



Harlequin Happenings

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

OPAS Programs for January and February

by Ken Wiersema & Bob Boekelheide

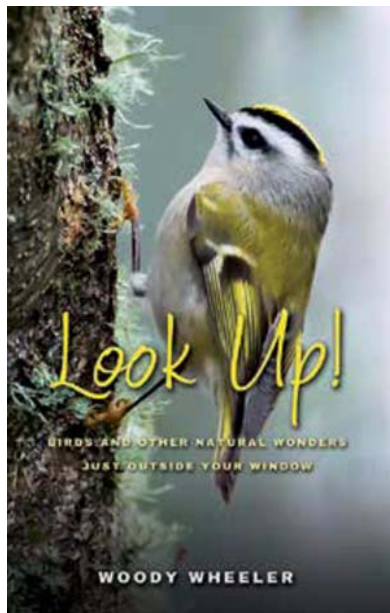
January 21, 2015 Program - "Look Up! Birds and Other Natural Wonders Just Outside Your Window", presented by Woody Wheeler, 7 p.m., at the Dungeness River Audubon Center

You don't have to travel around the world or spend a ton of money to enjoy the wonders of nature. Woody Wheeler's new book, *Look Up!*, is a series of well-researched nature essays that will inspire readers to experience the outdoors in an affordable, accessible, and joyful way. The essays encourage backyard and local bird watching, native plant landscaping and restoration, practical energy conservation, and land conservation. Wheeler also explores how we can derive personal psychological benefits from these activities and how nature can help us live happier, more fulfilled, and rewarding lives. He will read and expand on passages from his book and illustrate his talk with slides. He will also have copies of his new book with him for sales and autographing.

Woody is and has been a strong supporter of our OPAS Chapter and the Dungeness River Audubon Center. During the founding of our Center, Woody was the Director of Audubon Centers for Audubon Washington. He attended our Center's groundbreaking and later worked tirelessly to secure and administer the grant funding essential to establish and sustain our Center in its initial years.



Woody on BG Trail



Woody is now a nature educator and tour guide for Conservation Catalyst, a business he started eight years ago to inspire people to appreciate birds and natural history. He also guides for Naturalist Journeys, an international birding and natural history tour company. Previously, he has worked for environmental nonprofits including The Nature Conservancy, and Seattle Parks Foundation. Woody is a Master Birder, a certified Interpretive Guide, and owner of Conservation Catalyst. Connecting people with nature is his passion. He does this through trips, classes, presentations, and writing. He earned Environmental Studies and Geography degrees from Western Washington University, and studied ornithology at the University of Washington.

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President's Message

by Jim Gift

Another year has gone by and we have had the opportunity to bird in one of the most beautiful and rich birding areas in the country. OPAS completed another successful Christmas Bird Count and even though it was a windy day we tallied at least 140 species (details in a later section of this newsletter). So as we reflect on the year passed, we need to put our energy into getting out and continue to bird.

We are blessed to live in such a beautiful area. Let us take full advantage of it and enjoy it.



OPAS Programs for January and February

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February 18, 2015 Program "OPAS Member's Photo night 2015" - 7 p.m., at the Dungeness River Audubon Center

At the request of many, we are asking our members to submit photos of our local birds that have been taken over the last year. Dow Lambert has generously offered to be our technical advisor and assist us in projecting the bird images submitted. In early January he will email those who have submitted images in past years the technical guideline that will help the evening flow smoothly. If you wish to offer your photos for the evening, please contact Dow or Ken Wiersema so that you can get the information you'll need. This is NOT a contest. Photos will not be judged or critiqued. We each view and enjoy birds with different eyes, and this evening will allow you to share your unique views of birds and their behaviors as they bring you joy. We ask that you submit no more than 8-10 photos each, to allow as many members as possible to participate. You'll be asked to say a few words about your photos, identifying the bird, location, and time of year.

And new for 2015, while we want to concentrate on local birds, seen in Clallam Co, we do not want to discourage members from participating, who in the past year have traveled to distant spots and seen special birds. Since our emphasis is on local birds, should we receive too many photos for the evening, we will give priority to local birds. This year we'll also ask for your permission to display your credited photos on our web site. So think about whether you wish to do so. Please come, bring your bird photos and enjoy the evening. For tech info please contact: Dow Lambert at, dow.lambert@wavecable.com; Ken Wiersema at wiersema@olympus.net.

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.

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Diamond Point & Discovery Bay

Date & Time: Saturday, January 17, 2015, 9:00 am

Cost: Free

Leaders: Gary Bullock & Bob Iddins

Meeting place: Longhouse Market and Deli, 271030 Hwy 101, Sequim.

Features: Winter water and land birds of Sequim & Discovery Bays and Diamond Point

Bring: Optics (scope if you have one), water, snacks and appropriate clothing for the weather.

Further information: Bob Iddins, 360-681-2840, riddins@olympen.com

Local Bays and Shores

Date & Time: Thursday, February 12, 2015, 9:00 am

Cost: Free

Leaders: Bob Boekelheide & Jim Gift

Meeting place: Dungeness Landing County Park

Features: Winter water and shorebirds of Sequim & Dungeness Bays

Bring: Optics (scope if you have one), water, snacks and appropriate clothing for the weather.

Further information: Bob Boekelheide, 360-681-4867, bboek@olympus.net

Skagit & North Snohomish Counties

Date: Monday & Tuesday, February 23 & 24, 2015

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

Leaders: Bob Iddins & Terry Martin

Features: A very popular annual trip to the Samish Valley & Skagit Flats starring a plethora of swans, snow geese, wintering raptors and occasional surprises.

Meeting place: Take the 8:00 am 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 will require a Discover Pass for access to state lands.**

Further information: Bob Iddins, home phone 360-681-2840, cell phone 360-775-5945, riddins@olympen.com

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Nature Mart Sets a Record

Many thanks to all the artists, volunteers and patrons who helped make this year's Nature Mart a big success. By the end of Nature Mart at 4:00 on Saturday, November 15, more than \$7500 had been raised for River Center education programs.

Linda Ogden of Sequim was thrilled to learn that she held the winning ticket for the handsome Cowichan sweater valued at over \$300. She and her husband Joel moved to Sequim two years ago, and after seeing photos of the sweater in the newspapers, they came to Nature Mart specifically to buy raffle tickets. Marion Rutledge, a member of both the River Center and Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, knitted and donated the sweater. Rutledge is an active member of the River Center Crafters, the group that produces many of the one-of-a-kind hand-crafted items for which Nature Mart is known.

Be sure to plan on visiting next year's Nature Mart on **November 20-21, 2015**.



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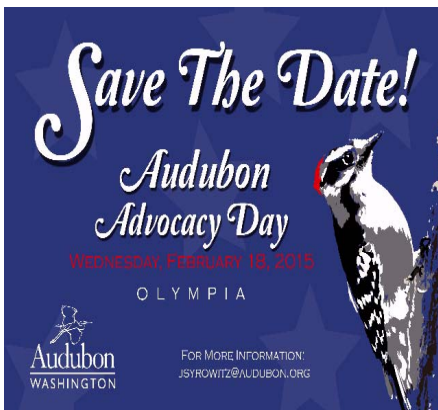
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Other Events

Audubon Advocacy Day

by Jennifer Syrowitz, Chapter Conservation Manager, Audubon Washington



Save The Date!
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Avian advocates across Washington are gearing up for the 2015 Washington State Legislative Session. The Governor's newly announced [climate legislation](#), focused on curbing pollution and transitioning Washington to cleaner sources of energy, ensures we will have a full plate of issues we care about, and plenty of opportunities for important activist participation.

Audubon Washington and Black Hills Audubon Society are hosting an [AUDUBON ADVOCACY DAY](#) on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. Please join us for a day of constituent conversations on issues of concern to Audubon members – let's make our voices heard on behalf of birds with our elected officials. More information and logistical updates are available at <http://wa.audubon.org/legislative-session-2015>.

New Travel Photography Workshop Series

by Sue Chickman and Margie Palmer

"You love to travel and you love taking photos, now put them together for one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences you'll ever have," says John Greengo, one of the four outstanding professional presenters in an upcoming series of intermediate-level Travel Photography Workshops sponsored by the River Center.

This four-week series of classes begins on Monday February 9 -- just in time to sharpen travelers' skills for the upcoming traveling season. The four Monday sessions have been designed for those who want to take their photographic skills to the next level. After the course, participants can exhibit their work at the River Center during the month of March.

Class schedule:

February 9, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., **DJ Bassett** speaks on "*Ten Secrets of the Masters.*" River Center
February 16, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., **John Greengo** presents "*Travel Photography.*" River Center
February 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., **Stephen Cunliffe** meets participants for "*A Photo Shoot in the Field*" in Port Townsend
March 2, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., **Ken Campbell** offers "*An Evening of Critique.*" River Center

Each presenter brings a wealth of experience to the class. DJ Bassett has assisted in Ansel Adams Photo Workshops in Yosemite National Park. He co-owned the Jackson Hole Custom Color Lab, and operated Firehole Photo Expeditions in Yellowstone National Park.

John Greengo specializes in local and online classes for participants around the world. He traveled extensively while assisting in the production of Art Wolfe's "Travels to the Edge," and now leads his own photo tours.

Stephen Cunliffe will guide the group to the town's most picturesque and diverse locations, and give onsite individual photo instruction. Stephen's work has won national acclaim, including a Grand Prize Award in Canon's 2009 "National Photography in the Parks" competition.

Ken Campbell will work with the students to evaluate their recent photos. Ken's experience includes numerous photography awards and published photos, as well as judging for the New England Camera Club Council and Olympic Peaks Camera Club in Sequim.

The cost for the four weekly Travel Photography Workshop series is \$295. Register in person at the River Center or by phone at 360/681-4706. Proceeds will benefit the educational programs of the Dungeness River Audubon Center and Railroad Bridge Park.

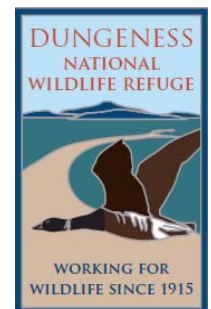


Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge Celebrates 100th Anniversary

by Ken Wiersema

The Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge turns 100 years old in 2015. A festive kick-off for the Centennial Year is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, from 1-3 p.m. in the Red Cedar Hall of the Jamestown Tribal Complex in Blyn. There will be cake, punch, and actors portraying Theodore and

Edith Roosevelt. The Manager of the Refuge and a volunteer historian will present an illustrated history of the Refuge. Activities celebrating the Refuge will be held all during 2015. Activities will include bird walks and a geology walk as well as presentations by the New Dungeness Light Station Association and the Coastal Watershed Institute. A highlight will be Kids' Day in June with many hands-on activities. Visit: www.dungeness100.com as the year goes on for up-to-date information on the many events planned for the year-long celebration.



Education

by Shirley Anderson

Backyard Birder Series

Backyard Birder class members were invited to join in the Christmas Bird Count by watching their own gardens or pairing with more experienced birders. Thanks for everyone's help.

"Backyard Birding" can be taken either as individual classes or in a series. The cost of each session is \$5 and is free for anyone under 18. After the completion of five sessions, participants will be offered free membership in OPAS for one year.

Class sessions will resume on **Saturday, January 10, with "Birds: The Inside Story"**: a look at the unique characteristics of bird anatomy, behavior and physiology, led by Shirley Anderson and Ken Wiersema. Additionally, Jaye Moore of the Northwest Raptor Center will bring live birds to the January 10 session. Jaye has several birds which cannot be released into the wild, but are used for educational events.

Save the following **Saturdays, 10 am - noon, at the Dungeness River Audubon Center**, for the remaining Backyard Birding classes this year: **February 7, Bird Nesting; March 7, Spring Gardening for Birds; April 18, Bird Migration; May 16, Enjoying Spring Sounds; June 6, Out of the Nest.**

Classroom Visits

With advice from the Science Specialists at Helen Haller and Greywolf Elementary Schools, volunteers are planning class visits for each grade level. Kindergarteners and first graders will meet with Enid Phreaner and Greg Voyles; second graders will learn about birds with Shirley Anderson and Paige Belfry; third graders will learn about native mammals with Shirley Anderson, Cindy Moore and Lyn Muench; Fourth graders will learn about local ecosystems with Anne Davies.



Conservation Matters

by Bob Phreaner, Chairman,
Conservation Committee



In 2014 we discussed and commented on a range of topics, from strengthening the Washington State Hydraulic Code, to protecting forage fish habitat in Puget Sound, to shooting Double Crested Cormorants on E. Sand Island in the Columbia River by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Some issues are international, like National Audubon's Climate Change Initiative, which will be using Washington as a "proof of concept" state. Our observations will provide the data to see if bird ranges of the future are predictable. More

significantly, it may show what hope looks like to a bird, by identifying "climate strongholds" in important birding areas threatened by climate chaos. Have we seen the last of events like Hurricane Sandy?

We have supported the Oil Transportation Safety Bill in the Washington State Legislature. We commented on the Navy's proposed use of roads in the National Forests of the Western Olympic Peninsula for EA-18G (Growler) operational training in the detection of electromagnetic waves, emitted from vehicles deployed
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from Pacific Beach. If you are concerned about electronic warfare exercises adjacent to the wilderness of the Olympic National Park, you can call or write Congressman Derek Kilmer. Be sure to thank him for his ongoing support of Wild Olympics.

There are other issues that must seem like reruns to the more seasoned members of our committee, like the problem of mountain goats in the Olympic National Park, or the pending Pit-to-Pier project near the Hood Canal bridge.

An example of a complex issue currently on our agenda is the proposed Conditional Use Permit for Taylor Seafood, to raise Geoduck on the tidelands rented from Dungeness Farms. Just learning about Geoduck has been fascinating. Do a Wikipedia search and you'll be amazed and amused. I'll just tell you that Evergreen State College claims the Geoduck as its mascot, with a motto of "let it all hang out". Geoduck are one of the longest living animals on Earth (over 150 years), imagine, even clams grow old right here in Sequim. I'm going to suggest to my wife, Enid, that she use Geoduck as the theme of the Birdfest auction, because in the Nisqually language it means "dig deep". In Asia it can sell for \$100/lb. After 5-7 years, they weigh 2 lbs. when they are ready to be harvested ... a multi-million dollar/yr industry for Puget Sound. A concern for birds in this operation might be entanglement in the predator exclusion nets that cover the PVC tubes in which the seed clams grow.

Our Conservation Committee goal for 2014-15 is better communication with our OPAS membership by using olybird.org. We post Audubon Alerts as soon as possible for your information and action. I encourage you to express your opinions about conservation issues. Contact me if you have suggestions about pending issues, or let us know about new issues that need discussion or action. Better yet, OPAS members can sit in on Conservation Committee meetings, usually held on the first Monday of the month at the River Center. Contact me to confirm time and date.

It has been a challenge for newcomers to get up to speed on the many conservation issues we discuss. Most months I just organize an agenda, introduce the issues and sit back and take notes. The experienced members weigh in and we "newbies" learn about our environment here on the beautiful Olympic Peninsula. We rely on the precautionary principle of requiring scientific data before supporting an action rather than endorse unsubstantiated positions that could upset nature and require remediation. First, do no harm.

I see that OPAS has many brilliant naturalists who could share their talents. If you have a background in evaluating projects, with an eye for gaps in scientific procedures, your contribution to our discussion is particularly welcome. Join us and resolve to serve and conserve.

Have a great 2015!

2014 – 2015 Winter Swan Study Update

by Mary Porter-Solberg

Once again, OPAS is participating in a weekly Sequim/Dungeness Trumpeter and Tundra Swan count, partnering with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Trumpeter Swan Society (TSS). Swan sightings by volunteers so far this winter have been reported in the 60 to 70 count range.



OPAS began the study in November of 2011 with a large group of volunteers that were able to count swans 3 to 4 times a week and enter important information on the data sheets supplied by WDFW and Martha Jordan from the TSS. We now have a smaller group of dedicated volunteers that count once a week, but the same data is entered and then sent to WDFW's Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) program. Numerous individuals and groups use the PHS list and data to inform conservation related activities. Typical users include cities and counties that use PHS to fulfill planning requirements under the Growth Management Act and Shoreline Management Act, non-profit organizations such as land trusts that use PHS information to prioritize habitat protection, as well as other state and federal government agencies.

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Our volunteers are also looking for any signs of sick, injured, or dead swans. These incidents are reported to the appropriate agency, usually WDFW. Immediate attempts are made to capture sick or injured swans and veterinary services are arranged to care for them. It is important to call the numbers I have listed at the bottom of this article even if it is to report a dead swan. Determining the cause of death of swans in our area can help with planning and preventing further deaths.

Unfortunately, it has been a harsh December for four of Sequim's visiting swans. Three Trumpeter swans (2 adults and 1 juvenile) were electrocuted and the deaths were attributed to swans flying into power lines in the Kirner/Woodcock pond area. The good news is that Shelly Ament, WDFW Wildlife Biologist, notified the Public Utility District and they have installed reflective flappers on the power lines to help deter swans. There was one additional swan death, but a cause of death has not yet been determined.

Let's hope the outlook in 2015 for Sequim's swans is much improved and the contact numbers below won't be needed, but just in case, please call if you observe sick, injured, or dead swans. Shelly Ament, cell phone (360)477-0123 or Anita McMillan at WDFW District Office (360)457-4601. You can also call Martha Jordan at cell phone (206)713-3684 or home/office (425)787-0258.



*Trumpeter Swans
Photo by Robert Hutchison*

2014 Sequim-Dungeness Christmas Bird Count Results

by Bob Boekelheide

The 39th Sequim-Dungeness CBC took place on Monday, December 15, 2014. The weather on the days before and after the count was fantastic, peacefully calm and mild. Just our luck, overnight before the 15th a strong easterly wind picked up, eventually gusting to 45 mph at the Dungeness Spit lighthouse by 10 am on count day. As a consequence, a bitter gale blew for most groups on the east and north sides of our CBC circle. Nevertheless, our boat party still sailed the high seas, our Dungeness Spit counters managed to keep their tripods from going airborne, and everyone else valiantly counted as many birds as they could.

Our count this year tallied 140 species, slightly below average for the past 20 years (see accompanying table). This total is 11 species below our record set in 2011. Total number of individual birds was 60,647, right about average for the last 20 years. We had 109 hard-working field observers and 20 dependable feeder watchers participating in the count this year. Thank you all for your hard work!

The top ten most abundant species this year included many usual species. In order of abundance, the top ten were Am. Wigeon, Mallard, Glaucous-winged and hybrid gulls, Eur. Starling, Am. Robin, N. Pintail, Bufflehead, Dark-eyed Junco, Pine Siskin, and Sanderling. These 10 species made up over 63% of all birds on our count.

Only five species set SDCBC record high-counts this year, the fewest number of high-counts in many years. High counts were set for Snow Goose, Ruddy Duck, Sanderling, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, and Evening Grosbeak. A few species came close, including Eurasian Collared-Dove and Anna's Hummingbird, *(Continued on next page)*



two species that have skyrocketed in abundance over the last decade, but neither tallied higher than their records set last year. They probably would have set records if the winds had cooperated or we had more feeder watchers.



Western Grebe
Photo by Robert Hutchison

Of interest, irruptive finches came back very strong this year, with a record number of Evening Grosbeaks, almost a record number of Red Crossbills, and good numbers of Pine Siskins. Last year we didn't even see an Evening Grosbeak and we recorded an all-time low number of Pine Siskins, showing how quickly these species respond when conditions change.

Many species scored far below average, some with the lowest counts in years, including Lesser Scaup, White-winged Scoter, Western Grebe, and Northern Shrike. The windy weather prevented representative counts of many birds, particularly coastal species, but birds such as White-winged Scoter and Western Grebe have declined precipitously throughout the entire Salish Sea. Owls were very difficult in the strong winds, and our five owl species was the lowest species count for owls in many years.

Unusual species were relatively scarce this year. Two parties at 3 Crabs reported five Snow Geese, only the 10th time we've recorded this species, and the most ever. Two Black-crowned Night-Herons were present in Dungeness, the fourth year in a row we've recorded this species. John Gatchet found 4 W. Bluebirds at Knapp Road near Gardiner, only the third time for these bluebirds. Bruce Paige located a Rusty Blackbird in the blackbird flock at Maple View Dairy, the second year in a row. One Pine Grosbeak vocalized and sat up pretty as a picture for Bob Boekelheide and Jerry Freilich at Graysmarsh, only the fourth time for Pine Grosbeak in 39 years.

We missed two interesting raptor species on count day, Osprey and Golden Eagle, but recorded them both during "count week" (cw). The Osprey flew near John Wayne Marina on 12/13, seen by John Gatchet. The eagle soared over the south side of Burnt Hill on 12/12, seen by John Bridge and Bob Boekelheide.

Looking ahead, the 2015 SDCBC will likely occur on Monday, 12/14/15, so mark your calendars.

Many, many thanks to everyone who participated, particularly to landowners and agencies that gave access to their land, including Dungeness NWR, Olympic Game Farm, Dungeness Beach Assn, Dungeness Farms, John Willits, Graysmarsh, Mark Burrows, Battelle, and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. Counters included:

Dungeness Spit - Jamie Acker, Alan Westphal, Sue Thomas (USFWS), Barb Vanderwerf; Dungeness Rec. Area - Ken & Nancy Wiersema, Coleman Byrnes, Sue Nattinger, Ed Chadd, Daniel Walker, Vincent Lucas, Carolyn Wilcox; Dungeness Bay, E. Dungeness River - Denny Van Horn, Dow Lambert, Shirley Anderson, Barb Boekelheide; 3 Crabs - Scott Gremel, Mark Salvadalena, Mandy Holmgren, Sara Cendejas-Zarelli, Dave Manson, Tom Butler; Jamestown - Sue Chickman, Pat MacRobbie, Dan Waggoner; Graysmarsh - Bob Boekelheide, Jerry Freilich, Ivan Stocker; Port Williams, Washington Harbor - Bruce Paige, Michael Paige, Michael Barry, Dana Scott, Steven & Nancy Smith, Paul Priest, Sharon Paige, Ron Miller; W. Sequim Bay, John Wayne Marina - Jim & Audrey Gift, Bob Hutchison, Margaret Levitan, Karen & Peter Michaelson, Bruce Von Borstel; Battelle - Nancy Kohn, Sue Southard; E. Sequim Bay, Miller Pen. - Judy Mullally, Ann Sibole, Powell Jones, Greg Voyles, Katherine Bush; Diamond Point, Gardiner - Bob Iddins, Karen Parker, John Gatchet, Bob Bagwell; Offshore boat - Bruce LaBar, Charlie Wright, Gene Revelas, Mike Crim, Durkee Richards (boat owner);

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Osprey
Photo by Robert Hutchison

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Protection Island - Lorenz Sollmann (USFWS), MarySue Brancato, Ed Bowlby, Rod Norvell, Emily Larson, Lou the Caretaker, Pat Willits; Chicken Coop - Charlotte Watts; Palo Alto Rd, Woods Rd - Ken and Mary Campbell; Happy Valley, Burnt Hill, Bell Hill, SE Sequim - John Bridge, Audrey & Jim Gift, John & Diana Anderson, Kendra Donelson, Joyce Volmut, Peter Walker, John Acklen; Fish Hatchery, Taylor Cutoff, Lost Mtn - Quenn Charrier, Beta MacBarron; Atterberry Rd, Cassidy Ck - Barb Blackie, Heidi Pedersen; Robin Hill Park, Solmar - Mike Barnes, Deb Shiell, Dianna Shiell; McDonald Creek, W Kitchen-Dick - Margie Palmer, Tom Guobis, Joan McDermott, Richard Bloomer, Betty Kramp, Barb Vanderwerf; Carlsborg - Marie Grad, Becca Nissley, Brian Batchelder; Heath Rd, Grandview Dr - Dan & Valerie Stahler, Neil Burhardt, Jane Stewart, Carl Siver, Carol Strohmeier; Ridgeview Dr, E Kitchen Dick - Eftin Strong, Ingrid Strong; Blue Ribbon Farms - Pat Schoen, Janet Oja, Janet Bruening; Central Sequim, E of Dungeness R. - Gary Bullock, Enid and Bob Phreaner, Esther McKinnon; Dungeness Schoolhouse, E of Dungeness R. - Dave & Julie Jackson, Kate Goshen, Marion Rutledge, Annette Hanson, Tom and Diane Marciniac, Peter & Nancy Walker, Dave & Patsy Mattingley; Sunland - Jim Bates; Railroad Bridge Park & neighborhoods - Mary Robson, Hank and Raedell Warren.

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RESULTS OF 2014 SEQUIM-DUNGENESS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Gr. White-fr. Goose	6	Dble-cr Cormorant	372	Eurasian Collar-Dove	190	Spotted Towhee	307
<u>Snow Goose</u>	5	Pelagic Cormorant	108	Mourning Dove	163	Savannah Sparrow	15
Brant	1140	cormorant sp.	2	Barn Owl	2	Fox Sparrow	101
Cackling Goose	31	Am. Bittern	1	Great-horned Owl	1	Song Sparrow	582
Canada Goose	460	Great Blue Heron	70	N. Pygmy Owl	2	Lincoln's Sparrow	20
Trumpeter Swan	74	<u>Black-cr Night-Heron</u>	2	Barred Owl	4	Wht-throated Sparrow	11
swan sp.	2	<u>Osprey</u>	cw	N. Saw-whet Owl	1	Wht-crowned Sparrow	139
Gadwall	103	Bald Eagle (ad.)	100	Anna's Hummingbird	<u>154</u>	Golden-crwnd Sparrow	906
Eur. Wigeon	16	Bald Eagle (imm.)	21	hummingbird sp.	3	sparrow sp.	5
Am. Wigeon	10746	Northern Harrier	32	Belted Kingfisher	27	Dark-eyed Junco (Or)	1688
Mallard	7409	Sharp-sh Hawk	18	Red-brstd Sapsucker	11	Red-winged Blackbird	1434
Mallard X Pintail hybrid	1	Cooper's Hawk	23	Downy Woodpecker	42	W. Meadowlark	31
N. Shoveler	217	accipiter sp.	1	Hairy Woodpecker	25	<u>Rusty Blackbird</u>	1
N. Pintail	2321	Red-tailed Hawk	66	N. Flicker (unk type)	66	Brewer's Blackbird	1342
Green-winged Teal	515	hawk sp.	2	Red-shafted Flicker	76	Brown-hdd Cowbird	2
Ring-necked Duck	59	<u>Golden Eagle</u>	cw	Pileated Woodpecker	5	<u>Pine Grosbeak</u>	1
Greater Scaup	312	American Kestrel	7	woodpecker sp.	2	Purple Finch	50
Lesser Scaup	4	Merlin	6	N. Shrike	1	House Finch	402
scaup sp.	57	Peregrine Falcon	9	Hutton's Vireo	4	Red Crossbill	<u>379</u>
Harlequin Duck	137	falcon sp.	1	Gray Jay	6	Pine Siskin	1634
Surf Scoter	623	Virginia Rail	8	Steller's Jay	203	Am Goldfinch	23
Wh-winged Scoter	41	American Coot	97	crow sp.	1137	Evening Grosbeak	<u>99</u>
Black Scoter	24	Black-bellied Plover	650	Com. Raven	205	House Sparrow	144
Long-tailed Duck	393	Killdeer	45	Black-cppd Chickadee	355		
Bufflehead	2047	Whimbrel	1	Chnt-back Chickadee	<u>643</u>		
Com. Goldeneye	294	Marbled Godwit	45	chickadee sp.	4	<u>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</u>	60647
Barrow's Goldeneye	23	Black Turnstone	3	Bushtit	262	<u>NO. OF SPECIES</u>	140
goldeneye sp.	9	Sanderling	<u>1509</u>	Red-brstd Nuthatch	160		
Hooded Merganser	58	Dunlin	1483	Brown Creeper	13	No. of Observers	109
Com. Merganser	21	Wilson's Snipe	5	Bewick's Wren	18	No. Feeder Watchers	20
Red-Br. Merganser	491	Mew Gull	563	Pacific Wren	121	No. of Parties	42 to 49
merganser sp.	1	Ring-billed Gull	5	Marsh Wren	38	Miles on foot	132
Ruddy Duck	<u>24</u>	California Gull	9	American Dipper	5	Hours on foot	155.75
Rng-Nckd Pheasant	6	Herring Gull	3	Golden-crwnd Kinglet	601	Miles by car	543.5
Ruffed Grouse	3	Thayer's Gull	2	Ruby-crwnd Kinglet	226	Hours by car	112.75
California Quail	175	Western Gull	33	<u>Western Bluebird</u>	4	Miles by 4-wheeler	10.5
Red-throated Loon	38	Glaucous-winged Gull	1325	Hermit Thrush	1	Hours by 4-wheeler	3.25
Pacific Loon	145	W. X Glauc-wing Gull	1506	Am. Robin	2743	Miles by boat	26
Common Loon	44	gull sp.	2471	Varied Thrush	159	Hrs by boat	5
Yellow-billed Loon	3	Common Murre	316	European Starling	2849	Miles bicycle	15
Pied-Billed Grebe	5	Pigeon Guillemot	423	Am. Pipit	2	Hours bicycle	7
Horned Grebe	230	Marbled Murrelet	38	Cedar Waxwing	17	Hours owling	15.25
Red-necked Grebe	35	Ancient Murrelet	231	Orange-crnd Warbler	2	Miles owling	48
Eared Grebe	4	Rhinoceros Auklet	1	Yellow-rmpd Warbler	8	Feeder Hours	52.75
Western Grebe	12	alcid sp	3	Y-r (Aud) Warbler	1	Party-Hours	283.75
grebe sp.	2	Rock Pigeon	756	Y-r (Myr) Warbler	4		
Brandt's Cormorant	25	Band-tailed Pigeon	1	warbler sp.	1		

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