

# The Skagit Flyer

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## DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS

By Libby Mills

### About the field trips

Beginning birders and 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 field trip 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, December 6**

**Kukutali Preserve**

**8:00 a.m. to Noon**

Kukutali Preserve on Kiket Island is a special place – an easily walked mile-long island with little development, pristine shoreline, and trails through mature forest. Financial and

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## DECEMBER MEETING AND PROGRAM

Potluck and Membership Slide Show

Program Organizer: Libby Mills

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

6:45 Pot Luck; 7:30 Program

Padilla Bay Interpretive Ctr.

10441 Bayview-Edison Road

Mt. Vernon, Washington



Common Whiteface  
Photo by Jim Walker

Please bring potluck food to share. After the meal we will view each other's favorite nature photos, a collective view of how Skagit Audubon Society members have seen nature both here and abroad in the past year.

Send **no more** than 5 pictures in **.jpg** format

Pictures should be sufficient resolution to project well:  
between **300 KB & 1 MB**

Include **Name of Photographer, Description of Subject, and Location**

**Topics** include **Wild Nature, Flowers, Birds & other Animals, Landscapes, Trips, Backyard Habitat, & Hikes**

**Pictures must be received no later than December 1**

Send to: [libbymills@gmail.com](mailto:libbymills@gmail.com)

This show is open to EVERYBODY.

We look forward to an evening of sharing. It's not a contest, just a show!

Thanks to those participating!

## **2015 NEW YEAR WILDLIFE BOOK EXCHANGE**

At Tues., Jan. 13 General Meeting  
**START THE YEAR WITH NEW WILDLIFE BOOKS**  
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**Common Loon**  
**Winter Plumage**  
*Photo by Joe Halton*

## MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTIONS

**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 <http://wa.audubon.org/audubon-locations/>. **To join Skagit Audubon Society** use the form below.

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**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 web site. Membership includes all members of your household.  
\$20 one (1) year                      \$40 two (2) years

I wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Skagit Audubon Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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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.

### National Audubon Society Membership Form

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 DECEMBER CONSERVATION REPORT

By TIM MANNS, CONSERVATION CHAIR

Photos from the  
"Puget Sound Nearshore  
Ecosystem Restoration Project" website



Returning after a month away I was struck by the number of new conservation issues that had joined an already lengthy list. Some are positive developments, others not, but all remind us what an interesting and challenging place we call home. Given the focus of Audubon's mission on conserving and restoring natural ecosystems, one item especially caught my attention. Since 2001, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have been working to identify actions to restore the nearshore of Puget Sound. Over 150 years of development and population growth have altered much

of the sound's shoreline and wetlands disrupting natural processes that support many species of birds, mammals, fish, invertebrates, etc. Restoring the nearshore is essential to restoring Puget Sound.

Though there was nothing secret about the lengthy study by USACE, WDFW, and many partners which winnowed over 500 potential restoration projects down to just 11 (4 in Skagit County), some attendees at the November informational meeting expressed surprise at the whole enterprise. Some people are egocentric enough to be outraged when not personally contacted about whatever. Others oppose anything taking even a bit of acreage out of agricultural production; others oppose change to a favorite waterfowl hunting spot, while others take great umbrage at projects whose budgets won't benefit them in a direct and obvious way.

There will always be opposition to change, and there will always be those who oppose public spending on things they don't like, understand or care about. But if we're to undo some of the effects of past mistakes in land use and leave this place better than we found it, restoration has to be a priority. One of the Skagit projects, titled Telegraph Slough, illustrates how great the changes have been. Turn to page xxiv of *First Views: An Early History of Skagit County* and examine the 1841 map of western Skagit County. Note the extensive tidal wetlands that connected Padilla and Skagit Bays east of today's Swinomish Channel. Changes wrought by roads, drainage, and levee construction have greatly affected these bays and the diverse marine life, including birds, that depend on them. Restoration would undo some of the damage done before people knew better.

Restoration projects involve changes in places we love and are used to enjoying in our own particular ways. We might prefer avoiding the emotional impact of such change, but Audubon needs to see this ambitious plan for what it is: an opportunity to further the very heart of our organization's mission. Habitat restoration is the only way to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the birds and other wildlife we see today as part of a healthy Puget Sound. For more information, go to <http://pugetsoundnearshore.org/index.html>



Sept. 21 through Nov. 13, 2014

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**

**Greater White-fronted Goose** 200 at the Skagit Game Range on 9-28 (GB)  
**Snow Goose** 6 near Cockreham Island on 10-12 (GB)  
**Cackling Goose** large flock on Field Road on 11-2 (AW); 600 over Sedro-Woolley on 11-11 (GB)  
**Canada Goose** 20 in Gages Slough, Burlington on 11-8 (PLE)  
**Trumpeter Swan** heard and saw first of season week of Halloween, Burlington area (PLE)  
**Tundra Swan** 4 at Bryson Road, Sauk Valley on 10-27 (RM)  
**Eurasian Wigeon** 1 at Judy Reservoir on 10-12 (GB)  
**American Wigeon** 18 at Gages Slough, Burlington on 11-8 (PLE)  
**Cinnamon Teal** 1 late bird at the Skagit Game Range on 10-26 (GB)  
**Canvasback** 28 (high count) on Lake Erie on 11-8 (GB)  
**Redhead** 5 (high count) on Lake Erie on 11-8 (GB)  
**Greater Scaup** 1 at Colonial Creek Campground, 4 at Thunder Lake on 10-27 (RM)

**LOONS**

**Red-throated Loon** 2 in east bay Cap Sante, Fidalgo Island on 11-19 (JB, while rowing)  
**Pacific Loon** many seen on sail north of Orcas Island on 10/6-7 (RW)  
**Yellow-billed Loon** 1 in east bay Cap Sante, Fidalgo Island on 11-19 (JB, while rowing)  
**Uncommon**

**OSPREYS**

**Osprey** 1 at Marblemount on 10-27 (RM)

**HAWKS, EAGLES and ALLIES**

**Cooper's Hawk** 1 at Bayview-Edison Road on 11-1 (AW)  
**Rough-legged Hawk** 1 at Farm to Market Road on 11-1 (AW)  
**Golden Eagle** 1 at Sauk Mountain on 9-27 (GB)

**FALCONS**

**American Kestrel** 1 at Estes Road on 11-1 (AW)  
**Peregrine Falcon** 1 at Samish Island Road on 11-1 (AW)

**CRANES**

**Sandhill Crane** 22-24 flying above Skagit River near Conway on 11-8 (KS); 1 reported on Tweeters, Josh Wilson Road, on 11-11 (GB)

**PLOVERS**

**Pacific Golden-Plover** 1 on Samish Flats on 10-26 (GB)

**SANDPIPERS. PHALAROPES and ALLIES**

**Solitary Sandpiper** 1 late bird at DeBay's Slough on 9-21 (GB)  
**Marbled Godwit** 14 (high count) at Jensen Access on 10-25 (GB); 1 at Jensen Access on 10-27 (RM)

**JAEGERS**

**Parasitic Jaeger** 1 at Rosario Head on 10-24 (RM)

**GULLS and TERNS**

**Bonaparte's Gull** many seen on sail in the San Juan Islands week of 10-6 (RW)  
**Franklin's Gull** 1 on Samish Flats 10-18 & 10-19 (GB); 2 at Mann Road, Fir Island on 10-24 (RM)  
**Little Gull** 1 at Jensen Access on 10-24 (RM)

**Unusual for area**

**Heermann's Gull** many seen on sail through San Juan Islands week of 10-6 (RW); 2 seen at Ship Harbor, Anacortes on 10-10 (JB)  
**Mew Gull** many seen on sail in the San Juan Islands week of 10-6 (RW)  
**Ring-billed Gull** 2680 at Mann Road, Fir Island, on 10-24 (RM)  
**Herring Gull** 1 off Green Point, Washington Park, Anacortes, on 10-19 (GB)  
**Thayer's Gull** 1 off Rosario Head on 11-8 (GB)  
**Glaucous Gull** 1 off Rosario Head on 11-8 (GB)

**ALCIDS**

**Common Murre** 80-100 south end of Lopez, San Juan Island and Haro Strait (sailing trip) 10-5 & 6 (RW)  
**Marbled Murrelet** many seen on sail through the San Juan Islands week of 10-6 (RW)  
**Ancient Murrelet** 5 off Rosario on 11-8 (GB)  
**Cassin's Auklet** 1 seen on sail through the San Juan Islands week of 10-6 (RW)

**PIGEONS and DOVES**

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**Band-tailed Pigeon** 5 on Sauk Mountain on 9-27 (GB); 1 at Diablo on 10-27 (RM)

**CORVIDS**

**Western Scrub-Jay** 1 near Cockreham Island on 9-22 & 9-23 (GB)

**DIPPERS**

**American Dipper** 1 at Ship Harbor (salt water) on 11-18 (SAS)

**PIPITS**

**American Pipit** 17 migrating south over Rosario Head 10-24 (RM)

**WOOD WARBLERS**

**Orange-crowned Warbler** 1 at Telegraph Slough on 11-11 (GB)

**MacGillivray's Warbler** 1 at Marblemount boat launch on 9-27 (GB)

**Common Yellowthroat** 1 at Green Road pond on 10-5 (GB)

**Hermit Thrush** 1 near Weaverling Spit, Anacortes on 11-13 (TM)

**Wilson's Warbler** 1 near Cockreham Island on 10-2 (GB); 1 male at Darrington on 10-27 (RM)

**SPARROWS and ALLIES**

**Lincoln's Sparrow** 1 at the West-90 on 11-1 (AW)

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**White-throated Sparrow** 1 at Marblemount boat launch on 9-27 (GB)

**Harris's Sparrow** 1 at Marblemount boat launch on 9-27 (GB)

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** in Burlington yard on 11-8 (PLE)

**BLACKBIRDS and ORIOLES**

**Western Meadowlark** 10 along Fidalgo side of the Swinomish Channel on 11-16 (SS)

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** 3 on Fir Island on 9-28 (GB)

**FINCHES and ALLIES**

**Pine Grosbeak** 1 at Colonial Campground on 10-27 (RM)

**Cassin's Finch** 1 at Diablo on 10-27 (RM); 1 at Burlington home on 11-8 (PLE)

**Pine Siskin** 30 on Weaverling Spit on 11-13 (TM)

**MAMMALS**

**Albino Mink** 1 on Cap Sante's east shore, Fidalgo Island on 11-19 (JB, while rowing)

(GB) Gary Bletsch; (JB) Jackie Boss; (JBr) Jane Brandt; (PLE) Pat & Larry Edwards; (TM) Tim Manns; (RM) Ryan Merrill; (KS) Kathie Schmidt; (SAS) Skagit Audubon Field Trip; (SS) Steven Sutton; (AW) Andrea Warner; (RW) Regan Weeks

## 114<sup>th</sup> (2013 ~ 2014) CBC Washington/Oregon Regional Summary

By Mike Patterson: [CBC Washington/Oregon Regional Editor](#)

*(These excerpts were taken from Mike Patterson's regional summary reported on the internet)*

We saw unseasonably cold weather and early snowfalls in the first two weeks of December which may have affected bird distribution before the count period. Most counts east of the Cascades reported colder than average temperatures and the numbers of species reported in those areas were believed by compilers to reflect the wintery conditions. West of the Cascades the weather was more forgiving and species totals were at or above average values.

We did not see a third year of Snowy Owl invasions. Only one was reported during the count period at Tri-Cities, WA where it remained for some time. The colder than average conditions east of the Cascades failed to produce any spikes in irruptive winter finch species either, with relatively few reports of redpolls or grosbeaks throughout the region.

Species totals west of the Cascades were average with coastal counts and those with higher participant rates doing a bit better than average. Counts east of the Cascades reported lower than average numbers, and generally most compilers blamed the unusually cold temperatures that persisted through the count period. In all, 21 of 41 counts in Washington reported over 100 species .... Sequim-Dungeness, WA reported 146 followed by Coquille Valley, OR at 142. Everett, WA was the second highest count in Washington at 132. East of the Cascades, Lyle, WA posted 109 followed by Tri-City, WA at 108.

Thank you to all compilers who continue the challenging and often uncomfortable task of getting observers to properly document their claimed sightings.



Hikes continue in December with 5 hikes scheduled. Hikes may be canceled or destinations changed due to weather conditions, logging, construction or other unforeseen circumstances. A hike will be canceled if there are high wind warnings, flooding conditions, snowy or icy road conditions, or forecasts of continued rain. All the hikes are on a Wednesday **EXCEPT FOR THE 23rd and 30th DECEMBER HIKES WHICH ARE ON A TUESDAY**. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times. Questions? Contact: **Joan Melcher: 360-424-0407** or [jdmelcher@comcast.net](mailto:jdmelcher@comcast.net)

**WED. – DEC. 3 – EAST SHORE LAKE**

**WHATCOM or STEWART MOUNTAIN**

1. The **East Shore of the Lake Whatcom** hike is a fairly level hike among trees beside the east shore of Lake Whatcom. It is a 6.25 miles round trip with little elevation gain.
  2. **Stewart Mountain** This hike begins in the same area as the East Shore of the Lake Whatcom hike but it goes up hill on the new Beke Trails and on the power line road. Most of this hike is on trail. It is 5 miles round trip.
- For both hikes**, meet at 9 a.m. at the Chuckanut Drive park-n-ride lot. This lot is in Burlington on the east side of I-5, off Exit 231 of I-5. Car pool according to which of the two hikes you plan to do. You may leave when all in your car are safely back to the trailhead.

**WED. – DEC. 10 – DECEPTION PASS AREA**

Hike on trails at Sharpe Park, Pass Lake, Rosario, and Bowman’s Bay for a total of 10.7 miles. There is a 1,000 ft. total elevation gain. Meet at 9 a.m. at Sharpe Park trailhead off of Rosario Road south of Anacortes. Parking is limited at Sharpe Park so, if possible, please car-pool. Joan will shuttle anyone who wants to walk both between Sharpe Park and the park access off the Ginnett Road and at the end of the hike, from Rosario up to Sharpe Park. Contact Joan Melcher (see above) if you need driving directions to Sharpe Park. Joan’s last shuttle will leave Rosario at 2:30 p.m. A **Washington State Discover Pass** is required for your vehicle, if you park in Deception Pass State Park.

**WED. – DEC. 17 – CENTENNIAL TRAIL**

Hike as many miles as you wish on the Centennial Trail in northern Snohomish County. We will begin at Bryant. Some may wish to walk south to Arlington and back.

Others may wish to walk north to the Nakashima Barn and back. It is approximately an 8 mile round trip for either walk. From I-5 take Exit 212, the Stanwood-Bryant exit. Go EAST on State Route 532 to Bryant. Find a parking spot at Bryant. Meet there at 9 a.m. You are free to leave when you return to the trailhead.

**TUES. – DEC. 23 – PADILLA BAY SHORE TRAIL**

Take some time out from a busy pre-Christmas week and spend the morning walking from the Breazeale Nature Center south along the Padilla Bay dike and back, an easy 6.7 miles. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Breazeale Nature Center in Bayview. Leave when you return to your car.

**TUES. – DEC. 30 – DUGUALLA STATE PARK**

The East Shore of Lake Whatcom Hike is fairly level. You walk among trees bordering the lake shore. It is 6.25 miles round trip, with very little elevation gain. Meet at 9 a.m. at the new Chuckanut Drive Park-n-Ride. This lot is on the east side of I-5, off Exit 231 of I-5. Your carload may leave when you return to the trailhead.

**WED. - JAN. 7 - INTERURBAN TRAIL**

Walk off some of those holiday pounds on the Interurban Trail ~ several options are available. There are up to 14 or more miles with a slight elevation gain. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Lost Lake Trailhead parking lot, (formerly known as the Clayton Beach Parking lot) at the south end of Larrabee State Park on Chuckanut Drive. Return time depends on the hike option you select. A **Washington State Discover Pass** is required for your vehicle.

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**A Pacific Biodiversity Institute invitation to Audubon Society Members**

Join Pacific Biodiversity Institute to explore some of South America's birding hotspots and immense wildlands. The expedition, **April 4-16, 2015**, is a chance to visit **3 birding and wildlife hotspots in central western Argentina** ~ 2 exhilarating days at **Mar Chiquita**, a world renowned wetland and bird hotspot. Next see **Andean condors** soaring in the **Sierras de Córdoba**. To learn more about this expedition visit our expedition web site: [http://www.pacificbio.org/expeditions/expeditions\\_south\\_america.html](http://www.pacificbio.org/expeditions/expeditions_south_america.html)



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in kind support from Skagit Audubon contributed a bit to the huge effort culminating in the island's addition to Deception Pass State Park under the joint management of Washington State Parks and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. The preserve, within the Swinomish Indian Reservation, provides habitat for a good variety of upland and wetland birds and a vantage point for observing waterfowl and seabirds. Read about Kukutali reserve at: <https://swinomish-nsn.gov/resources/environmental-protection/kukutali-preserve/visiting-kukutali.aspx>.

Because parking is very limited at the preserve, we will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the **March Point Park and Ride** one-half mile east of Sharpe's Corner just off Highway 20. Dress for the weather and for walking about 2 miles on roads and trails. Bring binoculars, bird book, and a scope if you have one. **Leader: Gary Bletsch, contact at [garybletsch@yahoo.com](mailto:garybletsch@yahoo.com) or 360-630-3988**

**Saturday, December 13  
Weaverling Spit  
8:30 a.m. to about noon**



American Wigeon  
*Photo by Ron Holmes*

This is a good trip for beginners. Weaverling Spit, at the south end of Fidalgo Bay, is a good place to start viewing winter water birds and exploring the woodland on the spit. Also, we will walk out along the trestle and explore the marsh at the RV park. If time allows, we will visit the woods north of the nearby condominiums along the Tommy Thompson Trail ~ a good place to see some forest dwellers. Meet at the parking lot at the conference center at Fidalgo Bay RV resort. Coming from the east on Highway 20, turn off onto Fidalgo Bay Road (the first exit on the right after the Whidbey Island turnoff). From Anacortes, go east from R Ave. on 34th, turn right on V Ave. and that becomes Fidalgo Bay Road. From Fidalgo Bay Road turn into the RV park and continue past the Tommy Thompson trail and the RV area to the parking lot by the conference center building. This is an easy walking trip and a good place to bring

spotting scopes to view birds on the bay.

**Leaders: Cindy & Jack Richardson  
Cindy: 360-708-5617; Jack: 360-708-5661**

**Saturday, December 20  
Christmas Bird Count:  
North Cascades National Park  
6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Each year the National Park Service conducts a Christmas Bird Count centered on Newhalem along the North Cascades Highway. Species are few but



Gray Jay

*Photo by Joe Halton*

often include surprises and ones not seen in the downriver world. When the weather is good, the scenery makes this about the most beautiful count you could hope to do close to home. It may also still be the only Christmas Count taking place in Washington's Cascade Mountains, giving even greater importance to the data gathered. Participants meet at National Park Service headquarters, 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, at 6:30 a.m. If you want to participate or if you have questions about this count, **Please Contact: Bob Kuntz at 360-424-9099 or [annebobkuntz@gmail.com](mailto:annebobkuntz@gmail.com)**

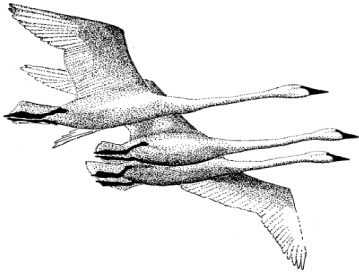
**Saturday, December 27  
Christmas Bird Count: Padilla Bay  
All day, followed by a potluck dinner**

The annual Padilla Bay Christmas Bird Count takes place this year on Saturday, December 27. Volunteers are needed to help with this valuable – and fun – endeavor. Some teams start before dawn to count owls, while others brave the elements from first light to dusk. Christmas Count data collected by citizen scientists over more than a century document bird population trends over time. Plan to spend the day birding, and then – as a bonus – enjoy a potluck dinner and good company at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center. After dinner we tally the day's observations, and swap fun stories (some of them true!). To participate and for details regarding times, places, and area assignments, please contact:

**Tim Manns [bctm@fidalgo.net](mailto:bctm@fidalgo.net)  
or 360-336-8753 no later than Dec. 21**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NORTH CASCADES  
NATIONAL PARK  
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT  
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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT  
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**BRING YOUR READ BOOKS!**  
**TAKE HOME NEW ONES!**

*December 2014 Calendar*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Nov. 30	1	2 SAS Board Meeting: 7:00 PM	3 Hike: East Shore of Lake Whatcom or Stewart Mountain	4	5	6 Field Trip: Kukutali Preserve
7	8	9 General Meeting: Social 7:00 PM/ Meeting 7:30 PM	10 Hike: Deception Pass Area	11	12	13 Field Trip: Weaverling Spit
14	15	16	17 Hike: Centennial Trail	18	19	20 N CASCADES NAT'L PARK CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
21	22	23 Hike: Padilla Bay Shore Trail	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27 PADILLA BAY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
28	29	30 Hike:	31 New Year's Eve Jan. 7 Hike: Interurban Trail	Jan. 1 New Year's Day	Jan. 2	Jan. 3

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