

Fir Island/Samish Flats

February 1, 2022

Gyr Falcon, Prairie Falcon, Peregrine Falcon and American Kestrel made it a four-falcon day and were life birds for several. The first two led us to detour from some of our regular Fir Island stops to head north to the Samish Flats, and it was well worth it. We also saw several Rough-legged Hawks, Northern Harriers and Bald Eagles during the day. Other interesting birds included Sharp-shinned Hawk, Long-billed Dowitcher, Pileated Woodpecker and Northern Shrike, plus Frank Caruso's singing Townsend Solitaire.

57 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Phil, Virginia, Jim, Graham, Valerie, Victor, Dianna, Charlotte, Rick, Melinda, Ken, Reg, Teri, Frank, Judy Lo., Amy, Rex, Judy La., Kameron, Merilee, Junelle

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Snow Goose (500), Canada Goose (2), Trumpeter Swan (1000), Tundra Swan (2), Eurasian Wigeon (7), American Wigeon (3000), Mallard (700), Northern Shoveler (1), Northern Pintail (7), Green-winged Teal (36), Ring-necked Duck (12), Bufflehead (2), Common Hooded Merganser (8)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (1), Great Blue Heron (8)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (24), Northern Harrier (7), Sharp-shinned Hawk (1), Cooper's Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (10), Rough-legged Hawk (4), American Kestrel (5), Gyr Falcon (1), Peregrine Falcon (2), Prairie Falcon (1)

SHOREBIRDS: Greater Yellowlegs (12), Dunlin (200), Long-billed Dowitcher (6)

GULLS, TERNS: Glaucous-winged Gull (15)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Eurasian Collared-Dove (8), Mourning Dove (14)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Anna's Hummingbird (3)

KINGFISHER: Belted Kingfisher (1)

WOODPECKERS: Downy Woodpecker (1), Northern Flicker (4), Pileated Woodpecker (1)

CORVIDS: American Crow (6), Common Raven (5)

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

WRENS: Bewick's Wren (1)

THRUSHES: Townsend's Solitaire (1), American Robin (5)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (300)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Spotted Towhee (5), Fox Sparrow (1), Song Sparrow (2), White-crowned Sparrow (30), Golden-crowned Sparrow (26), Dark-eyed Junco (6)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (100), Brewer's Blackbird (25),

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: Purple Finch (1), House Finch (4), Pine Siskin (100), House Sparrow (6)