

## 2021 Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival Birding Sites in Westport, WA



**1 - Bottle Beach State Park** (Discover Pass) is off WA-105 outside Ocosta, WA, at milepost 34.8. Park and follow the paved walk (Bottle Beach Interpretive Trail) to the mudflats. This is a higher elevation area so the mudflats flood after many other areas are covered with tidal water within the Grays Harbor estuary.

**2 – Westport Marina.** From State Rt. 105, at milepost 30.7, turn right onto Forrest Street and continue into “downtown” Westport and end at the marina. Park in front of dock “Float 21” at the corner of Wilson Ave., Nyhus St., and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Shorebirds may be seen along the rock wall protecting the marina. From Forrest Street, there are roads going west that will take you to the beach for additional shorebird viewing.

**3 - Westhaven State Park** (Discover Pass; restrooms): is west of Westport Marina. Drive back to Forrest St., and turn right (north) onto Montesano then left onto Jetty Haul Road (State Park Access Road). Half Moon Bay will be the first parking area before you arrive and the main parking lot is at the end of the road. Walk on the trail over dunes to reach the rock jetty. Watch both the beach side and inlet side for shorebird viewing. Highly recommended.

**4 - Ocean Avenue** (Discover Pass, restrooms): Drive out of Westport on Forrest St. and turn right onto Ocean Ave. Follow road to the parking lot then walk the paved trail that goes to the beach. This is a good area for viewing shorebirds but can get crowded with people and dogs.

**5 – Twin Harbor State Park** (Discover Pass): At junction of WA-105 and S. Forrest St., turn west onto Schafer Island Beach Approach and park in the 2<sup>nd</sup> lot. Walk down path through dunes to the shoreline. Travel south on WA-105 and there are a number of “Beach Access” roads (e.g., Bonge St. with restroom)

