



# HARLEQUIN HAPPENINGS

Newsletter of the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society (OPAS)

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*"Volunteer educators and stewards for birds and habitat conservation"*

*[Editor's Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person OPAS activities have been postponed or canceled until further notice.]*

## OPAS Programs for January and February

By Tom Butler

Meetings will be held via Zoom. OPAS will address a few updates, with the presentation to follow. See insert later in this newsletter for instructions.

### January Program January 20, 2021, 7 p.m.

**"In Search of Meadowlarks", presented by Dr. John Marzluff, Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington**

We love to look at nature, but let's be honest, our love is conditional. Roofs, walls, central air conditioning, LazyBoy recliners, and heated steering wheels all work to keep the inconveniences of nature at a comfortable distance. Everywhere we go, we bend, plow and pave nature to our will. Soon after we arrive, most of the plants and animals are nowhere to be found.

Seems like everywhere we look, wildlife is on the retreat from the whirlwind of civilization and the activities that support us. But it doesn't have to be that way. Many ranchers and farmers adjust their actions to reduce their impacts on wildlife, coexisting with nature because "it's the right thing to do." Dr.

John Marzluff of the University of Washington has birded and talked with farmers from Nebraska to California to Costa Rica to find out why some birds "flee the plow" while others evolve to live among the crops we need for our existence. You'll learn about vineyards that welcome barn owls to help control rodents, farmers that fallow land each year to benefit songbirds, rotational grazing, and how one rancher traded cows for tourists.



John Marzluff (L) and Matthias Loretto (R)  
netting and GPS-tagging ravens in Yellowstone Nat'l. Park

Dr. Marzluff has authored five books and over 140 scientific papers on various aspects of bird behavior and wildlife management, and is James W. Ridgeway Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington. His research has focused primarily on the social behavior and ecology of ravens, crows and jays.

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## Interim President's Notes

by Ken Wiersema



Folks, I hope that y'all had the best Holidays that you could during our COVID times. Let's do all that we can to make 2021 a better year!

CBCs --Thanks again to Bob Boekelheide and Barbara Blackie for organizing and compiling our two OPAS area Christmas Bird Counts for 2020. Regrettably, we missed doing Neah Bay this year; however, we fully understand the Makah Tribal decision to quarantine and safeguard their reservation. In all the years that I've helped with the Sequim-Dungeness Count, I can't recall better weather for the Sequim count day. It sure did not seem like Dec. As I compose this, the Port Angeles weather looks less favorable. Thanks to each of you that made the commitment to help with the counts.

A special "Shout-out" to Shelly Ament, our local WDFW wildlife biologist. 2020 has been filled with challenges for WDFW, with reduced budgets, unfilled vacancies, reduced time for in-field work, and COVID restrictions. She has been a stalwart, go-to person on numerous occasions. Her responsive help to our Swan team, assistance with expanding Purple Martin nest sites, getting a roaming Black Bear off the Dungeness Bay tide flats, and alerting us to Vaux Swift nesting activity are a few highlights of a difficult year, met with knowhow and grace. Many THANKS Shelly! Well done and we look forward to working with you in 2021!

Despite the travails of 2020, we have a number of reasons to be thankful:

—Our Conservation team organized and led successful programs to continue our

- Trumpeter Swan Study
- Pigeon Guillemot survey
- Western Bluebird/Climate Watch study
- Purple Martin nest box project
- Help with the Puget Sound Seabird Survey

—With our Partners at the Dungeness River Audubon Center, we helped raise funds, held a virtual ground breaking, and commenced construction of a major addition to the Center. We expect to be able to resume many of our in-person programs by fall of 2021, given that the COVID constraints are behind us? The new facilities will offer us, along with our partners, to expand existing programs and provide innovative new opportunities. *(Continued on next page)*

### Time to renew your annual OPAS membership

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[https://  
olympicpeninsulaudubon.org/  
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## Interim President's Notes (Continued from previous page)

—We offered an array of monthly programs, while working our way thru the Zoom learning curve.

—We will have completed several important bird counts, including the Great Backyard Bird Count, Birdathon, and 2 CBCs

—While we've postponed our Backyard Birding Program, we have assisted in presenting virtual programs with the River Center throughout the year.

—Together with the leaders of other Audubon Chapters in the 24th Legislative District, we met with our legislators, as part of the Audubon Washington Lobby Day.

—We put out six, fact filled editions of our Harlequin Happenings newsletter.

—We've upgraded and expanded the offerings on our web pages and improved their accessibility to portable devices and phones.

I could go on by including virtual field trips, The "Ascent of Birds" lectures, Book Club meetings, professional management of our member's donated funds, answering bird related questions sent to the Center, etc. My point is that our members benefit from the talented and dedicated contributions of our Board and officers. We're a volunteer Chapter. At present we have several vacancies on our board and also positions filled by acting or interim folks. I know that there are OPAS members who'll read this, who have the background and skills to step forward and be a part of our OPAS leadership team. With many of us staying home now and becoming more skilled at virtual meetings and programs, the drawback of attending in person meetings in winter is eliminated, and WE NEED YOU! Please contact me or any member of our Board, if you want more information on leadership opportunities in our Chapter.

I can testify --- it's fun, educational, and rewarding. Let's Go Birding! -- HAPPY New Year!

## January OPAS Program (Continued from page one)

He currently teaches courses in Ornithology, Governance and Conservation of Rare Species, Field Research In Yellowstone, and Natural and Cultural History of Costa Rica.

Please visit the [Events Calendar](#) page of the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society's webpage to register for this informative program.

## February Program February 17, 2021, 7 p.m.

**"Diurnal Raptors of Western WA"**  
**Presented by Sue Cottrell of Raptor Studies Northwest**

If we notice them at all, most of us know them as national symbols, mysterious winged silhouettes against the sky, or invisible agents of disappearances from the bird feeder. Occasionally, we might glimpse an ambush hunter perched on a highway lamppost. We're so big we needn't worry, but just about anything smaller than a housecat better keep one eye on the sky. Raptors, or birds of prey, are ferocious predators and very important members of any wildlife community.



*Sue Cottrell of Raptor Studies Northwest*

Join Sue Cottrell of the non-profit organization Raptor Studies Northwest to learn about the 15 species of diurnal raptors that can be found in western WA, emphasizing field identification, and the particularly fascinating elements of winter behavior. She will also cover raptor terminology, migration, the daily and annual cycle, birding ethics, equipment, and bird ID guides and apps. Sue has studied raptors and guided outdoor trips for over 30 years, and has a vast knowledge of local populations. *(Continued on next page)*



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A resident of Whatcom County, she is one of the lucky ones to say she has several “five falcon days”. She will share her current research and current photos of her latest projects working with Red-tailed Hawks and American Kestrels at the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society’s monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00pm. Please visit the [Events Calendar](#) page of the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society’s webpage to register for this informative program.

## OPAS Field Trips: A Message from the Field Trip Coordinator

By Marie Grad



Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, in-person Field Trips are still not being scheduled. We are hoping that we can start Field Trips sometime in the New Year; however, this shouldn't keep anyone from grabbing their binoculars and spotting scope and getting outside.

The birding in the winter focuses on the shores and fields where wintering waterfowl and some shorebirds are abundant. Our past field trip locations included Dungeness Landing County Park, the Three Crabs area, Ediz Hook, and the areas around Sequim Bay. The fields along Schmuck Road are a great place to see migrating geese, swans and the occasional Northern Strike.

For other inspiration, you can check out the Field Trip section of past Harlequin Happenings on the OPAS website.

## Education Notes

By Ken Wiersema

### Backyard Birding Programs for 2021

Due to our need to comply with COVID conditions we'll continue to postpone our Backyard Birding programs, and the other classes we present in conjunction with the Dungeness River Audubon Center. We'll be offering several virtual programs in the new year, together with an array of blogs and info sheets. Please watch our web pages and those of the River Center for registration info on program offerings. We are guardedly optimistic that we can be back doing in-person presentations toward the end of 2021. Look forward to seeing folks again.

## Conservation Matters: OPAS Western Bluebird Program

by Joyce Volmut - Co-Chair



This month the Conservation Report focuses on the OPAS Western Bluebird Program, and how it is a perfect fit with National Audubon's Climate Watch.

The Western Bluebird (WEBL) Watch Program was conceived in the Conservation Committee as a response to Bird Friendly Communities. Our goal was to collect data on WEBL nesting in the OPAS Chapter area. Shortly thereafter in 2014, National Audubon published a new report using data from 140 million birders and scientists. The report identified the current range of 604 North American bird species, and projected how a changing climate and human activity could cause a shift in range for the 604 bird species. A new program, called “Climate Watch” was developed and the Bluebird species was chosen to test the model. In 2016, we joined Climate Watch to further our studies of the Western Bluebird.

Conservation Programs such as this are important to OPAS. They focus attention on issues relevant to bird survival. Through science, Audubon shows us birds matter. In their 2019 report “Survival By Degrees”, up to two-thirds of North American bird are vulnerable to extinction because of climate change. Our observations are on the forefront of change.

The Northern Olympic Peninsula, always considered the edge of the range for the nesting Western Bluebird, may be witnessing a hopeful shift for the Western Bluebird. In 2015, OPAS volunteers identified two WEBL nesting pairs with 8 fledglings. In 2020, COVID caused limited observations; nevertheless, OPAS volunteers identified seven nesting pairs with 29 fledglings. Our data tells us there are five areas where WEBL have consistently and successfully nested over the past 3 or 4 years. The program is currently studying these areas to see what actions we might take to increase populations in our region.

Our data collection consists of two survey period each year, May 15-June 15 during nesting, and January 15-February 15 during winter. The Western Bluebird is a short range migrant - and generally returns to the same nesting areas. They are typically seen from August-January as they migrate. They are early nesters and begin finding suitable nesting sites in late February-April. With COVID protocols, the next survey period will begin on January 15, 2021.

Climate change is a serious threat, but we have the capability of altering the effects. Become part of the conservation committee to learn more.

## Sequim-Dungeness Christmas Bird Count Results

by Bob Boekelheide

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Sequim-Dungeness Christmas Bird Count (SDCBC) on Dec 14, 2020. Despite many COVID restrictions, our valiant observers did an incredible job, truly beyond expectations. The weather also cooperated very well, providing a beautiful day with light winds, partly cloudy skies, and unseasonably warm temperatures. (see accompanying table, or [2020 SDCBC Results](#)).

This year we counted 79,636 individual birds of 149 species. This is the fourth highest species count for the 45 years of our CBC, not very far from our all-time record of 154 species in 2015. The number of individuals was also the fourth highest count for our CBC, compared to a record 85,777 counted in 2011. All together, we had 93 field observers along with 17 feeder watchers, slightly below the average number of counters in recent years.

Our count might have been even higher, but the offshore boat did not go out this year as a COVID precaution. Also with COVID in mind, several field parties split up for the entire day, which actually allowed more concentrated viewing in some areas.

The most abundant species, as usual, was American Wigeon with 16,587, very close to its all-time record. Other species in the top ten, in decreasing order of abundance, were Pine Siskin (8966), Mallard (7140), American Robin (5198), Northern Pintail (4037), Glaucous-winged/Olympic Gull (3322), Brant (2513), Bufflehead (2146), Red-winged Blackbird (1911), and Dunlin (1773). These 10 species made up about two-thirds of all the birds seen on our count.



Pine Siskin  
Photo by Robert Hutchison

Several species set records or near-records for the 45 years of our count: Trumpeter Swan, Eurasian Wigeon, American Wigeon, Greater Scaup, Long-billed Dowitcher, Short-eared Owl, Anna's Hummingbird,

Merlin, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Red-winged Blackbird, House Finch, Pine Siskin, and Evening Grosbeak.

Pine Siskins are the big winners. This has been a huge year for irruptive siskins in the Northwest, with swirling clouds of siskins working alder cones and backyard feeders. The almost 9000 siskins counted this year goes far beyond the old record of about 6200 set in 2007. The high count of Merlins might also be a response to the high siskin numbers, as some field parties reported Merlins hanging out near the swirling siskin flocks.

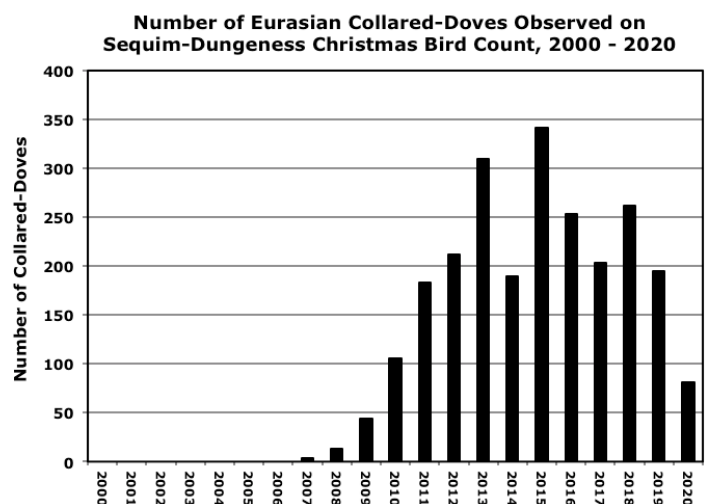
Diving ducks did quite well, particularly Greater Scaup and Surf and White-winged Scoters, which might indicate that nearshore habitats used by these bottom-feeding ducks are doing better.



Eurasian Collared Dove  
Photo by Bob Boekelheide

One species in apparent decline is Eurasian Collared-Dove, which scored their lowest count since 2009 (see graph). This invasive dove first appeared on the SDCBC in 2007, then exponentially increased to a high of 342 in 2015. Since 2015 their CBC numbers have bounced around, but this year they fell off a cliff. Perhaps predators such as Cooper's Hawks are finally having a serious impact on collared-dove numbers.

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A few other species scored well below average, particularly Hooded Mergansers and Golden-crowned Kinglets. Why fewer Golden-crowned Kinglets? Their flocks have also been smaller at RR Bridge Park this fall, suggesting their population is at a low-point right now.

Two stake-out species cooperated well for the count -- a Sandhill Crane hanging out with swans, and a Pacific Golden-Plover hanging out with Black-bellied Plovers. This is at least the fourth straight year for a Pacific Golden-Plover to spend the winter around Dungeness, perhaps the furthest-north wintering Pacific Golden-Plover in the world.



*Sandhill Crane with  
Trumpeter Swan  
Photo by Bob Boekelheide*

(counted as the same bird); 5) five Snow Buntings at Dungeness Spit; and 6) perhaps the strangest of all, a well-described MacGillivray's Warbler near Cassalery Creek north of Sequim. Some "unusual" species are now expected annually on our count, such as Willet, Yellow-billed Loon, and White-throated Sparrow.

Count week birds (seen within three days of the count but not on count day) included an American Bittern at the Towne Rd marsh, a Rough-legged Hawk off Keeler Rd, and Western Bluebirds on the west side of RR Bridge Park. Sure wish they had shown up on Dec 14.



*Turkey Vulture  
Photo by Marjorie Palmer*

Next year's count will be Monday Dec 20, 2021, so put it on your calendars right now. Hopefully COVID will be a thing of

the past and we'll see you at the compilation in the new meeting hall at the Dungeness River Audubon Center.

Bravo for this year's Christmas Bird Counters: Jamie Acker, Alex Patia, Joseph Zofrea, Carolyn Wilcox, Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin, Ken Wiersema, Dow Lambert, Michael Barry, Myra & Ed Koszykowski, Laura Davis, Alan Smith, Barb & Bob Boekelheide, Scott Gremel, Mandy Holmgren, Eric Guzman, Sara Cendejas-Zarelli, Bruce LaBar, Dave Manson, Tom Butler, Mike Sheldon, Lee Bowen, Brad Waggoner, Dan Waggoner, Mike Crim, Alex Scagliotti, Bruce & Sharon Paige, Dana Scott, Ron Miller, Steven Smith, Sandy Schlechter, Susan Savage, Bob Blush, Audrey & Jim Gift, Bob Hutchison, Margaret Levitan, Carol & Bruce Von Borstel, Judy Mullally, Fred Sharpe, Debaran Kelso, Powell Jones, Greg Voyles, Katherine Bush, Otis Bush, John Gatchet, Bob Bagwell, David Durham, Brenda Landstrom, Sue Thomas, Lorenz Sollman, Charlotte Watts, Valerie Wolcott, John Bridge, Kendra Donelson, Joyce Volmut, Kelly Lenihan, Sierra Hemmig, Norrie & Barb Johnson, Ida Domazlicky, Jane Nicholas, Mary Morgan, Tim McNulty, Randy Larson, Dave Shreffler, Sue Nattinger, Coleman Byrnes, Sara Blake, Kathe Smith, Margie Palmer, Tom Guobis, Joan McDermott, Debbi Turner, Barbara Vanderwerf, Sarah Bird, Marie Grad, Valerie & Dan Stahler, Jim & Elena Karr, Skip Perkins, Steve Koehler, Sharle Osborne, Forest Koehler, Bob Iddins, Vince Thrutchley, Margie & Wayne Sladek, Gary Bullock, Enid & Bob Phreaner, Ron Wight, Liam Antrim, Pam Maurides, Stacey Fradkin, Marion Rutledge, Grace & Kate Goschen, Susan Pittman, Mary Robson, Jenna Ziogas, Ally Simons, Joy Bertman, Sandy Boren, Doris Causey, & Sarah Miller.

Thanks very much to all!

## Book Discussion Group

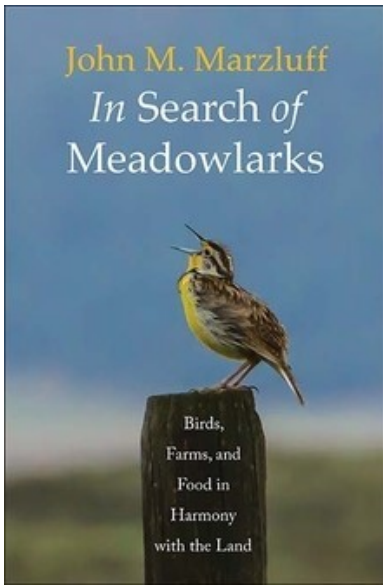
The OPAS Book group will meet —virtually — at 4 p.m. on January 26, 2021, to follow-up on our January 20th membership meeting speaker John Marzluff. So please plan to participate and offer your thoughts on the relationship between sustainable agriculture and wild birds, as portrayed in Marzluff's book. Ken Wiersema will moderate the session. Watch for online registration info on our OPAS web site, which will be posted in early January, 2021.

Also, we'll be asking each attendee to nominate a book to discuss for February and March 2021, to volunteer to lead a book group session, and to help organize our program. Look forward to seeing you — virtually— and thanks for your continued support of this part of our OPAS programs.

**January book selection — published in 2020: "In Search of Meadowlarks", by John Marzluff**

**An ornithologist's personal look at farming practices that find practical solutions for sustainable food production compatible with bird and wildlife conservation.**





With predictions of a human population of more than nine billion by the middle of this century, and eleven billion by 2100, we stand at a crossroads in our agricultural evolution. In this clear and engaging, yet scientifically rigorous book, wildlife biologist John M. Marzluff takes a personal approach to sustainable agriculture. He travels to farms and ranches across North and Central America, including a Nebraska corn and soybean farm, California vineyards, cattle ranches in Montana, and small sustainable farms in Costa Rica, to understand the unique challenges and solutions to sustainable food production.

**John M. Marzluff** is Professor of Environmental and Forest Sciences at the University of Washington, and is the author or coauthor of several books, including *In the Company of Crows and Ravens*; *Dog Days, Raven Nights*; and *Welcome to Subirdia*.

### Interested in attending an OPAS virtual event?

All events can be found on the [OPAS website](#) under Events, Event Calendar. Click on the event you're interested in attending, and a Register button will appear. That's easy! A registration message will be sent to you, with information on how to log in to Zoom for the event. It's a good idea to register at least a day before the event.

If you are not sure how to use Zoom or are uncomfortable with how to get started, please contact us ([president@olympicpeninsulaudubon.org](mailto:president@olympicpeninsulaudubon.org)). We can walk you through the steps and send you a practice invite, where we can work out the "kinks" before the meeting. This is a good opportunity to learn about Zoom in a friendly environment; we are here to help you fly into the modern communication era.

## Green Valentines, Dungeness River Audubon Center

by Annette Nesse



Looking for something different for your Valentine(s) this year?

The Dungeness River Audubon Center is raising money now to beautify the entrance to their new building. For \$30 you can contribute to the Center's purchase of native landscape plants in your Valentine's name. Your special person will receive a pretty, hand-signed "green valentine" just in time for Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

You can order your valentines now at [www.dungenessrivercenter.org](http://www.dungenessrivercenter.org) on the River Center's secure payment site. Deadline for ordering valentine(s) is Feb. 9.

Annette Nesse, formerly Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Chief Operating Officer, who managed landscaping projects for the Tribe, is overseeing the River Center project.

"Selected native plants will be low maintenance, drought resistant and will be chosen for year-round color," she said. "That includes such plants such as Serviceberry, Ocean spray, Oregon grape, Red-twig dogwoods, Evergreen huckleberry, Vine maple, Snowberry and wild roses."

The road into Railroad Bridge Park has been rerouted off Hendrickson Road through a bare, adjacent field that will be planted with trees, shrubs and plants native to the western Pacific Northwest.

Plantings will also include enhancement of the 60-space paved parking lot with vegetative hedges and trees. To offset parking lot runoff, a stormwater treatment system using sunken "rain garden" infiltration, is planned for the center of the lot. This feature contains plants that like to get their feet wet but can also tolerate periods of dryness.

"We will be planting vegetative screens that provide both sheltering habitat and berries for birds," Nesse said. Before the project began, the River Center was visited daily by a large family of quail and hundreds of birds drawn to suet and seed feeders. A natural garden between the Center and the Dungeness River was designed for birds, *(Continued on next page)*

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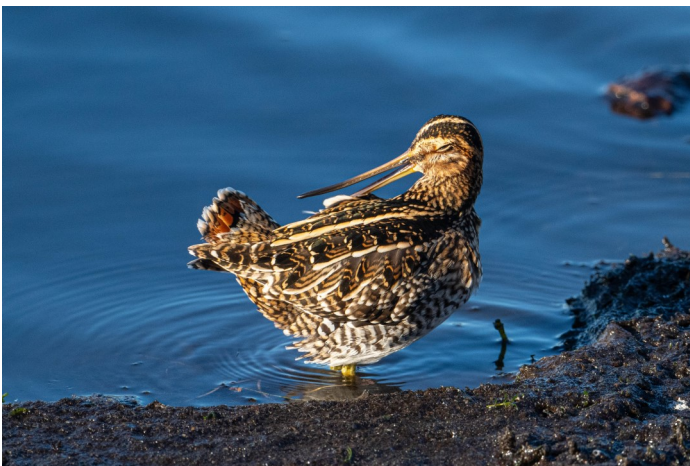
animals and insects that thrive in the understory of fallen leaves, downed branches and logs and has been relocated in Railroad Bridge Park during construction of the new 5,000 square-foot building.

Planting will begin when trees are dormant in early March, and will continue throughout the year as sections of the project are completed. The new River Center expansion is scheduled to open in the early fall of 2021. For more information, contact Annette Nesse [annette@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:annette@jamestowntribe.org) or Laura Dubois, [laurajdu-bois@yahoo.com](mailto:laurajdu-bois@yahoo.com)

## A Snipe Hunt

by Thomas Bancroft

The organic muck on the beach molded into a rolling carpet with lots of bumps and depressions, the result of wave action during the last storm. The shoreline was wide, maybe a dozen feet from the water's edge up to the beginning vegetation. I was snipe hunting and had my binoculars up to my eyes.



*Wilson's Snipe*  
Photo by Thomas Bancroft

Once in the mid-60s, I was sent as a young Boy Scout on snipe hunt. All the new scouts were gathered together by the camp counselors (the older Scouts, naturally), and we were required to bring along a t-shirt to capture one of these elusive creatures.

The chief counselor held a flashlight to his chest, shining it at his chin as he gave us instructions. The light gave his face a ghostly look, and his voice sounded ominous. We were instructed to search the dark woods, making grunting sounds as we went to attract a snipe, and then grab it,

wrapping it in our spare shirt. "Don't come back until you have one," were his last words. Of course, such a critter was imaginary. The older Scouts had sent us on a fool's errand. By the time I had reached high school age, I knew Wilson's Snipes existed, and had found this bird in swampy areas of western Pennsylvania.

Behind a row of muck was a little Wilson's Snipe, cinnamon, off white, and black, with long creamy-colored lines on its back. It had its long bill tucked under its back feathers, and its eyes were closed. One yellow leg held it up from the mud. Its exquisite plumage caused my spirits to rise. It was early November, and the coronavirus pandemic of this past year had left a heavy weight on my soul. Isolation, distance, masks, and zoom seemed the way of life. I needed contact with something alive, mysterious, and wonderful.

With that thought, the bird stretched and turned to walk down to the water's edge. Its six-inch bill began to probe into the mud. Its eyes are set well back on the sides of the head to allow it to see behind while probing for invertebrates. The bill tip is flexible, allowing just the end to separate to grab a worm. A second bird joined this one, and they moseyed along the shoreline, while I settled to watch these beautiful examples of adaptation.

A couple of dozen yards along their stroll, they stopped, turning their bills back along their sides, and began to preen. One twisted its tail, showing the barring and brown tips, pulling that bill through some under-tail coverts. As a flying snipe descends, the wind flows through those over-spread rectrices, making that incredible eerie winnowing sound so crucial in their courtship and territorial defense. In each of the last few summers, I've been able to listen to it in the mountains of Washington, joy filling my body.

Here on the shores of Lake Washington, one of the birds began to pull on its scapular feathers, the upper mandible bent upward near its tip, and I realized I'd just seen the end flex. These individuals continued preening, working their sides, breasts, and tails. Eventually stopping all activity, they put their bills under their back feathers and closed their eyes. I'd been watching them for close to an hour, and the chilly November temperatures had penetrated my bones. But these avian marvels had given me a sense of peace and serenity. Hope had returned to my soul.



**RESULTS OF 2020 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-fronted Goose	16	cormorant sp.	23	Barn Owl	5	<u>MacGillivray's Warbler</u>	1
Snow Goose	4	<u>American Bittern</u>	CW	Great-horned Owl	6	Yellow-rumped Warbler	65
Brant	2513	Great Blue Heron	74	Northern Pygmy-Owl	3	Yel-rumped (Myr) Warbler	10
Cackling Goose	32	Turkey Vulture	1	Barred Owl	8	Townsend's Warbler	2
Canada Goose	551	Bald Eagle (ad.)	95	Short-eared Owl	<u>11</u>	Snow Bunting	<u>5</u>
Trumpeter Swan	<u>183</u>	Bald Eagle (imm.)	18	Northern Saw-whet Owl	2	Spotted Towhee	545
<u>Tundra Swan</u>	3	Bald Eagle (uk age)	34	Anna's Hummingbird	<u>340</u>	Savannah Sparrow	18
Wood Duck	4	Northern Harrier	36	hummingbird sp.	1	Fox Sparrow	226
Gadwall	64	Sharp-shinned Hawk	14	Belted Kingfisher	38	Song Sparrow	1365
Eurasian Wigeon	<u>41</u>	Cooper's Hawk	28	Red-breastd Sapsucker	14	Lincoln's Sparrow	30
American Wigeon	<u>16587</u>	<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1	Downy Woodpecker	52	White-throated Sparrow	3
Mallard	7140	accipiter sp.	3	Hairy Woodpecker	20	White-crowned Sparrow	221
<u>Blue-winged Teal</u>	1	Red-tailed Hawk	84	No. Flicker (unk type)	119	Golden-crowned Spar.	885
Northern Shoveler	170	<u>Rough-legged Hawk</u>	CW	Red-shafted Flicker	53	sparrow sp.	9
Northern Pintail	4037	hawk sp.	2	Intergr RS X YS Flicker	1	Dark-eyed Junco (Or)	1749
Green-winged Teal	1166	Virginia Rail	18	Yellow-shafted Flicker	<u>4</u>	Red-winged Blackbird	<u>1911</u>
Ring-necked Duck	66	<u>Sora</u>	1	Pileated Woodpecker	7	Western Meadowlark	21
Greater Scaup	<u>502</u>	American Coot	64	woodpecker sp.	2	Brewer's Blackbird	703
Lesser Scaup	19	<u>Sandhill Crane</u>	1	American Kestrel	8	Brown-headed Cowbird	<u>46</u>
Harlequin Duck	122	Black Oystercatcher	3	Merlin	<u>23</u>	Purple Finch	66
Surf Scoter	890	Black-bellied Plover	563	<u>Gyrfalcon</u>	1	House Finch	<u>1174</u>
White-winged Scoter	324	<u>Pacific Golden-Plover</u>	1	Peregrine Falcon	9	finch sp.	22
Black Scoter	9	Killdeer	72	falcon sp.	1	Red Crossbill	36
scoter sp.	2	Marbled Godwit	19	Northern Shrike	4	Pine Siskin	<u>8966</u>
Long-tailed Duck	246	Willet	1	Hutton's Vireo	6	American Goldfinch	16
Bufflehead	2146	Black Turnstone	15	Canada Jay	5	Evening Grosbeak	<u>133</u>
Common Goldeneye	355	Sanderling	283	Steller's Jay	201	House Sparrow	143
Barrow's Goldeneye	9	Dunlin	1773	American Crow	711		
goldeneye sp.	1	Long-billed Dowitcher	<u>27</u>	Common Raven	235		
Hooded Merganser	25 L	Wilson's Snipe	31	Black-capped Chickadee	309	<u>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</u>	79636
Common Merganser	36	sandpiper sp.	12	Chestnut-bckd Chickadee	290	<u>NO. OF SPECIES</u>	149
Red-breastd Merganser	1450	Common Murre	166	chickadee sp.	25		
Ruddy Duck	16	Pigeon Guillemot	281	Bushtit	478		
duck sp.	14	Marbled Murrelet	55	Red-breasted Nuthatch	<u>220</u>		
Ruffed Grouse	2	Ancient Murrelet	1022	Brown Creeper	31	Number of Observers	93
California Quail	155	Rhinoceros Auklet	12	Bewick's Wren	35	No. Feeder Watchers	17
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	alcid sp.	19	Pacific Wren	102	Number of Parties	50 to 55
Red-throated Loon	24	Bonaparte's Gull	1	Marsh Wren	70	Miles on foot	162.2
Pacific Loon	179	Mew Gull	277	American Dipper	4	Hours on foot	188.1
Common Loon	33	Ring-billed Gull	1	Golden-crownd Kinglet	243 L	Miles by car	379.3
Yellow-billed Loon	2	California Gull	12	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	191	Hours by car	59.0
loon sp.	2	Herring Gull	4	kinglet sp.	1	Miles by boat	17.0
Pied-Billed Grebe	14	Iceland (Thayer's) Gull	7	<u>Western Bluebird</u>	CW	Hrs by boat	3.2
Horned Grebe	76	Western Gull	12	Hermit Thrush	4	Miles bicycle	29.0
Red-necked Grebe	62	Glaucous-winged Gull	883	American Robin	5198	Hours bicycle	11.7
Western Grebe	14	W. X Glauc-wing Gull	2439	Varied Thrush	70	Hours owling	12.7
grebe sp.	23	gull sp.	1059	European Starling	1640	Miles owling	70.3
Brandt's Cormorant	14	Rock Pigeon	409	American Pipit	47	Feeder Hours	73.0
Double-crstd Cormorant	550	Eurasian Collar-Dove	81	Cedar Waxwing	87	Total Field Party-Hours	261.9
Pelagic Cormorant	156	Mourning Dove	240	Orange-crowned Warbler	2		

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