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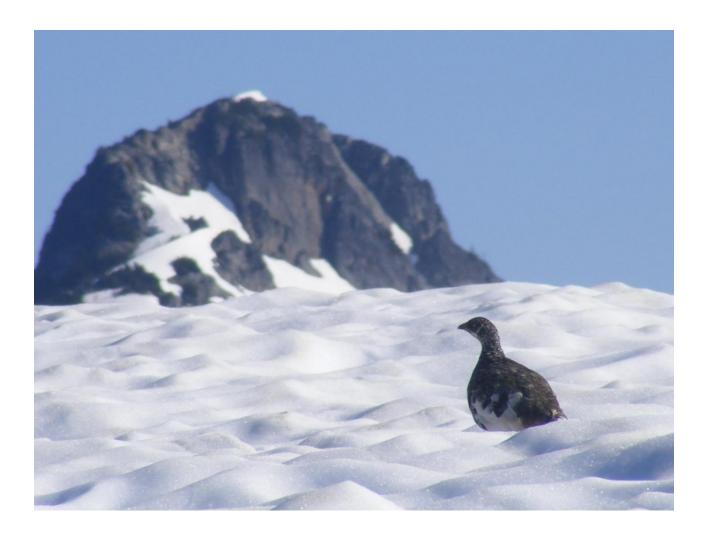
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Executive Summary

In 2011, the North Coast and Cascades Network (NCCN) Landbird Monitoring Project continued to follow the comprehensive, field-tested protocol, with two years of annual-panel data collected during the protocol development phase (2005 and 2006), and five years of full project implementation (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011) including data collection on the annual panel as well as all of the five alternating panels. In 2011 we conducted 771 point counts at point count survey stations located along 57 transects in the NCCN, including Mount Rainier National Park (MORA), North Cascades National Park Complex (NOCA), and Olympic National Park (OLYM). We faced a challenging year due to extremely late-lingering snow as well as some unexpected communication problems with the crew. We missed more transects than usual at MORA, the direct result of snow but exacerbated by logistics-related problems. We are implementing some procedural changes in 2012 to avoid similar problems in the future.

We detected 137 bird species in the three large parks, 94 of which were detected during one or more point counts. For 58 species (all species detected at least 22 times on annual-panel transects between 2005 and 2011), we present the total number of detections on annual-panel transects in each park during the 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 field seasons. We caution, however, that these detection totals have not been adjusted for differences in survey effort or potential differences in detectability of birds between years; such adjustments will be made in conjunction with our periodic trend analyses.

At San Juan Island National Historical Park (SAJH), we conducted 54 point counts, including 38 at American Camp and 16 at English Camp. Our field crew detected 71 bird species while in the park, 64 of which were detected during point counts. We present the number of detections, and the number of point counts with detections, for each species detected during point counts at SAJH.

After the overall increase in the number of birds detected in 2010 in the large parks, 2011 yielded an overall decrease in detections on annual-panel transects. This decrease was in part driven by the decline in evening grosbeak detections at NOCA, dropping from 164 detections in 2010 to 72 detections in 2011. The detection totals of evening grosbeaks in 2011 were relatively consistent with totals prior to 2010. It should also be emphasized that in 2011 we faced the heaviest snowpack since the beginning of our monitoring project in 2005. Closer analyses of the data may indicate concomitant changes in abundance and distribution of some species from previous years as a result of the persistent snowpack and related factors, such as delayed plant phenology and insect activity. In addition, because there were fewer high-elevation transects surveyed at MORA in 2011 than in previous years, fewer birds were detected, which also affected our total number of detections. This was particularly notable for species that we tend to detect in greater numbers at higher elevations, such as pine siskin and dark-eyed junco. The Landbird Monitoring Project's periodic trend analyses will explicitly account for annual variation in survey effort.

Preliminary results indicate we will have robust sample sizes for many species when we conduct trend analyses, and that we are detecting substantial year-to-year changes in bird populations. These changes, when analyzed in the context of annual weather variation and perhaps other factors, should yield interesting and useful findings about the drivers of avian population

dynamics of Pacific Northwest forests, and are likely to spur additional targeted research and help refine management priorities and needs within these parks.

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Introduction

Reported declines of many Neotropical migratory bird species and other bird species breeding in North America have stimulated interest in avian population trends and mechanisms driving those trends (Robbins et al. 1989, DeSante and George 1994, Peterjohn et al. 1995). Data from the North American Breeding Bird Survey indicate that many landbird populations in Pacific Northwest coniferous forests are declining (Andelman and Stock 1994a, 1994b, Sharp 1996, Saab and Rich 1997, Altman 1999, 2000, Sauer et al. 2008, North American Bird Conservation Initiative, U.S. Committee 2009).

Threats to bird populations breeding in Pacific Northwest conifer forests include outright habitat loss as well as forest management practices that discourage the development of old-growth conditions (Bolsinger and Waddell 1993). Since European settlement, large tracts of low-elevation coniferous forest have been lost to residential and agricultural development, with the overall extent of old-growth forest reduced by more than half since World War II (Bolsinger and Waddell 1993). Landscapes that have been managed for timber production are now dominated by early- and mid-successional forests (Bunnell et al. 1997), and exhibit increased fragmentation as well as a variety of altered structural characteristics that likely affect bird community composition (Meslow and Wight 1975, Hagar et al. 1995, Bunnell et al. 1997, Altman 1999).

Pacific Northwest landbirds breeding in habitats other than conifer forests face substantial threats as well. Species that breed in the subalpine and alpine zones may be exposed to visitor impacts, ecological changes resulting from alterations of the natural fire regime, and perhaps most importantly, may be among the birds most strongly affected by climate change during the coming decades. Indeed, Oregon-Washington Partners in Flight has explicitly called on the National Park Service to take responsibility for monitoring birds in high-elevation areas throughout the Pacific Northwest (Altman and Bart 2001). Additional threats also face the Pacific Northwest's migratory landbirds on their wintering grounds and along migration routes.

The three large parks in the North Coast and Cascades Network (NCCN)—Olympic National Park (OLYM), North Cascades National Park Service Complex (NOCA), and Mount Rainier National Park (MORA)—range from sea level to nearly 4,400 m and contain huge tracts of latesuccessional conifer forest on the Olympic Peninsula and the west slope of the Cascades, as well as large areas dominated by subalpine and alpine plant communities. NOCA also contains substantial tracts of conifer forest typical of the east side of the Cascades, which hosts a somewhat distinct avifauna (Altman 2000). San Juan Island National Historical Park (SAJH), in the rain shadow of the Olympic Mountains, contains small but important examples of coastal prairie and Garry Oak (Quercus garryana) woodlands, plant communities that are fairly rare in western Washington (Atkinson and Sharpe 1985) and host unusual bird communities (Lewis and Sharpe 1987, Siegel et al. 2009e). Lewis and Clark National Historical Park (LEWI) contains lowland wetlands as well as coastal and upland forests, and extends our program's area of inference substantially southward. Avian inventory projects assessing park- and/or habitatspecific abundance of all commonly occurring bird species have been completed at all five parks (Siegel et al. 2009e, Siegel et al. 2009a, Siegel et al. 2009d, Wilkerson et al. 2009a, Siegel et al. 2009c).

National parks in the NCCN and elsewhere fulfill vital roles as both refuges for bird species dependent on late-successional forest conditions (American Bird Conservation Initiative, U.S. Committee 2011), and as reference sites for assessing the effects of land use and land cover changes on bird populations throughout the larger Pacific Northwest region (Silsbee and Peterson 1991). These changes may result from regional activities such as land conversion and forest management, or from broader-scale processes such as global climate change. Indeed, monitoring population trends at 'control' sites in national parks is especially important because parks are among the sites in the United States where population trends due to large-scale regional or global change patterns are likely least confounded with local changes in land-use (Simons et al. 1999). Additionally, long-term monitoring of landbirds throughout the NCCN is expected to provide information that will influence future decisions about important management issues in the parks, including visitor impacts, fire management, and the effects of introduced species.

The specific objectives of the NCCN Landbird Monitoring Project are:

1) To detect trends in the density of as many landbird species (including passerines, near passerines, and galliformes) as possible throughout accessible areas of five NCCN parks during the breeding season.

2) To track changes in the breeding season distribution of landbird species throughout accessible areas of the three large wilderness parks.

This report and subsequent annual reports for the Landbird Monitoring Project are intended primarily as administrative reports. More comprehensive analyses of the data, including trend analysis that accounts for the potentially confounding effects of variation in detectability and sampling effort, will be conducted in conjunction with periodic detailed trend analyses.

Study Area

The study area for the NCCN Landbird Monitoring Project (Figure 1) includes areas of MORA, NOCA and OLYM that are accessible by foot and lie within 1 km of a road or trail, as well as all of SAJH (including both American Camp and English Camp) and portions of LEWI.



Figure 1. National Park Service units participating in the NCCN Landbird Monitoring Project.

Methods

Sample Design

A detailed description of the sample design for the NCCN Landbird Monitoring Project is provided in the NCCN landbird monitoring protocol (Siegel et al. 2007). In brief, the sample design for the three large parks utilizes six panels of transects in each park. At NOCA and at OLYM each panel includes four low-elevation transects (transect starting points < 650 m), four mid-elevation transects (transect starting points < 650 m) and four high-elevation transects (transect starting points >1,350 m). At MORA the sample design is the same as at the other two large parks, except there are only two low-elevation transects in each panel, and the cutoff between low-elevation transects and mid-elevation transects is 800 m rather than 650 m. All transect starting points are on park roads or trails, and the transects consist of a line of approximately 8-12 points, extending perpendicularly (or as close to perpendicularly as topographic and physiographic features allow) in both directions away from the trail.

In 2011 we implemented the full study design in the three large parks for the fifth consecutive year, including surveys of the annual panel ('Ann1') as well as the fifth alternating panel ('Alt6') (Figures 2-4). During the first two years of protocol development (2005-2006) we surveyed only the annual panel (Siegel et al. 2006, 2009b). We provide results from the first four years of full implementation in Siegel et al. (2008), Wilkerson et al. (2009, 2010), and Holmgren et al. (2011).

At the two smaller parks (LEWI and SAJH) the sample design consists of a systematic grid of point count survey stations, with the two parks scheduled to be surveyed in alternating years. In the summer of 2011 we surveyed the grid at SAJH (Figure 5).

Crew Training and Certification

Mandy Holmgren, a Staff Biologist with The Institute for Bird Populations (IBP), served as the 2011 Field Lead. Mandy began training seven field technicians on May 1, with assistance from IBP Staff Biologist Bob Wilkerson, NPS Project Lead Bob Kuntz, and NPS Biologist Scott Gremel. Training followed guidelines described in the NCCN landbird monitoring protocol (Siegel et al. 2007). By the end of the official training session on May 20, two of the seven field technicians had passed the rigorous point count certification exam, and were ready to begin collecting data. Two weeks later one of the remaining five field technicians was also certified, and one more field technician was certified about two weeks after that. Three interns never passed the exam and consequently did not conduct any point counts during the field season. Instead, they worked on other field tasks and data entry. All individuals who collected data during the 2011 field season (Table 1) were employees or field biologist interns of The Institute for Bird Populations or employees of the National Park Service.

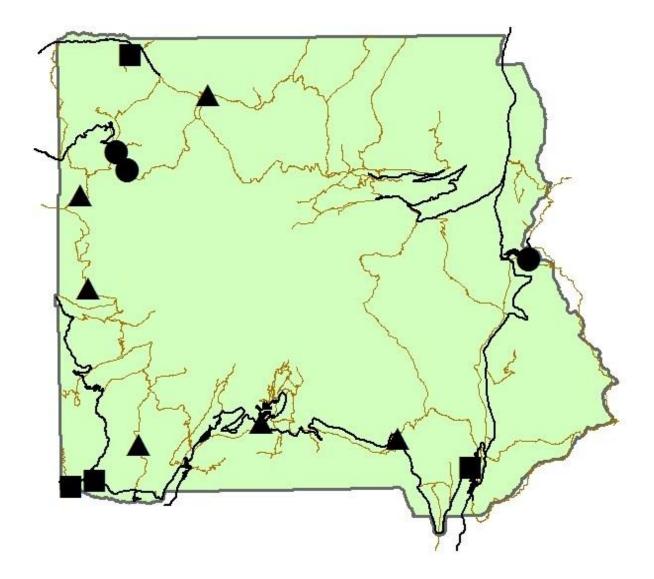


Figure 2. Approximate locations of transects conducted at MORA in 2011. Squares indicate low-elevation transects, triangles indicate mid-elevation transects, and circles indicate high-elevation transects. Black lines indicate roads and brown lines indicate trails.

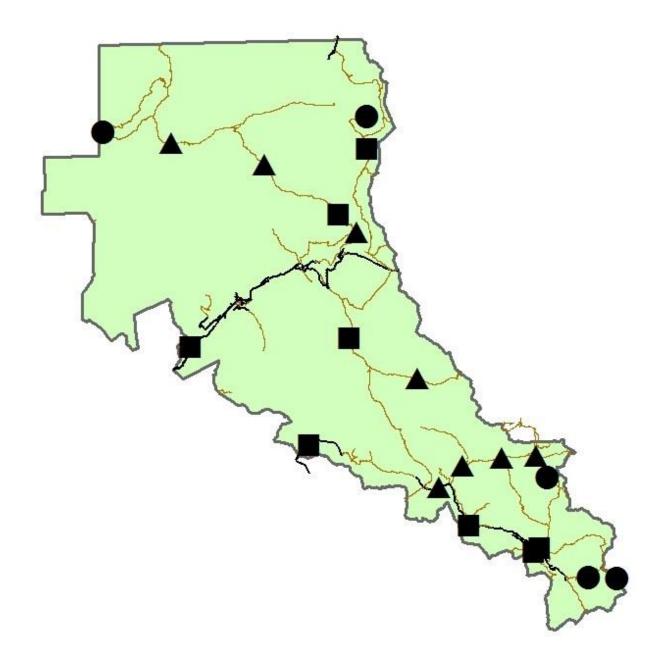


Figure 3. Approximate locations of transects conducted at NOCA in 2011. Squares indicate low-elevation transects, triangles indicate mid-elevation transects, and circles indicate high-elevation transects. Black lines indicate roads and brown lines indicate trails.

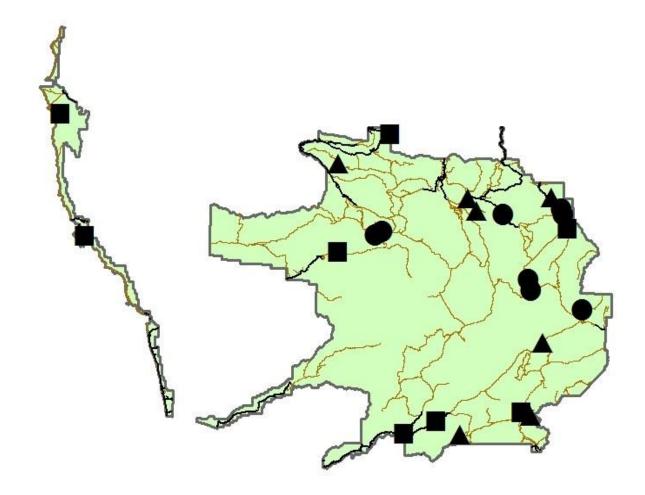


Figure 4. Approximate locations of transects conducted at OLYM in 2011. Squares indicate low-elevation transects, triangles indicate mid-elevation transects, and circles indicate high-elevation transects. Black lines indicate roads and brown lines indicate trails.



Figure 5. Locations of point count stations surveyed at SAJH in 2011.

Observer	Role
Jade Ajani	Technician
Karen Coffman	Technician
Ben Dudek	Technician
Cassidy Grattan	NPS Biological Technician
Scott Gremel	NPS Biologist
Mandy Holmgren	Field Lead
Jay Love	Technician
Mike McCloy	Technician

Table 1. Observers who conducted point counts in the NCCN in 2011.

Data Collection

All point count data were collected between May 25 and May 29 at SAJH, between June 13 and July 28 at MORA, between June 3 and July 29 at NOCA, and between May 30 and July 30 at OLYM. At the three large parks, low-elevation transects were generally surveyed first, followed by the mid-elevation transects, and finally the high-elevation transects.

Data collection followed the detailed procedures explained in the NCCN landbird monitoring Protocol (Siegel et al. 2007). Crew members generally worked in pairs to survey a single transect each morning. Crew members were provided with maps and coordinates indicating the location of transect 'starting points', which lay directly on trails or roads. Crew members were also provided maps and coordinates of all point count station locations on the already-established annual panel, as well as narrative descriptions of point count stations and the travel routes between successive stations. Beginning within 10 minutes of official sunrise, each observer conducted a point count, and then continued along the transect route, conducting another point count every 200 m until 3.5 hours after official local sunrise.

When surveying transects on the annual panel, crew members used the maps and narrative descriptions to locate the same point count stations that were established and surveyed in previous years. When surveying transects on the alternating panel, crew members began from the indicated starting points, and then established transect routes according to the guidelines in Siegel et al. (2007).

At each point count station observers recorded the starting time, scored the degree of noise interference caused by such factors as flowing water or wind, recorded the weather conditions, and then began the seven-minute point count. The point count was broken into three time intervals (0-3:00, 3:01-5:00, and 5:01-7:00). Observers noted each time interval in which they detected each individual bird. Birds observed in the first three minutes allow comparison with Breeding Bird Survey data (Sauer et al. 2008), which are based on three-minute counts. Observers estimated the horizontal distance, to the nearest meter, to each bird detected. The observers also recorded whether the distance estimates were based on an aural or visual detection, and whether the bird ever sang during the point count. In previous years we used point count with durations of only five minutes broken into two time intervals (0-3:00, 3:01-5:00), but in 2011 we added the third time interval to make the data more useful for possible future analyses in an occupancy modeling framework.

After completing their last point count each morning, observers retraced their steps back to the starting point. Along the way, they conducted a brief habitat assessment at each of the survey points. The brief habitat assessment consisted of characterizing habitat within a 50-m radius of the survey point, noting the primary (and secondary, if appropriate) plant community type, canopy cover class, and tree size class, according to the categories developed by Pacific Meridian Resources (1996). While conducting the habitat assessments, observers also used Global Positioning System (GPS) units to collect location data files. Where necessary, observers amended narrative descriptions of the point locations.

Whenever crew members detected species thought to be rare in the park or difficult to detect during diurnal point count surveys, they completed "Rare Bird Report Forms", including descriptions of the birds' appearance, behavior, and precise location. These reports covered not only birds detected during point counts, but also birds detected while sampling vegetation, hiking between transects, relaxing at camp in the evening, or at any other time during the field season, including the pre-season training session.

After completing their fieldwork each day, partners reviewed each other's data forms for missing or incorrectly recorded data, discussed any interesting or surprising bird detections, and completed a Transect Visit Log summarizing the day's efforts.

Data Entry and Validation

Our protocol requires crews working at each large park to enter their own data into the NCCN Landbird Monitoring Project's Microsoft Access database throughout the field season. The crew worked three additional days at the end of the field season to continue entering and verifying data. The remaining data were entered and verified by the Field Lead after the field season. Data entry procedures followed the guidelines in Siegel et al. (2007).

The database includes built-in quality assurance components such as pick-lists and validation rules to test for missing data or illogical combinations. While entering the data, the data entry person visually reviewed her or his work to ensure that the data on the screen matched the field form. When all the data were entered, we inspected the database for incompleteness and errors, and used the built-in Quality Assurance Tools to check for logical inconsistencies and data outliers. Any errors or data omissions were then corrected.

Data Analysis

We summarized and tabulated data according to the template in Siegel et al. (2007). We present survey results without making any adjustments for detectability, which may vary substantially by species, habitat, observer, or other factors. In conjunction with periodic trend analyses for this monitoring project, factors affecting detectability of birds during point counts will be assessed quantitatively, allowing for annual results to be adjusted to account for variable detectability (Buckland et al. 2001, Nichols et al. 2009). Until that analysis is completed, any results should be viewed as provisional only.

Results

We surveyed 28 of the 34 annual-panel transects in the large parks, and 29 of the 34 transects in the fifth alternating panel (Table 2), for a total of 57 transects (Table 3). Appendix 1 provides a detailed multi-year survey history of all transects sampled in the large parks to date. We conducted 141 individual point counts at MORA, 299 point counts at NOCA and 331 point counts at OLYM (Table 2). We also conducted 54 point counts at SAJH. During the 771 point counts in the three large parks, we counted 6,655 individual birds. Across the three large parks, we documented the presence of 137 species (Table 4), 94 of which were detected during point counts; the remaining 43 species were recorded only as incidental detections or on "Rare Bird Report Forms".

For the annual-panel transects only, the number of individuals of each species detected during point counts (unlimited radius) and the number of transects on which each species was detected are provided in Table 5. On the annual-panel transects we detected 36 bird species during point counts at MORA, 73 species during point counts at NOCA, and 51 species during point counts at OLYM (Table 5). Pooling detections on annual-panel transects across all species, we amassed 405 individual bird detections (6.04 detections/point) at MORA, 1,636 detections (9.46 detections/point) at NOCA, and 1,142 detections (7.23 detections per point) at OLYM (Table 5). The five most frequently detected species on the annual-panel transects in 2011 were: Pacific wren (269 detections), chestnut-backed chickadee (263 detections), dark-eyed junco (233 detections), varied thrush (231 detections), and Swainson's thrush (172 detections).

Pooling data across the annual-panel transects as well as the transects in the fifth alternating panel ("Alt6"), the number of individuals of each species detected during point counts (unlimited radius) and the number of transects on which each species was detected are provided in Table 6. Using data pooled across all transects, we detected 47 bird species during point counts at MORA, 78 species during point counts at NOCA, and 63 species during point counts at OLYM (Table 6). Considering data from all 57 surveyed transects, the five most frequently detected species were: dark-eyed junco (525 detections), Pacific wren (504 detections), chestnut-backed chickadee (485 detections), varied thrush (438 detections), and pine siskin (326 detections).

Three species of particular conservation interest—Northern Goshawk, Peregrine Falcon, and Marbled Murrelet—were detected at times other than during point counts, and were documented on "Rare Bird Report Forms". Rare Bird Reports of these species (not including point count detections, which are documented in Table 6) are summarized in Table 7.

For 58 species (all species for which we amassed at least 22 point count detections between 2005 and 2011), we present the total number of detections of each species on each park's annual panel transects during the 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 field seasons (Figure 6). We caution, however, that these detection totals have not been adjusted for differences in survey effort or potential differences in detectability of birds between years; such adjustments will be made in conjunction with trend analyses in our upcoming report.

At SAJH our 54 point counts yielded 1,880 detections of 64 species (Table 8), which includes 664 glaucous-winged gull detections. We are excluding this species from our average of detections per point because it is a non-landbird species that tends to occur in large flocks, which

greatly inflates the average number of bird detections per point. Without this species, the detection rate was 22.52 birds per point. The most frequently detected species (after glaucous-winged gull) was American robin (106 detections), followed by American goldfinch (85 detections), white-crowned sparrow (71 detections), savannah sparrow (60 detections), and brown-headed cowbird (59 detections).

Park	Panel	Elevation	Transect	No. of points surveyed
MORA	Ann1	Low	4001	11
MORA	Ann1	Low	4005	10
MORA	Ann1	Medium	4002	14
MORA	Ann1	Medium	4004	10
MORA	Ann1	Medium	4009	10
MORA	Ann1	Medium	4012	0
MORA	Ann1	High	4003	12
MORA	Ann1	High	4007	0
MORA	Ann1	High	4011	0
MORA	Ann1	High	4014	0
MORA	Alt6	Low	4031	10
MORA	Alt6	Low	4034	10
MORA	Alt6	Medium	4077	12
MORA	Alt6	Medium	4078	9
MORA	Alt6	Medium	4081	10
MORA	Alt6	Medium	4084	0
MORA	Alt6	High	4058	0
MORA	Alt6	High	4062	0
MORA	Alt6	High	4064	10
MORA	Alt6	High	4067	13
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NOCA	Ann1	Low	1013	13
NOCA	Ann1	Low	1017	13
NOCA	Ann1	Low	1020	16
NOCA	Ann1	Low	1023	21
NOCA	Ann1	Medium	1015	17
NOCA	Ann1	Medium	1018	25
NOCA	Ann1	Medium	1022	14
NOCA	Ann1	Medium	1024	10
NOCA	Ann1	High	1014	0
NOCA	Ann1	High	1016	15
NOCA	Ann1	High	1019	12
NOCA	Ann1	High	1021	17
NOCA	Alt6	Low	1068	13
NOCA	Alt6	Low	1070	12
NOCA	Alt6	Low	1074	14
NOCA	Alt6	Low	1075	11
NOCA	Alt6	Medium	1047	13
NOCA	Alt6	Medium	1051	13
NOCA	Alt6	Medium	1053	13
NOCA	Alt6	Medium	1056	13
NUCA	Allo	MEGIUIII	1050	15

Table 2. NCCN landbird monitoring transects that were surveyed or intended to be surveyed in 2011.

Park	Panel	Elevation	Transect	No. of points surveyed
NOCA	Alt6	High	1072	0
NOCA	Alt6	High	1088	12
NOCA	Alt6	High	1090	0
NOCA	Alt6	High	1092	14
OLYM	Ann1	Low	3001	12
OLYM	Ann1	Low	3121	17
OLYM	Ann1	Low	3126	15
OLYM	Ann1	Low	3134	19
OLYM	Ann1	Medium	3122	0
OLYM	Ann1	Medium	3123	15
OLYM	Ann1	Medium	3130	9
OLYM	Ann1	Medium	3200	22
OLYM	Ann1	High	3124	11
OLYM	Ann1	High	3125	11
OLYM	Ann1	High	3127	15
OLYM	Ann1	High	3128	12
OLYM	Alt6	Low	3172	14
OLYM	Alt6	Low	3177	10
OLYM	Alt6	Low	3181	16
OLYM	Alt6	Low	3182	16
OLYM	Alt6	Medium	3187	20
OLYM	Alt6	Medium	3190	14
OLYM	Alt6	Medium	3195	12
OLYM	Alt6	Medium	3198	11
OLYM	Alt6	High	3189	16
OLYM	Alt6	High	3191	15
OLYM	Alt6	High	3192	14
OLYM	Alt6	High	3196	15

Table 2. NCCN landbird monitoring transects that were surveyed or intended to be surveyed in 2011 (continued).

	Elevation		Νι	umber of tra				
Park	Stratum	2005 ^a	2006 ^a	2007 ^b	2008 ^c	2009^d	2010 ^e	2011 ^f
MORA	Low	2	2	4	4	4	4	4
MORA	Medium	4	4	8	8	8	8	6
MORA	High	4	4	8	8	8	7	3
MORA	All	10	10	20	20	20	19	13
NOCA	Low	4	4	8	8	8	8	8
NOCA	Medium	4	4	7	7	8	8	8
NOCA	High	4	4	7	5	8	6	5
NOCA	All	12	12	22	20	24	22	21
OLYM	Low	4	4	8	8	8	8	8
OLYM	Medium	4	3	8	7	8	8	7
OLYM	High	4	4	7	8	8	8	8
OLYM	All	12	11	23	23	24	24	23
All	Low	10	10	20	20	20	20	20
All	Medium	12	11	23	22	24	24	21
All	High	12	12	22	21	24	21	16
All	All	34	33	65	63	68	65	57

Table 3. Summary history of NCCN landbird monitoring transects completed through 2011.

^aOnly the annual panel transects were surveyed in 2005 and 2006, during the protocol development phase of the project.

^bThe annual panel along with the first alternating panel were surveyed in 2007.

^cThe annual panel along with the second alternating panel were surveyed in 2008.

^dThe annual panel along with the third alternating panel were surveyed in 2009.

^eThe annual panel along with the fourth alternating panel were surveyed in 2010.

^fThe annual panel along with the fifth alternating panel were surveyed in 2011.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis
Wood Duck *	Aix sponsa
American Wigeon *	Anas americana
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos
Northern Shoveler *	Anas clypeata
Green-winged Teal *	Anas crecca
Ring-necked Duck *	Aythya collaris
Lesser Scaup *	Aythya affinis
Harlequin Duck *	Histrionicus histrionicus
Surf Scoter *	Melanitta perspicillata
White-winged Scoter *	Melanitta fusca
Bufflehead *	Bucephala albeola
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Barrow's Goldeneye	Bucephala islandica
Hooded Merganser *	Lophodytes cucullatus
Common Merganser *	Mergus merganser
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus
White-tailed Ptarmigan *	Lagopus leucura
Sooty Grouse	Dendragapus fuliginosus
Common Loon *	Gavia immer
Pied-billed Grebe *	Podilymbus podiceps
Great Blue Heron *	Ardea herodias
Turkey Vulture *	Cathartes aura
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Sharp-shinned Hawk *	Accipiter striatus
Northern Goshawk *	Accipiter gentilis
Swainson's Hawk *	Buteo swainsoni
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis
Merlin	Falco columbarius
Peregrine Falcon *	Falco peregrinus
Killdeer *	Charadrius vociferus
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius
Greater Yellowlegs *	Tringa melanoleuca
Glaucous-winged Gull *	Larus glaucescens
Marbled Murrelet	Brachyramphus marmoratus
Band-tailed Pigeon	
	Patagioenas fasciata
Eurasian Collared-dove *	Streptopelia decaocto
Mourning Dove *	Zenaida macroura
Western Screech-Owl	Megascops kennicottii
Northern Pygmy-Owl	Glaucidium gnoma
Barred Owl	Strix varia
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor
Black Swift *	Cypseloides niger
Vaux's Swift	Chaetura vauxi
Calliope Hummingbird	Stellula calliope
Rufous Hummingbird	Selasphorus rufus

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Common Name	Scientific Name
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon
Villiamson's Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus thyroideus
Red-naped Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus nuchalis
Red-breasted Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus ruber
Downy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens
Hairy Woodpecker	Picoides villosus
American Three-toed Woodpecker	Picoides dorsalis
Black-backed Woodpecker	Picoides arcticus
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus
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Pileated Woodpecker	Dryocopus pileatus
Dlive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi
Vestern Wood-Pewee	Contopus sordidulus
Villow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii
Hammond's Flycatcher	Empidonax hammondii
Dusky Flycatcher	Empidonax oberholseri
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Empidonax difficilis
Say's Phoebe	Sayornis saya
Cassin's Vireo	Vireo cassinii
Hutton's Vireo	Vireo huttoni
Varbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus
Gray Jay	Perisoreus canadensis
Steller's Jay	Cyanocitta stelleri
Clark's Nutcracker	Nucifraga columbiana
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos
Common Raven	Corvus corax
Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris
Free Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor
/iolet-green Swallow	Tachycineta thalassina
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis
Cliff Swallow *	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota
Barn Swallow *	Hirundo rustica
Black-capped Chickadee *	Poecile atricapillus
Aountain Chickadee	Poecile gambeli
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Poecile rufescens
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta carolinensis
Brown Creeper	Certhia americana
Canyon Wren	Catherpes mexicanus
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon
Pacific Wren	Troglodytes pacificus
Marsh Wren *	Cistothorus palustris
American Dipper	Cinclus mexicanus
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa
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Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Regulus calendula

Common Name	Scientific Name
Townsend's Solitaire	Myadestes townsendi
Veery	Catharus fuscescens
Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustulatus
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus
American Robin	Turdus migratorius
Varied Thrush	Ixoreus naevius
Gray Catbird *	Dumetella carolinensis
European Starling *	Sturnus vulgaris
American Pipit	Anthus rubescens
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum
Orange-crowned Warbler	Oreothlypis celata
Nashville Warbler	Oreothlypis ruficapilla
Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Setophaga coronata
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Setophaga nigrescens
Townsend's Warbler	Setophaga townsendi
Hermit Warbler *	Setophaga occidentalis
American Redstart *	Setophaga ruticilla
MacGillivray's Warbler	Geothlypis tolmiei
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas
Wilson's Warbler	Cardellina pusilla
Spotted Towhee	Pipilo maculatus
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina
Vesper Sparrow *	Pooecetes gramineus
Savannah Sparrow *	Passerculus sandwichensis
Fox Sparrow	Passerella iliaca
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia
Lincoln's Sparrow *	Melospiza lincolnii
White-crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys
Golden-crowned Sparrow *	Zonotrichia atricapilla
Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis
Western Tanager	Piranga ludoviciana
Black-headed Grosbeak	Pheucticus melanocephalus
Lazuli Bunting	Passerina amoena
Red-winged Blackbird *	Agelaius phoeniceus
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater
Bullock's Oriole *	lcterus bullockii
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	Leucosticte tephrocotis
Pine Grosbeak	Pinicola enucleator
Purple Finch	Carpodacus purpureus
Cassin's Finch	Carpodacus cassinii
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra
Pine Siskin	Spinus pinus
American Goldfinch *	Spinus tristis
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes vespertinus

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Table 5. Number of transects with detections and number of individual detections for each species detected during point counts on annual-panel transects in the three large NCCN parks in 2011.

	Number of transects with detections				Number of individual detections			
Species	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL
Canada Goose		1		1		1		1
Ruffed Grouse	1	1		2	1	3		4
Sooty Grouse	1	3	4	8	1	7	6	14
Osprey		1		1		1		1
Bald Eagle			1	1			1	1
Merlin	1			1	1			1
Spotted Sandpiper		1	1	2		2	1	3
Marbled Murrelet			1	1			4	4
Band-tailed Pigeon			2	2			7	7
Barred Owl	1			1	1			1
Common Nighthawk		1		1		1		1
Vaux's Swift	3	2	2	7	6	6	11	23
Calliope Hummingbird		2		2		2		2
Rufous Hummingbird	2	8	7	17	2	17	12	31
Belted Kingfisher			1	1			1	1
Red-naped Sapsucker		1		1		1		1
Red-breasted Sapsucker		4	1	5		13	1	14
Downy Woodpecker		1	1	2		1	1	2
Hairy Woodpecker	2	3	6	11	2	6	11	19
American Three-toed Woodpecker		1		1		1		1
Northern Flicker		3	6	9		6	8	14
Pileated Woodpecker		2	1	3		2	3	5
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	4	5	10	1	15	15	31
Western Wood-Pewee		4	1	5		17	3	20
Willow Flycatcher	1	1		2	1	2		3
Hammond's Flycatcher	1	8	6	15	6	50	17	73
Dusky Flycatcher		1		1		2		2

Table 5. Number of transects with detections and number of individual detections for each species detected during point counts on annual-panel transects in the three large NCCN parks in 2011 (continued).

Species	Number of transects with detections				Number of individual detections			
	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	4	4	9	17	16	14	95	125
Say's Phoebe		1		1		1		1
Cassin's Vireo		5		5		16		16
Hutton's Vireo			1	1			1	1
Warbling Vireo	2	7	2	11	3	52	9	64
Red-eyed Vireo		2		2		5		5
Gray Jay	2	2	5	9	7	2	11	20
Steller's Jay	4	2	3	9	5	4	17	26
Clark's Nutcracker		2		2		4		4
American Crow		1	1	2		1	2	3
Common Raven	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	4
Tree Swallow			1	1			1	1
Violet-green Swallow		1		1		5		5
Mountain Chickadee		3		3		22		22
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	6	8	11	25	64	111	88	263
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5	8	5	18	18	43	25	86
Brown Creeper	5	6	9	20	20	22	25	67
Canyon Wren		1		1		1		1
House Wren		1		1		1		1
Pacific Wren	6	7	10	23	59	81	129	269
American Dipper	1		3	4	1		5	6
Golden-crowned Kinglet	6	7	11	24	28	43	51	122
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		2	2	4		3	2	5
Townsend's Solitaire	1	3	2	6	1	3	3	7
Veery		1		1		2		2
Swainson's Thrush	4	9	4	17	9	138	25	172

Table 5. Number of transects with detections and number of individual detections for each species detected during point counts on annual-panel transects in the three large NCCN parks in 2011 (continued).

Species	Number of transects with detections				Number of individual detections			
	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL
Hermit Thrush	3	6	5	14	6	30	33	69
American Robin	4	8	9	21	10	70	77	157
Varied Thrush	5	7	11	23	55	81	95	231
American Pipit			2	2			7	7
Cedar Waxwing		2		2		12		12
Orange-crowned Warbler		2	1	3		2	1	3
Nashville Warbler		4		4		10		10
Yellow Warbler		5	1	6		69	1	70
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	8		9	1	88		89
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1	1	2	4	1	2	8	11
Townsend's Warbler	5	8	3	16	32	89	11	132
MacGillivray's Warbler		7	1	8		37	1	38
Wilson's Warbler	1	3	4	8	2	14	24	40
Spotted Towhee		3		3		5		5
Chipping Sparrow		6		6		22		22
Fox Sparrow		2		2		4		4
Song Sparrow	1	4	2	7	3	10	2	15
White-crowned Sparrow		1	1	2		1	4	5
Dark-eyed Junco	6	10	11	27	25	94	114	233
Western Tanager	2	10	3	15	3	83	9	95
Black-headed Grosbeak	1	6		7	1	15		16
Lazuli Bunting		1		1		1		1
Brown-headed Cowbird		4		4		21		21
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch		1		1		1		1
Pine Grosbeak		1	2	3		2	5	7
Purple Finch		1		1		3		3

Table 5. Number of transects with detections and number of individual detections for each species detected during point counts on annual-panel transects in the three large NCCN parks in 2011 (continued).

	Num	ber of transects	with detection	S	Nu	mber of individu	al detections	
Species	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL
Cassin's Finch		2		2		16		16
Red Crossbill		1	8	9		2	88	90
Pine Siskin	3	7	7	17	9	48	64	121
Evening Grosbeak	2	8	3	13	3	72	6	81
All species pooled					405	1,636	1,142	3,183
Detections per point (all sp	pecies pooled)				6.04	9.46	7.23	8.00

	Nu	umber of transed	cts with detecti	ons		Number of indivi	dual detection	5
Species	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL
Canada Goose		2		2		5		5
Mallard			1	1			3	3
Barrow's Goldeneye			1	1			1	1
Ruffed Grouse	1	1		2	1	3		4
Sooty Grouse	4	7	9	20	4	14	15	33
Osprey		1		1		1		1
Bald Eagle			3	3			3	3
Red-tailed Hawk	1			1	1			1
Merlin	1			1	1			1
Spotted Sandpiper		1	1	2		2	1	3
Marbled Murrelet	1		4	5	1		9	10
Band-tailed Pigeon	1		5	6	3		16	19
Western Screech-Owl			1	1			1	1
Northern Pygmy-Owl		1		1		1		1
Barred Owl	1	1		2	1	1		2
Common Nighthawk		1		1		1		1
Vaux's Swift	5	3	3	11	12	7	12	31
Calliope Hummingbird		5		5		7		7
Rufous Hummingbird	4	11	11	26	5	25	23	53
Belted Kingfisher			2	2			3	3
Williamson's Sapsucker		1		1		1		1
Red-naped Sapsucker		1		1		1		1
Red-breasted Sapsucker		5	2	7		15	5	20
Downy Woodpecker		1	1	2		1	1	2
Hairy Woodpecker	5	8	9	22	5	19	20	44
American Three-toed Woodpecker	1	3		4	1	3		4
Black-backed Woodpecker		1		1		1		1

Table 6. Number of transects with detections and number of individual detections for each species detected during point counts (annual- and alternating-panel transects combined) in the three large NCCN parks in 2011.

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	Num	ber of transects	with detection	S	Nu	mber of individu	al detections	
Species	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL
Northern Flicker		5	11	16		10	18	28
Pileated Woodpecker	2	2	2	6	2	2	6	10
Olive-sided Flycatcher	4	6	11	21	7	21	24	52
Western Wood-Pewee		8	1	9		32	3	35
Willow Flycatcher	1	1		2	1	2		3
Hammond's Flycatcher	2	14	12	28	10	79	42	131
Dusky Flycatcher		3		3		7		7
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	9	10	18	37	35	21	186	242
Say's Phoebe		1		1		1		1
Cassin's Vireo		10		10		30		30
Hutton's Vireo			2	2			2	2
Warbling Vireo	2	15	3	20	3	82	25	110
Red-eyed Vireo		2		2		5		5
Gray Jay	8	5	9	22	21	12	17	50
Steller's Jay	7	4	6	17	12	7	31	50
Clark's Nutcracker	1	4		5	1	10		11
American Crow		1	3	4		1	13	14
Common Raven	1	3	5	9	1	3	7	11
Horned Lark			1	1			3	3
Tree Swallow			2	2			3	3
Violet-green Swallow		2	3	5		18	10	28
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			1	1			3	3
Mountain Chickadee	1	5		6	2	28		30
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	12	17	21	50	118	191	176	485
Red-breasted Nuthatch	11	15	14	40	36	90	66	192
White-breasted Nuthatch		1		1		5		5

Table 6. Number of transects with detections and number of individual detections for each species detected during point counts (annual- and alternating-panel transects combined) in the three large NCCN parks in 2011 (continued).

	Numl	ber of transects	with detection	S	Nu	mber of individu	ual detections	
Species	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL
Brown Creeper	11	13	15	39	42	37	39	118
Canyon Wren		1		1		1		1
House Wren		3		3		7		7
Winter Wren	13	15	22	50	137	122	245	504
American Dipper	1		3	4	1		5	6
Golden-crowned Kinglet	12	16	23	51	56	94	126	276
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		3	3	6		4	3	7
Townsend's Solitaire	1	7	2	10	1	11	3	15
Veery		1		1		2		2
Swainson's Thrush	5	19	8	32	11	240	43	294
Hermit Thrush	6	13	14	33	15	79	66	160
American Robin	7	15	18	40	14	92	125	231
Varied Thrush	12	14	21	47	126	121	191	438
American Pipit			5	5			14	14
Cedar Waxwing		2	1	3		12	2	14
Orange-crowned Warbler		2	3	5		2	11	13
Nashville Warbler		8		8		30		30
Yellow Warbler		10	1	11		90	1	91
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	17	3	22	4	192	9	205
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1	1	4	6	1	2	27	30
Townsend's Warbler	9	18	7	34	44	186	67	297
MacGillivray's Warbler	1	15	2	18	1	75	2	78
Common Yellowthroat			1	1			1	1
Wilson's Warbler	2	6	7	15	4	18	40	62
Spotted Towhee		6	1	7		11	1	12
Chipping Sparrow		13		13		91		91

Table 6. Number of transects with detections and number of individual detections for each species detected during point counts (annual- and alternating-panel transects combined) in the three large NCCN parks in 2011 (continued).

	Num	ber of transects	with detections	5	Nu	mber of individu	al detections	
Species	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL	MORA	NOCA	OLYM	ALL
Fox Sparrow	1	3		4	1	7		8
Song Sparrow	1	4	5	10	3	10	9	22
White-crowned Sparrow		1	2	3		1	7	8
Dark-eyed Junco	13	19	22	54	80	166	279	525
Western Tanager	2	19	5	26	3	259	21	283
Black-headed Grosbeak	1	11	2	14	1	34	6	41
Lazuli Bunting		1		1		1		1
Brown-headed Cowbird		5		5		22		22
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch		1	1	2		1	6	7
Pine Grosbeak	1	1	6	8	9	2	13	24
Purple Finch		1		1		3		3
Cassin's Finch		7		7		37		37
Red Crossbill	5	7	18	30	44	18	240	302
Pine Siskin	7	15	15	37	45	131	150	326
Evening Grosbeak	4	17	7	28	26	210	16	252
All species pooled					953	3,186	2,516	6,655
Detections per point (all spe	ecies pooled)				6.76	10.66	7.60	8.63
Number of species detected of	during point counts				47	78	63	94

Table 6. Number of transects with detections and number of individual detections for each species detected during point counts (annual- and alternating-panel transects combined) in the three large NCCN parks in 2011 (continued).

Table 7. Species of potential management concern recorded on 'rare bird' detection forms in each park in 2011, excluding individuals that were also detected during point counts.

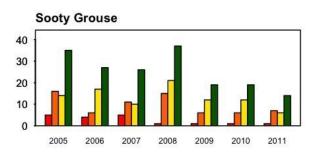
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	(excluding individuals	also detected during point	counts)
Species	Mount Rainier	North Cascades	Olympic
Northern Goshawk	1	1	
Peregrine Falcon			1
Marbled Murrelet			1

	Number of points with	Number of individual
Species	detections	detections
Canada Goose	6	34
Surf Scoter	2	2
California Quail	4	5
Pacific Loon	1	10
Pelagic Cormorant	1	1
Bald Eagle	11	15
Black Oystercatcher	1	4
Glaucous-winged Gull	9	664
Common Murre	1	4
Pigeon Guillemot	1	35
Rhinoceros Auklet	1	1
Band-tailed Pigeon	3	3
Eurasian Collared-dove	4	4
Mourning Dove	14	15
Rufous Hummingbird	10	11
Belted Kingfisher	1	1
Hairy Woodpecker	2	2
Northern Flicker	6	6
Pileated Woodpecker	6	6
Dlive-sided Flycatcher	2	2
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	22	35
lutton's Vireo	1	1
Narbling Vireo	5	6
American Crow	22	36
Common Raven	14	16
/iolet-green Swallow	2	2
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	2	2
Barn Swallow	8	11
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	19	28
Red-breasted Nuthatch	19	21
Brown Creeper	12	12
Rock Wren	1	1
Bewick's Wren	4	4
House Wren	30	58
Pacific Wren	13	17
Golden-crowned Kinglet	9	11
Swainson's Thrush	18	22
American Robin	46	106
/aried Thrush	10	14

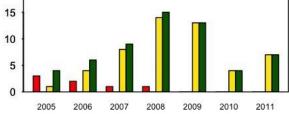
Table 8. Number of points with detections and number of individual detections for each species detected during point counts at SAJH in 2011.

	Number of points with	Number of individual
Species	detections	detections
European Starling	5	30
Orange-crowned Warbler	33	47
Yellow Warbler	4	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	13	14
Black-throated Gray Warbler	8	11
Townsend's Warbler	3	7
MacGillivray's Warbler	1	1
Common Yellowthroat	7	7
Wilson's Warbler	14	14
Spotted Towhee	30	49
Chipping Sparrow	4	5
Vesper Sparrow	1	1
Savannah Sparrow	20	60
Song Sparrow	20	31
White-crowned Sparrow	36	71
Dark-eyed Junco	12	19
Western Tanager	5	5
Black-headed Grosbeak	7	8
Red-winged Blackbird	13	30
Brown-headed Cowbird	36	59
Purple Finch	23	30
House Finch	20	34
Red Crossbill	2	3
Pine Siskin	18	26
American Goldfinch	34	85

Table 8. Number of points with detections and number of individual detections for each species detected during point counts at SAJH in 2011 (continued).

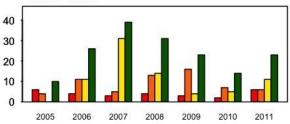


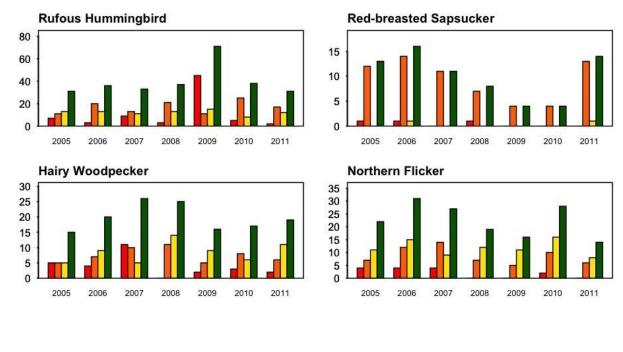
Band-tailed Pigeon



Spotted Sandpiper







MORA NOCA OLYM Pooled

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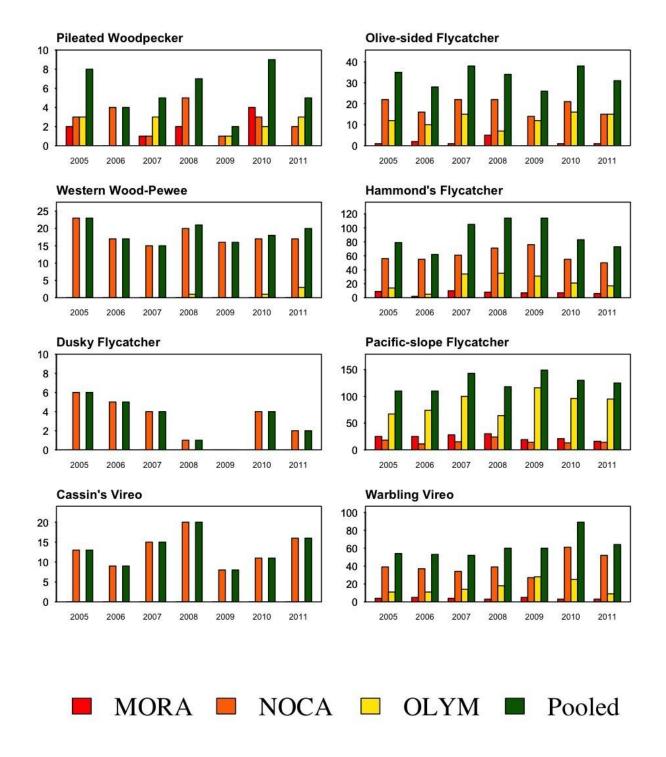


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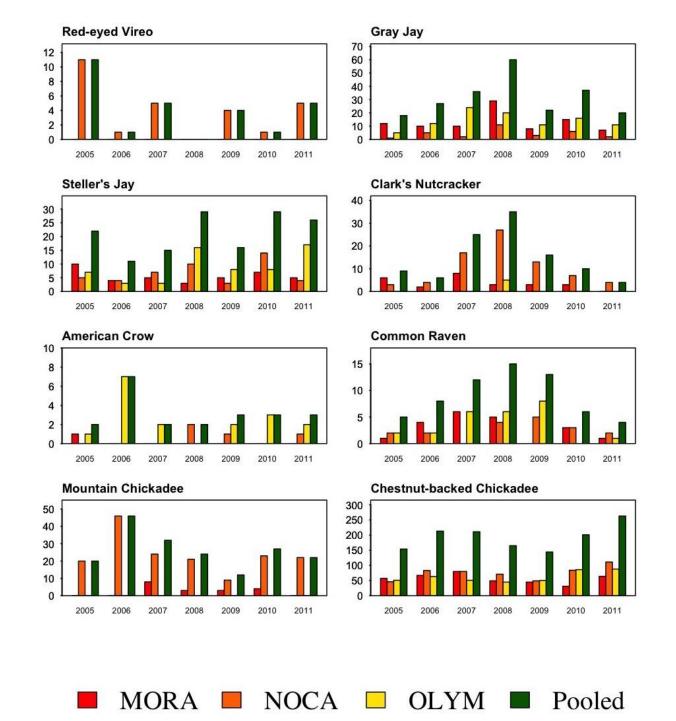


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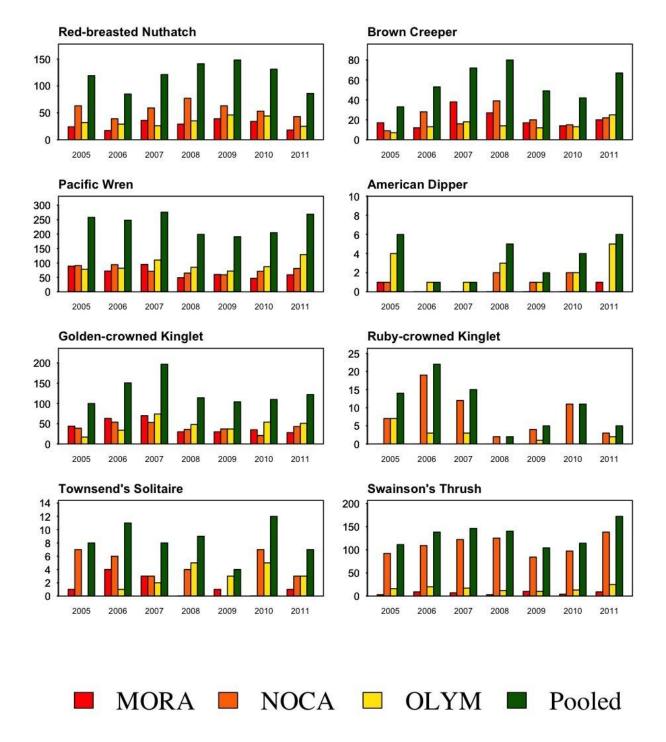


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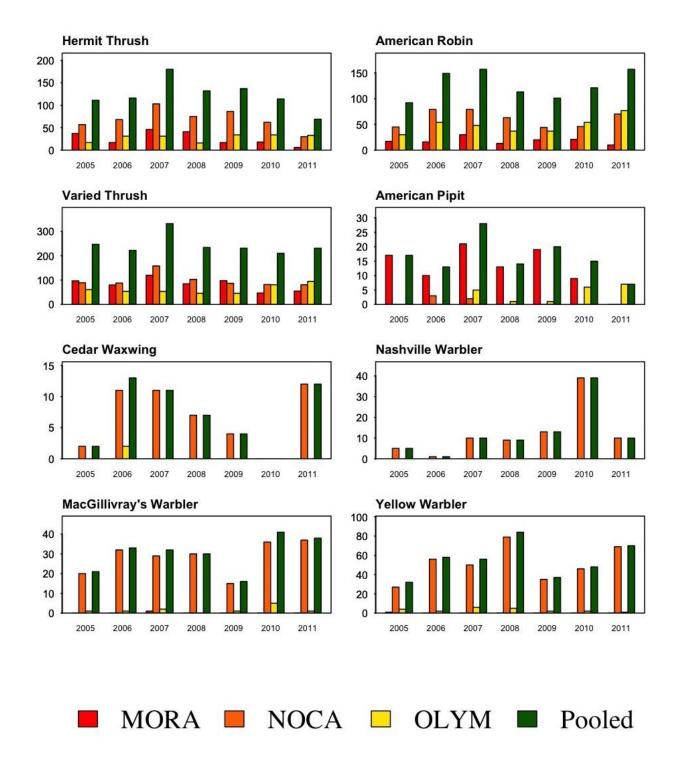


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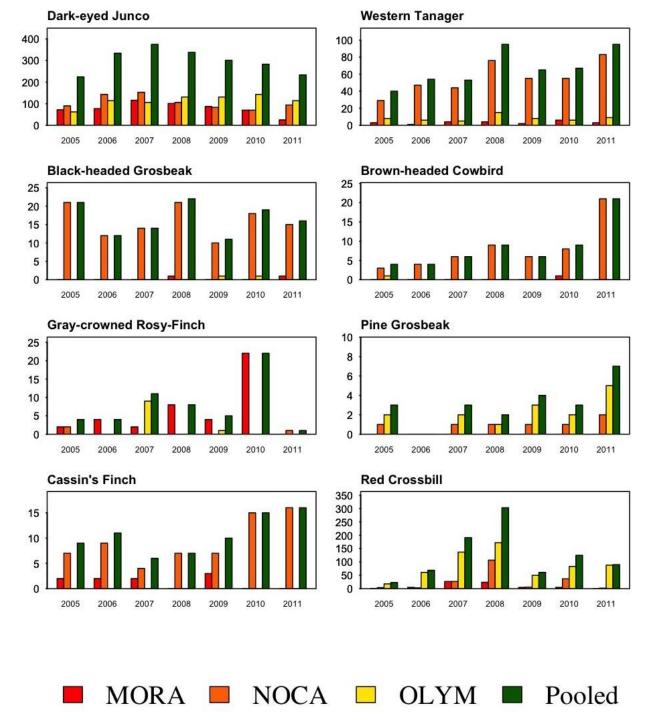


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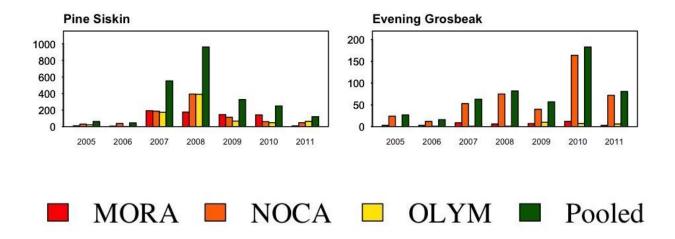


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Discussion

We completed our fifth year of full implementation of the Landbird Monitoring Project with the experience gained from two pilot field seasons (2005 and 2006) and four previous years of full protocol implementation. Our procedures for season preparation, data collection, data management, data analysis, and reporting (Siegel et al. 2007) have all been well vetted, and required no substantial changes this year. Due to three of the technicians never passing the bird identification evaluation, there were only five crew members who were able to conduct point counts full-time throughout most of the field season. However, a few qualified people were able to fill in, including former technicians and a National Park Service Wildlife Biologist. Another major challenge in 2011 was extremely late-lingering snow across all three large parks, preventing or delaying access to many of our middle and high-elevation transects. The high snowpack, exacerbated by some unexpected communication problems with the crew, resulted in our missing more transects than usual. In the end, we were able to survey a total of 57 out of the 68 intended transects, missing six transects on the annual panel (four at MORA, one at NOCA, and one at OLYM) and five transects on the alternating panel (three at MORA and two at NOCA). In response to these issues, we are implementing some procedural changes in 2012 to avoid similar logistics-related problems in the future. These include improved communication between field crews, field lead, and NPS Lead, and assigning one staff member to provide twice monthly updates to communicate sampling progress to all team members.

Financial constraints are forcing us to reduce the crew to seven people in 2012, but having seven (rather than six as we have had in several of the years since the project started) will provide some flexibility should a technician fail to pass the bird identification evaluation on time, or miss part of the field season for some other reason. It is also our hope that having a seven-person crew will enable us to adhere to the intended schedule for data entry. We have added three days to the end of the field season the last two years, just for data entry and other post-data collection tasks, which has helped us complete the data entry and verification process in a more timely fashion than in previous years. We plan to have the crew work these extra three days again in 2012.

After the overall increase in the number of birds detected in 2010 in the large parks, 2011 yielded an overall decrease in detections on annual-panel transects. This decrease was in part driven by the decline in evening grosbeak detections at NOCA, dropping from 164 detections in 2010 to 72 detections in 2011. The detection totals of evening grosbeaks in 2011 were relatively consistent with totals prior to 2010. It should also be emphasized that in 2011we faced the heaviest snowpack since the beginning of our monitoring project in 2005. Because of the heavy snowpack, closer analyses of the data may indicate changes in abundance and distribution of some species from previous years as a result of both the persistent snowpack and related factors, such as delayed plant phenology and insect activity. In addition, because there were fewer highelevation transects surveyed at MORA in 2011 than in previous years, fewer birds were detected, which also affected our total number of detections across all large parks. This was particularly notable of species that we tend to detect in greater numbers at higher elevations, such as pine siskins and dark-eyed juncos. The Landbird Monitoring Project's periodic trend analyses will explicitly account for annual variation in survey effort.

There are several other interesting preliminary results from 2011, including an increase in detections of brown-headed cowbird, an obligate nest-parasite that represents a significant threat

to many bird populations throughout North America. Between 2005 and 2010 on the annualpanel transects, brown-headed cowbird detections have consistently remained fewer than 10 per season (four detections in 2005, four detections in 2006, six detections in 2007, nine detections in 2008, six detections in 2009, and nine detections in 2010). In 2011 however, there were 21 detections of brown-headed cowbirds on annual-panel transects. These detections have been almost entirely at NOCA every year. While 21detections in itself not an alarmingly high number and these results are preliminary, this species should continue to be monitored closely in the future. Brown-headed cowbird populations often grow in response to increased food availability associated with packstock operations and other human-influenced factors, and there are specific management responses that can be considered (e.g., Siegle and Ahlers 2004) if the species is revealed over time to be a growing conservation threat.

Swainson's thrush and chestnut-backed chickadee detections also rose in 2011, particularly at NOCA. In contrast, Nashville warbler detections were back down to detection totals seen before 2010, when there was a sharp increase in detections. This decrease was solely at NOCA, as that is the only park where we have ever detected Nashville warblers during point counts for this project.

Detections of red crossbills remained low in 2011, with a slight decline at NOCA and little change at MORA and OLYM. Golden-crowned kinglet and varied thrush annual-panel detections also remained relatively stable since the decline in detections in 2008. However, in 2011 Pacific wren detections increased to detection totals comparable to those in 2007, most notably at OLYM. Pooling results across annual-panel transects in all three parks, in 2007 we recorded 276 Pacific wren detections on annual-panel transects, compared with 199 detections in 2008, 191 detections in 2009, 205 detections in 2010, and 269 detections in 2011 (Siegel et al. 2009b, Siegel et al. 2008, Wilkerson et al. 2009b, Wilkerson et al. 2010, Holmgren et al. 2011). Periodic trend analyses that adjust for sampling effort and estimate detection probability will allow rigorously assessment of apparent changes like these and will facilitate generating and testing hypotheses about their causes.

Results from SAJH this year indicate that high detection rates of common species will yield robust results for many common breeding species. There was a notable overall increase in detections at SAJH in 2011 (averaging 16.80 detections per point in 2009, compared with 22.52 in 2011). The large number of brown-headed cowbirds (59 individual detections, up from 47 individual detections in 2009 and 30 individual detections in 2007) continues to be a concern at SAJH (Siegel et al. 2009b, Wilkerson et al. 2010) and may warrant consideration of available management options e.g., Siegle and Ahlers 2004).

Interpreting our survey results at this juncture is premature, as they have not yet been adjusted for differences in survey effort or potential differences in detectability of birds between years, analyses which will take place in conjunction with our periodic trend analyses. Nevertheless, our preliminary results indicate that this monitoring project will provide valuable insight into bird populations in NCCN national parks on both an annual and longer-term cycle. The value of data is already becoming apparent not only to park personnel, but also to outside entities, as is evidenced by a recent large data request we fulfilled from a consortium of partners (including Klamath Bird Observatory, American Bird Conservancy, and PRBO Conservation Science) who are modeling the effect of climate change on bird populations throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Conclusions

The NCCN Landbird Monitoring Project has completed another field season, marking the end of the first five-year rotation, with a comprehensive, field-tested protocol, two years of annual-panel data collected during the protocol development phase (2005 and 2006), and five years of full project implementation (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011) that includes data collection on the annual panel as well as all of the five alternating panels. Preliminary results indicate we will have robust sample sizes for many species when we conduct trend analysis of the data, and that we are detecting substantial year-to-year changes in bird populations. These changes, when analyzed in the context of annual weather variation and perhaps other factors, should yield interesting and useful findings about the drivers of population dynamics in birds of Pacific Northwest forests, and are likely to spur additional targeted research and help refine management priorities and needs within the parks.

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Appendix A: Detailed survey history of each transect sampled in the large parks to date.

Park	Panel	Elevation class	Transect	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
MORA	Ann1	Low	4001	10	12	12	12	12	10	11
MORA	Ann1	Low	4005	11	11	11	11	12	9	10
MORA	Ann1	Medium	4002	12	12	12	13	11	14	14
MORA	Ann1	Medium	4004	18	17	18	18	13	15	10
MORA	Ann1	Medium	4009	14	14	15	15	11	13	10
MORA	Ann1	Medium	4012	16	16	14	19	19	13	0
MORA	Ann1	High	4003	12	12	12	12	12	10	12
MORA	Ann1	High	4007	20	20	20	20	20	20	0
MORA	Ann1	High	4011	13	11	14	17	17	15	0
MORA	Ann1	High	4014	10	16	14	16	16	15	0
MORA	Alt2	Low	4006	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt2	Low	4008	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt2	Medium	4015	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt2	Medium	4017	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt2	Medium	4020	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt2	Medium	4026	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt2	High	4016	0	0	19	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt2	High	4019	0	0	20	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt2	High	4027	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt2	High	4075	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt3	Low	4010	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
MORA	Alt3	Low	4018	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
MORA	Alt3	Medium	4028	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
MORA	Alt3	Medium	4042	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
MORA	Alt3	Medium	4044	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
MORA	Alt3	Medium	4048	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
MORA	Alt3	High	4029	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
MORA	Alt3	High	4030	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
MORA	Alt3	High	4032	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
MORA	Alt3	High	4033	0	0	0	18	0	0	0

Park	Panel	Elevation class	Transect	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
MORA	Alt4	Low	4021	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
MORA	Alt4	Low	4022	0	0	0	0	17	0	0
MORA	Alt4	Medium	4057	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
MORA	Alt4	Medium	4060	0	0	0	0	24	0	0
MORA	Alt4	Medium	4061	0	0	0	0	15	0	0
MORA	Alt4	Medium	4065	0	0	0	0	13	0	0
MORA	Alt4	High	4035	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
MORA	Alt4	High	4036	0	0	0	0	14	0	0
MORA	Alt4	High	4039	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
MORA	Alt4	High	4043	0	0	0	0	18	0	0
MORA	Alt5	Low	4024	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
MORA	Alt5	Low	4025	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
MORA	Alt5	Medium	4068	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
MORA	Alt5	Medium	4073	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
MORA	Alt5	Medium	4074	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
MORA	Alt5	Medium	4076	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
MORA	Alt5	High	4045	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
MORA	Alt5	High	4046	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
MORA	Alt5	High	4052	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
MORA	Alt5	High	4055	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt6	Low	4031	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
MORA	Alt6	Low	4034	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
MORA	Alt6	Medium	4077	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
MORA	Alt6	Medium	4078	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
MORA	Alt6	Medium	4081	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
MORA	Alt6	Medium	4084	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt6	High	4058	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt6	High	4062	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORA	Alt6	High	4064	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
MORA	Alt6	High	4067	0	0	0	0	0	0	13

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Park	Panel	Elevation class	Transect	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
NOCA	Ann1	Low	1013	12	11	14	12	11	9	13
NOCA	Ann1	Low	1017	13	12	9	12	12	12	13
NOCA	Ann1	Low	1020	15	12	13	15	16	12	16
NOCA	Ann1	Low	1023	18	19	19	20	21	20	21
NOCA	Ann1	Medium	1015	12	16	17	17	15	15	17
NOCA	Ann1	Medium	1018	16	21	21	23	22	25	25
NOCA	Ann1	Medium	1022	13	13	11	13	14	13	14
NOCA	Ann1	Medium	1024	9	10	11	12	10	11	10
NOCA	Ann1	High	1014	15	19	19	0	20	0	0
NOCA	Ann1	High	1016	14	15	14	16	15	14	15
NOCA	Ann1	High	1019	12	12	10	12	12	12	12
NOCA	Ann1	High	1021	18	21	22	23	22	19	17
NOCA	Alt2	Low	1001	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	Low	1005	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	Low	1006	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	Low	1010	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	Medium	1003	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	Medium	1004	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	Medium	1009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	Medium	1011	0	0	19	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	High	1002	0	0	18	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	High	1007	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	High	1008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt2	High	1012	0	0	15	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	Low	1027	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	Low	1028	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	Low	1029	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	Low	1034	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	Medium	1025	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	Medium	1026	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	Medium	1030	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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NOCA	Alt3	Medium	1031	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	High	1032	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	High	1037	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	High	1039	0	0	0	21	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt3	High	1040	0	0	0	21	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	Low	1036	0	0	0	0	20	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	Low	1046	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	Low	1054	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	Low	1061	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	Medium	1033	0	0	0	0	20	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	Medium	1035	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	Medium	1038	0	0	0	0	13	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	Medium	1041	0	0	0	0	14	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	High	1048	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	High	1049	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	High	1050	0	0	0	0	13	0	0
NOCA	Alt4	High	1052	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
NOCA	Alt5	Low	1062	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
NOCA	Alt5	Low	1063	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
NOCA	Alt5	Low	1065	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
NOCA	Alt5	Low	1067	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
NOCA	Alt5	Medium	1042	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
NOCA	Alt5	Medium	1043	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
NOCA	Alt5	Medium	1044	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
NOCA	Alt5	Medium	1045	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
NOCA	Alt5	High	1055	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
NOCA	Alt5	High	1058	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt5	High	1060	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
NOCA	Alt5	High	1064	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
NOCA	Alt6	Low	1068	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
NOCA	Alt6	Low	1070	0	0	0	0	0	0	12

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NOCA	Alt6	Low	1074	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
NOCA	Alt6	Low	1075	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
NOCA	Alt6	Medium	1047	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
NOCA	Alt6	Medium	1051	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
NOCA	Alt6	Medium	1053	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
NOCA	Alt6	Medium	1056	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
NOCA	Alt6	High	1072	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt6	High	1088	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
NOCA	Alt6	High	1090	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOCA	Alt6	High	1092	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
OLYM	Ann1	Low	3001	11	10	8	10	11	12	12
OLYM	Ann1	Low	3121	11	15	17	17	17	14	17
OLYM	Ann1	Low	3126	9	10	11	13	13	13	15
OLYM	Ann1	Low	3134	16	16	18	18	18	18	19
OLYM	Ann1	Medium	3122	14	12	14	0	16	16	0
OLYM	Ann1	Medium	3123	10	10	12	14	14	15	15
OLYM	Ann1	Medium	3130	9	9	8	9	9	9	9
OLYM	Ann1	Medium	3200	0	0	22	23	21	23	22
OLYM	Ann1	High	3124	9	10	10	11	11	11	11
OLYM	Ann1	High	3125	9	11	13	13	14	15	11
OLYM	Ann1	High	3127	7	9	13	15	14	15	15
OLYM	Ann1	High	3128	10	11	11	11	10	11	12
OLYM	Alt2	Low	3138	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt2	Low	3142	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt2	Low	3144	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt2	Low	3145	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt2	Medium	3133	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt2	Medium	3135	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt2	Medium	3137	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt2	Medium	3141	0	0	14	0	0	0	0

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OLYM	Alt2	High	3132	0	0	19	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt2	High	3136	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt2	High	3139	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt2	High	3140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	Low	3146	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	Low	3149	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	Low	3151	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	Low	3153	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	Medium	3143	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	Medium	3150	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	Medium	3152	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	Medium	3154	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	High	3147	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	High	3148	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	High	3156	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt3	High	3157	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	Low	3155	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	Low	3159	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	Low	3161	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	Low	3163	0	0	0	0	15	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	Medium	3160	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	Medium	3167	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	Medium	3168	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	Medium	3174	0	0	0	0	14	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	High	3158	0	0	0	0	14	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	High	3164	0	0	0	0	14	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	High	3171	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
OLYM	Alt4	High	3173	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3175	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3179	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3180	0	0	0	0	0	16	0

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OLYM	Alt5	High	3188	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
OLYM	Alt5	Low	3165	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
OLYM	Alt5	Low	3166	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
OLYM	Alt5	Low	3169	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
OLYM	Alt5	Low	3170	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
OLYM	Alt5	Medium	3178	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
OLYM	Alt5	Medium	3183	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
OLYM	Alt5	Medium	3184	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
OLYM	Alt5	Medium	3185	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3175	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3179	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3180	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3188	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3175	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3179	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3180	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
OLYM	Alt5	High	3188	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
OLYM	Alt6	Low	3172	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
OLYM	Alt6	Low	3177	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
OLYM	Alt6	Low	3181	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
OLYM	Alt6	Low	3182	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
OLYM	Alt6	Medium	3187	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
OLYM	Alt6	Medium	3190	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
OLYM	Alt6	Medium	3195	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
OLYM	Alt6	Medium	3198	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
OLYM	Alt6	High	3189	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
OLYM	Alt6	High	3191	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
OLYM	Alt6	High	3192	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
OLYM	Alt6	High	3196	0	0	0	0	0	0	15

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