

Skagit Flats & Fir Island

November 16, 2021

Closing of access to Fir Island because of the heavy flooding necessitated a change in our itinerary. We completed the first planned segment of Cedardale Rd. to Dike Rd. east of the Skagit River, where our species included numerous swans, plus meadowlarks, pipits and kestrels. Then we headed to Bayview State Park for a woodland walk producing Varied Thrush, kinglets and an intergrade Northern Flicker, among others. On Padilla Bay, we saw Brants and hundreds of Greater Scaup and Buffleheads. However, after lunch we decided to cut our outing short because of additional flooding just north of the park on the Samish Flats.

51 Species (Approx. Qty.)

Attendees: Virginia, Phil, Jim, Teri, Ken, Dianne, Rick, Reg, Rex, Ray, Lauren, Judy B., Judy La., Judy Lo., Cameron, Janelle, Debbie

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Brant (15), Canada Goose (18), Trumpeter Swan (120), Tundra Swan (5), American Wigeon (6), Mallard (5), Greater Scaup (1000), Bufflehead (200).

LOONS, GREBES: Horned Grebe (6)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (1), Great Blue Heron (5)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (5), Northern Harrier (1), Red-tailed Hawk (8), American Kestrel (3), Peregrine Falcon (1)

GULLS, TERNS: Short-billed Gull (2), Glaucous-winged Gull (20)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Rock Pigeon (250), Eurasian Collared-Dove (1), Mourning Dove (17)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Anna's Hummingbird (5)

WOODPECKERS: Northern Flicker (4)

CORVIDS: Steller's Jay (2), American Crow (24), Common Raven (1)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (2), Chestnut-backed Chickadee (2)

NUTHATCHES, CREEPER: Red-breasted Nuthatch (1)

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

KINGLETS: Golden-crowned Kinglet (1), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (4)

THRUSHES: American Robin (30), Varied Thrush (4)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (500)

WAXWINGS, PIPITS: Cedar Waxwing (2), American Pipit (25)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Spotted Towhee (4), Fox Sparrow (3), Song Sparrow (2), White-crowned Sparrow (8), Golden-crowned Sparrow (3), Dark-eyed Junco (60)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (50), Western Meadowlark (3), Brewer's Blackbird (200)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: House Finch (6), Pine Siskin (10), House Sparrow (2)