

Surrey, Canada

March 19, 2024

We traveled across the border to Surrey, B.C. on a beautiful first day of Spring. Along the Boundary Bay dike trail, we could not find any owls but did see Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Northern Shrike, Tree Swallow, Marbled Godwit, Black-bellied Plover and thousands of Dunlin. At North 40 Lands Park, everyone had close looks at probably a White-throated Sparrow. This was a life bird for some in our group. The park also provided great views of Varied Thrush, Fox Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow and Bewick's Wren, plus several more eagles. Our walk around Elgin Heritage Park added American Goldfinch, Bushtit, Belted Kingfisher, Greater Yellowlegs, Common Loon and several duck species, including American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Green-winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, Common Goldeneye and Wood Duck. Blackie Spit was beautiful as usual with its mountain-framed view of downtown Vancouver. We also saw Surf Scoter, Common and Red-breasted Merganser, Greater Scaup and another Marbled Godwit. One more trip note: so nice to visit places where you must look hard to find trash.

58 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Phil, Dianne, Rex, Jeff, Ken, Bruce, Pam T., Karen, Teri, Rick, Reg, Jane, Maureen Z., Judy Lo., Denny, Pat, Marcia, Wilma, Sue B., Judy B.

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Canada Goose (2), Wood Duck (1), Northern Shoveler (4), Gadwall (6), American Wigeon (43), Mallard (88), Northern Pintail (1), Green-winged Teal (81), Greater Scaup (100), Harlequin Duck (1), Surf Scoter (12), Bufflehead (3), Common Goldeneye (5), Hooded Merganser (3), Common Merganser (3), Red-breasted Merganser (35)

LOON, GREBES: Common Loon (1), Red-necked Grebe (1)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (5), Great Blue Heron (11)

RAPTORS: Northern Harrier (2), Bald Eagle (26), Red-tailed Hawk (3)

SHOREBIRDS: Black-bellied Plover (10), Greater Yellowlegs (7), Marbled Godwit (2), Dunlin (25,000)

GULLS, TERNS: Short-billed Gull (12), Glaucous-winged Gull (125)

DOVES, PIGEONS: Eurasian Collared-Dove (3)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Anna's Hummingbird (1)

KINGFISHER: Belted Kingfisher (2)

WOODPECKERS: Northern Flicker (5)

SHRIKES, VIREOS: Northern Shrike (1)

CORVIDS: American Crow (51)

LARKS, SWALLOWS: Tree Swallow (5)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (9), Bushtit (7)

NUTHATCHES, CREEPER: Red-breasted Nuthatch (1)

WRENS: Bewick's Wren (2)

THRUSHES: American Robin (17), Varied Thrush (1)

MIMIDS, STARLING: European Starling (80)

WARBLERS: Yellow-rumped Warbler (1)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Spotted Towhee (4), Fox Sparrow (4), Song Sparrow (18), White-crowned Sparrow (1), Golden-crowned Sparrow (14), White-throated Sparrow (1), Dark-eyed Junco (1)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (22)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: House Finch (3), American Goldfinch (6), House Sparrow (1)