

**Best Shorebird Viewing Times 2016 at
Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge
Hoquiam, Washington**

At Grays Harbor NWR, shorebirds can be viewed best two to three hours before high tide, as incoming water brings the birds closer and as they consequently become more concentrated for better viewing. **An hour on either side of high tide, the mudflats are inundated and birds can be scarce.** Birds may reappear on the tail end of high tide, but remember that before high tide is usually better. The peak in migration typically occurs the last week in April. Below is a list of best viewing times for Spring 2016, based on the time of high tide. The 2016 Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival dates and times are in bold. **NOTE: Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge is open from sunrise to sunset.**

| 2016 | High Tide | Tide Height | Best Viewing |
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| Wednesday, April 20 | 1:10pm | 9.0 | 10:10am – 4:10pm |
| Thursday, April 21 | 1:50pm | 9.1 | 10:50am – 4:50pm |
| Friday, April 22 | 2:30pm | 9.2 | 11:30am - 5:30pm |
| Saturday, April 23 | 3:10pm | 9.1 | 12:10pm – 6:10pm |
| Sunday, April 24 | 3:50pm | 9.0 | 12:50pm – 6:50pm |
| Monday, April 25 | 4:30pm | 8.7 | 1:30pm – 7:30pm |
| Tuesday, April 26 | 5:20pm | 8.4 | 2:20pm – 8:20pm |
| Wednesday, April 27 | 6pm | 8.1 | 3pm – Sunset (8:50pm) |
| Thursday, April 28 | 5:10am 7pm | 9.0 7.9 | Sunrise (5:30am) – 8:10am 4pm – Sunset (8:50pm) |
| Friday, April 29 | 6:10am 8pm | 8.6 7.9 | Sunrise (5:25am) – 9:10am 5pm – Sunset (8:50pm) |
| Saturday, April 30 | 7:30am 9pm | 8.4 8.2 | Sunrise (5:25am) – 10:30am 6pm – Sunset (8:50pm) |
| Sunday, May 1 | 8:40am | 8.3 | 5:40am – 11:40am |
| Monday, May 2 | 10am | 8.6 | 7am – 1pm |
| Tuesday, May 3 | 11am | 9.0 | 8am – 2pm |
| Wednesday, May 4 | 12 noon | 9.5 | 9am – 3pm |
| Thursday, May 5 | 1pm | 9.9 | 10am – 4pm |
| Friday, May 6 | 2pm | 10.1 | 11 am – 5pm |
| Saturday, May 7 | 3pm | 10.2 | 12 noon – 6pm |
| Sunday, May 8 | 3:30pm | 10.0 | 12:50pm – 6:50pm |
| Monday, May 9 | 4:40pm | 9.8 | 1:40pm – 7:40pm |
| Tuesday, May 10 | 5:30pm | 9.4 | 2:30pm – 8:30pm |
| Wednesday, May 11 | 5am 6:20pm | 10.0 9.0 | Sunrise (5am) – 7am 4:20pm – Sunset (8:55pm) |