

## **Mid-Whidbey**

October 11, 2022

There was a wide range of waterbirds along the shores of Whidbey Island on a beautiful, mostly smoke-free day, as our group explored from Rosario Head south to Crockett Lake. Bird-of-the-day was Black Oystercatcher – 48 of them to be exact. However, sightings also included Common Murre, Marbled Murrelet, Rhinoceros Auklet, White-winged Scoter, Harlequin Duck, Canvasback, Eared Grebe and three loon species. We also heard a couple of Red Crossbill at Rosario and a California Quail at Joseph Whidbey State Park.

71 species (approx. qty.)

**Attendees:** Phil, Rex, Denny, Judy Lo., Val, Dianna, Bruce, Teri, Ken, Jane, Pam T., Frank, Karen, Wilma, Doug, Pam P., John E., Amy

### **CHECKLIST:**

**WATERFOWL:** Snow Goose (1), Cackling Goose (75), Canada Goose (140), America Wigeon (2500), Mallard (115), Northern Pintail (425), Canvasback (2), Harlequin Duck (11), Surf Scoter (155), White-winged Scoter (10), Bufflehead (2), Hooded Merganser (1), Ruddy Duck (7)

**GALLINACEOUS BIRDS:** California Quail (1)

**LOONS, GREBES:** Red-throated Loon (5), Pacific Loon (1), Common Loon (9), Horned Grebe (36), Red-necked Grebe (32), Eared Grebe (1), Western Grebe (3)

**PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS:** Brandt's Cormorant (1), Double-crested Cormorant (87), Pelagic Cormorant (58), Great Blue Heron (8)

**RAPTORS:** Bald Eagle (7), Northern Harrier (3), Red-tailed Hawk (9), Peregrine Falcon (1)

**SHOREBIRDS:** Black-bellied Plover (3), Killdeer (9), Black Oystercatcher (48), Greater Yellowlegs (5), Least Sandpiper (110), Western Sandpiper (20),

**GULLS, TERNS:** Heermann's Gull (162), Short-billed Gull (3), Ring-billed Gull (2), California Gull (3), Glaucous-winged Gull (140)

**ALCIDS, JAEGERS:** Common Murre (47), Pigeon Guillemot (5), Marbled Murrelet (5), Rhinoceros Auklet (3)

**DOVES, PIGEONS:** Rock Pigeon (12), Eurasian Collared-Dove (1)

**KINGFISHER:** Belted Kingfisher (3)

**WOODPECKERS:** Northern Flicker (3)

CORVIDS: American Crow (35), Common Raven (1)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (1), Chestnut-backed Chickadee (3)

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

WRENS: Bewick's Wren (4), Pacific Wren (3), Marsh Wren (2)

KINGLETS: Golden-crowned Kinglet (2)

THRUSHES: American Robin (2)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (500)

WAXWINGS, PIPITS: American Pipit (1)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Spotted Towhee (2), Savannah Sparrow (2), Fox Sparrow (2), Song Sparrow (4), Dark-eye Junco (3)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Brewer's Blackbird (40)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: House Finch (2), Red Crossbill (2), American Goldfinch (3), House Sparrow (1)