

Blaine & Semiahmoo

November 9, 2021

A cloudless sky greeted us at Blaine Marine Park, and our group of 16 took advantage to find rafts of White-winged and Surf Scoters, American Wigeon, Greater Scaup and Brant, along with our sought-after Long-tailed Duck and other waterfowl. Meanwhile, a Peregrine Falcon roosted on the Semiahmoo Resort water tower across the way. The expected rain and wind eventually arrived, but we kept birding along the Semiahmoo Spit, at Birch Bay and at Lake Terrell. Harlequin Duck, Eurasian Wigeon, Redhead and Canvasback were among additional species.

64 Species (Approx. Qty.)

Attendees: Virginia, Phil, Jim, Graham, Teri, Ken, Dianne, Rick, Victor, Rex, Ray, Judy B., Joan, Merilee, Judy, Cameron

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Brant (200), Trumpeter Swan (1), Eurasian Wigeon (2), American Wigeon (300), Mallard (365), Northern Pintail (56), Green-winged Teal (4), Ring-necked Duck (8), Canvasback (7), Redhead (2), Greater Scaup (150), Lesser Scaup (2), Harlequin Duck (12), Surf Scoter (700), White-winged Scoter (800), Black Scoter (2), Long-tailed Duck (3), Bufflehead (19), Common Goldeneye (4), Barrow's Goldeneye (2) Hooded Merganser (1), Red-breasted Merganser (12), Ruddy Duck (8).

LOONS, GREBES: Pacific Loon (4), Common Loon (15), Pied-billed Grebe (6), Horned Grebe (16), Red-necked Grebe (12), Western Grebe (6)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Brandt's Cormorant (2), Double-crested Cormorant (57), Pelagic Cormorant (18), Great Blue Heron (45)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (7), Northern Harrier (1), Red-tailed Hawk (2), Peregrine Falcon (1)

RAILS, CRANES: American Coot (300)

SHOREBIRDS: Killdeer (1), Black Oystercatcher (2), Greater Yellowlegs (3), Black Turnstone (7), Dunlin (100)

GULLS, TERNS: Short-billed Gull (30), Ring-billed Gull (3), California Gull (1), Glaucous-winged Gull (30)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Rock Pigeon (1), Mourning Dove (1)

KINGFISHER: Belted Kingfisher (2)

CORVIDS: American Crow (62), Common Raven (2)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (1)

THRUSHES: American Robin (1)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (8)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Spotted Towhee (1), Fox Sparrow (3), Song Sparrow (8), White-crowned Sparrow (11), Golden-crowned Sparrow (2)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: Purple Finch (1), House Finch (22), House Sparrow (3)