

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

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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

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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).

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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