

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC  
Form SC 13G  
September 30, 2011

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G\*

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )\*

Williams-Sonoma, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

969904101  
(CUSIP Number)

September 20, 2011  
(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule 13G is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
 Lone Spruce, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*\* (a) x  
 (b) "

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 Delaware

5	NUMBER OF	SOLE VOTING POWER
	SHARES	-0-
6	BENEFICIALLY	SHARED VOTING POWER
	OWNED BY	52,621
7	EACH	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	REPORTING	-0-
8	PERSON WITH	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		52,621

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 52,621

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES " "

11 CERTAIN SHARES\*\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 0.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*  
 PN

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Lone Balsam, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*\* (a) x  
(b) "

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		-0-
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		115,473
EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		-0-
PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		115,473

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
115,473

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES " "

11 CERTAIN SHARES\*\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
0.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*  
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 Lone Sequoia, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*\* (a) x  
 (b) "

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 Delaware

5	NUMBER OF	SOLE VOTING POWER
	SHARES	-0-
6	BENEFICIALLY	SHARED VOTING POWER
	OWNED BY	96,475
7	EACH	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	REPORTING	-0-
8	PERSON WITH	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		96,475

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 96,475

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES " "

11 CERTAIN SHARES\*\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 0.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*  
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 Lone Cascade, L.P.

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 (b) "

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 Delaware

NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		-0-
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		2,948,090
EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		-0-
PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,948,090

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 2,948,090

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES " "

11 CERTAIN SHARES\*\*

12 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 2.8%

13 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*  
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 Lone Sierra, L.P.

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 (b) "

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 Delaware

5	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF	-0-
SHARES	6 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	138,934
OWNED BY	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
EACH	-0-
REPORTING	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON WITH	138,934

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 138,934

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES " "

11 CERTAIN SHARES\*\*

12 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 0.1%

13 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*  
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 Lone Pine Associates LLC

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 (b) "

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 Delaware

5	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF	-0-
SHARES	6 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY	264,569
OWNED BY	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
EACH	-0-
REPORTING	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON WITH	264,569

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 264,569

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES " "

11 CERTAIN SHARES\*\*

12 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 0.3%

13 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*  
 OO

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 Lone Pine Members LLC

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 (b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 Delaware

5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF	-0-	
SHARES		
6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
BENEFICIALLY	3,087,024	
OWNED BY		
7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
EACH	-0-	
8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
REPORTING	3,087,024	
PERSON WITH		

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 3,087,024

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES ..  
 CERTAIN SHARES\*\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 3.0%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*  
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 Lone Pine Capital LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*\* (a) x  
 (b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 Delaware

5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF	-0-	
SHARES		
6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
BENEFICIALLY	2,472,730	
OWNED BY		
7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
EACH	-0-	
8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
REPORTING	2,472,730	
PERSON WITH		

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 2,472,730

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES ..  
 CERTAIN SHARES\*\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 2.4%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*  
 IA

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 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
 Stephen F. Mandel, Jr.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*\* (a) x  
 (b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 United States

NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		-0-
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		5,824,323
EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		-0-
PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		5,824,323

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 5,824,323

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES ..  
 CERTAIN SHARES\*\*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 5.6%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*\*  
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Item 1 (a). NAME OF ISSUER:

Williams-Sonoma, Inc. (the "Issuer").

Item 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

3250 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94109

Item 2 (a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

This statement is filed by:

- (i) Lone Spruce, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Lone Spruce"), with respect to the Common Stock (defined in Item 2(d) below) directly owned by it;
- (ii) Lone Balsam, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Lone Balsam"), with respect to the Common Stock directly owned by it;
- (iii) Lone Sequoia, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Lone Sequoia"), with respect to the Common Stock directly owned by it;
- (iv) Lone Cascade, L.P. a Delaware limited partnership ("Lone Cascade"), with respect to the Common Stock directly owned by it;
- (v) Lone Sierra, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Lone Sierra"), with respect to the Common Stock directly owned by it;
- (vi) Lone Pine Associates LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Lone Pine Associates"), with respect to the Common Stock directly owned by Lone Spruce, Lone Balsam and and Lone Sequoia;
- (vii) Lone Pine Members LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Lone Pine Members"), with respect to the Common Stock directly owned by Lone Cascade and Lone Sierra;
- (viii) Lone Pine Capital LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Lone Pine Capital"), which serves as investment manager to Lone Cypress, Ltd. ("Lone Cypress"), Lone Kauri, Ltd. ("Lone Kauri") and Lone Monterey Master Fund, Ltd. ("Lone Monterey Master Fund"), each a Cayman Islands exempted company, with respect to the Common Stock directly owned by Lone Cypress, Lone Kauri and Lone Monterey Master Fund;
- (ix) Stephen F. Mandel, Jr. ("Mr. Mandel"), with respect to the Common Stock directly owned by each of Lone Spruce, Lone Balsam, Lone Sequoia, Lone

Cascade, Lone Sierra, Lone Cypress, and Lone Kauri and Lone Monterey Master Fund.

The foregoing persons are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons". Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party.

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Item 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE,  
RESIDENCE:

The address of the business office of each of the Reporting Persons is Two  
Greenwich Plaza, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

Item 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

Lone Spruce, Lone Balsam, Lone Sequoia, Lone Cascade and Lone Sierra are  
limited partnerships organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Lone  
Pine Associates, Lone Pine Members and Lone Pine Capital are limited  
liability companies organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr.  
Mandel is a United States citizen.

Item 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock")

Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER:

969904101

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Item 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b) OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) .. Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
- (b) .. Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,
- (c) .. Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
- (d) .. Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- (e) .. Investment Adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E),
- (f) .. Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F),
- (g) .. Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G),
- (h) .. Savings Association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act,
- (i) .. Church Plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- (j) .. Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box:

Item 4. OWNERSHIP.

A. Lone Spruce, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 52,621
- (b) Percent of class: 0.1% The percentages used herein and in the rest of Item 4 are calculated based upon the 103,678,962 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of August 28, 2011, as reported in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 9, 2011.
- (c)
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 52,621
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 52,621

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## B. Lone Balsam, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 115,473
- (b) Percent of class: 0.1%
- (c)
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 115,473
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 115,473

## C. Lone Sequoia, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 96,475
- (b) Percent of class: 0.1%
- (c)
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 96,475
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 96,475

## D. Lone Cascade, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,948,090
- (b) Percent of class: 2.8%
- (c)
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 2,948,090
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 2,948,090

## E. Lone Sierra, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 138,934
- (b) Percent of class: 0.1%
- (c)
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 138,934
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 138,934

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## F. Lone Pine Associates LLC

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 264,569
- (b) Percent of class: 0.3%
- (c)
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 264,569
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 264,569

## G. Lone Pine Members LLC

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,087,024
- (b) Percent of class: 3.0%
- (c)
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 3,087,024
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 3,087,024

## H. Lone Pine Capital LLC

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,472,730
- (b) Percent of class: 2.4%
- (c)
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 2,472,730
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 2,472,730

## I. Stephen F. Mandel, Jr.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 5,824,323
- (b) Percent of class: 5.6%
- (c)
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 5,824,323
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 5,824,323



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Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.

Not applicable.

Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Lone Pine Associates, the general partner of Lone Spruce, Lone Sequoia and Lone Balsam, has the power to direct the affairs of Lone Spruce, Lone Sequoia and Lone Balsam, including decisions respecting the disposition of the proceeds from the sale of shares. Lone Pine Members, the general partner of Lone Cascade and Lone Sierra, has the power to direct the affairs of Lone Cascade and Lone Sierra, including decisions respecting the disposition of the proceeds from the sale of shares. Lone Pine Capital, the investment manager of Lone Cypress, Lone Kauri and Lone Monterey Master Fund, has the power to direct the receipt of dividends from or the proceeds of the sale of shares held by Lone Cypress, Lone Kauri and Lone Monterey Master Fund. Mr. Mandel is the Managing Member of each of Lone Pine Associates, Lone Pine Members and Lone Pine Capital and in that capacity directs their operations.

Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.

Not applicable.

Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

See Item 2.

Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.

Not applicable.

Item 10. CERTIFICATION.

Each of the Reporting Persons hereby makes the following certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.



SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: September 30, 2011

By: /s/ Stephen F. Mandel, Jr.  
Stephen F. Mandel, Jr., individually and  
(a) as Managing Member of Lone Pine Associates LLC, for itself and as the general partner of (i) Lone Spruce, L.P., (ii) Lone Balsam, L.P. and (iii) Lone Sequoia, L.P.; (b) as Managing Member of Lone Pine Members LLC, for itself and as the general partner of (i) Lone Cascade, L.P. and (ii) Lone Sierra, L.P.; and (c) as Managing Member of Lone Pine Capital LLC

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EXHIBIT 1

JOINT ACQUISITION STATEMENT

PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G, is filed on behalf of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G, shall be filed on behalf the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledges that he shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained therein, but he shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the others, except to the extent that he knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

DATED: September 30, 2011

By: /s/ Stephen F. Mandel, Jr.  
Stephen F. Mandel, Jr., individually and  
(a) as Managing Member of Lone Pine Associates LLC, for itself and as the general partner of (i) Lone Spruce, L.P., (ii) Lone Balsam, L.P. and (iii) Lone Sequoia, L.P.; (b) as Managing Member of Lone Pine Members LLC, for itself and as the general partner of (i) Lone Cascade, L.P. and (ii) Lone Sierra, L.P.; and (c) as Managing Member of Lone Pine Capital LLC