

South Whidbey Island

January 24, 2023

It was another chilly and damp winter's day, but that did not get in the way of another good day of birding. Led by Wilma Bayes, we started at Crockett Lake and worked our way south. The Bird-of-the-Day came early, as everyone got great looks at a rare Snow Bunting across the road from Crockett. Another uncommon species was a White-throated Sparrow along the Deer Lagoon trail. Other notable birds were Varied Thrush (but no Robins), Harlequin Duck, Common and Pacific Loon, Eurasian Wigeon, Brant, Black-bellied Plover and many Dunlin. At Ewing Marsh we also watched two coyotes, which seemed drawn to the coyote sculpture there.

67 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Wilma, Phil D., Judy Lo., Dianna, Denny, Rex, Reg, Karen, Leeann, Val, John H. Pam P., John E., Melissa, Frank, Teri, Jane

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Brant (149), Canada Goose (73), Gadwall (99), Eurasian Wigeon (1), American Wigeon (1400), Mallard (197), Northern Shoveler (6), Northern Pintail (102), Green-winged Teal (119), Greater Scaup (12), Harlequin Duck (1), Surf Scoter (47), Bufflehead (53), Common Goldeneye (16), Hooded Merganser (2), Red-breasted Merganser (6), Ruddy Duck (200)

LOONS, GREBES: Pacific Loon (2), Common Loon (3), Horned Grebe (14), Red-necked Grebe (6)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Brandt's Cormorant (2), Double-crested Cormorant (38), Pelagic Cormorant (35), Great Blue Heron (6)

RAPTORS: Northern Harrier (1), Bald Eagle (8), Cooper's Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (1), American Kestrel (1)

SHOREBIRDS: Black-bellied Plover (22), Greater Yellowlegs (2), Dunlin (1400)

GULLS, TERNS: Short-billed Gull (96), Glaucous-winged Gull (220)

ALCIDS, JAEGERS: Pigeon Guillemot (6), Rhinoceros Auklet (1)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Rock Pigeon (7), Mourning Dove (2)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Anna's Hummingbird (1)

WOODPECKERS: Hairy Woodpecker (1), Northern Flicker (3)

CORVIDS: American Crow (45), Common Raven (1)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (4), Chestnut-backed Chickadee (1), Bushtit (8)

NUTHACHES, CREEPER; Red-breasted Nuthatch (1)

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

KINGLETS: Golden-crowned Kinglet (1)

THRUSHES: American Robin (11),

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (87)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Snow Bunting (1), Spotted Towhee (2), Fox Sparrow (1), Song Sparrow (10), White-throated Sparrow (1), White-crowned Sparrow (3), Golden-crowned Sparrow (12), Dark-eyed Junco (2)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (11)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: House Finch (6), House Sparrow (4)