Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary

November 12, 2013

It is exciting to see the birds up close and so good for beginner bird watchers to get to learn the bird species, especially for ducks that are usually far away. Seeing Wood Ducks up close and enjoying each individual color in the feathers is a treat and good for great photos. Our bird of the day was a White-Throated Sparrow feeding on the path. We also went to Boundary Bay and saw the Short-eared Owls.

52 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Virginia, David, Ginger, Art, Gary, Jim, Joyce, Phil, Rex, Sherrill and Wilma

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Snow Goose (3,123), Canada Goose (250), Trumpeter Swan (12), Wood Duck (12), Gadwall (15), American Wigeon (85), Mallard (8,000), Northern Shoveler (12), Greenwinged Teal (4), Northern Pintail (2,300), Lesser Scaup (2), Hooded Merganser (25)

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS: Ring-necked Pheasant (1)

LOONS, GREBES: Pied-billed (2)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (3), Great Blue Heron (7)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (7), Northern Harrier (18), Sharp-shinned Hawk (1), Cooper's Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (3), Rough-legged Hawk (1)

RAILS, CRANES: American Coot (6), Sandhill Crane (17)

SHOREBIRDS: Dunlin (3,000), Long-billed Dowitcher (6), Common Snipe (2)

GULLS: Glaucous-winged (500)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Rock Pigeon (35)

OWLS: Short-eared Owl (4)

KINGFISHER: Belted Kingfisher (2)

WOODPECKERS: Northern Flicker (2)

SHRIKES: Northern (1)

CORVIDS: American Crow (91)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped (75)

NUTHATCHES, CREEPER: Brown Creeper (2)

WRENS: Bewick's (1), Marsh (1)

KINGLETS: Golden-crowned (3)

THRUSHES: American Robin (15)

STARLING: European Starling (50)

WAXWINGS: Cedar (1)

SPARROW, TANAGERS: Spotted Towhee (6), Fox Sparrow (2), Song Sparrow (8), White-Throated Sparrow (1), White-crowned Sparrow (2), Golden-crowned Sparrow (12), Dark-eyed Junco (25)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (10), Western Meadowlark (1)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: Evening Grosbeak (6)