Mount Baker

August 27, 2013

Seeing a flock of 21 Turkey Vultures in a tree on the side of the road on HWY 9 was a surprise. At first, we thought they were Ravens and then we looked closer. We were excited to see the Red-eyed Vireos and listen to them calling just east of Glacier. The best sighting was of the Pipits at the top of the pass. They were really close to us and eating bugs on the snow patches next to our path.

35 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Rex, Rick Virginia, Merilee, Joe, Gary, Art, Carlos, Jim and Wilma

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Canada Goose (6), Hooded Merganser (1)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Great Blue Heron (1)

VULTURE: Turkey Vulture (21)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (2), Sharp-shinned Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (4)

GULLS: Glaucous-winged (1)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Eurasian Collared-Dove (3)

NIGHTHAWKS, SWIFTS: Vaux's (10)

KINGFISHER: Belted Kingfisher (1)

WOODPECKERS: Northern Flicker (1), Pileated Woodpecker (1)

VIREOS: Warbling (4), Red-eyed (2)

CORVIDS: Steller's Jay (2), American Crow (13), Common Raven (4)

LARKS, SWALLOWS: Violet-green Swallow (3)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped (3)

WRENS: Pacific (1)

THRUSHES: Hermit Thrush (1), American Robin (3)

STARLING: European Starling (2)

PIPITS: American Pipit (24)

WAXWINGS: Cedar (37)

LONGSPURS, WARBLERS: Orange-crowned (3), Common Yellowthroat (6), Yellow (2), Black-throated Gray (1)

SPARROW, TANAGERS: Spotted Towhee (1), Song Sparrow (3), Dark-eyed Junco (2), Blackheaded Grosbeak (1)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: American Goldfinch (7), Evening Grosbeak (5)