

## **Samish Flats**

August 22, 2023

We first stopped at the Fir Island (Hayton) Reserve on our way to the Samish Flats to look for shorebirds. We found Least and Western Sandpiper, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, and Greater Yellowlegs. A Peregrine Falcon watched them, too. On the flats, highlights were several American Kestrel and Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, and Cooper's Hawk. During lunch on Samish Island, we spied Common Loon and Yellow Warbler. Then we checked out the Brown Pelican roosting with 250-plus American White Pelican in Padilla Bay. We finished at the Channel Drive slough with nine Red-necked Phalarope and a Black Phoebe. Paul, a visitor from The Netherlands, really enjoyed seeing some of our birds.

50 species (approx. qty.)

**Attendees:** Phil, Wilma, Rex, Graham, Diane, Pat, Marcia, Judy Lo., Ken, Reg, Bev, Jane, Maureen T., Melinda, Carol, Lianne, Kathy, Barry, Arian, Paul

### **CHECKLIST:**

**WATERFOWL:** Canada Goose (20), Gadwall (4), Mallard (340), Green-winged Teal (2), Surf Scoter (150)

**LOONS, GREBES:** Common Loon (1)

**PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS:** Double-crested Cormorant (8), Pelagic Cormorant (1), American White Pelican (200), Brown Pelican (1), Great Blue Heron (12)

**VULTURE:** Turkey Vulture (2)

**RAPTORS:** Osprey (2), Bald Eagle (3), Northern Harrier (5), Cooper's Hawk (2), Red-tailed Hawk (8), American Kestrel (4), Peregrine Falcon (1)

**SHOREBIRDS:** Semipalmated Plover (3), Killdeer (17), Greater Yellowlegs (1), Least Sandpiper (20), Western Sandpiper (500), Red-necked Phalarope (9)

**GULLS, TERNS:** Ring-billed Gull (300), Glaucous-winged Gull (82), Caspian Tern (3)

**DOVES, PIGEONS:** Eurasian Collared-Dove (3)

**KINGFISHER:** Belted Kingfisher (3)

**WOODPECKERS:** Northern Flicker (1)

**FLYCATCHERS:** Willow Flycatcher (2), Black Phoebe (1)

**CORVIDS:** American Crow (3), Common Raven (19)

LARKS, SWALLOWS: Tree Swallow (3), Violet-green Swallow (2), Northern Rough-winged Swallow (1), Cliff Swallow (1), Barn Swallow (119)

THRUSHES: American Robin (3)

MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (213)

WAXWINGS, PIPITS: Cedar Waxwing (1)

WARBLERS, CHATS: Yellow Warbler (1)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Savannah Sparrow (7), Song Sparrow (1 ), White-crowned Sparrow (4)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Brewer's Blackbird (42)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: House Finch (7), American Goldfinch (6)