

REGIONAL REPORTS FROM THE NORTHWEST NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

The quarterly reports of birds from northwestern North America published in *North American Birds* and its predecessor journals are now available in easily searchable Microsoft Word documents downloadable from the Oregon Field Ornithologists web site, www.oregonbirds.org/index.html.

Although the reports from 1972 through 2007 are now available in pdf form on SORA (<http://elibrary.unm.edu/sora/>), a fast, accurate search for specific records over that long period is difficult.

As a service to students of bird distribution in the Pacific Northwest, Oregon Field Ornithologists has produced exact replicas of these field notes in easily searchable Microsoft Word documents. Phil Hicks, a retired Forest Service biologist, did almost all of the scanning and editing for this project.

At this writing, reports the following states and provinces are available for the period noted:

Oregon, 1961–1990
Washington, 1961–1990
Idaho, 1961–1989
British Columbia, southern, 1961–1989
Alberta, extreme western, 1961–1988
Montana, western, 1961–1989
Nevada, northern, 1961–1973
Colorado, western 1961–1973
Wyoming, 1961–1973
Utah, 1961–1973
California, extreme northeastern, 1961–1973

By winter 2012, we expect to have the years 1947–1960 and probably 1991–2000 added to the set.

Because the files are large, they are available by year. When downloaded, they can be combined into blocks suitable to the needs of the user. The editors suggest blocks of five or ten years as a size suitable for searches.

Although text has not been changed (for example, “Green-backed Heron” may be used in place of “Green Heron”), a few minor editorial comments and corrections have been inserted, appropriately labeled with the author’s initials.

There may be occasional errors in the names of observers. Please send any errors and corrections other than names of observers to the editors. They will be compiled for future correction.

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