

Anacortes

November 30, 2021

Once again, a rainy day forecast did not deter our intrepid group as we headed to Anacortes in search of murre, murrelets and other interesting seabirds. Periodic showers held off during most of our stops and, yes, we did find Common Murres along with numerous Ancient and Marbled Murrelets, along with 14 Black Oystercatchers. Also, a Merlin perched atop a pine for a long time, affording great views for all.

59 Species (Approx. Qty.)

Attendees: Virginia, Phil, Jim, Graham, Teri, Ken, Dianna, Rick, Rex, Melinda, Charlotte, Marty, Ann, Larry

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: American Wigeon (100), Mallard (25), Greater Scaup (6), Harlequin Duck (3), Surf Scoter (20), Bufflehead (61), Common Goldeneye (4), Hooded Merganser (18), Common Merganser (12), Red-breasted Merganser (12)

LOONS, GREBES: Red-throated Loon (200), Pacific Loon (1), Common Loon (5), Pied-billed Grebe (4), Horned Grebe (3), Red-necked Grebe (10)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Brandt's Cormorant (5), Double-crested Cormorant (32), Pelagic Cormorant (13), Great Blue Heron (4)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (3), Cooper's Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (2), Merlin (1), Peregrine Falcon (1)

SHOREBIRDS: Black Oystercatcher (14)

GULLS, TERNS: Short-billed Gull (8), Glaucous-winged Gull (50)

ALCIDS: Common Murre (4), Pigeon Guillemot (43), Marbled Murrelet (20), Ancient Murrelet (20), Rhinoceros Auklet (2)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Rock Pigeon (12)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Anna's Hummingbird (1)

KINGFISHER: Belted Kingfisher (2)

WOODPECKERS: Northern Flicker (2)

CORVIDS: American Crow (10), Common Raven (1)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (5), Chestnut-backed Chickadee (1), Bushtit (2)

NUTHATCHES, CREEPER: Brown Creeper (2)

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

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

THRUSHES: American Robin (2), Varied Thrush (6)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (50)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Spotted Towhee (5), Fox Sparrow (1), Song Sparrow (3), Golden-crowned Sparrow (6), Dark-eyed Junco (13)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: House Finch (4), Pine Siskin (24), American Goldfinch (2), House Sparrow (3)