

# The Skagit Flyer

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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](mailto: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.**

**Saturday, February 1  
Arlington Eagle Festival  
Port Susan Bay  
8:30 a.m. to Noon**

We plan to meet at Port Susan Bay at 8:30 on the Nature Conservancy's property at the end of Boe Road. Before the public arrives participants will

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## FEBRUARY MEETING AND PROGRAM

### *Isla Robinson Crusoe: Hummingbirds and Shearwaters*

*By Dr. John L. Bower*

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014  
7:00 Social; 7:30 Program  
Padilla Bay Interpretive Center  
10441 Bayview-Edison Road  
Mt. Vernon, Washington



Juan Fernandez Firecrown  
Hummingbird

In 2005, John Bower, his family and two students from Western Washington University traveled to Isla Robinson Crusoe, a small sub-tropical island 500 miles off the coast of Chile. There they studied the competition between a highly endangered endemic hummingbird, the Juan Fernandez Firecrown, and a recent arrival to the island, the Green-backed Firecrown. His talk will focus primarily on the hummingbird study, exploring how the arrival of a new species can affect the survival of a highly endangered species in a human-impacted island environment.

They also studied Pink-footed Shearwater breeding biology. Pink-footed Shearwaters returned to Isla Robinson Crusoe to breed in underground tunnels they have dug into the side of the steep volcanic slopes, where they are subject to high rates of predation from introduced mammals. Bower will describe research to study shearwater nest tunnel occupancy rates.

Finally, Bower will tell tales of the delights and travails of living and working in such a remote community on a biologically unique Pacific Island.



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## Hooded Merganser Catching Fish off March Point

Photo by Joe Halton

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**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/](http://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

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Skagit Audubon Society.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Clip form/Mail to/Payable to:

Skagit Audubon Society  
P.O. Box 1101  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-1101

Please do not share my personal information with National Audubon Society. (It is the policy of SAS not to share information with any other groups.)

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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# SKAGIT AUDUBON SOCIETY FEBRUARY CONSERVATION MESSAGE

## By TIM MANNIS, CONSERVATION CHAIR

December's Padilla Bay Christmas Bird Count noted the second highest total of birds in the count's 30 plus years. The most numerous were waterfowl and shorebirds on or near the bays. The biologically rich and diverse waters of Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Fidalgo Bay Aquatic Reserve, and Samish Bay support many species of birds, fish, and aquatic invertebrates. Imagine what would happen if tank cars, each with 30,000 gallons of oil, derailed crossing Swinomish Channel's aged bridge, rolling along Samish Bay's shore, or crossing the Skagit River, which flows to Skagit Bay, now designated an Important Bird Area.

Transporting and burning coal continues to loom as a comprehensive environmental, social, and economic threat, but now the spotlight is on oil transport too. There could hardly be worse publicity for railroads, tank car corporations, and oil companies than the repeated catastrophes from Bakken crude derailments. Loss of human life, mass evacuations of communities, and the real possibility of worse as volatile trains traverse populated areas, including our own, have a way of compelling attention. The response that it would be too expensive or time-consuming to speed the upgrading of tank cars and tracks offers no comfort to anyone at risk or caring about the environment. It's reasonable to require these companies to pay at least as much attention to public and environmental health and safety as to profits. If you agree, let elected officials and agency staff know.

Washington Audubon joins 24 other organizations in the Environmental Priorities Coalition to advance a short list of legislation in Olympia ([environmentalpriorities.org/](http://environmentalpriorities.org/)). When this *Skagit Flyer* appears, the legislature will be almost half-way through its 60-day session. Besides the perennial effort to stave off roll-backs of existing environmental protections, this year the coalition's emphases include repealing a half-century old tax loophole that inadvertently reduces oil companies' contribution to the public good by \$40 million, effectively a subsidy. The second priority is to reduce oil spills by beefing up oil tanker tug escort rules, requiring public disclosure of the quantity, type, and transport route of oil shipments, and more. Congress is also beginning to pay attention to the rash of disastrous oil train derailments.

Locally, Skagit Audubon, with its mission of protecting habitat for the benefit of wildlife and people, is focused on the potential for environmental contamination when oil is spilled in transport or unloading. We are reviewing and commenting on permit applications Shell Anacortes is submitting to Skagit County for a rail facility to receive mile-long trains full of Bakken crude 6 times weekly, as the Tesoro refinery does now. Will all tank cars used meet the newest, highest standards for remaining intact when derailed? Will adequate measures be in place all along the transport route to deal with spills and their full range of possible consequences? Will the facilities at the refinery be adequate to manage spills during unloading? These are some of the questions needing the most concerted attention of our friends and neighbors operating the refinery and the corporation employing them. Living here, they no doubt value the environment and its wild inhabitants as we do, and some of them are probably better placed than any others of us to make a positive difference. Nonetheless, we all need to insist on laws and regulations putting health and safety of humans and the environment above profits.



**Anacortes Day School Bird Trip to Anacortes Ship Harbor Interpretive Center with Skagit Audubon Board Member, Irene Perry**





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](mailto:ppritzl@frontier.com) or **360-387-7024**.

**WATERFOWL**

**Cackling Goose** 5 on Butler Flats on 12-26-13 (GB)  
**American Wigeon X Eurasian Wigeon** 1 at Whitmarsh on 1-4-14 (SAS)  
**Red-breasted Merganser** 300 off Bay View State Park on 1-12-14 (GB)

**LOONS, GREBES**

**Red-throated Loon** 600 off Rosario head on 1-12-14 (GB)  
**Pied-billed Grebe** 18 in a compact flock at dusk on Clear Lake on 1-1-14 (GB)

**RAPTORS**

**Merlin** 1 in Burlington yard on 12-15-13 (PLE)  
**Gyrfalcon** 1 seen on Samish Flats on 1-8-14 (Tweeters)  
**Peregrine Falcon** 1 at Big Ditch on 12-28-13 (CEG)

**SHOREBIRDS**



**Black Oystercatcher** 33 on Hope Island on 12-28-13 (PBCBC)

**Black Oystercatcher**  
*Photo by Joe Halton*

**Western Sandpiper** 1 at March Point on 12-21-13 (GB)  
**Least Sandpiper** 30 at March Point on 12-21-13 (GB)

**DOVES**

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** 80 in one small yard along

Calhoun Road on 1-3-14 (GB)

**OWLS**

**Great Horned Owl** pair hooting at Camano Island home on 1-13-14 (RSP)

**WOODPECKERS**

**Red-breasted Sapsucker** 1 in Camano Island yard on 1-9-14 (PP)

**THRUSHES**

**Mountain Bluebird** pair on Farm to Market Road on 1-13-14 (AW)  
**Hermit Thrush** 1 at Rosario Head on 1-12-14 (GB)

**WARBLERS**

**Orange-crowned Warbler** 1 near Hillcrest Park on 1-14-14 (TM)  
**Northern Waterthrush** 1 at Skagit Game Range on 12-7-13 (GB)

**SPARROWS**

**Swamp Sparrow** 1 at North Fork Access on 12-29-13 and 1-1-14 (GB)  
**White-throated Sparrow** 2 seen throughout sighting period at Mount Vernon home (JA)

**BLACKBIRDS**

**Western Meadowlark** 27 at Johnson-DeBay Swan Reserve on 1-3-14 (TM)

**FINCHES**

**Evening Grosbeak** 16 at home near Big Lake on 12-19-13 (CF)

(JA) Jean Ashby; (GB) Gary Bletsch; (PBCBC) Padilla Bay Christmas Bird Count; (PLE) Pat & Larry Edwards; (CF) Christine Farrow; (CEG) Carolyn & Ed Gastellum; (TM) Tim Manns; (RSP) Ron & Sheila Pera; (PP) Pam Pritzl; (SAS) Skagit Audubon Field Trip; (AW) Andrea Warner;

**Edison Washington Bird Festival**

**February 8 - 9, 2014**

70 miles North of Seattle & 20 miles South of Bellingham in the Heart of the Samish Valley.

Register in advance by contacting: [codi\\_hamblin@ncascades.org](mailto:codi_hamblin@ncascades.org)

Volunteer contact: **Tim Manns**, [bctm@fidalgo.net](mailto:bctm@fidalgo.net)

**Skagit Valley Bird Tours ~ Guided by North Cascades Institute Naturalists!**  
**Live Raptors, Bird Ecology, Bird Decoy Carving - Painting Demonstrations!**

Infamous Chicken Parade down Main Street and more!

Details: [www.edisonbirdfestival.com](http://www.edisonbirdfestival.com)



Winter hiking continues in February with four 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, predictions of heavy rain, 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](mailto: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.

**\*Starred hikes require a Washington State Discover Pass for parking your vehicle.**

### WED. – FEB. 5 - LUMMI ISLAND

Walk a 7 mile loop on the north end of Lummi Island for island, sea, and mountain views. A \$7 foot-passenger ferry fare is required. The hike is mostly level. Walking shoes are recommended. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** at the I-5 /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

### WED. – FEB. 12 CAMANO ISLAND\*

Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP) will lead us on Camano Island hikes. Up to 11.9 hiking miles are available, while shorter options can be chosen. Lunch is provided with a suggested donation of \$2. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in the S.E. 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 and maps will be given out. Restrooms will be available. **A Discover Pass is required if you park in either Cama State Park or Camano Island State Park.**

### WED. – FEB. 19

#### CONWAY - AREA DIKE WALK

The dike on the east side of the Skagit River north of Conway is now open to public use. Hike 3.3 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 unless you choose to 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 at 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 yds.) turn right on Fir Island Rd. into Conway. Go over the railroad tracks and in 100 yds., just before the bridge, turn right on the Dike Rd. Do not go over the South Fork of the Skagit River Bridge onto Fir Island! Parking is available on the left in 200 yds., north of the unsigned dike district building.

### WED. – FEB. 26 LILY LIZARD LAKES LOOP (The LLLL)\*

This Loop will be done in a clock-wise order; this order is new for 2014. On Blanchard Mountain hike the Lily Lake, Larry Reed, and Max's Shortcut Trails to Lily Lake and then on to Lizard Lake by way of a connector trail from the North Butte Trail. Return to the trail head via the Lizard and Lily Lake Trails. It is an 8.6 mile loop, with a 1,600 ft. total elevation gain. There is an opportunity to go to the Oyster Dome and the North Butte as well. 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. It will be a 2:00 p.m. return to the trailhead for the faster group and 3:00 p.m. for the slower group. **A Discover Pass required to park at the trailhead.**

### WED. – MARCH 5 THE TOMMY THOMPSON TRAIL (The TTT)

Walk on the Tommy Thompson Trail in Anacortes from the Cap Sante Marina to the far end of the trestle on March's Point (7.2 miles round trip) and, if desired, walk around part of March's Point and back to Anacortes (up to 13 or more miles). Meet at **9 a.m.** at the north end of the Marina near the restroom facility and Dock K. Walking shoes are recommended. You may leave when you return to the starting point.



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bird around the dike trail. At 10 a.m. we will switch hats and those who care to volunteer will take stations along the dike trail and with their scopes or their knowledge and field guides, lead the public and show birds to the Eagle Festival visitors on site. We will break up about noon.

**Important: WE NEED YOU. Please contact me, if you plan to volunteer from ten to noon.**

The Eagle Festival is grateful for our assistance!

**Leader: Libby Mills,**  
[libbymills@gmail.com](mailto:libbymills@gmail.com), or 360-708-6975

**Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9  
3rd Annual Edison Bird Festival  
Edison & West 90 on the Samish Island Road  
Volunteers needed for 2-3 hour shifts  
Between 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.**



**Short-eared Owl**  
*Photo by Joe Halton*

This year Skagit Audubon again has a hosting role in the Annual Edison Bird Festival ([edisonbirdfestival.com](http://edisonbirdfestival.com)). We want to have a helpful Audubon presence at the "West 90" parking lot and viewpoint on the Samish Island Road to meet the public between 10 a.m. & 4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Last year there were many volunteers, and we hope to have another good presence in 2014. We need a list of volunteers who will spend a couple hours with your scope, bird book, and knowledge to meet people dropping by and those arriving on a North Cascades Institute bus. Please contact Tim Manns to sign up with your availability and help people experience the wonders of Skagit birding. Thank you very much!

**Leader: Tim Manns: [bctm@fidalgo.net](mailto:bctm@fidalgo.net)**

**Saturday, March 1  
Padilla Bay to Samish environs  
8 a.m. to noon**

Join Libby Mills to check out her immediate birding neighborhood. We'll look for end of winter hawks and white birds, search for early spring migrants and bring in March like a lion or a lamb. Dress for the weather, we will meet at Padilla Bay Interpretive Center parking lot to carpool and don't forget your Discover Pass.

**Leader: Libby Mills, 360-757-4139 or [libbymills@gmail.com](mailto:libbymills@gmail.com)**

**The Great Backyard Bird Count  
(GBBC)**

**Fri., Feb. 14 ~ Mon., Feb. 17, 2014.**  
Participants count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the event and report their sightings online.

For more info & making reports:  
[www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)

**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL  
Stanwood, WA**

**February 22-23, 2014**

**Celebrate the Skagit Bay Important Bird Area!**

Field trips! Classes! Lectures! Refreshments!  
Sat., Feb. 22, Ruth Milner talks on the importance of Skagit Bay at 4:30 at Masonic Hall in Stanwood

**Skagit Audubon will have a booth at the festival.**  
**Volunteer contact: Pam Pritzl, [ppritzl@frontier.com](mailto:ppritzl@frontier.com)**

For more info: <http://www.snowgoosefest.org>

**2014 Ice Age Floods Institute Field Trips  
(Cheney Chapter)**

**More Info? Contact: Gene Kiver at [froghollow@sisna.com](mailto:froghollow@sisna.com) or 360-299-2759**

**Sat., March 15 – Palouse Canyon Hike ~ 8-miles**  
Semi-wilderness, Strenuous. One-way hike up the spectacular Palouse River Canyon from the Snake River to Palouse Falls State Park. A geologic and local Native-American history emphasis. **Fee to be charged**

**Fri. & Sat., May 9 & 10 - Upper Grand Coulee**  
Fri., 7 p.m. Pre-field trip talk at Eastern Washington University-Cheney (**free**): Sat., May 10. All-day bus field trip to the Upper Grand Coulee to explore the unique geological events leading to one of Washington's most unique and spectacular canyons. Trip leaves from and returns to Cheney. **Fee charged for Sat. bus trip**

**Sat. & Sun., Oct. 11 & 12.** 2 days hiking East Lake Lenore cataract canyon and potholes and Castle Rock hike to a remote section of the Dry Falls. **Fees charged**  
**More information next fall!**



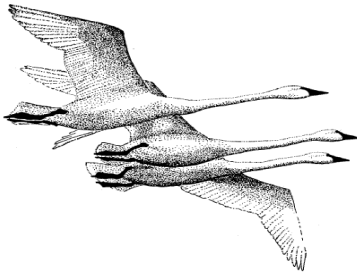
## Padilla Bay Christmas Bird Count – December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Sixty-eight birdwatchers spent a cloudy, but pleasant day counting birds in western Skagit County for the National Audubon Society's 114<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Bird Count. Below are the results of their efforts – Tim Manns: count organizer, Bob Kuntz: count compiler. One species, Barn Swallow, was recorded for the first time and we tallied all-time high counts for this count circle for 14 species. High counts for these species are presented in **Bold**. Total count for individuals was the second highest ever recorded in a year. Total number of species was near the mean (123 species), though, over the last 17 years our annual count has averaged 128 species.

Red-throated Loon	392	<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>	<b>128</b>	Northern Flicker	128
Pacific Loon	11	accipiter (sp.)	3	Pileated Woodpecker	15
Common Loon	108	Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk	2	Barn Swallow	1
Pied-billed Grebe	6	Rough-legged Hawk	15	Steller's Jay	21
Horned Grebe	151	buteo (sp.)	1	American / NW Crow	850
Red-necked Grebe	38	American Kestrel	8	Common Raven	69
Eared Grebe	5	Merlin	7	Black-capped Chickadee	175
Western Grebe	118	Peregrine Falcon	6	Chestnut-back. Chickadee	419
grebe (sp.)	20	Ring-necked Pheasant	1	Bushtit	41
Double-crested Cormorant	253	California Quail	16	Red-breasted Nuthatch	47
Brandt's Cormorant	105	Virginia Rail	6	Brown Creeper	38
Pelagic Cormorant	218	American Coot	37	Bewick's Wren	27
cormorant (sp.)	264	Black-bellied Plover	185	Pacific Wren	235
Great Blue Heron	311	Killdeer	9	Marsh Wren	14
Tundra Swan	5	<b>Black Oystercatcher</b>	<b>100</b>	Golden-crowned Kinglet	539
Trumpeter Swan	317	Greater Yellowlegs	5	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	74
swan (sp.)	419	Spotted Sandpiper	2	<b>Mountain Bluebird</b>	<b>2</b>
Gr. White-fronted Goose	2	<b>Dunlin</b>	<b>20619</b>	Townsend's Solitaire	2
<b>Snow Goose</b>	<b>20519</b>	sandpiper (sp.)	1	Hermit Thrush	3
Brant	1291	Mew Gull	226	American Robin	1164
Canada Goose	375	Ring-billed Gull	243	Varied Thrush	141
Cackling Goose	1	California Gull	2	<b>American Pipit</b>	<b>127</b>
Am. Green-winged Teal	431	Herring Gull	2	European Starling	2853
Mallard	9848	Thayer's Gull	13	Hutton's Vireo	4
Northern Pintail	14563	Western Gull	1	Yellow-rumped Warbler	4
Northern Shoveler	40	W. x Glaucous-w. Gull	386	Spotted Towhee	269
Gadwall	53	Glaucous-winged Gull	916	Savannah Sparrow	44
Eurasian Wigeon	57	Herring x Glaucous-w. Gull	2	<b>Fox Sparrow</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>American Wigeon</b>	<b>51210</b>	gull (sp.)	804	Song Sparrow	719
Ringed-necked Duck	54	Common Murre	173	Lincoln's Sparrow	20
Greater Scaup	445	<b>Pigeon Guillemot</b>	<b>478</b>	White-throated Sparrow	1
Lesser Scaup	310	Marbled Murrelet	129	Golden-crowned Sparrow	338
scaup (sp.)	54	Ancient Murrelet	3	<b>White-crowned Sparrow</b>	<b>292</b>
Harlequin Duck	25	alcid (sp.)	76	G.-cr. x W.-cr. Sparrow	1
<b>Long-tailed Duck</b>	<b>84</b>	Rock Pigeon	335	sparrow (sp.)	1
Surf Scoter	937	Band-tailed Pigeon	1	<b>Dark-eyed Junco</b>	<b>1914</b>
White-winged Scoter	76	<b>Eurasian Collared Dove</b>	<b>115</b>	Red-winged Blackbird	810
scoter (sp.)	29	Mourning Dove	72	Western Meadowlark	103
Common Goldeneye	264	Barn Owl	3	Brewer's Blackbird	1089
Barrow's Goldeneye	4	Great Horned Owl	8	Purple Finch	22
Bufflehead	1481	<b>Barred Owl</b>	<b>9</b>	House Finch	254
Hooded Merganser	78	Short-eared Owl	23	carpodacus (sp.)	2
Common Merganser	319	Northern Saw-whet Owl	3	Red Crossbill	9
Red-breasted Merganser	187	<b>Anna's Hummingbird</b>	<b>54</b>	Pine Siskin	3
duck (sp.)	34	Belted Kingfisher	26	House Sparrow	340
Bald Eagle	241	Red-breasted Sapsucker	1		
Northern Harrier	69	Red-br x naped Sapsucker	1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	6	Downy Woodpecker	24	<b>Total # of Species</b>	<b>126</b>
Cooper's Hawk	10	Hairy Woodpecker	15	<b>Total # of Individuals</b>	<b>144666</b>



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**BIRD FESTIVAL MONTH**

**SAT., FEB. 1 ~ ARLINGTON**

*Eagle Festival*

**SAT.-SUN., FEB. 8 & 9**

**EDISON BIRD FESTIVAL**

**SAT.-SUN., FEB. 22 & 23**

**SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL**

**VOLUNTEER FOR 1 OR ALL!**

*February 2014 Calendar*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29 Hiking: Sugar Loaf & Mt. Erie	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	1 Arlington Eagle Festival: Port Susan Bay Volunteer!
2	3	4 SAS Board Meeting: 7:00 PM	5 Hiking: Lummi Island	6	7 Great Backyard Bird Count through Fri., Feb. 14	8 Edison Bird Festival: Volunteer!
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16	17	18	19 Hiking: Conway-Area Dike Walk	20	21	22 Snow Goose Festival: Volunteer!
23 Snow Goose Festival: Volunteers Needed	24	25	26 Hiking: Lily <u>Lizard Lakes Loop</u> March 5 Hiking: Tommy Thompson Trail	27	28	March 1 Field Trip: Padilla Bay & Samish Environs

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