432-3841.  
**MORE BIRDING:** From Hwy 101 milepost 356.0, turn east onto Old Olympic Hwy. Immediately turn right onto Oyster Bay. Enjoy scenic outlook to Squaxin legend kiosks; scope migrating shorebirds, winter waddlers and holidays, nearby private trails open for forest birding and salmon viewing. 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. Hike trails to creek.

### 19 Kalaloh Creek

**HABITAT:** Pacific Ocean, Olympic National Park bluffs, beach, creek estuary, conifer forest.  
**BIRDING:** Gulls for all seasons! Western, Glaucous-winged, Ring-billed, California, Heermann's, Mew, Herring, plus Black-legged Kittiwakes. Scan ocean for avian flyers: Pacific, Common, and Red-throated Loons, Western and Red-necked Grebes, Surf, White-winged and Black Scoters, Brown Pelicans, summer-fall Forests harbor Western Screech and Barred Owls.  
**VIEWING:** Walk to white gazebo, down stairs to beach. Best birding is within 0.5 mile of Kalaloh Creek. Bonus: Gray whales in April.  
**ACCESS:** From Hwy 101 at milepost 157.1, turn west into Kalaloh Lodge. Use picnic area lot.

### 20 Callam Bay Park

**HABITAT:** 39-acre county/state park, saltwater beach, deciduous foliage, Clallam River.  
**BIRDING:** Spring riparian visitors include Pacific-love Flycatchers, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Green-winged Teals, Western Kingbirds, Wilson's Sparrows, Ruffed Grouse, Cedar Waxwings, California Quail, and Western Sandpipers. Summer features Yellow-rumped Crows, American Goldeneyes, and Downy Woodpeckers, and Downy Woodpeckers.  
**VIEWING:** Walk west on 150-foot boardwalk trail and over footbridge. (Note: occasional floods and changeable beaching may make bridge impassible.)  
**ACCESS:** From Hwy 101 at milepost 172.1, turn north onto Pillar Point Rd. Drive 0.2 mile, turn right into county park, day-use parking.

### 21 Pillar Point County Park

**HABITAT:** County park on saltwater bay, 1-mile gravel beach, forested bluff.  
**BIRDING:** In spring, Great Blue Herons congregate in shallows. Black Swifts soar by, mudflats beckon shorebirds: Black-bellied Plovers, Surf Scoters, Dunlins, Whimbrels. At forest edge, listen for migrants: Wilson's Warblers, Warbling Vireos, Pacific-love Flycatchers. After Pacific winter Pacific storms, bay fills with waterfowl: Black, Surf, and White-winged Scoters; Common, Red-throated, and Pacific Loons; Red-necked and Horned Grebes.  
**VIEWING:** Walk west on 150-foot boardwalk trail and over footbridge. (Note: occasional floods and changeable beaching may make bridge impassible.)  
**ACCESS:** From Hwy 101 at milepost 172.1, turn north onto Pillar Point Rd. Drive 0.2 mile, turn right into county park, day-use parking.

### 22 Salt Creek County Park

**HABITAT:** 198-acre county park w/forest, tide pools, creek, estuary.  
**BIRDING:** Unique spectacle! Last week of September, flocks of Turkey Vultures soar on thermals to migrate south. Spring-summer, check ticks for Wilson's and Orange-crowned Sparrows, Warbling and Hutton's Vireos, Downy, Hairy, and Pileated Woodpeckers, Swainson's Thrushes, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Western Tanagers, Band-tailed Pigeons. Year-round, ocean sustains Harlequin Ducks, Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros Aukslets.  
**VIEWING:** Walk short path to Tongue Point overlook. Check rocks for Black-throated Chickadees, Black-bellied Plover, Red-tailed Hawk, and Red-necked Oystercatchers, Black Turnstones, Bonus: River otters off Tongue 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, follow signs to Tongue Point Picnic area and parking.  
**MORE BIRDING:** Salt Creek—Exit park, turn right at Y onto Crescent Beach Rd. Drive north 0.2 mile to paved parking lot. Stay on right side of road to Tongue Point. Check fins for Bald Eagles, rock island for Pigeon Guillemot nest holes. Private Beach—Continue 0.3 mile west on Hayden Rd, turn left into Crescent Beach RV Park. Purchase restroom pass at office. Long-tailed Ducks possible fall-winter.

### 23 Elwha River Estuary

**HABITAT:** Privately owned gravel beach at river mouth, freshwater wetlands, deciduous riparian shrub.  
**BIRDING:** Fall-winter, THE place for roosting Thayer's Gulls. And more gulls: California, Western, Herring, Ring-billed, Glaucous-winged, Glaucous, Olive-backed, and Black Turnstones, Black-bellied Plovers, Surf Scoters, and Western Grebes, Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes. Year-round, find Harlequin Ducks; Common and Red-breasted Mergansers; Black, Surf, and White-winged Scoters; Greater Scaups. Check pond for Pile-billed Grebes, Lesser Scaups, Gadwalls, Hooded Mergansers. In spring, hear Yellow Warblers, Warbling Vireos, Black-capped Chickadees singing in willow.  
**VIEWING:** 0.2-mile beach trail begins at 2 posts east of parking area. 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 Dixie Access sign. Drive 0.1 mile to parking area on right.

### 24 Lake Crescent

**HABITAT:** Olympic National Park old-growth conifer forest, deciduous bottomlands, 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 Tanagers, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Varied Thrushes, Wilson's and Townsend's Warblers, Red Crossbills.  
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