

## **Blaine, Birch Bay, & Semiahmoo**

March 19, 2013

The most unusual sighting of the day was seeing all of the Great Blue Herons on the Drayton Harbor Road. There must have been over 145 of them sitting on top of the trees, on rocks in the Bay and sitting like statues in the farm fields. We assume this is a new rookery for them as we also spotted a couple of nests. Other good sightings included Canvasback Ducks at Lake Terrell, Sanderlings at Semiahmoo and over 500 Pacific Loons at Birch Bay.

58 species (approx. qty.)

**Attendees:** Margaret B., Margaret P, Virginia, Art, Carlos, Merilee, Joe, John, Gary, Rex, Dick, Ginger and Wilma

### **CHECKLIST:**

**WATERFOWL:** Greater White-fronted Goose (1), Snow Goose (2), Brant (363), Cackling Goose (100), Canada Goose (415), Trumpeter Swan (42), American Wigeon (200), Mallard (132), Northern Shoveler (6), Northern Pintail (256), Green-winged Teal (38), Canvasback (3), Greater Scaup (142), Lesser Scaup (15), Harlequin Duck (22), Black Scoter (3), Surf Scoter (625), White-winged Scoter (53), Long-tailed Duck (8), Bufflehead(78), Common Goldeneye (23), Barrow's Goldeneye (3), Hooded Merganser (2), Common Merganser (50), Red-breasted Merganser (50), Ruddy Duck (12)

**LOONS, GREBES:** Pacific Loon (500), Common Loon (50), Pied-billed Grebe (1), Horned Grebe (12), Red-necked Grebe (26)

**PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS:** Double-crested Cormorant (320), Pelagic Cormorant (12), Great Blue Heron (148)

**RAPTORS:** Bald Eagle (25), Red-tailed Hawk (5), Peregrine Falcon (1)

**RAILS, CRANES:** American Coot (55)

**SHOREBIRDS:** Killdeer (1), Greater Yellowlegs (14), Sanderling (15), Dunlin (14)

**GULLS:** Bonaparte's (26), Mew (275), California (6), Glaucous-winged (73)

**ALCIDS:** Pigeon Guillemot (6)

**DOVES, PIGEONS:** Rock Pigeon (520)

**KINGFISHER:** Belted Kingfisher (3)

**CORVIDS:** American Crow (44)

LARKS, SWALLOWS: Tree Swallow (30), Violet-green Swallow (20)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped (6)

WRENS: Pacific (1)

THRUSHES: American Robin (25)

STARLING: European Starling (30)

LONGSPURS, WARBLERS: Yellow-rumped (1)

SPARROW, TANAGERS: Song Sparrow (6), White-crowned Sparrow (6), Golden-crowned Sparrow (1)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: House Finch (4), House Sparrow (12)