

## **Deception Pass**

October 26, 2021

“Bomb Cyclone” wind forecasts did not deter 19 birders from an outing to Fidalgo Island and Deception Pass, and their optimism was rewarded with tolerable breezes, quite a bit of sunshine, only a single 10-minute rain squall, and an excellent species count. Highlight birds included Red-throated and Common Loons, Common Murres, a posing Black Oystercatcher, a Merlin and an active pair of Red-breasted Sapsuckers.

71 Species (Approx. Qty.)

**Attendees:** Virginia, Phil, Graham, Judy L., Teri, Ken, Dianne, Rick, Rex, Jeff H., Eileen, Anne, Karen, Carlos, Judy B., Jo, Heidi, Cameron and Judy

### **CHECKLIST:**

**WATERFOWL:** Cackling Goose (50), Canada Goose (14), Gadwall (1), American Wigeon (40), Mallard (5), Northern Shoveler (60), Northern Pintail (50), Green-winged Teal (12), Ring-necked Duck (12), Greater Scaup (13), Lesser Scaup (2), Surf Scoter (12), Bufflehead (17), Hooded Merganser (8), Red-breasted Merganser (2), Ruddy Duck (2)

**LOONS, GREBES:** Red-throated Loon (2), Common Loon (8), Pied-billed Grebe (9), Horned Grebe (3), Red-necked Grebe (6)

**PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS:** Brandt’s Cormorant (8), Double-crested Cormorant (10), Pelagic Cormorant (85), Great Blue Heron (7)

**RAPTORS:** Bald Eagle (5), Northern Harrier (2), Cooper’s Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (2), American Kestrel (1), Merlin (1)

**SHOREBIRDS:** Greater Yellowlegs (5), Black Turnstone (6), Dunlin (25)

**GULLS, TERNS:** Bonaparte’s Gull (12), Heerman’s Gull (19), Short-billed Gull (35), California Gull (3), Glaucous-winged Gull (32)

**ALCIDS, JAEGERS:** Common Murre (6), Pigeon Guillemot (22), Rhinoceros Auklet (1)

**DOVES, PIGEONS:** Eurasian Collared-Dove (5)

**HUMMINGBIRDS:** Anna’s Hummingbird (4)

**KINGFISHER:** Belted Kingfisher (3)

**WOODPECKERS:** Red-breasted Sapsucker (2), Downy Woodpecker (3), Northern Flicker (2), Pileated Woodpecker (1)

CORVIDS: American Crow (5), Common Raven (1)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (1), Chestnut-backed Chickadee (1)

NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS: Red-breasted Nuthatch (1), Brown Creeper (1)

WRENS: Bewick's Wren (2), Pacific Wren (1)

KINGLETS: Golden-crowned Kinglet (3), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1)

THRUSHES: American Robin (3),

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (105)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Spotted Towhee (23), Fox Sparrow (3), Song Sparrow (6), White-crowned Sparrow (5), Golden-crowned Sparrow (5), Dark-eyed Junco (37)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (2), Brewer's Blackbird (200)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: Purple Finch (1)