

## **Nisqually**

September 13, 2022

It was a cloudy and very still day at Nisqually, and this made for very little bird activity in the boardwalk and orchard areas. Things were a bit better out on the flats of the estuary. The bird of day was a Merlin that posed nicely for our photographers. Some other highlights were Wood Ducks, Greater Yellowlegs, California Scrub Jay, American Kestrel, Swainson's Thrush, Warbling Vireo and Western Wood-Pewee. One of our party also saw several Wilson's Snipe.

37 species (approx. qty.)

**Attendees:** Phil, Rex, Graham, Denny, Doug, Frank, Ken, Bruce, Bev, Rick, Melinda, Jane, Pam T., Karen, Maureen, Norwin, Linda, John S.

### **CHECKLIST:**

**WATERFOWL:** Wood Duck (6), Gadwall (75), American Wigeon (2), Mallard (200), Northern Pintail (2)

**PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS:** Double-crested Cormorant (3), Great Blue Heron (6)

**RAPTORS:** Bald Eagle (6), Red-tailed Hawk (1), American Kestrel (1), Merlin (1)

**SHOREBIRDS:** Killdeer (2), Greater Yellowlegs (2), Least Sandpiper (2), Wilson's Snipe (6)

**GULLS, TERNS:** Ring-billed Gull (150), Caspian Tern (2)

**HUMMINGBIRDS:** Anna's Hummingbird (2)

**KINGFISHER:** Belted Kingfisher (4)

**WOODPECKERS:** Downy Woodpecker (2), Northern Flicker (1)

**FLYCATCHERS:** Western Wood-Pewee (1)

**SHRIKES, VIREOS:** Warbling Vireo (1)

**CORVIDS:** Steller's Jay (2), California Scrub Jay (1)

**LARKS, SWALLOWS:** Barn Swallow (1)

**CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT:** Black-capped Chickadee (5)

**WRENS:** Bewick's Wren (4), Marsh Wren (4)

**THRUSHES:** Swainson's Thrush (1)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (100)

WARBLERS, CHATS: Common Yellowthroat (6)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Savannah Sparrow (4), Song Sparrow (2), White-crowned Sparrow (2)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (15)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: American Goldfinch (2)