

Pacific Seabird Group



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Dear Mr. Harris:

Thanks for your interest in the Marbled Murrelet and request for additional information. I enclose a number of published articles on the distribution and biology of this species--primarily the more recent and widely available ones. You will note that comparatively little is known about this species because it seems to nest solitarily (as opposed to colonies as in most other seabirds) and makes its nest high up in the limbs of coastal conifers, at least in certain parts of its range.

I also enclose an unpublished review of the biology of Marbled Murrelets that was prepared recently by a biologist in Oregon. The review presents what appears to me to be a complete list of published and unpublished information on murrelets.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Seabird Group held at Pacific Grove, California in December, included a workshop and symposium of papers on the status of Marbled Murrelets throughout its eastern Pacific range: Alaska, B.C., Washington, Oregon, and California. There are, I believe, tentative plans to publish collectively the 8-10 papers that comprised the symposium. I will let you know of any further developments toward that end. For now, I am also enclosing copies of the abstracts for the talks given at the meeting.

Again, thanks for your interest. I hope you find these materials to be of some use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Hatch". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Scott A. Hatch
Chair

Enclosures