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### Re: Arnold Saw Pelicans

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Regarding your recent post:

>"Hi... yes, AWP's are found in Washington State - your state Fish  
>and Wildlife people contacted us a few years ago. As about the  
>movies of them in flight... good idea! we'll work at it, perhaps

I checked that website and also wrote myself. First of all, this website clearly stated that AWP winter in northern California and summer in Texas. You quoted sightings in San Francisco and in Denver. San Francisco is about 1,000 miles/16 hours drive from Seattle. Denver about the same to the East

I don't think I know what country you are originating from so cannot tell what your perception of distance and geography/topography is. Can't compare San Francisco to Seattle -- Seattle to Denver. Its like comparing England to Egypt. Lots of variety in plants, people, climate, animals in between.

There is one major point all your pelican lovers are missing. The perception of the mass of Mt. Rainier is very deceiving by visual observation. Why do we have so many climbing accidents every year here? Because of this reason. Its so clear and prominent, rising from sea level to 14,410 feet in a matter of 60 miles, that is hard to actually understand its size and what can be seen or not seen by the naked eye.

OK so I was up there this weekend. Actually on Mt. Rainier -- not observing it from 35 miles as last week. I started hiking at Sunrise 6,100 feet and managed (huffing and puffing) to a fire tower at 7,100 feet and about 4 "flat miles" to the summit. The view looks like the summit is right there. But one has to remember you are not just 4 miles away, you are also an additional 7,000 some odd feet below it.

Being that close, I shot some video of climbers on a trail. They were 1/2 mile from me but on another ridge. You could not make them out without the aid of my telephoto lens. They just blended in the mass. What's a human in size? Average 5 to 6 feet? How do they compare to a pelican? How could you see a pelican at Arnold's distance when you cannot even distinguish a human who is less than a mile away from you?

These two weeks of exploration have made me think only of one

thing. If Arnold was off -- he is off on the size. What he saw might have been much larger than he thought. But seeing pelicans/geese/ducks/eagles/hawks above Mt. Rainier, I will still take the stand of "no way".

Two points to ponder.

I just learned that there is actually a mountain (small) called Mt. Baker which sits just below and part of the foothills (not sure they are really hills) of Rainier. Then we have Mt. Baker the volcano. The little Mt. Baker is about 4,000 feet. An insignificant hill that has been hacked to death by the dear Weyerhaeuser company and their big chain saws.

Secondly, I am putting together a video tape of last weeks view and this weeks views of Mt. Rainier. Oh, I found an incredible new road (well thank you again Weyerhaeuser for logging) that has a great view of Rainier from about 15 miles due north. Altitude was 6,300 feet. I am planning on sending this tape to Bruce as he has tends to be more analytical than myself and in hopes he will shed some light into the mystery.

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