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MARCH FIELD TRIPS

by Libby Mills

Skagit Audubon Field Trips

Beginning birders are always welcome on Skagit Audubon field trips, and membership in Skagit Audubon is not required. Participants gladly help each other identify and enjoy the birds. Please be prepared for the weather with suitable clothing, and bring field guides, binoculars, and spotting scopes. Don't forget snacks or lunch and a thermos with warm drinks for winter walks. Carpool whenever possible and please offer to contribute to the driver's expense.

Watch the e-mail reminders for the latest information, including any changes and/or additions to the field trip schedule. To be added to the e-mail distribution list, contact Libby Mills: libbymills@gmail.com.

Please note that the field trip descriptions are deliberately brief and do not describe complete trip itineraries. If you plan to join a trip other than at the described starting point, call the leader the day before to ensure a successful rendezvous. Plans change as conditions shift and opportunities arise. Timely notification by e-mail isn't always possible.

We are short on field trips this month and hope to make up for it in birdsong-filled April. Please consider leading a field trip for us! If more leaders come forward for March after the newsletter date they will be announced on the field trip reminder email list. To join that list please email field trip coordinator Libby Mills at:

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MARCH MEETING AND PROGRAM

Seeing Shorebirds at Port Susan Bay IBA

by Kerry Marl

Tuesday, March 9, 2010
7:00 Social; 7:30 Program
Padilla Bay Interpretive Center
10433 Bayview-Edison Road
Mount Vernon, Washington



A Dunlin Tug-Of-War

Photo by Annette Colombini

Hear about the adventures, challenges and rewards of the volunteers surveying Port Susan Bay for shorebirds. Then get inspired to join the fun this spring. The Port Susan Bay Important Bird Area is just one of thousands of Important Bird Areas (IBA) recognized around the world. Discover why this IBA is unique and how it compares with others. We'll also discuss the fine art of shorebird identification with a slide show of beautiful photos. Start getting prepared for the spring migration!

Kerry Marl is Port Susan Bay's IBA Coordinator for Pilchuck Audubon Society. National Audubon's Important Bird Areas Program is a global effort to identify and conserve areas vital to birds and other biodiversity.

For more information go to: Audubon.org/bird/IBA/

LAST MINUTE UPDATE

Saturday March 13 : Butler Flats and Beyond : 8:00 a.m. to noon

A-mid March exploration of the east end of the Skagit Delta neighborhood! Meet at the home of the leaders, **Jan and Keith Wiggers**, 9033 District Line Rd., Burlington, at 8:00 a.m. for a half day exploration of "Butler Flats and Beyond." Call or email for directions. **Telephone (360) 757-0772. Email jkwiggers@gmail.com.**



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GREATER YELLOW LEGS
Photo by Annette Colombini

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General membership meetings of the Skagit Audubon Society are held at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, 1043 Bayview-Edison Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA—7:00 PM Social/ 7:30 PM Program—on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. The board of directors meets at the same location at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

Skagit Audubon Society (SAS) membership provides a local chapter affiliation and newsletter, **The Flyer**, for individuals who want all their funds to benefit their local chapter. Newsletters from additional chapters can be sought by contacting their websites and membership chairs from links at www.audubon.org/states/wa/. **To join Skagit Audubon Society** please use the form below.

National Audubon Society (NAS) membership is separate from SAS membership and includes Audubon magazine. National Audubon membership does not provide Skagit Audubon membership; however, NAS will assign you an affiliation with a local chapter. To change your chapter assignment call 800-274-4201. **To join National Audubon Society** use the form below.

Skagit Audubon Society is a Chapter of the National Audubon Society. Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

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Annual membership in the Skagit Audubon Society includes 10 issues of our newsletter, *The Skagit Flyer*, available on our website. Membership includes all members of your household.

\$20 one (1) year \$40 two (2) years

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Mount Vernon, WA 98273-1101

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It was an apt coincidence to be reading "*Crow Planet: Essential Wisdom from the Urban Wilderness*" during the 4 days of the Great Backyard Bird Count last month. Audubon members are more attentive than most people to what author Lyanda Haupt calls the "more-than-human world," and the Count encouraged us all to be even more watchful and then report what we saw. If you think about the larger meaning of pursuits such as birding, have a look at *Crow Planet*.

Haupt, once employed by Seattle Audubon, is an urban dweller who wears binoculars and a 10X hand lens wherever she goes. "We are the human species, living in culture, bound by nature," she writes. "When we allow ourselves to think of nature as something out there, we become prey to complacency. If nature is somewhere else, then what we do here doesn't really matter." As birders, we know that the wild is all around us wherever we live and does not simply exist elsewhere. Haupt's prime example is the crow, a wild native bird occurring in the most artificial settings and reminding us that where we live is inseparable from where wild life exists – and that what we do at home affects the larger, more-than-human world.

Haupt sees gaining an awareness of the wildness around us as more than a source of enjoyment. "Developing as a naturalist, a knower of nature, is arguably one of the most critical tasks for modern humans on the planet Earth, ... In a time of ecological crisis," she writes, "the place of the naturalist has become necessarily multifaceted. Naturalists are people who know what's going on. They know what creatures live where, which are thriving and why, and which are dying and why. They know their earthen places well and can, by example and action, speak eloquently for their ecological needs. Modern naturalists must be both biologically and politically savvy, which can be a rude awakening. How nice it would be to just watch warblers and make little yellow watercolors of them in our notebooks. But I believe strongly that the modern naturalist's calling includes an element of activism. Naturalists are witnesses to the wild, and necessary bridges between ecological and political ways of knowing."

National Audubon and its chapters all across the U.S. offer social opportunities, field trips and programs, and also ways to be an activist on behalf of the more-than-human world with which we share the planet. Awareness of this larger world and enjoying that awareness confers on us an obligation to act on the wild world's behalf. Being such an activist can mean expressing ourselves on political issues affecting wildlife habitat. It can mean managing our property to ensure that it supports wild animals and plants, for example by applying Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program guidelines or the ideas in Russell Link's "*Living with Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest*." It can mean contributing funds and time to organizations that study, protect, or restore wildlife and habitat. Being an activist on behalf of wild life can mean participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count and other citizen science projects. It can mean doing all of these things. Lyanda Haupt's essential idea is that by being attentive to the life of the wild around us wherever we live we answer part of the universal question, "How should I live?"

GOT WOOD DUCK BOXES?

If you have Wood Duck boxes on your property or are maintaining any somewhere else, you can report their use and productivity to Rone Brewer (Washington Waterfowl Association). Rone is maintaining a database of this information, including the 20 years worth gathered by Skagit Audubon member Don Bottles and friends at the Wylie Slough, Skagit Wildlife Area. There's a particular reporting form to use, which you can obtain by contacting Tim Manns: bctm@fidalgo.net or 360-336-8753.



SKAGIT AUDUBON MARCH 2010 HIKING SCHEDULE by Joan Melcher

Five hikes are scheduled for March. Unexpected circumstances such as unforeseen trail problems, weather, snow, land slides, floods, logging, construction, or road conditions may cause cancellations or changes in the following hikes. A hike will be canceled if there are high wind warnings, flooding conditions, or snowy or icy road conditions. If you have questions or want information on any of the hikes, call JOAN MELCHER, 360-424-0407, or e-mail jdmelcher@comcast.net. All the hikes are on a Wednesday. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times.

MARCH 3 LILY LAKE LOOP: Hike the Lily Lake Trail to Lily Lake and North Butte on Blanchard Mountain. Return to trail head via Max's Shortcut and the Larry Reed Trail. It is an 8.5 mile loop, with a 1,600 ft. total elevation gain. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** at the I-5/Cook Road Park-n-Ride. Return to the trailhead at 2:30 p.m.

MARCH 10 GOOSE ROCK PERIMETE: Hike a loop that includes Cranberry Lake, beaches, the south side of Deception Pass, Cornet Bay and a 450 foot climb up Goose Rock. Total elevation gain for the day is 750 feet. Meet at **9 a.m.** in the east side parking lot at Cranberry Lake near the main entrance to Deception Pass State Park. There are 6.2 miles for the basic loop hike; add 4.0 miles if you hike on beach south to the naval station border (10.2 miles). You may leave when your car or people has returned to the trailhead.

MARCH 17 LOST LAKE: Hike to another mirror lake in a rock trench on Chuckanut Mountain. It is a 10 miles round trip, 1,900 ft. to 2,400 ft. total elevation gain, if you start and end at the Clayton Beach parking lot. 9.7 miles is one way with shuttle cars, 1,000 ft. total elevation gain, if you start at the Fragrance Lake trail head at the lower gate on Cleator Road* and end at the North Chuckanut parking lot. **FOR THE 10 MILE HIKE**, meet at **8:30 a.m.** at the Clayton Beach Parking lot at the south end of Larrabee State Park off Chuckanut Drive. Return time for this option

will be 2:30 p.m. at the Clayton Beach parking lot. **FOR THE 9.7 MILE HIKE**, meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the North Chuckanut Parking lot located on the east side of Chuckanut Drive between the Old Samish Highway and California Street. This is about at milepost 18.5. Carpool from here to the trailhead on Cleator Road. *Return time for this option will be 2:30 p.m. at the North Chuckanut parking lot. (**Cleator Road is closed beyond the first gate due to washouts.*)

MARCH 24 PINE AND CEDAR LAKES AND/OR RAPTOR RIDGE: Hike to two very pleasant lakes in the Chuckanut Mountain area. It is up to 9.6 miles one way with shuttle cars. There is a 1,900 ft. total elevation gain. The 1.7 mile uphill route from the Pine/Cedar Trailhead is steep. The 4.0 mile down-hill route via the Hemlock Trail back to the North Chuckanut parking lot is less steep and will lead to Arroyo Park, the Interurban Trail, and finally the North Chuckanut parking lot. On the way down pass side trail to Raptor Ridge. Other hike options are available. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the North Chuckanut parking lot located off Chuckanut Drive just north of California.

MARCH 31 BAKER LAKE TRAIL FROM THE SOUTH: Hike to Maple Grove and Anderson Point. This 8 miles round trip and 620 ft. total elevation gain provide beautiful forests and views of Baker Lake. There will be views of Mt. Baker and Mt. Shuksan, if the weather is clear. Meet at **8 a.m.** on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. There is an estimated 2:30 p.m. return to trailhead. A Forest Service parking permit is required.

APRIL 7 BAKER RIVER: Hike along the Baker River to Sulfide Creek, entering the North Cascades National Park along the way. It is 5 miles round trip, and a 300 ft. elevation. gain. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) is required. There is an estimated 1:30 p.m. return to trailhead.



This column reports submitted sightings. Any rare sightings should be accompanied by detailed written documentation and if possible a photograph. A second person to verify rare sightings is extremely helpful. Do not hesitate to call any observer to help document unusual sightings. Also do not hesitate to call if you need clarification on locations.

Please submit your sightings to **Howard Armstrong**
godwits@wavecable.com or 360-766-6657.

Greater White-fronted Goose 6 near Beaver Lake on 1/28 (TM)



Trumpeter Swans
Photo by J. B. Smith

Trumpeter Swan 7 at Dugualla Bay on 2/13 (GB)
American Wigeon 30,000 at Padilla Bay on 2/7 (GB)
Northern Pintail 20,000 at Padilla Bay on 2/7 (GB)
Canvasback 1 at Mud Lake on 1/30 & 10 at Dugualla Bay on 2/13(GB)
Redhead 1 at Port Susan Bay on 1/23 (SAS)
Barrow's Goldeneye 2 at Concrete on 1/24 (GB)
Pacific Loon 2 at Samish Island on 1/30 (GB) (BK)
Western Grebe 1 at March Point on 2/6 (GB)
Pelagic Cormorant 6 at Rosario Head on 2/7 starting to show white flank patches (GB)
Golden Eagle 1 at SR 20 mile post 100 on 1/16 (LM); 1 at North Fork Access, Fir Island on 1/20 (CA) (HH)
Merlin 1 near Blanchard on 1/30 (BK)
Prairie Falcon 1 at Bayview Edison Road, Samish Flats on 1/30 (BK); 1 at Samish Flats on 2/7 (GB)
Black Oystercatcher 34 on rocks just off shore at West Beach & Deception Pass entrance on 1/22 (DB); 2 at Rosario Head on 2/7 (GB)
Black Turnstone 2 at Rosario Head on 2/7 (GB)

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libbymills@gmail.com. If you have not been getting reminders weekly, you are not yet on the list or your email on our records is incorrectly entered.

Sunday, March 7

Samish Flats BirdNote Field Trip
Meet at Edison Elementary School
Edison, WA 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Skagit Audubon will help host and welcome beginning and other birders from around the region to search for Red-tailed Hawks and other raptors on the Samish Flats. If you know some of the hot spots to find raptors, and would like to share your knowledge and enthusiasm for birds, or if you are one of the beginner or intermediate birders, please come help us show off our area and teach others how to safely and responsibly enjoy the birds on Samish flats. We will also enjoy any other birds we find: from Trumpeter Swans to singing Marsh Wrens. Don't forget your Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife parking pass if you have one. And spare change for the local bakeries and coffee shops after the birding.

Local leader, Libby Mills, 360-757-4139, libbymills@gmail.com

BirdNote leader, Adam Sedgely

Check the BirdNote web site for details. Below is th link:

<http://birdnote.org/birdnote-info.cfm?id=1735>



Western Sandpipers
Photo by J. B. Smith

Western Sandpiper 1 at Samish Island on 1/30 (GB)
Thayer's Gull 1 at Samish Island on 1/30 (BK) (GB)
Glaucous Gull 1 at West Edison on 1/30 (BK) (GB)
Mourning Dove 70 at DeBay Slough on 2/6 unusually high number (GB)
Northern Pygmy-Owl 1 at Clayton Beach home on 1/20 (MD) (LD)
Northern Shrike 1 at Babcock Road south of Clear Lake on 2/10 (TM)
American Dipper 1 at County Line Ponds on 1/24 (GB)
American Robin 80 at Northern State Recreation Area on 2/15 (GB)
American Pipit 8 at SWA on 2/7 (GB)
Cedar Waxwing 10 at Lyman on 2/4 (GB)
Orange-crowned Warbler 1 at Anacortes suet feeder on 2/17 (JB)
Yellow-rumped Warbler 8 at SWA on 1/30 (GB)
Savannah Sparrow 2 at West Ninety on 1/30 (GB)
Brown-headed Cowbird 1 at Dahlstedt Road on 1/30 (GB)
Red Crossbill 8 at mile post-115.8 along SR-20 on 2/10 & 3 at same location on 2/17 (BK)
American Goldfinch 1 at SWA on 1/30 (GB)

(SWA) Skagit Wildlife Area, Wylie Slough

(CA) Cleo Andreason (GB) Gary Bletsch (JB) Jackie Boss (DB) Don Bottles (MD) Mary SueDallas (LD) Lee Dallas(HH) Helen Heneks (BK) Robert Kuntz (TM) Tim Manns (LM) Libby Mills (SAS) Skagit Audubon Society Field Trip

Saturday, March 20

Birch Bay, Lake Terrell, and Tennant Lake

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In late March the water bird diversity in these areas is at its winter peak, with breeding behaviors and plumes coming on. At Birch Bay, we will be searching for waterfowl with some of the key species being Eared Grebes, Harlequin Ducks, Long-tailed Ducks, Brant, and Loons. At Lake Terrell we'll seek more freshwater birds: hopefully some Redhead ducks, as well as passerines. At Tennant Lake we'll spot waterfowl again and passerines, perhaps the swallows and maybe a Bittern. Bird song with the resident wrens and others should be going strong! Bring what you need for snacks and lunch. Be prepared for wind and rain and bring your binoculars, and scope if you have one. We will meet everyone at 8:30 at the Park and Ride East of I-5 (Exit 250) on Fairhaven Parkway in south Bellingham. You can see the parking area on your right as you exit the freeway. As you exit, turn right and then right again into the parking area.

Leaders are Andrea Warner, 360 734-9881 (cell 360 224-9291) and Joan Bird, 360 734-1030.

Samish Island Bird Walks with Howard Armstrong

As weather and time permit, Howard Armstrong leads bird walks on Samish Island for beginners and experts alike. To be contacted when these walks are scheduled, send a message to Howard: godwits@wavecable.com asking to be added to his e-mail notification list.



EDUCATION: SKAGIT AUDUBON SOCIETY STYLE

by Joan Magee

Being a birder and member of Audubon is really a commitment to lifelong education. Besides our ongoing activities as a Chapter, we also get special requests for speakers or activities from organizations such as libraries, schools or senior centers. In addition, we occasionally are able to set up displays for groups such as at the Swinomish Earth Day celebration, school science fairs and others with whom we share a common mission. Two years ago we used the funds from a grant from Soroptimists to provide every 2nd Grade classroom in Anacortes with a Bird Discovery Box. We also have one of these boxes to loan or use with any youth group.

There are many ideas for programs, such as Bird Feeder Cleaning, bird art poster contests, or a countywide Backyard Bird Count, which await volunteers to implement. Please let us know if you have a great idea and would like to help get it started.

One person who doesn't wait to be asked is Joe Halton. He has planned and presented classes for beginning birders in Anacortes and other communities. His very popular series will again be offered at the Senior College in Anacortes, beginning in April. This is the catalog description of his course:

“This beginning birding course will cover all you need to know to ease into birding, whether you just want to get a better grasp of what visits your yard or you want to turn birding into a lifelong hobby. Classes will cover how to select the things you will need for the hobby, how to improve the habitat around your house, how to discourage predators and recommendations for various feeds and feeders. The class will also cover identification of some of the more common birds of Skagit County. If weather permits interested class members can participate in one or more field trips to find and identify some of the local birds.”

Thank you, Joe!

There are also, as you know, endless birding resources on the web. Have you checked out all of these?

<http://wa.audubon.org/education.html>

Education resources as well as information on Seward Park and Dungeness River Audubon Centers

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/education/>

Cornell's go-to site for all things ornithological

<http://www.wos.org/index.htm>

Washington Ornithological Society, for the more-than casual birder

SHOREBIRD SURVEY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PORT SUSAN BAY IMPORTANT BIRD AREA

This is the second year of the shorebird survey around Port Susan Bay (Snohomish County) in which several Skagit Audubon members participated last year. Port Susan Bay IBA Coordinator Kerry Marl is looking for more volunteers to count shorebirds this spring. In March there will be training presented by Dennis Paulson, and then the surveys will be done in April and May. Dennis Paulson is one of Washington's foremost naturalists and author of *Shorebirds of the Pacific Northwest*, *Shorebirds of North America: The Photographic Guide*, and other books. This is a great opportunity to improve your shorebird identification skills and also contribute to a citizen science project. If you are interested, contact Kerry Marl of Pilchuck Audubon Society at (425) 252-5243 or kerrymarl@yahoo.com as soon as possible.



The 2009 Padilla Bay Christmas Bird Count

The 2009 Padilla Bay Christmas Bird Count tallied 127 species and 72,350 individual birds seen. Fifty-one observers enjoyed mild weather conditions and a great day in the field. Noted this year were record high counts for nine species (**bold**). Especially noteworthy is the first-ever sighting of an American Bittern during a Padilla Bay Christmas Count. You can find a wealth of data on our count, as well as others, by visiting <http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/index.html>

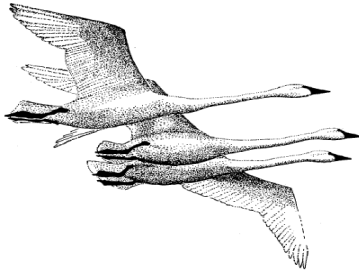
Red-throated Loon	1,147
Pacific Loon	4
Common Loon	68
Pied-billed Grebe	10
Horned Grebe	68
Red-necked Grebe	21
Western Grebe	55
Double-crested Cormorant	642
Brandt's Cormorant	53
Pelagic Cormorant	284
cormorant sp.	176
American Bittern	1
Great Blue Heron	190
Tundra Swan	155
Trumpeter Swan	1,050
Greater White-fronted Goose	5
Snow Goose	153
Brant	2,088
Canada Goose	142
Cackling Goose	2
Green-winged Teal	1,412
Mallard	7,311
Northern Pintail	13,254
Northern Shoveler	38
Gadwall	60
Eurasian Wigeon	5
American Wigeon	16,508
Ring-necked Duck	67
Greater Scaup	384
Lesser Scaup	76
scaup sp.	3
Harlequin Duck	8
Long-tailed Duck	46
Surf Scoter	474
White-winged Scoter	25
Common Goldeneye	227
goldeneye sp.	1
Bufflehead	930
Hooded Merganser	230
Common Merganser	324
Red-breasted Merganser	144
Ruddy Duck	13
duck sp.	631
Bald Eagle	150
Northern Harrier	42
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5
Cooper's Hawk	18
accipiter sp.	3

Red-tailed Hawk	117
Harlan's Hawk	1
Rough-legged Hawk	8
American Kestrel	7
Merlin	3
Peregrine Falcon	11
Prairie Falcon	1
falcon sp.	1
California Quail	30
Virginia Rail	5
American Coot	110
Black-bellied Plover	1
Killdeer	76
Black Oystercatcher	34
Greater Yellowlegs	5
Spotted Sandpiper	1
Black Turnstone	63
Sanderling	9
Western Sandpiper	4
Least Sandpiper	2
Dunlin	5,176
Wilson's Snipe	8
Mew Gull	525
Ring-billed Gull	97
California Gull	6
Thayer's Gull	10
Western Gull	2
Glaucous-winged Gull	1,051
Western/Glaucous-winged Gull	265
gull sp.	639
Common Murre	79
Pigeon Guillemot	327
Marbled Murrelet	53
Rock Pigeon	116
Eurasian Collared-dove	25
Mourning Dove	157
Barn Owl	1
Great Horned Owl	4
Short-eared Owl	6
Barred Owl	1
Northern Saw-whet Owl	4
owl sp.	1
Anna's Hummingbird	9
Belted Kingfisher	25
Red-breasted Sapsucker	5
Downy Woodpecker	20
Hairy Woodpecker	14
Northern (Red Shafted) Flicker	118

N (R x Y Shafted) Flicker	4
Pileated Woodpecker	7
Northern Shrike	3
Steller's Jay	27
crow sp.	565
Common Raven	90
Black-capped Chickadee	267
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	442
Bushtit	64
Red-breasted Nuthatch	86
Brown Creeper	47
Bewick's Wren	39
Winter Wren	165
Marsh Wren	9
Golden-crowned Kinglet	493
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	84
kinglet sp.	1
Townsend's Solitaire	1
Hermit Thrush	1
American Robin	700
Varied Thrush	120
European Starling	5,082
American Pipit	60
Cedar Waxwing	2
Townsend's Warbler	1
Spotted Towhee	282
Savannah Sparrow	1
Fox Sparrow	120
Song Sparrow	607
Lincoln's Sparrow	25
Golden-crowned Sparrow	180
White-crowned Sparrow	55
Dark-eyed Junco	1,484
Red-winged Blackbird	742
Western Meadowlark	36
Brewer's Blackbird	619
Brown-headed Cowbird	3
blackbird sp.	303
Purple Finch	37
House Finch	684
Red Crossbill	12
Pine Siskin	352
American Goldfinch	36
House Sparrow	462
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	72,350
TOTAL SPECIES	127



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March 2010 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb. 28	1	2 SAS Board Meeting: 7:00	3 Hiking: Lilly Lake Loop	4	5	6
7 Field Trip: Samish Flats BirdNote Field Trip	8	9 General Meeting: Social 7:00 PM/ Meeting 7:30 PM	10 Hiking: Goose Rock Perimeter	11	12	13 Field Trip: Butler Flats and Beyond
14	15	16	17 Hiking: Lost Lake	18	19	20 Field Trip: Birch Bay, Lake Terrell & Tennant Lake Area Deadline: SAS April Flyer
21	22	23	24 Hiking: Pine and Cedar Lakes and/or Raptor Ridge	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Hiking: Baker Lake Trail from the South	April 1	April 2	April 3
April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7 Hiking: Baker River	April 8	April 9	April 10



