

Samish Flats and Fir Island

March 8, 2022

A large group of 22 explored the Samish Flats, Samish Island and Fir Island for late winter raptors and waterfowl. No success on the Prairie Falcon, but the tally did include Rough-legged Hawks, Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Peregrine Falcon and numerous Bald Eagles. Other highlights were Long-tailed Ducks, White-winged Scoters and 2022's first Rufous Hummingbird at Samish Island, plus Wilson's Snipe, Canvasback, and an early Violet-green Swallow.

71 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Virginia, Jim, Phil, Mike, Ken, Frank, Rex, Reg, Jeff, Judy Lo., Judy B., Karen, Wilma, Val, Barb, Pam, John, Amy, Bruce, Dianna, Allen, Victor

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Snow Goose (6,000), Brant (22) Cackling Goose (30), Canada Goose (4), Trumpeter Swan (900), Tundra Swan (3), Gadwall (2), Eurasian Wigeon (9), American Wigeon (400), Mallard (500), Northern Shoveler (24), Northern Pintail (47), Green-winged Teal (25), Ring-necked Duck (1), Canvasback (1), Greater Scaup (450), Surf Scoter (50), White-winged Scoter (4)k Long-tailed Duck (10), Bufflehead (30), Common Goldeneye (6), Hooded Merganser (1), Common Merganser (12), Red-breasted Merganser (14)

LOONS, GREBES: Pacific Loon (1), Common Loon (1), Horned Grebe (1), Red-necked Grebe (1)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (26), Great Blue Heron (17)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (31), Northern Harrier (4), Cooper's Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (14), Rough-legged Hawk (2), American Kestrel (2), Peregrine Falcon (1)

RAILS, CRANES: American Coot (1)

SHOREBIRDS: Killdeer (3), Greater Yellowlegs (7), Dunlin (1,000), Wilson's Snipe (3)

GULLS, TERNS: Short-billed Gull (16), Glaucous-winged Gull (15)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Rock Pigeon (8), Eurasian Collared-Dove (3), Mourning Dove (1)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Anna's Hummingbird (1), Rufous Hummingbird (1)

WOODPECKERS: Northern Flicker (2)

CORVIDS: American Crow (24), Common Raven (1)

LARKS, SWALLOWS: Violet-green Swallow (1)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (2), Chestnut-backed Chickadee (4)

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

THRUSHES: American Robin (34)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (200)

SPARROWS, TANAGERS: Spotted Towhee (2), Song Sparrow (2), White-crowned Sparrow (4), Golden-crowned Sparrow (3), Dark-eyed Junco (2)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (300), Western Meadowlark (1), Brewer's Blackbird (23)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: House Finch (2), Pine Siskin (20), House Sparrow (1)