

## Camping Trip to Southern Okanogan British Columbia

19<sup>th</sup> to 24th September 2005

Thought I'd send you a short account of birds here at this time of year out of town, many are still the same as garden birds, but quite a few different! American Robin, Black-capped Chickadee, Dark-eyed Junco, American Crow, Osprey, Stellar's Jay, Common Raven, American Dipper, this one singing as he paddled along the stream! Gray Jay, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ruby-Crowned Kinglet, Pileated Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Clark's Nutcracker, Black-billed Magpie, Mallard, Mourning Dove, Hairy Woodpecker, Red-Crossbill, there were about 6-8 of these bathing a puddle! These were all at the Kettle River area and on route to the other campsite we saw Red-tailed Hawk, American kestrel, Western Bluebird and a Northern Harrier. We saw many of these again at Haynes Point and while there also walked a few kilometres, along a canal.

All three areas are within about 60 miles of each other so possible to see the same birds. Some we added to list were Brewers Blackbird, Common Loon, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Gadwall, Song Sparrow, American Coot, Great-blue Heron, Red-winged Blackbird, Belted Kingfisher, Orange-crowned Warbler, House Finch, Marsh Wren, Flycatcher species (we have several so similar!) White-crowned Sparrow, Rock Dove, European Starling, Common Merganser, Ring necked Pheasant. While I realise these sightings are of little use to you, as you can't go tomorrow and try to see them, I hope they peek your interest like the ones you see peek mine, in fact I'm quite envious when I read through what you see at various spots that are fairly familiar to me, but I can't go tomorrow and look for them either! I have seen some of the ones you list and some I haven't seen ever, but have heard of most of them. Also it is interesting that we have many of the same ones and some such as the Loon have another name there and some which you think are the same e.g. The Heron are not the same!

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