

OBA Boiler Bay Seawatch Report
April 20, 2024
Shawneen Finnegan and Dave Irons, Trip Leaders

OBA's "2nd Annual" Boiler Bay Seawatch was held at Boiler Bay State Wayside in Lincoln County. Boiler Bay is widely regarded as the best site for coastal headland birding in all of Oregon and perhaps the entire west coast.

We hoped for onshore winds to bring migrating seabirds close to shore. Instead, east winds prevailed, and the highlight of the morning was a Sage Thrasher, a rare bird for the coast!



A rare Sage Thrasher delighted Seawatchers. Photo by Jenny Jones

Many birders took advantage of the lovely sunny and warm weather and having expert leaders Dave Irons and Shawneen Finnegan on hand to help identify the many species of birds seen flying just offshore. Like in 2023, eBird checklists were generated with the help of Jim Danzenbaker for each hour and shared with birders who signed the "guest book" throughout the day. Folks were free to arrive and depart at their leisure. While the east winds weren't ideal, we still managed to see nearly 60 species, including great looks at our 3 species of Cormorants, Pacific Loons, Red-throated Loons, Common Loons, White-winged and Surf Scoters, Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros Auklets, Brown Pelicans, Black Oystercatchers, Black Turnstones, and of course the "coastal" Sage Thrasher.

Thanks to all who came out for this event!

For the full list of species, see the eBird Trip Report: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/239491>



Pelagic and Brandt's Cormorants. Photo by Jenny Jones



OBA Seawatch at Boiler Bay. Photo by Rae Snyder