Blaine & Semiahmoo

March 15, 2022

The rain (and hail) held off until 2:30, so it turned out to be a pretty good day of birding at Blaine, Semiahmoo, Birch Bay and Lake Terrell. A Eurasian Whimbrel at the Drayton Harbor boat launch had to be the highlight bird of the day for some of us. Another was a huge raft of geese and ducks off of the Semiahmoo spit. We also were pleased to find Long-tailed Ducks, Black and White-winged Scoters, Eurasian Wigeons, Sanderlings, Black Oystercatchers, Harlequin Ducks and dozens of Black Turnstones, Common Loons and Pacific Loons.

59 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Virginia, Phil, Jim, Dianna, Victor, Ken, Frank, Melinda, Rex, Jeff, Carlos, Doug, Judy B., Judy Lo., Val, Karen

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Brant (300), Canada Goose (8), Eurasian Wigeon (3), American Wigeon (100), Mallard (50), Northern Shoveler (1), Northern Pintail (6), Green-winged Teal (14), Ring-necked Duck (1), Lesser Scaup (2), Harlequin Duck (20), Surf Scoter (700), White-winged Scoter (150), Black Scoter (8), Long-tailed Duck (5), Bufflehead (25), Common Goldeneye (15), Common Merganser (215), Red-breasted Merganser (5), Ruddy Duck (1).

LOONS, GREBES: Red-throated Loon (2), Pacific Loon (50), Common Loon (25), Horned Grebe (9), Red-necked Grebe (5)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (300), Pelagic Cormorant (10), Great Blue Heron (18)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (3), Red-tailed Hawk (1), American Kestrel (1)

RAILS, CRANES: American Coot (100)

SHOREBIRDS: Killdeer (3), Black Oystercatcher (2), Greater Yellowlegs (4), Whimbrel (1), Black Turnstone (53), Sanderling (15)

GULLS, TERNS: Short-billed Gull (15), Iceland Gull (Thayer's) (2), Glaucous-winged Gull (100)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Rock Pigeon (8), Eurasian Collared-Dove (2)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Anna's Hummingbird (2)

WOODPECKERS: Northern Flicker (1)

CORVIDS: American Crow (28)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (2)

WRENS: Bewick's Wren (5)

THRUSHES: American Robin (15), Varied Thrush (2)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (1)

SPARROWS, TANAGERS: Spotted Towhee (2), Fox Sparrow (2), Song Sparrow (8), White-crowned Sparrow (5), Golden-crowned Sparrow (12), Dark-eyed Junco (3)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (1)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: House Finch (1), House Sparrow (1)