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FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

By Libby Mills

The Discover Pass

Field trip attendees and all other Washington recreationists need to inform themselves about the new **Discover Pass**, issued by the state for parking on State Lands including State Parks, Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife lands like the Skagit Wildlife Area and the West 90, as well as Dept. of Natural Resources lands. Find info. at <http://discoverpass.wa.gov/>

The passes are issued specifically to a single car and can be purchased for a single day (\$10) or as an annual pass (\$30 - \$35) good for 365 days from day of issue

About the field trips

Beginning birders and their friends are always welcome on Skagit Audubon field trips. Membership in Skagit Audubon is encouraged but not required for participation. Please be prepared for the weather with suitable clothing, and bring field guides, binoculars, and spotting scopes. Carpool whenever possible and contribute to the driver's expense. Watch the email reminders for the late changes and/or additions to the field trip schedule. To be added to the email distribution list contact Libby Mills: libbymills@gmail.com. If you plan to join a field trip some place other than the described starting point, call the trip leader the day before to ensure a successful rendezvous. Trip plans may change!

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FEBRUARY MEETING AND PROGRAM

Lex Alfred Hedley - Birds, Art, and Writing

Tuesday, February 14, 2012
7:00 Social; 7:30 Program
Padilla Bay Interpretive Center
10441 Bayview-Edison Road
Mount Vernon, Washington

Lex Hedley is completing a manuscript for a book relating his experiences as an artist following the annual migration of birds on the Pacific northwest coast. In this program he presents a brief reading from this manuscript and some slide and video examples of his work.



Saw-whet Owl Painting by Lex Hedley

Lex writes, "Birds are an important part of my life, offering me a contemplative, restorative and easily accessible link to the natural world. For me, they create interludes in the rush of life, opportunities to think about the spaces in which they live and to cultivate an awareness of other, wider symmetries of nature, the fall of light on the sea, the sweep of the sky, the stillness of an estuary. In such moments, I feel at the heart of something and I am drawn to reflect upon the profound emotional and spiritual attachment we have to these creatures and spaces that so define and enrich our lives."

Lex has painted North American birds since 1989. He says that he came here from New Zealand to experience the northern landscape and to paint its bird life. His wife Sandra came to complete her post-graduate education, and their daughter Rachel, at five years of age, came because she simply didn't have any choice in the matter.



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Short-eared Owl
Photo by Joe Halton

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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.

Skagit Audubon Society Membership Form

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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Using the form below to initially join the **National Audubon Society** will ensure that the **Skagit Audubon** chapter receives a cost share to support local programs.

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Sometimes I've wished we lived on bigger property near forest or water, but central Mount Vernon has its advantages. For one, there's the rare privilege of hearing Trumpeter Swans traveling on winter days at dusk and dawn between sleeping and feeding places. Even ardent non-birders stop and watch these gleaming giants pass overhead, close enough to hear wing beats. Our towns can seem like islands isolated from the wild world, but birds remind us how permeated with wildness the places we live really are - permeated and connected to vast wilderness, as the places where Trumpeters summer in Alaska and Canada and where Tundra Swans and this winter's Snowy Owls return even further north.

Trumpeter Swans passing the house were the first birds I noted in 2012, calling to each other as they flew over on January 1st even before I was up. Their presence is always an antidote to the disheartening things we read in the media, where slander, exaggeration, and worse substitute for reasoned debate and too often elevate the trivial or tragic above all else. Renewing and maintaining contact with the natural world offer escape or, better, a rebalanced perspective.

Birds are not immune to the effects of politically-charged subjects like land use and energy policy. In the morning the Trumpeters are bound for farm fields where they'll glean spilled corn and frozen potatoes. Those fields and the bays provide habitat abundant enough for Skagit County to host more wintering Trumpeters than anywhere else. Farms and bays are also the key to the presence of those flashing clouds of Dunlin that Peregrines and Merlins pursue. At January's Audubon meeting, Ruth Milner described how Dunlin and other shorebirds use Port Susan and Skagit Bay mudflats at low tide, but depend on the bayside fields for high tide feeding and resting. However Skagit County may have looked long ago, it now presents birds and people with a great diversity of habitats, some good for them and us, some not. As people interested in the wider world of living things, it's appropriate for us to be especially attentive to preserving and enhancing what makes this a good place for both people and wild creatures.

As I write this, a legislative committee in Olympia is considering a bill to eliminate the Growth Management Hearings Board and significantly reduce the effectiveness of the Growth Management Act. Without its protections, the habitats on which Swans, Dunlin, and many other species depend would be severely at risk, and that's just one of many bills being introduced attacking the Act. Also in the news lately is the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, unfortunately not entirely dead yet despite the many environmental threats the pipeline and tar sands oil extraction pose. Mining tar sands in Alberta directly reduces the boreal forest which supports an estimated 60% of Canada's landbirds, almost 30% of all landbirds in the U.S. and Canada combined, and millions of waterfowl, and that is only part of the problem. The price of the avian wonders we enjoy in Skagit County is our constant vigilance and readiness to protect them.



Snow Geese in the Skagit Valley
Photo by J. B. Smith

SNOW GOOSE AND BIRDING FESTIVAL **Feb. 25 and 26, 2012 ~ Stanwood, Washington**

One last February bird festival just south of the Skagit will take place in Stanwood. There are lots of good speakers and field trips for your participation. Please go to the website,

<http://www.snowgoosefest.org/Home.html>

to learn more about the celebration of White Birds, as well as to attend or volunteer.



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Saturday, February 4

Port Susan Bay

Bald Eagles, Shorebirds, Waterfowl

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for Arlington Eagle Festival

The 1st Saturday of February is the annual **Arlington Bald Eagle Festival** with birding at Port Susan Bay, a salt marsh estuary and pond just south of the Skagit Delta. Ron and Sheila Pera will lead birders out on The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) property to look for all kinds of birds from 9:00-10. From 10 to 12 those who wish to stay longer and share their scopes will become the helpers for the eagle festival to teach folks some of the birds they are watching! This is a good place to see Trumpeter Swans in the estuary and Snow Geese working the fields and bay. We'll meet at the TNC property at the end of the Boe road. Go south of Stanwood on Marine Drive and turn west on Boe road, driving to the road end. Bring snacks and hot drinks. Please contact leaders Ron and Sheila Pera if you have questions. skagitmembers@gmail.com

Saturday & Sunday, February 11 & 12

1st Annual Edison Bird Festival

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Skagit Delta town of Edison is staging its **First Annual Bird Festival** with the motto "art, conservation, fascination" and a line-up unique to the town. Read details at www.edisonbirdfestival.com. There are many activities, and in fact it's a two-day fest. Skagit Audubon birders will be helpful by staging on Sunday at the "West 90" for one to two hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. A small bus will be bringing the public from Edison hourly on Sunday. Bring your scope and/or binoculars to answer questions about birding around the area and to help others see the birds. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and introduce newcomers to Skagit Audubon. Please contact Libby Mills to sign up for the hour or two you'd be willing to meet the public at the West 90. It will be refreshing to have some new volunteers! libbymills@gmail.com

Saturday, February 18

Johnson DeBay Swan Reserve

and other sites near Clear Lake & Burlington

3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife's Johnson DeBay Swan Reserve is the only refuge in the U.S. specifically set aside for swans. In winter, our home area hosts Tundra Swans and the largest concentration of Trumpeter Swans in the world. To see hundreds of this largest of North America's waterfowl in one place is a remarkable opportunity. On this field trip we'll visit the reserve and some other sites near Clear Lake and Burlington, particularly looking for waterfowl and raptors. We'll be at the swan reserve before dusk in hopes of seeing the great white birds flying in for the night. Dress for the weather, including possible wind. Bring binoculars and, if you have one, a spotting scope. Drivers need a **Washington State Discover Pass (discoverpass.wa.gov/) or other applicable pass required for parking at the reserve.** Meet at the parking lot in front of PETCO in Mount Vernon just off College Way near I-5. We'll form carpools there. (For information on swans in Washington, go to www.trumpeterswansociety.org/wswg/washington.htm) Leader: Tim Manns: [360-336-8753](tel:360-336-8753) or bctm@fidalgo.net

Saturday, February 25

Sandy Point, Lake Terrell, Birch Bay State Park, Semiahmoo and Blaine

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

If Snowy Owls are still around, we will begin at Sandy Point, then stop at Lake Terrell, Birch Bay State Park, Semiahmoo, and finish at Blaine. Our focus will be on water birds, targeting all three scoters, three loon species, grebes, and Long-tailed Ducks, plus shorebirds, e.g., Sanderlings, Black Turnstones, and Dunlin. Bring binoculars, scopes, lunch, and wind and rain gear.

If coming from south of Bellingham, meet at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools at the Chuckanut Park-and-Ride lot. We'll join the leaders, Joan Bird and Andrea Warner, at 9:15 a.m. at the Arco Gas Station on Slater Road. Take I-5 Exit 260, turn right from the off ramp and you'll see the Arco station on your right. NOTE - Cars cannot be left at the Arco Station. **Drivers will need a Discover Pass for parking at Lake Terrell and Birch Bay State Park.** Leaders: Joan Bird (cell: 360-201-8418) or jbird202@hotmail.com. Andrea Warner, ajwarner@msn.com.



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 for the March Flyer to:
Pam Pritzl, ppritzl@frontier.com or 360-387-7024.

WATERFOWL

Greater White-fronted Goose 1 on Sullivan Rd, 1 on Samish Flats on 1-11 (JB); 1 on Samish Flats on 1-14 (GB)
Cackling Goose 1 on Samish Flats on 1-14 (GB)
Trumpeter Swan 4 at Colonial Creek on 1-11 (RM); 100 in Livingston bay nightly (R&SP)
Common Teal 1 at Edison on 1-11 (JB); 1 at Edison on 1-14 (GB)
Black Scoter 1 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC); 1 at Washington Park on 1-5 (RM)

Common Goldeneye 1 on Volger Lake on 12-25 (GB)
Barrow's Goldeneye 2 at Concrete Sewage Pond on 1-16 (GB)
Hooded Merganser 2 at Corkindale on 1-16 (GB)

LOONS, GREBES

Red-throated Loon 1 at Washington Park on 1-5 (RM)
Pacific Loon 2 at Green Point on 1-8 (GB)
Eared Grebe 1 at Samish Island Public Beach on 1-14 (GB)

HERONS, IBIS

American Bittern 1 at Rawlins Rd on 12-22 (KP)

RAILS

Virginia Rail 3 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC)

SHOREBIRDS

Black Oystercatcher 62 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC); 2 at March Point on 1-14 (GB)
Greater Yellowlegs 10 at the Skagit Game Range on 1-8 (GB)
Spotted Sandpiper 1 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC)
Sanderling 1 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC); 1 at March Point on 1-14 (GB)
Western Sandpiper 1 with Dunlin flock at March Point on 1-15 (GB)

GULLS

American Herring Gull 2 at March Point on 1-5 (RM); 1 on Samish Flats on 1-14 (GB)
Thayer's Gull 17 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC)

ALCIDS

Ancient Murrelet 3 at March Point on 12-28 (RM); 6 at Washington Park on 1-5 (RM)

DOVES, PIGEONS

Eurasian Collared-Dove a flock of 27+ on Samish Island on 1-14 (GB)

OWLS

Snowy Owl 1 on Thomle Rd, Stanwood on 12-31 (JP)
Short-eared Owl 5 at North Fork Access on 1-5 (RM)

Northern Saw-whet Owl 1 on Swinomish Reservation on 1-2 (P-CBC)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird 2 in Camano Island yard daily (R&SP)

WOODPECKERS

Red-breasted Sapsucker 1 in Camano Island yard on 12-23 (PP)
Downy Woodpecker 1 at Camano Island feeders during Jan. snow (R&SP)

FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe 1 in Stanwood on 1-1 (PP)

SHRIKES

Northern Shrike 1 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC)

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo 1 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren 1 at suet feeder in Skagit County throughout period (R&JH)

DIPPER

American Dipper 3 at Corkindale on 1-16 (GB)

THRUSHES

Hermit Thrush 3 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC); 1 near Little Mountain on 1-20 (BK)
Varied Thrush 2 at Camano Island home feeders during Jan. snow (R&SP)

PIPITS

American Pipit 2 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC); 1 at March Point and 1 at the Skagit Game Range on 1-15 (GB)

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler 1 in Camano Island yard on 12-21 and 23 (PP); 1 on Leque Island, Stanwood on 12-31 (JP); 1 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC); 1 at Lincoln Hill, Mt. Vernon on 1-18 (MRH)
Yellow-rumped Warbler 5 on Leque Island, Stanwood on 12-31 (JP); 5 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC); 1 in Mt. Vernon on 1-3 (JH)
Townsend's Warbler 1 in Anacortes yard on 1-3 (HK); 1 near Little Mountain on 1-17 (BK); 2 at Lincoln Hill, Mt. Vernon on 1-18 (MRH)
Common Yellowthroat 1 at the Skagit Game Range on 1-5 (RM)

SPARROWS

American Tree Sparrow 1 at Sauk Prairie on 1-11 (RM)
Savannah Sparrow 1 on Leque Island, Stanwood on 12-31 (JP); 18 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC); 2 at the East 90 on 1-15 (GB)
Fox Sparrow 1 at Corkindale on 1-16 (GB); 2 at Camano Island home feeders during Jan. snow (R&SP)
Lincoln's Sparrow 7 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC)
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Swamp Sparrow 1 at Northern State, Sedro-Woolley on 1-8 (TM)

Snow Bunting 2 at March Point on 12-28 (RM); 1 at March Point on 1-5 (RM)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

Western Meadowlark 30 on Leque Island, Stanwood on 12-31 (JP)

Rusty Blackbird 1 male on Kelleher Rd on 1-14 (GB)

Brown-headed Cowbird 14 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC); 2 males on Kelleher Rd on 1-14 (GB)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH

Common Redpoll 70 on Samish Island on 1-2 and 1-5 (P-CBC & RM); 2 at Lake Erie on 1-5 (RM)

Hoary Redpoll 1 in Skagit County on 1-2 (P-CBC & RM)

Pine Siskin 70 in Rockport on 1-16 (GB)

Evening Grosbeak 8 in Burlington yard on 12-22 (P&LE)

(JB) Joan Bird; (GB) Gary Bletsch; (P&LE) Pat & Larry Edwards; (B&JH) Bob & Judy Higgins; (JH) John Holm; (MRH) Mary Ruth Holder; (HK) Helen Kermoade (BK) Bob Kuntz; (TM) Tim Manns; (RM) Ryan Merrill; (P-CBC) Padilla Bay; (JP) Josh Parrot; (R&SP) Ron & Sheila Pera; (KP) Karen Povey; (PP) Pam Pritzl.

SKAGIT AUDUBON HIKING FEBRUARY By Joan Melcher

Winter hiking continues in February with five hikes. Unexpected circumstances such as weather, logging, wash-outs, 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.

FEBRUARY 1 LUMMI ISLAND

Walk a 7 mile loop on the north end of Lummi Island. Enjoy island, sea, and mountain views. Required is \$7 for foot-passenger ferry fare. Mostly the walking is level. Walking shoes are recommended. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Chuckanut Drive park-n-ride, exit 231 from I-5 on the east side of I-5. There is no specified return time, although most will take the 1 p.m. ferry back.

FEBRUARY 8 DISCOVER OLD AND NEW ANACORTES

Wendy Gray and Mac Madenwald will lead us on a walking tour of the features of old and new Anacortes. Meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot to the west of Anthony's. Anthony's is located along the waterfront to the east of Safeway. The walk is eight or more miles.

FEBRUARY 15 CAMANO ISLAND

Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP) will lead us on hikes on Camano Island. The hike is up to 11.9 miles with shorter options available. Lunch is provided. \$2 is the suggested donation. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in the southeast corner of the Mount Vernon Safeway parking lot or at **8:30 a.m.** at the Blue Camano Center Building on East Camano Drive. There will be a brief orientation there. Restrooms will be available. We will first hike the Camano Ridge trails then move to the Ivy

Drylake Road cul-de-sac, where hikes from there can include Cama Beach trails with a new trail available and Camano Island State Park trails. A shuttle will be available. Those wanting to do Cranberry Lake and the rest of the Cross Island trail back to Ivy can do it after lunch or just leave it out. A **Discover Pass** is required if you park in either Cama State Park or Camano Island State Park.

FEBRUARY 22 CONWAY-AREA DIKE WALK

The dike on the east side of the Skagit River north of Conway is now open to public use. Hike 3.5 miles one-way and then back. Meet at 9 a.m. in the parking area described below. You may leave when you return to your vehicle. Try lunch at the Conway Pub & Eatery? If the weather is clear there will be great views. Birds should be plentiful. From I-5 take exit 221, which is signposted Conway and Lake McMurray. This is also the Pioneer Hwy (SR 534) which leads to Stanwood. Turn west toward Conway/Stanwood and very shortly (100 yards) turn right on Fir Island Rd into Conway. Go over the rail road tracks and in 100 yards turn right on Dike Rd. just before the bridge. Do not go over the South Fork of the Skagit River Bridge onto Fir Island! Parking is available on the left in 200 yards north of the unsigned dike district building.

FEBRUARY 29, SUGAR CUBE AND WHISTLE LAKE

Terry Slotemaker (360-293-6514) or his designee will lead us on a hike in the Anacortes Forest Lands. There are 6.8 miles with a 1,600 ft. elevation gain. Also available, is a 3.41 mile self-guided option just around Whistle Lake. Meet at 9 a.m. in the Heart Lake parking lot off the Heart Lake Road south of Anacortes. You may leave when you return to the trailhead

MARCH 7 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. 8.5 mile loop, 1600 ft. total el. gain. We will divide into a faster and slower group; car pool accordingly. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Chuckanut Drive park-n-ride, exit 231 from I-5 on the east side of I-5. 2:00 pm return to trailhead for the faster group; 3:00 pm for the slower group. Discover Pass required to park at the trailhead.

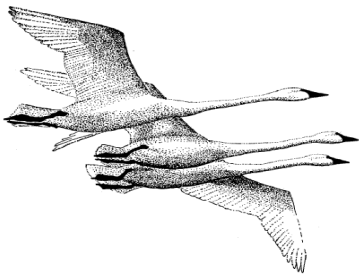


● **Padilla Bay Christmas Bird Count ~ January 2, 2012**

Red-throated Loon	889	Western Red-tailed Hawk	96	American/NW Crow	965
Pacific Loon	2	Rough-legged Hawk	17	Common Raven	132
Common Loon	108	American Kestrel	7	Black-capped Chickadee	171
loon (sp.)	3	Merlin	8	Chestnut-bkcd Chickadee	291
Pied-billed Grebe	13	Peregrine Falcon	5	Bushtit	50
Horned Grebe	144	falcon (sp.)	1	Red-breasted Nuthatch	41
Red-necked Grebe	29	Ring-necked Pheasant	3	Brown Creeper	32
Eared Grebe	1	California Quail	4	Bewick's Wren	23
Western Grebe	300	Virginia Rail	3	Pacific Wren	195
Double-crested Cormorant	532	American Coot	4	Marsh Wren	12
Brandt's Cormorant	46	Black-bellied Plover	284	G-crowned Kinglet	737
Pelagic Cormorant	326	Killdeer	19	R-crowned Kinglet	174
cormorant (sp.)	20	Black Oystercatcher	62	Hermit Thrush	3
Great Blue Heron	178	Spotted Sandpiper	1	American Robin	533
Tundra Swan	89	Black Turnstone	32	Varied Thrush	102
Trumpeter Swan	1101	Sanderling	1	American Pipit	2
Snow Goose	1636	Dunlin	2596	Northern Shrike	1
Brant	619	sandpiper (sp.)	5	European Starling	1974
Canada Goose	298	Long-billed Dowitcher	12	Hutton's Vireo	1
Amer. Green-winged Teal	632	Dowitcher (sp.)	21	Orange-crowned Warbler	1
Mallard	5542	Wilson's Snipe	1	Yellow-rumped Warbler	5
Northern Pintail	16910	Bonaparte's Gull	3	Spotted Towhee	212
Northern Shoveler	23	Mew Gull	598	Savannah Sparrow	18
Gadwall	30	Ring-billed Gull	10	Fox Sparrow	99
Eurasian Wigeon	43	Thayer's Gull	17	Song Sparrow	457
American Wigeon	23528	Western Gull	10	Lincoln's Sparrow	7
Canvasback	4	W. x Glauc.-winged Gull	381	Golden-crowned Sparrow	219
Ring-necked Duck	74	Glaucous-winged Gull	822	White-crowned Sparrow	40
Greater Scaup	145	gull (sp.)	358	Dark-eyed 'Oregon' Junco	1196
Lesser Scaup	197	Common Murre	242	D-e 'Slate-colored' Junco	1
scaup (sp.)	21	Pigeon Guillemot	164	Red-winged Blackbird	1399
Harlequin Duck	3	Marbled Murrelet	57	Western Meadowlark	162
Long-tailed Duck	9	Rhinoceros Auklet	3	Brewer's Blackbird	397
Black Scoter	1	Rock Pigeon	133	Brown-headed Cowbird	14
Surf Scoter	845	Band-tailed Pigeon	2	Purple Finch	41
White-winged Scoter	65	Eurasian Collared Dove	23	House Finch	308
Common Goldeneye	267	Mourning Dove	51	Red Crossbill	5
Barrow's Goldeneye	10	Barn Owl	3	Common Redpoll	71
goldeneye (sp.)	3	Great Horned Owl	4	Hoary Redpoll	1
Bufflehead	989	Barred Owl	1	Pine Siskin	569
Hooded Merganser	181	Short-eared Owl	5	American Goldfinch	35
Common Merganser	385	Northern Saw-whet Owl	1	Evening Grosbeak	53
Red-breasted Merganser	148	Anna's Hummingbird	19	House Sparrow	275
Ruddy Duck	13	Belted Kingfisher	44		
duck (sp.)	3314	Red-breasted Sapsucker	1	Total species observed	131
Bald Eagle	195	Downy Woodpecker	21	Total # of individual birds	76871
Northern Harrier	37	Hairy Woodpecker	10	# of parties	22
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	N. 'Red-shafted' Flicker	94	# of field observers	62
Cooper's Hawk	3	Pileated Woodpecker	3	Total party-hours	160.25
accipiter (sp.)	3	Steller's Jay	7		



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February 2012 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	1 Hike: Lummi Island	2	3	4 Arlington Bald Eagle Fest Port Susan Birding
5	6	7 Board Meeting: 7:00	8 Hike: Discover Old & New Anacortes	9	10	11 1 st Annual Edison Bird Festival Edison, WA
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19	20	21	22 Hike: Conway-Area Dike Walk	23	24	25 Field Trip: Sandy Pt, Lake Terrell, Birch Bay State Park, Blaine
Feb 25 & 26 Snow Goose & Birding Festival, Stanwood, WA	27	28	29 Hike: Sugar Cube & Whistle Lake <hr/> Mar 7: Lily Lake	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3

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