

Location: Olympic National Park, WA
Observer: Dr. Rowan Ellis
Date: March 17–18, 2024

03/17/24 – Hoh Rainforest

Weather: Overcast, light drizzle. Temp ~49°F.

- Spotted a male *Steller's Jay* around 9:45 AM near the Hoh River trailhead. Feathers deep blue, with black crest.
- 10:30 AM – One *Varied Thrush* perched about 8 ft up on a Sitka spruce branch. Bright orange breast. Bird appeared to be singing.
- Noted distant call of *Northern Pygmy Owl* around 11:15 AM but could not visually confirm. Call pattern: two-note

03/18/24 – Hurricane Ridge

Weather: Clear skies, windy, snow patches present. Temp ~34°F.

- 8:10 AM – Observed a flock of *Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches* (estimated 12–15 individuals). Feeding in alpine meadow.
- 9:50 AM – Brief visual of *Golden Eagle* soaring above ridge. No interaction. Wingspan estimated ~2.1m. Seen heading south.
- At 10:30 AM, documented presence of a *Red-breasted Nuthatch* gathering nesting material (lichen and bark fibers).

Additional Notes:

- Audio recordings stored under filenames: "HR_nuthatch_call_031824.wav" and "PygmyOwl_Hoh_estimated_031724.wav"
- Photos taken with timestamped metadata (see folder "FieldPhotos_March2024")
- Weight scale used only on 03/18 (model: ProBalance Mini)

End of Entry