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FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

By Libby Mills

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 latest information, including any 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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Port Susan Bay

with Nature Conservancy

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 or 10:00 a.m.

We meet at the Port Susan Bay Preserve at 8 a.m. To find it drive just south of Stanwood and Highway 532 on Marine Drive NW about 3.8 miles to Boe Road and take a west turn driving all the way out to the end of the road. The Nature Conservancy recently completed an estuary project at the Port Susan Bay Preserve to

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FEBRUARY MEETING AND PROGRAM

Heart of the Distant Mountain: Photographic Flights Across Western North America by John Scurlock

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

7:00 Social; 7:30 Program

Padilla Bay Interpretive Center

10433 Bayview-Edison Road

Mount Vernon, Washington



John Scurlock has been photographing mountains and glaciers from the air across western North America since 2002. He has covered terrain from southeast Alaska to northern California and from the Coast Mountains and Cascades to the Rockies of Canada and the United States. His images have appeared in numerous books and publications such as *The American Alpine Journal*, *Canadian Alpine Journal*, *Alpinist Magazine*, *Ski Journal*, and *Climbing Magazine*. He flies his home-built plane out of Concrete, Washington.

Also a climber and skier, John has spent much time afoot in wild mountainous regions. In addition to aerial photography, he is a committed and talented ground-based landscape photographer, and even photographs an occasional bird. He lives with his seven cats along the Skagit River in Sauk, Washington.

His acclaimed book, *Snow & Spire: Flights to Winter in the North Cascade Range*, will be available for sale after the program.



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American Bittern
On Fir Island, Skagit County
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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Annual membership to the National Audubon Society includes a subscription to *Audubon* magazine. Membership includes all members of your household.

\$20 for one-year introductory membership with one chapter affiliation

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Palm Coast, FL 32142
www.audubon.org

For members receiving a paper copy of The Skagit Flyer, the mailing label includes your membership expiration date in the upper right corner. If that date is highlighted in orange it is a reminder that your membership is about to or has expired. All other members will receive an email notice when their membership is about to expire. The Skagit Flyer is published monthly from September through June. Unsolicited material for the next month's Flyer should be sent to the editor by the third Saturday of the current month. For questions or problems about your Skagit Flyer subscription, contact membership chair: Sheila Pera, skagitmembers@gmail.com



In this issue of *Skagit Flyer* be sure to scan the results of both of December's North Cascades and Padilla Bay Christmas Bird Counts. "Citizen science" projects, involving non-scientists in collecting data of scientific value, have proliferated in recent years. They benefit both the collectors and the scientists who analyze the information. The one hundred and thirteen years of Audubon Christmas Counts comprise the oldest and largest citizen science project. Skagit Audubon has organized the Padilla Bay count for over 20 years, accumulating a considerable data base on the birds of our area. Skagit Audubon member Bob Kuntz meticulously compiles the results submitted by 16 teams of birders (about 60 volunteers) who do this one-day count. For the past 4 years, Audubon Board Member Bob Barry has organized us, recruiting a leader and others to cover each part of the count's 15-mile diameter circle. Alice Turner, who also serves on the board as Program Chair, sees that team leaders have the needed maps and forms. After 4 good years of service, Bob Barry will be handing on the organizing responsibility to a new volunteer. Yes, we're recruiting! Bob has created a streamlined system which a new person can easily pick up. If you've been looking for a limited-time project as a way to contribute to Skagit Audubon, this could be just the opportunity for you. Please contact me, Tim Manns (360/336-8753 or bctm@fidalgo.net).

As darkness fell on December 29th, the Christmas Count participants gathered at Padilla Bay Interpretive Center to share dinner and results. Bob Kuntz led the preliminary tally, which came to 125 species. This wasn't the highest Padilla count ever but still one of the biggest totals in Washington State and a yearly reminder of our county's avian richness. From Pacific Wrens to Trumpeter Swans, Marbled Murrelets to Peregrine Falcons, the Padilla Bay count circle has diversity and numbers sufficient to energize the most jaded birder. Most people little notice birds beyond Robins, Bald Eagles, Swans, and Snow Geese. They would be amazed to learn we live amidst such a wildlife bonanza. Noticing birdlife is surely a way to reawaken ourselves to the everyday wonders all around us. Consider it a gift of the birds. Share it with your friends who, for whatever reason, are not yet birders.

Skagit Audubon's January monthly meeting featured the great photographs many of you submitted and Libby Mills so ably crafted into a wonderful presentation. These pictures really brought home the beauty and detail of the quick and varied creatures we so enjoy watching. Check out the current *Audubon* magazine to see a photo by another Skagit member. Each year, photographers submit thousands of bird photos to National Audubon. One hundred are selected for particular recognition. Two years ago Josh Parrott had 2 photos in that Top 100, and this year he has another. On page 42 there's a thumbnail version of the winning pictures. Notice the amazing Yellow Warbler in the last line, caught with feathers ruffling in the breeze. The National Audubon website has a larger look at this great photo of a familiar Skagit summer bird. Congratulations, Josh!

Road-killed Pine Siskins

In January there were numerous reports in Skagit County of many Pine Siskins dead in the road. On cold mornings after roads were sanded for driving safety, siskins landed on the pavement to ingest sand and the salt mixed with it. The effects of the salt plus the speed of passing vehicles resulted in many siskins being struck and killed. This also occurred many other places in the state and has been noted other years with similar weather and large siskin numbers. For more about this situation, read the January 2013 issue of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's *Crossing Paths News Notes* titled "Can we de-ice our roads without hurting wildlife?" Reach this article at:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/crossing_paths/



North Cascades Christmas Bird Count – December 15th, 2012

Eight park volunteers spent a cold, snowy day counting birds in North Cascades National Park Complex for the National Audubon Society's 113th Annual Christmas Bird Count. Below are the results of their efforts.

– Bob Kuntz: count organizer and compiler

Canada Goose	13	Great Blue Heron	2	Pacific Wren	19
Mallard	2	Bald Eagle	22	American Dipper	14
Ring-necked Duck	12	Glaucous-winged Gull	3	Golden-crowned Kinglet	85
scaup (sp.)	4	Belted Kingfisher	2	American Robin	5
Bufflehead	86	Downy Woodpecker	2	Varied Thrush	21
Common Goldeneye	3	Hairy Woodpecker	1	European Starling	1
Barrow's Goldeneye	15	Northern Flicker	1	Song Sparrow	8
goldeneye (sp.)	1	Steller's Jay	32	Pine Grosbeak	3
Hooded Merganser	5	American Crow	4	Red Crossbill	3
Common Merganser	20	Common Raven	8	Pine Siskin	87
Ruddy Duck	1	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	31	Total # of Species	35
Pied-billed Grebe	2	Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	Total # of Individuals	525
Western Grebe	1	Brown Creeper	5		

SKAGIT AUDUBON FIELD NOTES

By Pam Pritzl

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 Pam Pritzl
ppritzl@frontier.com or 360-387-7024.

WATERFOWL

Greater White-fronted Goose 1 on Samish Flats on 1-12-13 (GB)

Snow Goose 1 Blue Goose with Snow Goose flock on Fir Island on 1-12-13 (RM); 1 young Blue Goose with Snow Goose flock on Fir Island on 1-13-13 (RM)

Barrow's Goldeneye 2 at Samish Island Public Beach on 1-12-13 (GB)

HERONS

American Bittern 1 at the West 90 on Samish Flats on 12-29-12 (RM, Padilla Bay CBC)

RAPTORS

Red-tailed Hawk 2 "Harlan's" hawks (dark phase on Bradshaw Road) and (dark juvenile on Sullivan Road) on Samish Flats on 1-12-13 (RM)

Golden Eagle 1 at Francis & Thilberg Rds on 1-26-12 (RM)

American Kestrel 1 near Jensen Access on 1-11-13 (TWEE)

Merlin 1 just outside Edison on 1-11-13 (TWEE)

Gyrfalcon 1 on Moore Rd, near Dry Slough Rd on Fir Island on 1-11-13 (TWEE); 1 young at Hayton Preserve on 1-13-13 (RM)

RAILS, CRANES

Virginia Rail 2 at West 90 on Samish Flats on 12-29-12 (RM, Padilla Bay CBC); 1 at Campbell Lake boat launch on 1-13-13 (GB)

Sandhill Crane 2 flew over the West 90 on Samish Island on 1-11-13 (TWEE)

SHOREBIRDS

Black Oystercatcher 1 at March Point on 1-12-13 (RM); 3 at Rosario Head on 1-13-13 (GB)

GULLS

Western Gull 1 on Samish Flats on 1-13-13 (GB)

Herring Gull 2 at West 90 on Samish Flats on 12-29-12 (RM, Padilla Bay CBC)

Thayer's Gull 2 near Farmhouse Inn on 1-12-13 (GB)

OWLS

Snowy Owl 1 at West 90 on Samish Flats on 12-29-12 (RM, Padilla Bay CBC)

Long-eared Owl 1 at West 90 on Samish Flats on 2-29-12 (RM, Padilla Bay CBC); 1 at West 90 on Samish Flats on 1-12-13 (RM); 1 at West 90 on Samish Flats on 1-13-13 (GB)

Short-eared Owl 54 (including 47 in a single scan) at the West 90 on Samish Flats on 1-12-13 (RM); 40+ on Samish Flats on 1-13-13 (GB)

WOODPECKERS

Hairy Woodpecker 3 foraging together on Rosario Head on 1-13-13 (GB)

DIPPER

American Dipper 1 at Big Beaver Pond in the Anacortes City Forest Lands on 12-26-12 (MC)

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WAXWINGS

Bohemian Waxwing 1 on 12-14-12 and 4 on 12-27-12 near Cockreham Island (GB)

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler 15 on Samish Flats on 1-13-13 (GB)

SPARROWS

Savannah Sparrow 3 on Francis & Thilberg Rds. on 12-26-12 (RM); 10 on Samish Flats on 1-12-13 (GB); 3 at the West 90 on Samish Flats on 1-12-13 (RM)

Lincoln's Sparrow 40 on Francis & Thilberg Rds. on 12-26-12 (RM)

Swamp Sparrow 2 on Francis & Thilberg Rds. on 12-26-12 (RM)

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restore natural processes to 150 plus acres of tidal marshes in the Stillaguamish Estuary. Staff will be on-hand to describe the restoration actions and lead birding at the restored project area. Our timing for this trip is scheduled to optimize the effect of high tide on birding opportunities. Leaders: Staff from the Skagit office of The Nature Conservancy.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Stanwood to Eide Road

8:30 a.m. to noon

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

Western Meadowlark 31 at the West 90 on Samish Flats on 1-12-13 (RM); 20 near Big Indian Slough on 1-13-13 (GB)

Brown-headed Cowbird 15 on Francis & Thilberg Rds on 12-26-12 (RM); 8 on Minkler Flats on 1-13-13 (GB)

FINCHES

Red Crossbill 6 in Lyman on 1-14-13 (GB)

American Goldfinch 1 On Samish Flats on 1-14-13 (GB)

(CBC) Christmas Bird Count; (GB) Gary Bletsch; (MC) Morty Cohen; (RM) Ryan Merrill; (TWEE) Tweeters.

Meet at the SE corner of the QFC parking lot in Stanwood to carpool. We have found that the birding is good on Port Susan Bay, just south of the causeway that leads to Camano Island. Expect to look for all the usual waterfowl, raptor, shorebird and songbird wonders of the Salish Sea. Bring your binoculars, spotting scope, hot drinks and snacks, and warm clothes. There will be some walking as well as the usual standing and scoping around. We may visit some other roads in the area, particularly if we can still find some Snowy Owls.

Bring Discover Pass!

Leaders: Gail & Steve Aslanian, 425-328-0310 (cell)

2nd Annual Edison Bird Festival

February 9 - 10, 2013

Edison, Washington

This Festival Focuses on the Art, Conservation, and Fascination of Birds!

Avian Artists

Decoy Carving Demonstrations

Live Raptor Presentations

Farming for Wildlife Tours & Fireside Chats

Guided Birding Excursions

Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation

Center Presentations

In conjunction with the Annual Hawk Census organized by Bud Anderson's Falcon Research Group. This year Skagit Audubon is helping support and promote the festival. For festival details go to:

<http://edisonbirdfestival.com/>

8th Annual Port Susan Snow Goose & Birding Festival

Saturday Feb 23 - 10am to 4pm

Sunday Feb 24 - Noon to 4pm

Stanwood, Washington

60% of the Lesser Snow Geese that breed on Wrangel Island, Russia make a yearly migration to Washington. During the winter months they take advantage of the variety of wetland and agricultural plants of the Fraser and Skagit deltas.

To learn more go to:

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



Winter hiking continues in February with four hikes. Unexpected circumstances such as weather, wash-outs, closed trails, logging, construction, or road conditions may cause cancellations or changes in the hikes. A hike will be canceled if there are high wind warnings, flooding conditions, predictions of heavy rain, or snowy or icy road conditions. Call **JOAN MELCHER** if you have questions: **360-424-0407**, or e-mail her at jdmelcher@comcast.net at anytime up until 7:45 the morning of the hike. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times.

WEDNESDAY – FEB. 6 LUMMI ISLAND

Walk a 7 mile loop on the north end of Lummi Island. Enjoy island, sea, and mountain views. A \$7 foot-passenger ferry fare is required. It is mostly level. Walking shoes are recommended. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the I-5/Chuckanut Drive Park-n-Ride. There is no specified return time, although most will take the 1 p.m. ferry back

WEDNESDAY – FEB. 13 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. 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/Stamwood and very shortly (100 yards) turn right on the Fir Island Road into Conway. Go over the railroad tracks and in 100 yards turn right on Dike Road just before the bridge. Do not go over the South Fork of the Skagit River Bridge on to Fir Island! Parking is available on the left in 200 yards, north of the unsigned dike district building.

WEDNESDAY – FEB. 20 CAMANO ISLAND

Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP) will lead us on hikes on Camano Island. The hikes are up to 11.9 miles with shorter options available. Lunch is provided. The suggested donation is \$2. 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. Hike options will be discussed. Maps will be given out. Restrooms will be available.

NOTE: A WASHINGTON STATE DISCOVER PASS IS REQUIRED IF YOU PARK IN EITHER CAMA BEACH STATE PARK OR CAMANO ISLAND STATE PARK

WEDNESDAY – FEB. 27 LILY LAKE LOOP

Hike the Lily Lake Trail to Lily Lake and North Butte on Blanchard Mountain. Return to the trail-head via Max's Shortcut and the Larry Reed Trail. The hike is an

8.5 mile loop with a 1,600 ft. total elevation 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. To get there take exit 231 from the east side of I-5. At 2:00 p.m. the faster group should return to the trailhead. At 3:00 p.m. the slower group should return.

NOTE: A WASHINGTON STATE DISCOVER PASS IS REQUIRED TO PARK AT THE TRAILHEAD

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6 ANACORTES AREA

Wendy Gray and Mac Madenwald will lead us on a walking tour featuring artwork and sculptures of Anacortes. Meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot to the west of Anthony's. Anthony's is located along the waterfront across Q Street from Safeway. The walk will be eight or more miles.

Beach Watchers Winter Lecture Series

**Monitoring Our Marine Environment:
The Fukushima Tsunami and the Pacific Gyre -
What Happens to all the Debris Anyway?
Friday, February 8, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Learn from Dr. Jan Newton how we monitor and study the physical, chemical and biological dynamics of Puget Sound and Coastal Washington and how this data is shared with other scientists to increase our understanding of how climate, natural disasters, and human activities affect our local marine environments. Dr. Newton is the Principle Oceanographer with the Applied Physics Laboratory of the University of Washington School of Oceanography and Executive Director of the NW Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems (NANOOS).

New lecture location: Northwest Educational Service District Building, 1601 R Ave., Anacortes: from Q St., turn on Seafarer's Way, turn right onto R St. at the stop sign and go to the Northwest Educational Service District's parking lot. Lectures are free and open to the public. Sponsored by Friends of Skagit Beaches.

For more information contact Matt Kerschbaum,

cherrytree2@comcast.net



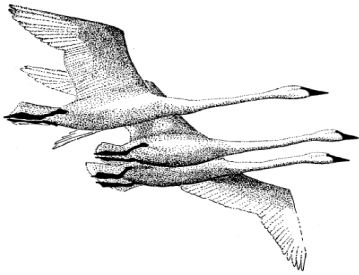
Padilla Bay Christmas Bird Count – December 29th, 2012

Sixty-five birdwatchers spent a cold, rainy day counting birds in western Skagit County for the National Audubon Society's 113th Annual Christmas Bird Count. Below are the results of their efforts – Bob Barry: count organizer, Bob Kuntz: count compiler. No new species were recorded. However, 8 species had all-time high counts for this count circle. These species' numbers are presented in **Red**.

Red-throated Loon	1982	Merlin	9	Common Raven	112
Pacific Loon	2	Peregrine Falcon	9	Black-capped Chickadee	147
Common Loon	93	hawk (sp.)	1	Chestnut-back. Chickadee	378
Pied-billed Grebe	12	Ring-necked Pheasant	17	Bushtit	92
Horned Grebe	67	California Quail	35	Red-breasted Nuthatch	96
Red-necked Grebe	114	Virginia Rail	5	Brown Creeper	56
Western Grebe	16	American Coot	18	Bewick's Wren	21
Double-crested Cormorant	593	Black-bellied Plover	180	Pacific Wren	213
Brandt's Cormorant	49	Killdeer	63	Marsh Wren	4
Pelagic Cormorant	103	Black Oystercatcher	99	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1246
cormorant (sp.)	2	Greater Yellowlegs	1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	101
Great Blue Heron	266	Black Turnstone	99	Hermit Thrush	7
American Bittern	1	Surfbird	1	American Robin	625
Tundra Swan	227	Sanderling	1	Varied Thrush	230
Trumpeter Swan	961	Dunlin	6725	Cedar Waxwing	3
Snow Goose	7204	Wilson's Snipe	6	Northern Shrike	4
Brant	569	sandpiper (sp.)	40	European Starling	2777
Canada Goose	226	Bonaparte's Gull	3	Hutton's Vireo	3
Green-winged Teal	554	Mew Gull	346	Orange-crowned Warbler	3
Mallard	14277	Ring-billed Gull	561	Yellow-rumped Warbler	13
Northern Pintail	13938	Herring Gull	2	Spotted Towhee	253
Northern Shoveler	58	Thayer's Gull	10	Savannah Sparrow	43
Gadwall	18	Western Gull	2	Fox Sparrow	168
Eurasian Wigeon	97	W. x Glaucous-w. Gull	184	Song Sparrow	536
American Wigeon	26565	Glaucous-winged Gull	762	Lincoln's Sparrow	3
Ringed-necked Duck	42	gull (sp.)	987	White-throated Sparrow	1
Greater Scaup	146	Common Murre	1231	Golden-crowned Sparrow	478
Lesser Scaup	150	Pigeon Guillemot	279	White-crowned Sparrow	69
scaup (sp.)	6	Marbled Murrelet	31	sparrow (sp.)	21
Harlequin Duck	8	Ancient Murrelet	7	Dark-eyed 'Oregon' Junco	1662
Long-tailed Duck	29	Rhinoceros Auklet	1	D.-e. 'Slate-colored' Junco	2
Surf Scoter	353	Rock Pigeon	228	Red-winged Blackbird	1039
White-winged Scoter	23	Eurasian Collared Dove	55	Western Meadowlark	20
scoter (sp.)	4	Mourning Dove	60	Brewer's Blackbird	774
Common Goldeneye	284	Barn Owl	1	Brown-headed Cowbird	20
Barrow's Goldeneye	12	Great Horned Owl	12	blackbird (sp.)	1606
goldeneye (sp.)	4	Snowy Owl	1	Purple Finch	17
Bufflehead	1063	Barred Owl	2	House Finch	266
Hooded Merganser	91	Long-eared Owl	1	Red Crossbill	233
Common Merganser	57	Short-eared Owl	24	Pine Siskin	2868
Red-breasted Merganser	231	Anna's Hummingbird	37	American Goldfinch	21
duck (sp.)	138	Belted Kingfisher	33	Evening Grosbeak	5
Bald Eagle	254	Red-breasted Sapsucker	1	House Sparrow	327
Northern Harrier	60	Red-br x naped Sapsucker	1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	Downy Woodpecker	15		
Cooper's Hawk	5	Hairy Woodpecker	10	Total # of Species	129
Red-tailed Hawk	127	Northern Flicker	124	Total # of Individuals	101957
Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk	3	Pileated Woodpecker	4		
Rough-legged Hawk	58	Steller's Jay	27		
American Kestrel	8	American / NW Crow	1084		



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February 2013 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30 Hike: North Chuckanut Mountain	Jan. 31	1 Field Trip: Port Susan with the Nature Conservancy	2
3	4	5 Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	6 Hike: Lummi Island	7	8 Beach Watchers Winter Lecture Series	9 2nd Annual Edison Bird Festival
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