

Big Four

June 7, 2022

We picked a perfect spring day for resumption of our annual picnic at the Big Four picnic area on Mountain Loop Highway. About 34 people ate hot dogs, sausages, and numerous salads and desserts. We also sang “Happy Birthday” to our leader, Virginia Clark, and met new PAS president, Bill Derry. Among birds observed were a rare American Redstart, Yellow and MacGillivray’s Warblers, Cassin’s and Warbling Vireos, Western Tanager and American Dipper.

38 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Virginia, Phil, Graham, Ken, Doug, Rex, Karen, Judy Lo., Val, Lynda, Norwyn, Denny, Melinda, Bev, Sue, Reg, Rick, Jane, Dianna, Lianne, Junelle, Nancy, Merilee, Bill, Allen, Frank, Barb, Amy, Susie, Victor, Donna, and about three others.

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Common Merganser (1)

RAILS, CRANES: Virginia Rail (1)

SHOREBIRDS: Spotted Sandpiper (2)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Band-tailed Pigeon (4)

NIGHTHAWKS, SWIFTS: Vaux Swift (5)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Anna’s Hummingbird (1), Rufous Hummingbird (4)

WOODPECKERS: Red-breasted Sapsucker (1), Pileated Woodpecker (1)

FLYCATCHERS: Western Wood-Pewee (2), Willow Flycatcher (2), Hammond’s Flycatcher (1), Pacific-slope Flycatcher (2)

SHRIKES, VIREOS: Cassin’s Vireo (1), Warbling Vireo (5)

CORVIDS: Steller’s Jay (1)

LARKS, SWALLOWS: Tree Swallow (2), Violet-green Swallow (6), Northern Rough-winged Swallow (5)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (1)

WRENS: Pacific Wren (1)

DIPPERS: American Dipper (2)

THRUSHES: Swainson's Thrush (3), American Robin (5)

WAXWINGS, PIPITS: Cedar Waxwing (8)

WARBLERS, CHATS: American Redstart (1), Common Yellowthroat (1), Yellow Warbler (4), Yellow-rumped Warbler (2), MacGillivray's Warbler (4)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Spotted Towhee (1), Song Sparrow (3), White-crowned Sparrow (2), Dark-eyed Junco (2)

TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS: Western Tanager (3), Black-headed Grosbeak (3)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (3)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: Pine Siskin (1)