

North Whidbey

June 27, 2023

Morning fog gave to sunny skies by noon, and our large group enjoyed excellent birding. Black Oystercatchers always are a highlight on this trip, and we saw several at Rosario and Bowman Bay. Deception Pass waters also held Pigeon Guillemot, Rhinoceros Auklet and Marbled Murrelet. On land, some highlights were California Quail, juvenile Downy Woodpecker, Purple Martin. Yellow Warbler, Wilson's Warbler and Orange-crowned Warbler. Dugualla Bay offered Spotted and Least Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, baby Killdeer and an out-of-season Common Goldeneye. We ended with the growing American White Pelican colony at Padilla Bay.

64 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Phil, Graham, Rex, Dianna, Val, Denny, Amy, Doug, Karen, Lianne, Pat, Marcia, Judy B., John H., Ken, Jane, Rick, Reg, Judy Lo., Judy La., Kameron, Mike, Linda, Ben

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Canada Goose (75), Mallard (9), Common Goldeneye (1), Hooded Merganser (1)

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS: California Quail (1)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (8), Pelagic Cormorant (5), American White Pelican (175), Great Blue Heron (13)

VULTURE: Turkey Vulture (3)

RAPTORS: Osprey (1), Bald Eagle (9), Red-tailed Hawk (2), American Kestrel (3)

RAILS, CRANES: Virginia Rail (1)

SHOREBIRDS: Killdeer (7), Black Oystercatcher (8), Spotted Sandpiper (5), Greater Yellowlegs (1), Least Sandpiper (5)

GULLS, TERNS: Glaucous-winged Gull (72), Caspian Tern (4)

ALCIDS, JAEGERS: Pigeon Guillemot (20), Rhinoceros Auklet (13), Marbled Murrelet (1)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Eurasian Collared-Dove (3)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Rufous Hummingbird (3)

KINGFISHER: Belted Kingfisher (3)

WOODPECKERS: Downy Woodpecker (2), Northern Flicker (3)

FLYCATCHERS: Olive-sided Flycatcher (2), Western Wood-Pewee (3), Willow Flycatcher (2), Pacific-slope Flycatcher (2)

CORVIDS: American Crow (6), Common Raven (1)

LARKS, SWALLOWS: Purple Martin (8), Tree Swallow (6), Violet-green Swallow (2), Cliffs Swallow (9), Barn Swallow (63)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (3), Chestnut-backed Chickadee (3)

WRENS: House Wren (1), Marsh Wren (3)

THRUSHES: Swainson's Thrush (2), American Robin (16)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (57)

WAXWINGS, PIPITS: Cedar Waxwing (10)

WARBLERS, CHATS: Orange-crowned Warbler (3), Common Yellowthroat (2), Yellow Warbler (2), Yellow-rumped Warbler (1), Wilson's Warbler (3)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Song Sparrow (9), White-crowned Sparrow (15), Dark-eyed Junco (1)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (24), Brewer's Blackbird (12), Brown-headed Cowbird (4)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: Purple Finch (1), House Finch (4), American Goldfinch (7), House Sparrow (1)