Camano Island

October 10, 2023

Graham Hutchison led us on a tour of hotspots around northeast Camano Island. Smith Lake had American Coot, Red-breasted Nuthatch and Gadwall. Along Barnum Point trails, we saw Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Golden- and Ruby-Crowned Kinglet, Fox Sparrow, Bushtit, Purple Finch, and others. On the water, we spied 11 Western Grebe and many Surf Scoter. At English Boom, we added Common Loon, Belted Kingfisher, Bald Eagle, numerous Great Blue Heron, hundreds of Snow Goose and many ducks. Iverson Point produced three Virginia Rail, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk and a Golden-crowned Sparrow flock. We finished at Eide Road with Long-billed Dowitcher, Least Sandpiper, Horned Grebe and Caspian Tern. And, we saw none of the forecast rain except a few drops at the start.

52 Species (Approx. Qty)

Attendees: Graham, Amy, Phil, Lisa, Kathy, Tari, Judy B., Dianne, Denny, Ken, Teri, Rick, Pam T., Jane

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Snow Goose (1500), Gadwall (7), American Wigeon (1200), Mallard (105), Northern Pintail (1000), Green-winged Teal (700), Surf Scoter (200)

LOONS, GREBES: Common Loon (2), Horned Grebe (1), Western Grebe (13)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (18), Great Blue Heron (62)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (4), Northern Harrier (1), Red-tailed Hawk (4)

RAILS, CRANES: Virginia Rail (3), American Coot (1)

SHOREBIRDS: Least Sandpiper (60), Long-billed Dowitcher (30)

GULLS: Ring-billed Gull (450), California Gull (2), Glaucous-winged Gull (8), Caspian Tern (3)

ALCIDS, JAEGERS: Pigeon Guillemot (1)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Eurasian Collared-Dove(9), Mourning Dove (12)

KINGFISHER: Belted Kingfisher (2)

WOODPECKERS: Northern Flicker (5)

CORVIDS: Steller's Jay (3), American Crow (18), Common Raven (1)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (4), Chestnut-backed Chickadee (1), Bushtit (7)

NUTHATCHES, CREEPER: Red-breasted Nuthatch (3)

WRENS: Bewick's Wren (2), Pacific Wren (1)

KINGLETS: Golden-crowned Kinglet (1), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (2)

THRUSHES: American Robin (11)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (340)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Spotted Towhee (11), Savannah Sparrow (2), Fox Sparrow (3), Song Sparrow (13), White-crowned Sparrow (2), Golden-crowned Sparrow (28), Dark-eyed Junco (4)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (4)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: Purple Finch (3), House Finch (2), House Sparrow (16)