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MARCH 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.

Saturday, March 5 Butler Flats and Beyond 8:30 a. m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meet at 8:30 a.m. for a morning exploration from Cook Road to Butler Flats and Pomona Grange for some signs of early spring. We'll hope to mix it up between a few raptors, water birds at the marsh and songbirds in the forest. Please meet at the park and ride on Highway 99 south of Cook Road toward the south end of the parked cars.

Leader: Libby Mills, 360-708-6975,
libbymills@gmail.com

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MARCH MEETING AND PROGRAM

"Bird Feathers: A Guide to North American Species" By Dave Scott

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
7:00 Social; 7:30 Program
Padilla Bay Interpretive Center
10433 Bayview-Edison Road
Mount Vernon, Washington



Authors Dave Scott & Casey McFarland
With California Condor Feathers at the Burke Museum.

Explore bird feather identification with Dave Scott, co-author of the newly released field guide *"Bird Feathers: A Guide to North American Species."* Learn to use feather shape, morphology, and color to identify individual flight feathers found in the field. Whether you are an ornithologist, master birder, or just enjoy spending time outdoors, this presentation will draw you into an exciting facet of the natural world, feather identification. Autographed field guides will be available for purchase at the event.

Dave Scott is a skilled wildlife tracker and naturalist, who has been involved in environmental education since 2003. Dave's focus, as an educator, is to help his students reconnect with the natural world. He currently instructs at the Wilderness Awareness School and Alderleaf Wilderness College teaching courses on bird feather identification, wildlife tracking, wilderness survival, and ecology.



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CALIFORNIA CONDOR

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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 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

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

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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.

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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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



A mid-February Skagit Audubon trip took nine of us to Sharpe Park and Rosario Head near Deception Pass. When we spotted Harlequins in their usual spot beyond Rosario Beach, one participant remarked, "It's a good day when you see both a Wood Duck (as we had at Sharpe Park) and Harlequins." Add to those striking birds Hooded and Red-breasted Mergansers, hundreds, possibly thousands, of Red-throated Loons riding the Deception Pass currents, Black Oystercatchers, Black Turnstones, 3 species of Cormorants, and we could readily declare it another great Skagit day. Earlier in February, the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife's survey found over 9,000 swans in the county, three-quarters of them Trumpeters and the rest Tundras. Right now multiple flocks of thousands of Snow Geese resemble fresh snow on Fir Island fields. Raptors are abundant on the Samish Flats. The winter bird show is in full swing, but anticipation is in the air too; the whole fantastic avian scene is about to shift. A few Barn and Tree Swallows have been reported. As this *Skagit Flyer* issue comes out, Rufous Hummingbirds and other early migrants will be reappearing from the south even as all the winter company starts northward.

We want this seasonal cycle of life to go on forever. At the least, we don't want to contribute to its demise. There's a lot we can do, a lot we need to do, to ensure that the earth's birdlife endures, for its own sake as well as for our enjoyment and well-being. Here in Washington State, the legislature is in session and facing the daunting task of balancing the budget. Realistically, it's not the time to look for increased public spending to protect the environment, but it is realistic to

Raptor Perches Planted at the West-90!

The place birders know as the West-90, where the road to Samish Island takes a sharp northward turn, has been one of the must-visit places for raptor watching for years now. Distant fence posts get a lot of attention, and a good spotting scope is pretty much a necessity for seeing the birds. Skagit Audubon member Joe Halton organized a project in February to increase the watchable wildlife opportunities at the West-90 for photographers and those not equipped with stronger optics. With permission from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Joe and other volunteers transported two large Madrona limbs (windfall from Washington Park obtained with the park's permission) to the West-90. On February 7 they installed two as raptor perches within good viewing distance of the parking lot and will install a third near the closest pond when the water level recedes. Helping Joe with this project were Belinda Schuster (Assistant Manager, Skagit Wildlife Area), Bill Testerman, and Warren Tessler. Four days after installation, Joe stopped by the West-90 and spotted a Bald Eagle using the first perch installed. Success! **Thank you, Joe, Belinda, Bill, and Warren!**

speaking out for preserving core environmental programs and for devising new ways of supporting what needs to be done. We should all be willing, for example, to contribute a fee when we use our state parks and other public lands. It's reasonable to expect companies that supply petroleum products and other potentially hazardous substances to pay for adequate oil spill protection and to reduce toxic stormwater runoff that pollutes Puget Sound. As consumers, in the end we pay these costs whether through direct taxation or increased prices, but that's what it takes for a large human population to live as we do and still share the world with wild creatures such as birds. Audubon as an organization has always tried to see this larger picture - - not just birds in imaginary isolation from everything else happening in the world.

For Audubon to continue acting in support of the natural world and a healthy environment for all, it needs to thrive as an organization. It is the only environmental group with a presence all across Washington State. Every one of Washington's 26 Audubon chapters depends heavily, and most depend entirely, on volunteers. Skagit Audubon continues from year to year because members volunteer to lead field trips, organize programs, provide meeting refreshments, and serve on the board. Board terms are just one year, and many members have served several or many. If you'd like to support Audubon by joining the Skagit Audubon Board (a welcoming group, your friends and neighbors!) or helping in other ways, please contact me, Tim Manns, at 360-336-8753 or bctm@fidalgo.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Help Build A Local Bird Photo Bank!

February's annual "Picture Potpourri," meeting, where local Skagit Audubon Society members submit their favorite bird photos for show, was a great success! For me it's a monthly struggle to find non-copyrighted photos to augment our *Flyer* articles. The idea flashes, "Let's build a **Local Bird Photo Bank!**" Please consider contributing to our **Local Bird Photo Bank**. Give me (Jackie Boss) a call at 360-299-8067 or email me at jackieaboss@yahoo.com. It would be great to hear from you!

Burke Museum: The Owl & the Woodpecker

From March 19 to August 7, 2011, the **Burke Museum** will premiere a new exhibit of conservation photography, based on the book "*The Owl and the Woodpecker*," by acclaimed nature photographer and environmental conservationist, **Paul Bannick**.



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 at Anacortes Street Pond in Burlington on 1/23 (GB)
Cackling Goose 3 with 197 other smallish Branta geese at Anacortes Street Pond in Burlington on 1/23 (GB)
Wood Duck 1 drake at Sharpe Park on 2/13 (SAS)
Hybrid American Wigeon x Eurasian Wigeon 1 drake at Bay View SP on 2/13 (GB)
Northern Shoveler 4 at Anacortes Street Pond in Burlington on 1/23 (GB)
Barrow's Goldeneye 3 at Rasar SP on 1/22 (SAS)

LOONS, GREBES

Red-throated Loon hundreds off Deception Pass SP on 2/13 (SAS)
Pacific Loon 1 at Samish Island Public Beach on 2/13 (GB)

CORMORANTS

Brandt's Cormorant more than 10 in breeding plumage at Bowman Bay on 2/13 (SAS)
Pelagic Cormorant 8 (one showing white flank patches) at Green Point on 2/13 (GB)

HERONS, IBIS

Great Egret 1 seen from Eide Rd, Stanwood on 1/28 (via JB)

RAPTORS

Merlin 1 near Cockreham Island on 2/14 (GB)
Peregrine Falcon 1 near Cockreham Island on 2/13 (GB)

CRANES

Sandhill Crane 1 on Samish Flats on 2/12 (MD); 1 on Samish Flats on 2/13 (GB and others); 1 on Samish Flats on 2/15 (JB, MB)

SHOREBIRDS

Black Oystercatcher 7 at Green Point on 2/5 (GB)
Greater Yellowlegs 2 at Wylie Slough on 2/15 (JB, MB)
Black Turnstone 2 at Rosario Head on 2/5 (GB); 2 near Rosario Beach, Deception Pass SP on 2/13 (SAS)

JAEGERS, GULLS

Thayer's Gull 1 north of Conway on 2/22 (SAS)
Western Gull 2 at March Point on 2/5 (GB)

Glaucous Gull 1 at Janicki Fields (Sedro- Woolley) on 2/6 (GB)

ALCIDS

Rhinoceros Auklet 1 at Green Point on 2/5 (GB)

DOVES, PIGEONS

Eurasian Collared-Dove 4 at Josh Wilson Rd and Bayview Edison Rd on 1/25 (JW)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird 1 at Ship Harbor on 2/13 (GB)



Hummingbird Feeding
From NOAA Photo Library

WOODPECKERS

Hairy Woodpecker 1 at Lake Erie on 2/5 (GB)

FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe 1 at Wylie Slough on 1/22 (GB); 1 at Wylie Slough on 2/12 (GB); 1 at Wylie Slough on 2/15 (JB, MB)

SHRIKES

Northern Shrike 1 at the East 90 on 1/25 (JW)

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo 1 at home on Camano Island on 2/13 (PP); 1 at Breazeale on 2-13 (GB)

SWALLOWS

Tree Swallow several at Port Susan Bay on 2-5 (SAS); several at Wylie Slough on 2-15 (JB, MB)



Tree Swallow
Photo by Vickie Anderson

Barn Swallow several at Port Susan Bay on 2-5 (SAS); 5 at Skagit Game Range on 2-12 (GB); 3 at Wylie Slough on 2-13 (VA)

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WRENS

Rock Wren 1 found by PD, at base of Burlington Hill on 1/25 (GB and others)

DIPPER

American Dipper 1 singing at Rasar SP on 1/22 (SAS)

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler 1 on Butler Flats on 1/23 (GB)

Yellow-rumped Warbler several at Wylie Slough on 2/15 (JB, MB)

SPARROWS

Savannah Sparrow 6 on Samish flats on 1/23 (GB)

Lincoln's Sparrow 2 at Iverson Spit, Camano Island on 2/10 (PP)

Golden-crowned Sparrow 4 at home on Camano Island (SP, RP)

White-throated Sparrow 2 near Cockreham Island throughout period (GB)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

Western Meadowlark several seen at Rawlins Road on 2/10 (JH)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH

Red Crossbill 12 at Breazeale on 2/13 (GB)

Evening Grosbeak 6 regularly seen at Burlington home from 1/24 (LE), flock continuing at Camano Island home (SP, RP)

(VA) Vickie Anderson; (JB) Joan Bird; (MB) Mitch Blanton; (GB) Gary Bletsch; (PD) Paul DeBruvn; (MD) Mike Donahue; (LE) Larry Edwards; (JH) Jeanne Hayes; (PP) Pam Pritzl; (RP) Ron Pera; (SP) Sheila Pera; (SAS) Skagit Audubon Society Field Trip; (JW) Jim Walker

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Saturday, March 12
Samish Island Field Trip
8: a. m. to 12:00 p.m.

Meet at Howard Armstrong's home located on Samish Island at 10833 Halloran Road. Feel free to park in Howard's driveway to leave room for public parking across the street. Plan to bird and walk about 3 miles at a slow pace. We'll look for the usual common land birds and seabirds with a chance for Peregrine Falcon and other raptors. This walk is good for beginners as well as birders of all abilities. Conditions permitting, you may have a chance to work on your bird song ID skills too as the sun pushes toward equinox. Dress appropriately for an outdoor walk, and bring your favorite birding gear. Leader: Howard Armstrong (360-766-6657)

Saturday, March 19
9th Annual "Wings Over Water"
10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Keynote Speaker: Frank S. Todd at 5 p.m.

Northwest Birding Festival, in **Blaine, Washington** ~ This is not a **Skagit Audubon Field trip** but a nearby bird event. The festival location is at the Blaine Middle School Cafeteria: I-5 Exit 275, 975 H Street, Blaine. For more information: <http://www.blainechamber.com/wow/>



Sunday, March 20
Wiley Slough and Fir Island
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Meet at the Wiley Slough east parking lot with your Washington Dept. Fish & Wildlife parking pass. Explore Fir Island for spring migrants and waterfowl. Details to follow in field trip emails. Leader Tim Manns: bctm@fidalgo.net or 360-336-8753

Saturday, March 26
Washington Park, west of Anacortes
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

This bird walk will be geared to beginning birders, but those with more experienced will see plenty as well. Being on a paved road (closed to cars until 10:00 a.m.), it is especially suited to folks who have difficulty walking on rugged trails. The first half mile is level, so anyone with limited mobility or in a wheelchair is invited to join the group this part of the walk. The loop road runs through fir forests along the edge of Guemes Channel and Burrows Channel, providing opportunities to view the sea birds (pigeon guillemots, cormorants, marbled murrelets, black oystercatchers, harlequin ducks, great blue herons, various gulls, surf scoters, red necked grebes, and others are likely) - as well as the various sparrows, wrens, chickadees, kinglets, woodpeckers and other forest birds.

We'll meet at 8:30 in the parking area near the restrooms (just past the boat trailer lot) and plan on about two hours to walk the loop road. After that, if time permits, those who wish may drive with us to other Fidalgo Island birding sites.

To get to Washington Park, follow the San Juan Ferry signs through Anacortes (at the roundabout go north on Commercial to 12th, then west on 12th, which becomes Oakes Ave.). At the traffic light just above the ferry, keep to the left and continue on Sunset Ave. to its end at the park. Bring your binoculars (and scope if you have one) and dress for the weather. We'll go rain or shine.

Leaders: Jack and Cynthia Richardson, email: richrson@cnw.com



Five hikes are scheduled for March. Unexpected circumstances such as unforeseen trail problems, weather, snow, land slides, floods, logging, construction, or road conditions may cause cancellations or changes in the following hikes. A hike will be canceled if there are high wind warnings, flooding conditions, land slides, 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 at jdmelcher@comcast.net. All the hikes are on a Wednesday. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times.

MARCH 2 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. The hike is a 8.5 mile loop with 1,600 ft. total elevation gain. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the I-5/Cook Road Park-n-Ride. 2:30 p.m. is the return to trailhead time.

MARCH 9 GOOSE ROCK PERIMETER HIKE

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

MARCH 16 SHAW ISLAND

A loop hike on Shaw Island with a 300 ft. total elevation gain, stopping for lunch at Hoffman Cove and visiting a San Juan Island County park. Depending on your route, there is anywhere from 5.6 to 8.4 miles. Round trip foot passenger fare is required. Meet at the Anacortes/San Juan Islands Ferry Terminal, 2100 East Ferry Road (follow 12th St. west from Commercial Ave.). Allow ample time to find parking. One must pay to park at the terminal ,so you may wish to pool rides. Ferry departure time is 7:40 a.m. **NOTE EARLY FERRY TIME.** Return ferry times from Shaw to Anacortes are 12:20 or 4:15 pm.

MARCH 23 PINE AND CEDAR LAKES AND/OR RAPTOR RIDGE

Hike to two very pleasant lakes in the Chuckanut Mountain area. It is up to 9.6 miles one way with shuttle cars with a 1,900 ft. total elevation gain. The 1.7 mile uphill route from the Pine/Cedar Trailhead is steep. The 4.0 mile down-hill route via the Hemlock Trail back to the North Chuckanut parking lot is less steep and will lead to Arroyo Park, the Interurban Trail, and finally the North Chuckanut parking lot. On the way down pass the side trail to Raptor Ridge. Other hike options available. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the North Chuckanut parking lot located off Chuckanut Drive just north of California Street at about milepost 18.5. There is a 2 p.m. return to the North Chuckanut lot ,if the weather is poor; 2:30 p.m. return if the weather is sunny. Drivers will be shuttled back to their cars.

MARCH 30 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 am at the Soroptimist Station Tommy Thompson Trail parking lot. (From Highway 20, enter Anacortes on R Avenue, take a right on 30th Street; you will be heading east. Go two blocks and park in the Soroptimist Station lot or on the street if the lot is full.) The hike will be eight or more miles.

APRIL 6 BAKER RIVER

Hike along the Baker River to Sulfide Creek, entering the North Cascades National Park along the way. The hike is 5 miles round trip with 300 ft. elevation gain. Meet at 8:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. A Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) required. 1:30 p.m. is return time to the trailhead.

2010 PADILLA BAY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Bob Barry & Alice Turner, Count Organizers

Bob Kuntz, Count Compiler

Sixty-nine participants in the 2010 Padilla Bay CBC enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day. Record high counts of 18 species were reported (**bolded**). Especially noteworthy was the first-ever sighting of a Northern Goshawk. You can find a wealth of data on our count, as well as others, by visiting <http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/index.html>

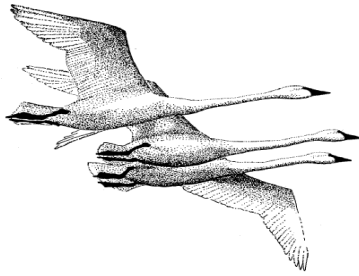
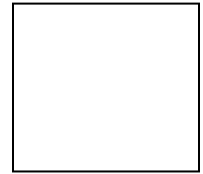
Red-throated Loon	1080	Northern Goshawk	1	Belted Kingfisher	28
Pacific Loon	19	accipter (sp.)	4	Red-breasted Sapsucker	7
Common Loon	70	Western Red-tailed Hawk	121	Downy Woodpecker	24
loon (sp.)	4	Harlan’s Red-tailed Hawk	1	Hairy Woodpecker	11
Pied-billed Grebe	5	Rough-legged Hawk	21	Northern (Red Shafted) Flicker	135
Horned Grebe	107	buteo (sp.)	2	Pileated Woodpecker	5
Red-necked Grebe	28	American Kestrel	4	Steller's Jay	28
Western Grebe	468	Merlin	12	American/Northwest Crow	283



Double-crested Cormorant	464	Peregrine Falcon	21	Common Raven	204
Brandt's Cormorant	48	Prairie Falcon	1	Black-capped Chickadee	186
Pelagic Cormorant	144	falcon (sp.)	1	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	418
cormorant (sp.)	73	Ring-necked Pheasant	52	Bushtit	76
Great Blue Heron	210	California Quail	17	Red-breasted Nuthatch	170
Tundra Swan	9	Virginia Rail	5	Brown Creeper	38
Trumpeter Swan	120	American Coot	10	Bewick's Wren	40
swan (sp.)	520	Black-bellied Plover	72	Pacific Wren	173
Snow Goose	41	Killdeer	63	Marsh Wren	10
Brant	491	Black Oystercatcher	70	Golden-crowned Kinglet	440
Canada Goose	307	Greater Yellowlegs	14	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	39
Cackling Goose	2	Spotted Sandpiper	2	Townsend's Solitaire	1
American. Green-winged Teal	632	Black Turnstone	157	Hermit Thrush	20
Mallard	6211	Sanderling	2	American Robin	686
Northern Pintail	20887	Western Sandpiper	11	Varied Thrush	237
Northern Shoveler	2	Least Sandpiper	41	American Pipit	35
Gadwall	40	Dunlin	10928	Bohemian Waxwing	1
Eurasian Wigeon	9	sandpiper (sp.)	7	Northern Shrike	7
American Wigeon	21682	dowitcher (sp.)	1	European Starling	2843
Canvasback	3	Wilson's Snipe	9	Yellow-rumped Warbler	7
Ring-necked Duck	75	Bonaparte's Gull	3	Townsend's Warbler	1
Greater Scaup	81	Mew Gull	2542	Spotted Towhee	222
Lesser Scaup	123	Ring-billed Gull	270	Savannah Sparrow	112
Harlequin Duck	13	Herring Gull	2	Fox Sparrow	142
Long-tailed Duck	39	Thayer's Gull	19	Song Sparrow	780
Surf Scoter	481	Western Gull	3	Lincoln's Sparrow	55
White-winged Scoter	19	Glaucon-winged Gull	1211	Golden-crowned Sparrow	391
scoter (sp.)	26	West.xG-winged Gull	273	White-crowned Sparrow	239
Common Goldeneye	161	Gull (sp.)	225	Dark-eyed Junco	1614
Barrow's Goldeneye	29	Common Murre	118	Red-winged Blackbird	1330
goldeneye (sp.)	7	Pigeon Guillemot	204	Western Meadowlark	34
C Goldeye/Hooded Merg	1	Marbled Murrelet	23	Brewer's Blackbird	821
Bufflehead	917	Rhinoceros Auklet	3	Brown-headed Cowbird	7
Hooded Merganser	69	alcid (sp.)	4	Purple Finch	14
Common Merganser	70	Rock Pigeon	184	House Finch	486
Red-breasted Merganser	122	Eurasian Collared-dove	71	Red Crossbill	180
merganser (sp.)	6	Mourning Dove	78	Pine Siskin	347
Ruddy Duck	76	Barn Owl	4	American Goldfinch	13
duck (sp.)	2631	Great Horned Owl	22	Evening Grosbeak	24
Bald Eagle	306	Short-eared Owl	1	House Sparrow	455
Northern Harrier	66	Barred Owl	3		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	10	Northern Saw-whet Owl	9	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	89363
Cooper's Hawk	9	Anna's Hummingbird	10	TOTAL SPECIES	134



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March 2011 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb 27	Feb 28	1 SAS Board Meeting: 7:00	2 Hiking: Lily Lake Loop	3	4	5 Field Trip: Butler Flats & Beyond
6	7	8 SAS General Meeting: Social 7:00 PM / Meeting 7:30 PM	9 Hiking: Goose Rock Perimeter Hike	10	11	12 Field Trip: Samish Island
13	14	15	16 Hiking: Shaw Island	17	18	19 Bird Festival: "Wings Over Water"- Blaine Deadline SAS April Flyer
20 Field Trip: Wiley Slough & Fir Island	21	22	23 Hiking: Pine and Cedar Lakes and/or Raptor Ridge	24	25	26 Field Trip: Fidalgo Island
27	28	29	30 Hiking: Discover Old and New Anacortes	31	April.1	April.2

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