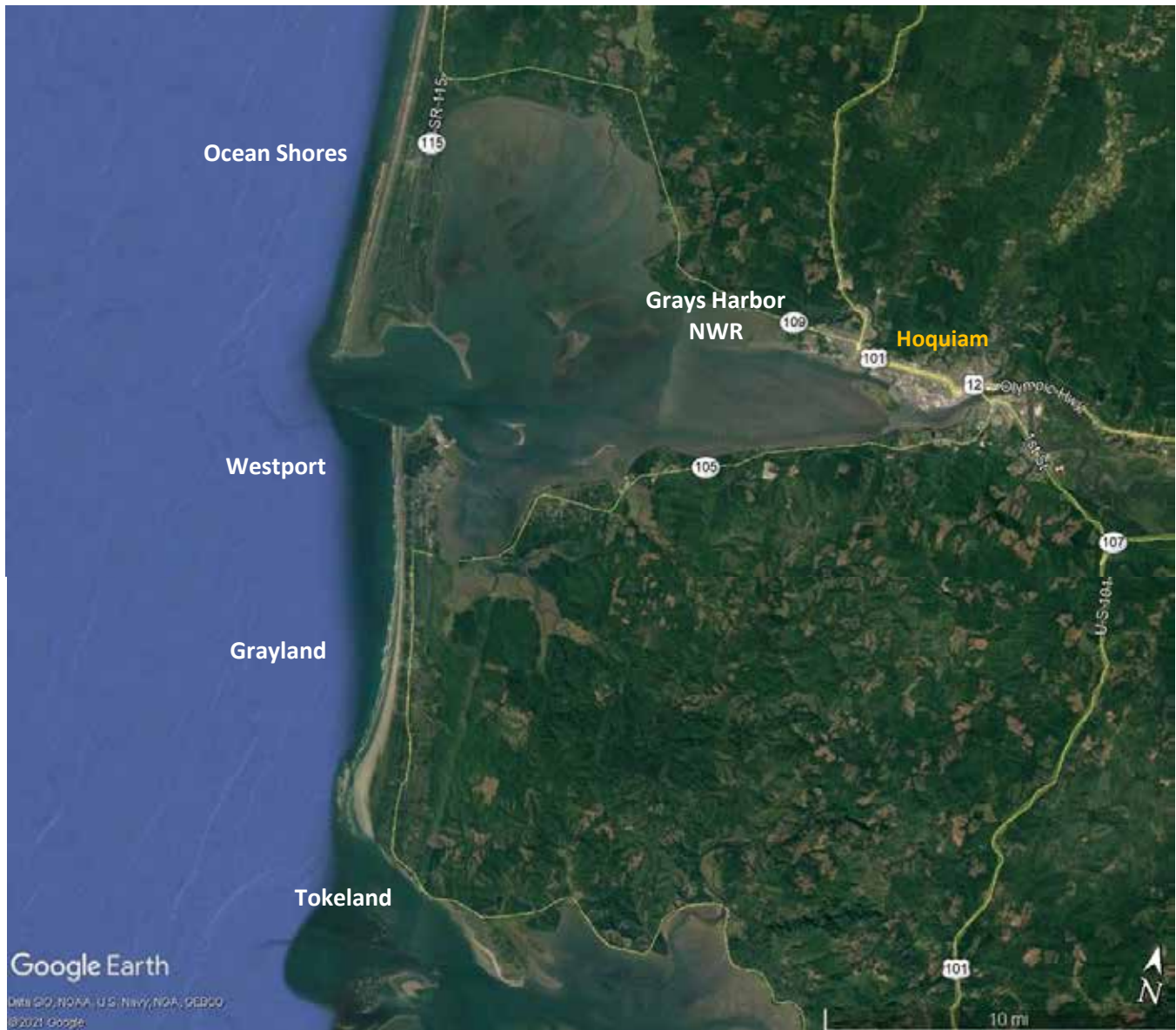


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Birding Sites Around Grays Harbor



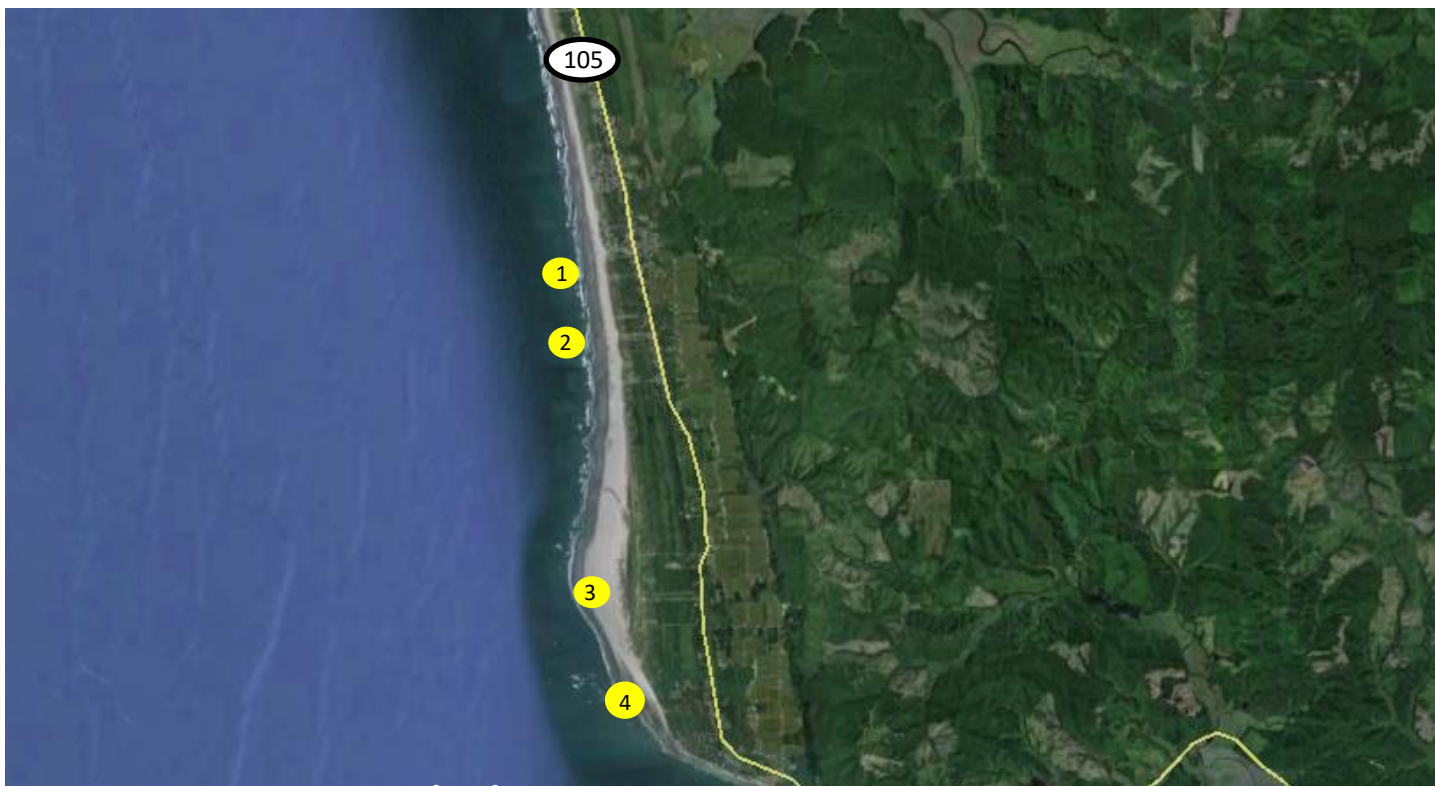
Grays Harbor is a prime area for viewing shorebirds and other waterbirds during the spring migration with easy access to look in the harbor and along the front beach. [Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge](#) in Hoquiam is ideal for seeing hundreds of thousands of shorebirds from the Sandpiper Trail as shorebirds move in and out of the tidal mudflat around high tide.

If you travel to [Ocean Shores](#) you can make your way down the peninsula using beach accesses until you reach the southern tip (jetty) where a diversity of bird species can be seen. From Hoquiam, travel west on WA-105 and you will begin your own migration with stopover areas to view a diversity of shorebirds, pelagic birds, waterfowl, and even raptors from [Westport](#) to [Grayland](#) and further south to [Tokeland](#). Click on the links included here and you will find directions and information on other bird viewing sites around Grays Harbor. You won't be disappointed at the amazing assemblage of waterbirds as they move northward to their breeding grounds or stick around to breed, like the snowy plovers!

Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival Shorebird Viewing Sites South of Grays Harbor



Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival Birding Sites in Grayland, WA



1 – Grayland Beach Road (No restrooms) is off WA-105 in the town of Grayland. This road is the vehicle access into the Grayland Beach State Park. Informal parking is located along the road. The best shorebird viewing time is at high tide when more of the beach is covered.

2 – Cranberry Beach Road (Parking area; restrooms available) is off WA-105 and leads to Grayland State Park. Drive to the end of the road and park to walk onto the beach if you don't have a Discover Pass. You will need a pass if you go through the State Park entrance off Cranberry Beach Road. This is an expansive beach where shorebird viewing can be very good around high tide. There are low mud/sand areas on the beach where shorebirds will congregate when the wind is blowing.

3 – Midway Beach Road (Parking area and restroom) is approximately 1.75 miles (as a shorebird flies) south of Cranberry Road on WA-105. If there was precipitation, you may see ponded water within the dunes where birds might be located. This site has a good expanse of beach even at a very high tide. PLEASE NOTE the poles that are placed in the dunes showing the location of the path going out to the beach to reduce impacts to the Federally threatened snowy plover and their habitat.

4 – Warrenton-Cannery Road (Paved road to large gravel parking area; no, restrooms) is further south off WA-105, approximately 1.5 miles from Midway Beach Road in the small town of North Cove. Freshwater drainage at the edge of the dunes provides a pocket wetland. The beach is expansive with a large intertidal zone that is good for watching shorebirds.

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Grayland Beach Road provides easy parking and walk to the beach that doesn't require a Discover Pass. Although the intertidal zone is not as extensive, the area has shown to be good for viewing shorebirds.

Shorebirds observed: Sanderlings, black-bellied plovers, semi-palmated plovers, and more. Keep an eye out for seabirds and loons.



State Park and Beach Access sign on WA-105 for Cranberry Road and Grayland State Park



Access to the beach from Midway Beach Road and Warrenton-Cannery Road

Shorebirds observed: Sanderlings, semi-palmated plovers and other shorebirds but look for snowy plovers in the wrack line (seaweed) that was brought in by higher tides.



Snowy plover
(photo: Rod Gilbert)