



Harlequin Happenings

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*"Promoting Birding and Conservation
as Community Educators, Volunteers, and Stewards"*

OPAS Programs for January and February

by Bob Boekelheide and Ken Wiersema



January Membership Meeting, January 15, 7:00 p.m.

Speakers: Ken and Mary Campbell, "Birds and Wildlife—Near and Far"

Meeting Place: Sequim Middle School cafeteria, 301 Hendrickson Rd.

Ken and Mary Campbell are OPAS members who travel to photograph and teach about the natural world. Locally, they have taught photography workshops as part of our BirdFest, and have been supporters of the Dungeness River Audubon Center. They have selected some of their favorites from their extensive compilation of bird and wildlife photos to present to us.



The Campbells are award-winning wildlife photographers. They have traveled the world, reaching seven continents, in search of extraordinary wildlife. Both have received numerous awards for their photography. Recently, Mary won the Grand Prize in the 2009 Washington Trails Association Photo Contest and was a finalist in the 2010 National Park Service *Share the Experience* Photo Contest. Ken has taught photography classes and was a judge for New England Camera Club competitions. Ken and Mary have had photographs published in local and national magazines, brochures and calendars and provide photographic presentations to various community groups including camera clubs, garden clubs, schools, and seniors groups. They are currently working as bio-reporters providing photographic images to GLOBIO, a children's educational website,

which teaches children around the world about global biodiversity. When home in Port Angeles, they spend time photographing in Olympic National Park, and donate their images to the Park for use in publications and programs. Ken is also an award-winning wood carver. Samples of his carvings as well as his and Mary's photos may be viewed at their web site: <http://www.worldclasswildlife.com/index.php>.

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OPAS Membership Renewal Reminder

If you have not already done so, now is the time to renew your annual membership in the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society. We are changing our policy for mailing the Harlequin Happenings and will no longer be sending printed copies of the HH to those who have let their membership lapse for more than 3 months. Your expiration date is noted at the top of the mailing label. Questions about your membership should be directed to Audrey Gift, Membership Chairperson. Her e-mail address is agift@q.com and her phone number is (360) 681-2989.

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President's Message

by Jim Gift



OPAS had a successful Christmas Bird Count on the 16th of December. Many individuals were involved, including a number of new participants. The weather was kind and we enjoyed a good chili feed at the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's Red Cedar Room while tabulating the count. The results are detailed later in this issue. At our next general meeting on the 15th of January, we can look forward to an excellent presentation of bird photography by Ken and Mary Campbell, who will present images from their recent travels. Denny Van Horn will also provide a summary of Clallam County's record setting year of 300 species; and talk about what's going on in 2014. Looking forward to seeing you on the 15th.

OPAS Programs for January and February

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February Membership Meeting

Speaker: Andy Stepniewski,

"Eastern Washington's Shrubsteppe - Its Birds and Plants"

February 19, 7:00 p.m. at The Dungeness River Audubon Center

Andy Stepniewski is a magnificent birder and naturalist who will speak at the OPAS meeting . Andy hails from the shrub steppes of Wapato, Washington, where he has lived since 1978. His studies of birds have concentrated in the sagebrush-covered hills of eastern Washington, trying to understand the fascinating birds of his home habitats. Andy not only wrote the consummate county guide to birds, *The Birds of Yakima County, Washington*, but he also was a lead author for the ABA Birdfinding Guide, *A Birder's Guide to Washington*. He has birded every nook and cranny of Washington State, likely knowing more than anybody about the back roads and secret places to find unique birds in our lovely state.



Andy Stepniewski

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OPAS Field Trips in January and February

by Bob Iddins



Bird Walks

Date: Every Wed. morning; Time: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Meet at the River Center for a lovely walk to see and hear the birds of the Dungeness riparian forest. Information from walks helps us understand the annual cycle of birds in RR Bridge Park.



*Barrow's Goldeneye
Photo by Robert Hutchison*

Ediz Hook and Port Angeles Harbor

Date & Time: Saturday, January 18, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Cost: Free

Leaders: Bob Iddins & Gary Bullock

Features: Winter water and shorebirds of Port Angeles harbor and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and anything else we can find.

Meeting place: At the end of Ediz Hook in the area of the restrooms or boat launch.

Bring: Optics (scope would be helpful, if you have one), water, snacks, appropriate clothing for the changing weather conditions.

Further information: Bob Iddins 360-681-2840, cell 360-775-5945 rididins@olypen.com

Local Bays and Shores

Date & Time: Saturday, February 15, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Cost: Free

Leaders: Bob Iddins and Jim Gift

Features: Enjoy our many regular species of wintering seabirds, while looking for rare visitors.

Bring: Snacks, water, optics and appropriate clothing for weather changes.

Meeting place: Dungeness Landing County Park (Oyster House)

Further information: Bob Iddins, 360-681-2840, cell 360-775-5945 rididins@olypen.com

Skagit & North Snohomish Counties

Dates: Monday & Tuesday, February 24 & 25, 2014

Cost: Free. Participants make their own lodging arrangements (Mt. Vernon, Burlington, Anacortes), and are responsible for their own meals both days.

Leader: Bob Iddins

Features: A very popular annual trip to the Samish Valley & Skagit Flats. Lots of swans, snow geese and wintering raptors.

Meeting place: Take the 8:00 a.m. ferry at Port Townsend for Coupeville (reservations are strongly recommended). If you don't join us on the bow of the lower car deck, meet at the parking area for the boat ramp adjacent to the ferry terminal (Turn right after exiting ferry).

*Bring: Optics (scopes are helpful) and lunch for both days. Dress warmly and be prepared for inclement weather. We will probably do some car pooling on site. **Participating cars must have a Discover Pass for access to state lands***

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*Nesting Great Horned Owl
Photo by Robert Hutchison*

Frozen sprinkler pipe and water damage at the Audubon Center

by Ken Wiersema

On Sunday Dec 8th, at the Start of Bob Amaral's wildlife sketching class, water began leaking from the ceiling near the fire sprinkler head in the southeast part of the main room. The leak soon became a torrent as the automated sprinkler system sensed a drop in water pressure and activated the main fire pump. An estimated 3500 gallons of water cascaded from the ceiling before the system could be turned off. The Clallam County Fire District 3 fire fighters responded immediately, and with the help of Bob Amaral and his class began moving cabinets and saving exhibits from water damage. Fire fighters, Center staff, and other volunteers pitched in as they arrived, including a responsive, de-watering and de-humidifying contractor authorized by the Tribe.



Photo by Sue Chickman

Powell Jones, the Center Director, promptly began assessing the full extent of damage and getting emergency work done to restore power and allow the dewatering and dehumidifying to proceed. This action prevented mildew and mold from occurring. Water-damaged drywall was removed and freeze-damaged sprinkler piping exposed. The insurance provided by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe will cover most of the damage and repair work. Powell is scheduling and coordinating the needed insurance approvals and contractor process to get the Center back into working order as soon as possible. We expect that the fire system sprinklers will be repaired and recertified before the OPAS membership meeting on Jan 15th. The Center will not be allowed to host meetings until the sprinkler system is fully operational.

The OPAS January meeting is scheduled to take place in the **Sequim Middle School cafeteria, 301 Hendrickson Rd.** The Center drywall and insulation

repair is not expected to be complete by then. Please watch the OPAS website < <http://olympicpeninsulaaudubon.org/> > and the River Center's website < <http://www.dungenessrivercenter.org/> > in case we must make last minute changes either to meeting place, time, or date. You are also welcome to call the Center at 681-4076, or OPAS officers listed in our Newsletter should you not have web access.

We are fortunate that there was a class in the Center when the leak started, as the Center on Sundays is closed in winter and we would not have known of the damage until staff came to work on Monday. And a big thanks to Bob Amaral and his students for their quick actions, to the Tribe for their responsive and full support of the repair and restoration of the Center's operation, and to Powell plus his staff and volunteers for their commitment to getting the Center back to being better than it was. In an emergency, the true depth and commitment of our Audubon Center team comes to the fore. Good job folks!

Education Committee

by Shirley Anderson

In the new year, the Education Committee welcomes Co-Chair Kendra Donelson, who will be looking after OPAS efforts toward education in the greater community. Kendra will be learning new details of the Student Art Exhibit, historically held at the Museum and Art
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Center on Cedar Street during the month of March. Last year Pat MacRobbie organized judges and awards for Bird Art in this student exhibit. Shirley Anderson will continue to organize OPAS efforts in grade school classes in the local schools, as well as field trips presented by staff of the Dungeness River Audubon Center.

In April, the Sequim Education Foundation supports a "Student Film Festival", consisting of short videos, no more than 7 minutes in length. OPAS provides a cash prize to students making the best video involving environmental issues. If you wish to be involved, please contact Kendra Donelson at 683-7793.

In December, Bill Parker and Becca Nissely presented a class on ducks and migration to the Haller second grades. The "Bird of the Month" and "Mammal of the Month" in third grades will continue at both Greywolf and Haller schools early in 2014. Classes in all Kindergartens, first and fourth grades will be developed in late winter, 2014.

Backyard Birding Series

Backyard Birding is a series of eight classes intended for people who are interested in knowing more about birds seen locally throughout the year. Classes are held on Saturdays from 10-12 at the Dungeness River Audubon Center in Railroad Bridge Park on Hendrickson Road, Sequim. The cost of each class is \$5, but is free to anyone under 18. After the completion of any five classes, a participant is offered free membership in OPAS for one year.

In Backyard Birder news, over 30 adults attended the Backyard Birding presentation in December, "Birds: The Inside Story", in which Ken Wiersema and Shirley Anderson discussed the unique anatomy and physiology of birds. Several members of the class took tally sheets with the intention of participating in the Christmas Bird Count. Two

members of the Backyard Birding series of classes earned renewals of their OPAS membership by completing 5 classes: **Kendra Donelson and Vicki McLaughlin**. Congratulations to both of you.

The next class will be on February 1, 10 a.m. to noon, at the River Center: The subject is **Bird Nesting** by Ken Wiersema. The class will also show how to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count, a national census of bird populations sponsored by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The GBBC occurs over Presidents' Weekend, February 21 - 24. You may participate by counting species in your own garden, or as large an area as you wish, for a minimum of 15 minutes. Data are entered on line. Check out the website for The Great Backyard Bird Count for details <<http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/howto.html>>. See the table below for details on later classes this spring.

Date	Topic	Presenter(s)
Feb 1	"Bird Nesting"	Ken Wiersema
March 1	"Spring Gardening for Birds"	Enid and Bob Phreaner
April 12	"Bird Migration"	Bill Parker and Terry Martin
May 3	"Enjoying Spring Sounds"	Dow Lambert and Ken Wiersema
June 7	"Out of the Nest"	Ken Wiersema

Conservation Matters

by Mary Porter-Solberg

Olympic Peninsula Collaborative

Representative Derek Kilmer and a group of conservation, timber, and local government stakeholders today announced the formation of new partnership called the Olympic Peninsula Collaborative, which will bring together stakeholders from the environmental community, the timber industry, and representatives from federal and local government around shared goals of increasing timber harvest from the Olympic National Forest, while benefitting the environmental quality of our forests and watersheds.

Coalition members include: American Whitewater, The Mountaineers, Olympic Park Associates, Olympic Forest Coalition, Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, Washington Wild, Wild Olympics Campaign, Pew Charitable Trusts, American Forest Resource Council, Cosmo Specialty Fibers, Green Creek Wood Products, Interfor, Merrill & Ring, Murphy Co., Sierra Pacific Industries and Simpson Lumber Co.

30-Year Eagle Permit Rule for Wind Energy

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has approved a plan to expand the current 5-year Eagle Permit Rule to 30 years, which allows the wind energy industry to obtain permits to kill eagles. Wind developers say they need 30-year permits to prove to financiers that projects will not be shut down prematurely. National Audubon has stated that Interior refused to endorse a plan agreed to by conservationists and the wind industry to craft more detailed regional plans that would more clearly specify what level of eagle deaths is acceptable. Audubon has concerns that FWS doesn't have the resources to conduct the five-year reviews called for in the 30-year permits.

2014 Legislative Priority - Oil Spill Prevention Act

Washington's waters face the risk of oil spills and accidents every day. New proposals to increase the amount of oil moving through our state make it more urgent than ever to protect the health of our waterways and improve safety in communities across Washington. That is why the Environmental Priorities Coalition (WA Audubon is a member) will be advocating for more information on how much and what kind of oil is moving through our state, as well as improved safety standards to protect our waterways and our coasts.

Decision makers are weighing proposals that would dramatically change the movement of oil, even though communities lack fundamental information to protect themselves and the state lacks adequate safety requirements to prevent accidents. *(Continued on next page)*



River Center Nature Mart Sets Records

The River Center's 7th annual holiday Nature Mart set records for both proceeds and attendance. By 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 16, when the two-day event ended, nearly all of the lovingly-made, hand-crafted gifts and homemade baked goods were sold, and more than \$7,400 had been raised for River Center education programs. In all, over 600 people visited the event. Donna Heien won the bountiful bird lover's basket valued at over \$300, and Sue Clements won the large decorative wreath valued at \$150. Many thanks to the crafters, bakers, donors of greens and materials, volunteers, and shoppers who helped make Nature Mart such a resounding success!



Donna Heien with bird lover's basket
Photo by Gretha Davis

Recent accidents in Canada and the United States highlight the risky business of moving oil through our cities. Yet local governments, first responders, and the public lack the basic information on the dangers of moving large quantities of oil by rail, pipeline, or large vessels.

Our current protections are inadequate. Much of the existing law governing shipments of oil over WA waters was written in the 1970's and reflects an old way of doing business. Given the amount of oil already flowing through our state and with unprecedented changes looming, the state needs tools to take action and protect Puget Sound, the Columbia River, and the outer coast.

Washington Audubon has more information on their website at <http://wa.audubon.org/environmental-priorities-coalition>. Watch the OPAS website for future Action Alerts on this issue and others at <http://olympicpeninsulaaudubon.org/>.



River Center Legacy Circle Inspires

by Sue Chickman

In 2013, the Dungeness River Audubon Center established a Legacy Circle for those donors who have included or intend to include the Center in their financial or estate plans. Such gifts sustain ongoing operations of the Center and Railroad Bridge Park and ensure that generations of children and adults will have an opportunity to learn the importance of protecting and enjoying the Olympic Peninsula's unique natural and cultural resources.

Last November, River Center board members held the first Legacy Circle gathering, which included those who have already committed, or were interested in learning more about the value of the Legacy Circle. Periodic gatherings will be held to honor the Center's visionary donors for their long-term commitment to the success of the Center and Park.

This first gathering included a diverse group of people, including some who helped form the Center to those who have recently moved to the area and were instantly enthralled by the Center's mission. Center Director Powell Jones shared his vision for the future and asked those attending what was most meaningful to them about the Center, and what their vision might be for the next fifty years.

The discussion was rich in history and inspiration for the future. Some recommendations included adding more educational programs, facilities expansion (although others recommended not to expand), making the Center and Park financially sustainable (e.g., achieving the \$5 Million Endowment Fund goal), plus several other notable ideas.

The next Legacy Circle gathering is scheduled for Sunday, February 9th, 2014. If you would like more information or would like to attend, please contact Julie Jackson at 360/683-1355 or juliejackson@wavecable.com

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Bird Sightings

by Denny AMFJ Van Horn

What is a record? A record of proportions never thought of before? In the birding world it could be a personal Life List high. Or a personal Big Year high. For us in Clallam County it's this: No county in Washington has ever reached a high count of over 290 species in a single year. And we did that back in October. And none has ever conceived of reaching the mythical goal of 300! But in mid-November, Michael Barry found and photographed a bird that had all the



Rusty Blackbird
Photo by Bruce Paige

characteristics of a Rusty Blackbird. A bird not confirmed in the county since 2003. The photos Michael took were grainy, but the description held promise. Then Bruce Paige came along and took the sweetest photo of a female Rusty Blackbird over in Gate's Field off Schmuck road. A beautiful bird. This was No. 296. And then a day later [Nov. 27] Bruce did it again finding an American



Mottled Petrel
Photo by Sue Keilman and Scott Horton

Tree Sparrow down near the hay barn on Schmuck road. No. 297. With five weeks to go and possible birds simply dwindling to nothing, off-the-wall records were searched. And one was found. Back on Oct 5th out at 2nd Beach, La Push, a record turned up of a Mottled Petrel discovered on a COASST survey by Sue Keilman and Scott Horton - with photos! A dead bird! That's what COASST is about: surveying shorelines for dead birds. Can we count a dead bird? Yup! It's an accepted facet of the record-game. No. 298. This piece of data was found the last day of November. A month to go. Now what? There was a possible bird that hadn't yet been verified; a bird that should've been seen months ago but wasn't. Short-tailed Shearwater. And now was prime time for it off the outer coast. But cold weather had hit us. Temperatures were in the teens. And nasty wind. Not a time to be out on the coast. But a days-long trip was made to Neah Bay, where after many hours freezing and scoping from the platform at Cape Flattery this shearwater was found in company of Sooty Shearwaters; and identified. No. 299. But the bird-well seemed truly empty.



Emperor Goose
Photo by Bill Parker

There was hope though in the two CBCs that were upcoming. Always a time for rarities to be found with so many people out-and-about looking. And that's the way it happened, but in the wrong county. Bill & Karen Parker and Bob Iddins surveying the far-east end of their count area found an Emperor Goose with Canada Geese on the lagoon at Gardiner Beach. Flushing from the lagoon, the geese flew over them; Bill took some incredible photos. But in Jefferson county. Not good! The next day though, a search was made to relocate the goose in the Gardiner area. No goose. The search was extended east and then west. Late in the afternoon on the 17th, at the end of Knapp road and way back to the west a small flock of Canada Geese were lazing. Scoping them, a white head was seen poking up over the tall grass. Emperor Goose. And in Clallam County. 300! Absolutely magical.

And that's what this past year has been: a magical year of birding. So many people contributed to the effort from the first junco of the year to this last goose. (Continued on next page)

Three new species were added to the county list: Black Phoebe, Hudsonian Godwit, and Painted Bunting. Every bird from the common, to uncommon, to the rarities has been unimaginable. It was truly a good year. A very good year. And now, we wish good birding to each and every one of you from the feeder-watcher to the fanatic. Thank you! Now, go make 2014 even better.

2013 SEQUIM-DUNGENESS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT RESULTS

by Bob Boekelheide



It was another banner year for the Sequim-Dungeness CBC. On December 16, 2013, 106 field observers and 26 feeder watchers spotted 146 species, an above average species count for the last 20 years but lower than our record of 151 species set in 2011. The total number of individual birds counted this year was 56,843, well below the record number of 85,777, also set in 2011 (see adjacent table).

The most abundant species on our count, as usual, was American Wigeon with 9850 individuals, followed by Mallard with 4538 and Olympic/Glaucous-winged Gulls with 2757. Other abundant species this year, in decreasing order, were N. Pintail (2462), Dunlin (2176), Bufflehead (2028), Am. Robin (1978), Dark-eyed Junco (1763), Eur. Starling (1705), and Brant (1580). These top ten species comprised about 54 percent of all the birds seen on our count.

Only ten species set record high counts for the 38-year history of our count, including Hooded Merganser, Ruffed Grouse, Yellow-billed Loon, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Black-capped Chickadee, Marsh Wren, Am. Dipper, White-crowned Sparrow, and Golden-crowned Sparrow. Several others came close to their all-time high counts, including a few species that continue their remarkable recent increases, such as Trumpeter Swan, Ruddy Duck, and Barred Owl.

The biggest avifauna story of the last decade is the phenomenal increase in recent species over a very short period of time. The best example is Eurasian Collared-Dove, which appeared for the first time on our CBC in 2007 with only four birds, yet has increased exponentially over the last six years up to 310 individuals this year. The very first Anna's Hummingbird to ever occur on this count was in 1994, yet this year we recorded a remarkable 155 hummers. Trumpeter Swans, now a regular species on our CBC, rarely exceeded 10 birds before 1999, and were often missed as recently as 2004. The first Barred Owl to ever occur on the SDCBC was in 1989; over the next 18 years it was missed more often than not; yet for the second consecutive year it is now the most abundant owl species on our count.

Several species tallied very low numbers this year compared to long-term averages. Finch species such as Pine Siskins, renowned for large swings in populations, recorded their lowest numbers in the history of our CBC. We totally missed Evening Grosbeaks. White-winged Scoters and Western Grebes continue to decline in our area during winter; the speculation is that they are moving further south, where some populations may be increasing.

As always, we found several unusual species, including some never before seen on the SDCBC. Curiously, the two brand-new species were both Icterids. The intrepid counters at 3 Crabs (see list below) found and photographed a male Bullock's Oriole, perhaps the same bird that was seen by Scott Gremel about two weeks prior to the CBC. The amazing observers at Washington Harbor located two Rusty Blackbirds in the giant blackbird flocks at Maple View Dairy, photographing one of them. Other unusual species include an Emperor Goose found at Gardiner, only the third time on our CBC; a Snow Goose found in Sequim, only the 9th time on our CBC; and a Harris's Sparrow at 3 Crabs, only the fourth time on our CBC. Gale, the Black-crowned Night Heron at Dungeness, snuck into her roost in time to be counted for the third year in a row. Fortunately for us, with the exception of the Emperor Goose, every one of these species had been seen preceding our count, so our stalwart observers knew to watch out for unusual birds on count day.

Time to put the 2014 Christmas Bird Count on your calendars – Monday, December 15, 2014, looks like the appointed day. See you then! *(Continued on next page)*

Harlequin Happenings

Many thanks to our excellent Christmas Bird Count Participants:

Dungeness Spit - Jamie Acker, George Gerdts, Spring Courtright, William Fletcher. Dungeness Rec. Area - Ken & Nancy Wiersema, Coleman Byrnes, Sue Nattinger, Ed Chadd, Daniel Walker. Dungeness Bay, Olympic Game Farm, Dung. River - Denny Van Horn, Dow Lambert, Shirley Anderson. Three Crabs - Scott Gremel, Mark Salvadalena, Cassidy Grattan, Blaine Dalton, Les Jones, Melissa Soares, Dave Manson, Tom Butler, Sara Cendejas-Zarelli. Jamestown - Sue Chickman, Pat MacRobbie, Dan Waggoner, Brad Waggoner, Judy & Jim Gordon. Graysmarsh - Bob Boekelheide, Jerry Freilich, Robin Berry. Port Williams, Washington Harbor, east Sequim - Bruce Paige, Steve Acker, Lynda Bishop, Michael Barry, Carol Von Borstel, Dana Scott, Steven & Nancy Smith, Paul & Verla Priest. West Sequim Bay, John Wayne Marina - Jim & Audrey Gift, Bob Hutchison, Margaret Levitan, Joyce Volmut. Battelle - Kate Buenau, Nancy Kohn, Nikki Sather, Sue Southard, Lara Aston. East Sequim Bay, Miller Pen.in. - Dan McDougal-Treacy, Judy Mullally, Powell Jones, Greg Voyles, Katherine Bush, Rick Bush, Otis Bush, Selmarie Stacy. Diamond Point, Gardiner - Bob Iddins, Bill & Karen Parker, Jack & Brenda Landstrom, John Gatchet. Offshore boat - Durkee Richards, Bruce LaBar, Charlie Wright, Mike Crim. Protection Island - Lorenz Sollmann & Sue Thomas (USFWS), Janis Burger, MarySue Brancato, Ed Bowlby, Rod Norvell, Devon Columbus, Emily Larson. Radar Hill, Chicken Coop, Palo Alto, Woods Rd - Powell Jones, Vince Lucas, Daniel Froehlich, Charlotte Watts. Happy Valley, Burnt Hill, Bell Hill, SE Sequim - John Bridge, Gerald Powless, Tim McNulty; Ruth Messing, John & Diana Anderson, Karen Sisk, Monte Sula, Kendra Donelson, Joyce Volmut. West Happy Valley - Lisa Turecek, Wendy Gibble, Doris Causey. Fish Hatchery, Taylor Cutoff - Quenn Charrier, Pat McGuire, Ann Orr. Atterberry, Cassidy Ck, Lost Mtn - Barb Blackie, Heidi Pedersen, Janet Lamont, Barb & Larry Rymon. Robin Hill Park, Solmar - Sherry Anderson. West side, McDonald Creek - Tom Guobis, Joan McDermott, Margie Palmer, Sheila Kee, Barb Vanderwerf, Sarah Bird. Carlsborg - Becca Nissley, Vanessa Fuller, Paige Belfry, Peter Walker. Heath Rd, Grandview Dr - Dan & Valerie Stahler, Carl Sirier. Ridgeview Dr, Kitchen Dick Ponds, Hogback - Eftin Strong, Ingrid Strong, Pat Holden, Chazz Hesselein, Renee Bryant, Laura & Roy Anderson. Central Sequim, E of Dungeness R. - Gary Bullock, Enid and Bob Phreaner. Dungeness Schoolhouse, E of Dungeness R. - Dave & Julie Jackson, Kate & Grace Goshen, Marion Rutledge; Tom and Diane Marcinieci. Open space between Washington St & Bypass - Kate Buenau. Sunland, Turnagain Pl - Becky Morgan. Railroad Bridge Park - Mary Robson, Hank and Raedell Warren.

And many thanks to property owners who permitted access for the count, particularly Dungeness NWR, Dungeness Farms and Habitat, John Willits, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Graysmarsh, Maple View Farms, Battelle, Protection Island NWR, Dungeness River Audubon Center, and many more! Special thanks to Durkee Richards for providing the offshore boat, and to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe for providing the Red Cedar Room for our compilation dinner.

If I forgot anyone, thank you very much!



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RESULTS OF 2013 SEQUIM-DUNGENESS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

SPECIES	TOTAL	SPECIES	TOTAL	SPECIES	TOTAL	SPECIES	TOTAL
Gr. White-fr. Goose	3	Brandt's Cormorant	<u>59</u>	Band-tailed Pigeon	2	Y-r (Aud) Warbler	3
Emperor Goose	1	Dble-cr Cormorant	774	Eurasian Collar-Dove	<u>310</u>	Y-r (Myr) Warbler	2
Snow Goose	1	Pelagic Cormorant	141	Mourning Dove	395	Townsend's Warbler	1
Brant	1580	cormorant sp.	6	Barn Owl	1	Spotted Towhee	470
Cackling Goose	30	Am. Bittern	cw	W Screech Owl	1	Savannah Sparrow	57
Canada Goose	664	Great Blue Heron	62	Great-horned Owl	4	Fox Sparrow	264
Trumpeter Swan	75	<u>Black-cr Night-Heron</u>	1	N. Pygmy Owl	1	Song Sparrow	1122
swan sp.	3	Bald Eagle (ad.)	100	Barred Owl	6	Lincoln's Sparrow	45
Wood Duck	4	Bald Eagle (imm.)	34	N. Saw-whet Owl	1	Wht-throated Sparrow	1
Gadwall	81	Bld Eagle (unk. age)	6	owl sp.	1	<u>Harris's Sparrow</u>	1
Eur. Wigeon	11	Northern Harrier	<u>51</u>	Anna's Hummingbird	<u>155</u>	Wht-crowned Sparrow	<u>183</u>
Eur X Am Wigeon	1	Sharp-sh Hawk	15	Belted Kingfisher	27	Golden-crwnd Sparrow	<u>1240</u>
Am. Wigeon	9850	Cooper's Hawk	26	Red-brstd Sapsucker	14	sparrow sp.	47
Mallard	4538	accipiter sp.	3	Downy Woodpecker	53	Dark-eyed Junco (Or)	1763
N. Shoveler	86	Red-tailed Hawk	53	Hairy Woodpecker	20	Dk-eyd Junco (Sl-col)	1
N. Pintail	2462	hawk sp.	4	N. Flicker (unk type)	142	Red-winged Blackbird	1342
Green-winged Teal	652	<u>Golden Eagle</u>	1	Red-shafted Flicker	76	W. Meadowlark	34
Ring-necked Duck	70	American Kestrel	3	Yellow-shfted Flicker	1	<u>Rusty Blackbird</u>	2
Greater Scaup	327	Merlin	5	YS X RS Flicker	1	Brewer's Blackbird	948
Lesser Scaup	57	Peregrine Falcon	17	Pileated Woodpecker	11	blackbird sp.	336
scaup sp.	8	falcon sp.	1	woodpecker sp.	3	Brown-hdd Cowbird	2
Harlequin Duck	143	Virginia Rail	18	N. Shrike	4	<u>Bullock's Oriole</u>	1
Surf Scoter	1323	Sora	1	Hutton's Vireo	7	Purple Finch	59
Wh-winged Scoter	53	American Coot	100	Gray Jay	7	House Finch	477
Black Scoter	40	Black-bellied Plover	47	Steller's Jay	227	finch sp.	15
Long-tailed Duck	982	Killdeer	48	W. Scrub-Jay	cw	Red Crossbill	10
Bufflehead	2028	Black Oystercatcher	7	crow sp.	667	Pine Siskin	31
Com. Goldeneye	324	Marbled Godwit	2	Com. Raven	169	Am Goldfinch	83
Barrow's Goldeneye	13	Black Turnstone	11	Black-cppd Chickadee	<u>423</u>	House Sparrow	106
goldeneye sp.	2	Sanderling	243	Chnt-back Chickadee	<u>545</u>		
Hooded Merganser	<u>90</u>	Dunlin	2176	chickadee sp.	5	<u>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</u>	56843
Com. Merganser	39	W. Sandpiper	1	Bushtit	<u>413</u>	<u>NO. OF SPECIES</u>	146
Red-Br. Merganser	838	Least Sandpiper	1	Red-brstd Nuthatch	141	No. of Observers	106
Ruddy Duck	7	Wilson's Snipe	16	Brown Creeper	29	No. Feeder Watchers	26
duck sp.	9	Mew Gull	743	Bewick's Wren	51	No. of Parties	42 to 48
Rng-Nckd Pheasant	cw	Ring-billed Gull	1	Pacific Wren	166	Miles on foot	117
Ruffed Grouse	<u>9</u>	California Gull	5	Marsh Wren	<u>102</u>	Hours on foot	165.25
Wild Turkey	cw	Herring Gull	3	wren sp.	2	Miles by car	450.5
California Quail	116	Thayer's Gull	5	American Dipper	<u>18</u>	Hours by car	65
Red-throated Loon	11	Western Gull	45	Golden-crwnd Kinglet	1308	Miles by boat	29.2
Pacific Loon	152	Glaucous-winged Gull	544	Ruby-crwnd Kinglet	243	Hrs by boat	5.75
Common Loon	43	W. X Glauc-wing Gull	2213	Hermit Thrush	3	Miles bicycle	20
Yellow-billed Loon	<u>11</u>	gull sp.	840	Am. Robin	1978	Hours bicycle	5.5
loon sp.	1	Common Murre	708	Varied Thrush	101	Hours owling	13
Pied-Billed Grebe	11	Pigeon Guillemot	426	European Starling	1705	Miles owling	43.25
Horned Grebe	120	Marbled Murrelet	56	Am. Pipit	<u>32</u>	Feeder Hours	86.75
Red-necked Grebe	116	Ancient Murrelet	1379	Cedar Waxwing	2	Party-Hours	241.5
Eared Grebe	1	Rhinoceros Auklet	5	Snow Bunting	2		
Western Grebe	35	alcid sp	3	Orange-crmd Warbler	2		
grebe sp.	6	Rock Pigeon	565	Yellow-rmpd Warbler	19		

CW = Count Week (seen within three days before or after the count, but not on count day)

Underlined species = unusual species, recorded infrequently on count

Underlined numbers = extraordinary number of individuals for Sequim-Dungeness CBC, since 1975

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