

Spencer Island

October 5, 2021

Our small group of ten endured rain for about a half hour, but then Virginia convinced Mother Nature to hold off for awhile and we got in some birding before we called it a day in increasing winds. We skipped our usual Spencer Island trail walk due to the weather, but an estimated 1500 Bonaparte's Gulls at the Marysville Treatment Plant made up for it. We also saw many ducks and geese along with some harriers, eagles and accipiters under the gray skies.

41 Species (Approx. Qty.)

Attendees: Virginia, Phil, Jim, Joe, Sandy, Ken, Ray, Lauren, Dianne, Reg

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Snow Goose (40), Cackling Goose (120), Canada Goose (41), Gadwall (25), American Wigeon (6), Mallard (250), Cinnamon Teal (5), Northern Shoveler (900), Northern Pintail (200), Green-winged Teal (50), Ring-necked Duck (4), Lesser Scaup (6), Hooded Merganser (4), Ruddy Duck (250)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (1), Great Blue Heron (4)

RAPTORS: Northern Harrier (3), Bald Eagle (2), Sharp-shinned Hawk (1), Cooper's Hawk (2), Red-tailed Hawk (1)

RAILS, COOTS: American Coot (55)

SHOREBIRDS: Killdeer (5)

GULLS: Bonaparte's Gull (1500), Short-billed Gull (1), Ring-billed Gull (12), Glaucous-winged Gull (20)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Rock Pigeon (20)

CORVIDS: American Crow (48)

LARKS, SWALLOWS: Barn Swallow (50)

WRENS: Marsh Wren (2)

THRUSHES: American Robin (1)

STARLINGS: European Starling (8)

WAXWINGS, PIPITS: American Pipit (6)

LONGSPURS, WARBLERS: Yellow-rumped Warbler (12)

SPARROWS, TANAGERS: Spotted Towhee (1), Savannah Sparrow (1), Song Sparrow (8),
White-crowned Sparrow (1)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (12)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: American Goldfinch (1)