

# Canada: The West

Naturetrek Tour Report

15th – 28th September 2022

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Grizzly Bear



Orca



Bald Eagle



Humpback Whale

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## Day 1

**Thursday 15th September**

Overcast, mild and breezy.

We arrived in Vancouver in the early afternoon and after clearing formalities we met up with our Canadian guide Blair, collected our hire vehicles and drove the fairly short distance to our motel in Tsawwassen. Having settled in there was still time to head down to nearby Boundary Bay for a first blast of Canadian wildlife. This is an area of grassland and scrub along a shallow muddy shore. The tide was out and the mudflats were covered in waders, wildfowl and gulls. We had a good time of it with highlights including a lone Long-billed Curlew and four American Avocet out on the mud, several Orange-crowned Warblers in the scrub and a smart and showy juvenile Northern Harrier hawking around over the hinterland. On our way back to the vehicles some of us were lucky enough to see a trio of River Otters as they made their way along a drainage channel.

## Day 2

**Friday 16th September**

Overcast and showery at first, becoming sunny and warm with some scattered cloud and a moderate breeze from late morning.

Before breakfast most of us took the opportunity to go out to Boundary Bay again. This time we visited a different part of the area and explored an extensive patch of scrub with grassy clearings. The place was full of Sparrows and, like them or not, we had some great views of Fox, White-crowned, Golden-crowned, Song, Lincoln's and Savannah – not bad at all. Otherwise, we saw a couple more Northern Harriers, a very smart Spotted Towhee, a couple of Common Yellowthroats and a Yellow Warbler, two Northern Flickers and an all too brief Cooper's Hawk.

After breakfast we drove the short distance to the Tsawwassen ferry terminal. Here we boarded the ferry across to Nanaimo and after seeing Black Turnstones, Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorants and several Harbour Seals along the breakwater we settled down for the two hour crossing to Vancouver Island.

We duly arrived at Nanaimo and began our drive across the island to Ucluelet. A Merlin flashing over the road in front of one of the vehicle was a bonus and the journey as a whole was punctuated by regular Turkey Vultures riding the wind and steadfastly jinking their way southwards. We ate a picnic lunch at scenic Qualicum Falls and made it to Ucluelet in good time to settle in before dinner. A brief look around our immediate harbour environs produced a couple of engaging Steller's Jays and a smart Belted Kingfisher.

## Day 3

**Saturday 17th September**

Sunny and warm with some scattered high cloud and a gentle breeze.

After an excellent breakfast with a wonderful sea view we drove the short distance north to Tofino for our scheduled whale-watching boat trip. Pretty soon we were out on the water threading our way through a patchwork of wooded islands. The calm water was dotted with Red-necked Grebes, Surf Scoters, Common Loons and Pigeon Guillemots. We passed reefs covered in Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorants and enjoyed some good views of Black

Oystercatchers, Harlequin Ducks, Heermann's Gulls and a group of impressively large Steller Sealions. The captain also took us by an area that he knew was frequented by Sea Otters and sure enough there was a raft of over 200 of these amazing animals loafing and socializing.

Our target however was the Grey Whales that frequent the area. We cleared the islands and headed out into the more exposed waters of Clayoquot Sound. The birds around us now were Common Guillemots and Rhinoceros Auklets. Suddenly there was a blow ahead and we found ourselves among a scattered group of four Grey Whales actively diving and feeding. We spent a good while here watching these wonderful creatures as they surfaced, blew and fluked before it was time for us to turn around and head back toward Tofino.

We ate a picnic lunch in warm sunshine in the park in Tofino and then drove to Wickaninnish Beach, part of the Pacific Rim National Park. Here we enjoyed a lovely walk along the beach and back through the forest and had some excellent views of at least three adult Bald Eagles plus a number of Chestnut-backed Chickadees, a Pacific Wren, several migrant Savannah Sparrows and an obliging Northern Flicker. From here it was back to Ucluelet where we finished the day as yesterday with the local Belted Kingfisher and Steller's Jays.

## Day 4

## Sunday 18th September

Sunny, still and very warm.

Our first stop this morning was back in the national park at a boardwalk trail through a beautiful area of open bog with scattered low trees. Among the ground flora we noted some good patches of Sundews and the birds included Dark-eyed Junco, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Ruby-Crowned Kinglet, Northern Flicker and Vaux's Swift.

Next, we drove on into Tofino for our second boat trip, this time into the sheltered channels around Meer's Island with its impressive covering of old growth forest. This trip was timed for low tide with the target being Black Bears foraging for crabs along the exposed shore. We were in luck, and saw three bears in all, with the last being a large adult that allowed us a close approach. The light was perfect and we enjoyed some excellent views as the bear continued to forage, unconcerned by our presence. It was great to watch as it overturned sizeable boulders with seemingly minimal effort. Other goodies on the trip included another big group of Sea Otters, a small flock of White-winged Scoter and a nice raft of 30 or so Western Grebes.

Back for another picnic in the park we then headed back to Ucluelet and out to Amphitrite Point where we walked around the famously scenic coastal trail. Wildlife sightings were limited to some Mule Deer of the coastal Black-tailed race, a Spotted Sandpiper and some engaging Steller's Jays but the weather was glorious and the scenery magnificent. Back in Ucluelet after dinner we finished the day in grand style with close up views of a family of four Raccoons, a mother and three well grown cubs, foraging along the shore right by our lodgings. Unfazed by our torch they just got on with their business which for the cubs involved some very entertaining rough and tumble.

## Day 5

**Monday 19th September**

Sunny, still and very warm.

A travelling day. Leaving Ucluelet and the Pacific Rim National Park after breakfast we headed back across the island. Our first stop was at the famous Cathedral Grove, a stand of old-growth forest with some truly mighty trees. Some of the Cedars, Hemlocks and Sitka Spruces are fully 200 feet tall and it's a wonderful experience to walk among these towering giants. Whilst here we also enjoyed great views of an American Dipper working its way along a small stream and a Pacific Wren popping in and out of the undergrowth.

We stopped for lunch at lively Coombs and for fuel in Campbell River and then drove on to Miracle Beach at Oyster Bay where we went for a short walk and a bit of birding. The conditions were perfect for looking out over the water and in a short space of time we were able to enjoy great views of Common and Pacific Loons, Red-necked and Horned Grebes, Surf Scoters and dainty Bonaparte's Gulls. Meanwhile, in the little tidal creek behind the sandspit and beach there were Least and Western Sandpipers, a Great Blue Heron and a Belted Kingfisher. All in all it was an excellent little stop which set us up nicely for the last leg of the journey.

Driving on past Woss we finally turned off the north/south highway onto the forestry road that led to Zeballos. 40 kilometres of gravel and wilderness later we bowled into town and arrived at our very comfortable guest house in time to settle in before dinner.

## Day 6

**Tuesday 20th September**

Sunny, still and very warm.

The glorious weather continued and shortly after breakfast we made our way down to the nearby harbour and joined Captain Dan in his small skiff for a trip out onto Zeballos inlet. We were full of anticipation as we set out to explore this remote and beautiful area and we weren't to be disappointed. First up, perched prominently in the shoreline trees, was a close Bald Eagle. This was swiftly followed by a quartet of Band-tailed Pigeons, a group of Hooded Mergansers and a couple of Belted Kingfishers - a promising start. Pretty soon we spied a couple of blows up ahead from the first Humpback Whale of the morning. With a careful approach and a bit of patience we were able to get some lovely views of this animal as it repeatedly surfaced and blew in the calm clear water.

From here we travelled a little further down the inlet and went close in to a stretch of rocky shore where we enjoyed perfect views of a large flock of Surfbirds and Black Turnstones at their high tide roost, a picture of energy and sociability as they jostled and chattered together on the rocks. Moving on again we spotted a large Black Bear out on the opposite shore. Once again we approached carefully and this amazing creature allowed us to within a few metres as it continued its rock turning in search of crabs and other tasty items. This was a truly wonderful twenty minutes or so – the conditions were perfect and the Bear untroubled; you couldn't wish for a better!

Pleased with our success we left the bear to its foraging and pushed on again. Dan took us into a sheltered bay where we found several Harbour Seals and three species of Loons, and then further out towards the mighty Pacific Ocean itself. We were now some 20 kilometres from Zeballos, amongst a scattering of small uninhabited wooded islands with the roar of the Pacific Ocean in the close distance. This was true and wonderful wilderness!

A large raft of Sea Otters resting in a kelp bed drew our attention and we marvelled once again at these extraordinary animals, so perfectly adapted to their environment. Away from the raft, lone otters were scattered across the water and as we passed one that had just surfaced it sat up in the water and began yelping loudly, an alarming sound. We wondered what was wrong until we noticed, on the other side of our boat, a smaller otter bobbing around on its own. We moved on a little and the larger otter swam towards the smaller one and gathered it up in its arms. We'd clearly come between mother and youngster whilst the mother was diving.

Marbled Murrelets, Surf Scoters and Brandt's Cormorants completed the picture here and, content with our morning, we turned around and began the journey back to Zeballos. We paused en-route to spend more time watching Humpbacks and then, in sight of Zeballos itself, we spotted the unmistakable dorsal fins of a pod of Orcas porpoising down the inlet towards us! Thrillingly, these supremely impressive creatures passed within metres of the boat and we experienced a fantastic few moments when they were on both sides of us speeding past. We didn't know where to look. What a perfect finale to a truly brilliant morning!

Post-lunch and a siesta we took a stroll around the village and down to the river and saw a few nice birds including a pair of Cedar Waxwings feeding a brood of recently fledged young. We finished the day by a beaver pond in the forest a mile or two out of town. A Pygmy Owl and a Pileated Woodpecker provided considerable interest and excitement as we waited and then, as the light began to fade, three Beavers duly appeared and we enjoyed some lovely views of them as they chugged serenely around their pond quietly attending to their business.

## Day 7

## Wednesday 21st September

Sunny, still and very warm.

We left Zeballos after breakfast and drove back along the forestry road towards the main north/south highway, making just one short stop by a very picturesque lake where we saw a smart Varied Thrush perched in the top of a tall spruce. Once out on the highway we made good time and reached Port McNeill about an hour and a half later. After a welcome coffee in a café we made our way down to the dock for our afternoon boat trip out into the Johnstone Strait.

So ensued an excellent afternoon, as we boated our way amongst the wooded islands of this incredibly rich and very beautiful stretch of water. Top of the bill were a series of Humpback Whales (we reckoned 12 individuals in all, including the fantastic sight of one breaching very close to our boat) and a prolonged encounter with a pod of over 100 Pacific White-sided Dolphins. For a good while the dolphins were all around us porpoising along at great speed and leaping out of the water. As we got closer a number of them joined us and sped along in our wake, providing a spectacular and beautiful sight in the bright sunshine. The sea was covered in birds too, including thousands of Common Guillemots, hordes of Gulls, hundreds of Cormorants, dozens of Pigeon Guillemots and Rhinoceros Auklets and several flocks of Red-necked Phalaropes. A raft of over 50 Sea Otters bobbing around in a kelp bed and 20 or more Steller Sealions hauled out on a rocky islet completed a really excellent trip.

## Day 8

## Thursday 22nd September

Sunny, warm and still to mid-pm. Overcast and cool at Great Bear Lodge with rain from early evening.

With a little time to spare after breakfast we explored along the waterfront at Port McNeill and enjoyed some good views of three or four diminutive Anna's Hummingbirds visiting the flowers in the ornamental shrubberies. By late morning we were a little further north in Port Hardy where we explored the estuary and found a couple of Bald Eagles, some American Wigeon and Green-winged Teals, lots of gulls and a smart Belted Kingfisher. We ate lunch in the town's waterfront park and then took a stroll along the shore. Over 200 Black Turnstone were roosting on low rocky reef and out on the water we noted hundreds of Surf Scoters, dozens of Horned and Red-necked Grebes, several Great Northern Divers, some Pigeon Guillemots and half a dozen handsome Harlequin Ducks.

All too soon it was time to transfer to the local airport for our short scenic flight across to Smith inlet and Great Bear Lodge. We flew in a Grumman Goose flying boat, a great experience enjoyed by all, and landed on the calm waters of the inlet before taxi-ing serenely up to the lodge's extensive deck. Two flights were needed to bring everyone across and once we were all there and settled in we set off for our first evening bear-watching excursion. Unfortunately, not everything went to plan and there was a problem when the old yellow school bus, which constitutes the transport from the lodge up and down the old forestry track to the bear-watching hides, broke down. Consequently we arrived at the hide rather later than expected but nevertheless, as the darkness gathered around us we had our first encounter with Grizzlies, a mother and half-grown cub, wading in the shallows – a good start!

## Day 9

## Friday 23rd September

Overcast, intermittent rain, still, mild.

Our first full day at Great Bear lodge. After breakfast we got back in the bus and headed up to the hide again and settled down to see what would unfold. The overcast conditions and light rain, with the trees dripping soporifically created a strong atmosphere; here we were in some very remote temperate west coast rain forest. We sat quietly waiting. The river flowed swiftly past and was clearly full of salmon; we could see them moving around in the shallows and the banks were littered with the remains of spent and predated ones. Then there were gulls, hanging around, flying to and fro, squabbling over scraps, waiting. Mostly California Gulls but also good numbers of Short-billed and a few larger Glaucous-winged. There were Goosanders too, 20 or more, fishing their way up and down the river and the odd Spotted Sandpiper teetering along the shore, plus Ravens, Crows, a Great Blue Heron and Bald Eagles - several of them, including a couple of smart adults. All this was there in front of the hide, alongside the ever present possibility of Bears...and we didn't have to wait long! Pretty much as soon as we settled down a young female appeared out of the forest and began fishing in the shallows. Looking intently, she made a sudden dash and amid much splashing she caught a sizeable male Chum Salmon in fine condition. She subdued it, took it on to the gravel then proceeded to eat pretty much the whole thing, skin first! It was a grisly process, particularly as the salmon took a good long while to die, but absolutely fascinating to watch. After this she wandered the length of our view and disappeared back into the forest.

We settled down again. The river flowed, the gulls squabbled, the Eagles watched... then a female bear with a halfling cub, presumably the two we had seen the previous evening, appeared out of the forest shadows and spent

a good long while walking along the gravel bank across from us, investigating various dead fish and making a few fishing attempts. She didn't seem very skilled but the cub was in good condition and high spirits and the pair of them were great to watch. When they drifted back into the forest it was time for us to head back to the lodge. It had been a successful morning!

After lunch we went for a walk along the track in the company of a couple of the Lodge's guides who told us a good deal about the rainforest here. We noted a few birds too, including a Red-Tailed Hawk and both Swainson's and Hermit Thrushes. Late in the afternoon we returned to the hide and after a bit of a wait were rewarded with repeated views of this morning's mother and cub.

## Day 10

## Saturday 24th September

Overcast, some drizzle and light rain, still and mild.

When we arrived at the hide this morning a big female with three small cubs was out fishing the shallows. She seemed to be an adept fisher and an experienced mother and it was interesting to watch how she operated, at one point she caught a spent but still flapping salmon and passed it to one of the cubs to practise its skills on whilst she concentrated on catching a healthy fish. This quartet soon drifted out of view but a little later yesterday's mother and cub reappeared and spent a good long while in front of the hide allowing us a wonderful opportunity to watch them. Once again we got the impression that the mother wasn't very good at catching fish. Indeed, most of the time she seemed more interested in playing with her cub. At one point, wrestling in the water, they floated down river within metres of us, a lovely moment.

After lunch back at the lodge we went for a cruise into the nearby estuary. In a team of small boats with outboards we explored the saltmarsh creeks and wooded islands. This was a lovely excursion and we had some notable sightings including several Harbour Seals, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, a Merlin, a pair of Bald Eagles, three or four Belted Kingfishers and a Greater White-fronted Goose in with some Canadas.

In the late afternoon we were back at the hide and finished the day in style with prolonged views of this morning's mother and three cubs fishing the shallows and then, when they finally departed, a lone female. Not bad!

## Day 11

## Sunday 25th September

Sunny, still and warm.

Our last session at the hide drew a blank for bears but it was good to be out in the forest none the less and we'd certainly had a good time of it overall with some fantastic bear encounters during our time here. As if by way of compensation, a group of four River Otters appeared around the lodge pontoons as we prepared for lunch. They were very close and everyone saw them well as they fished and played around— what a bonus!

Post-lunch we went out for a short cruise on the inlet. The weather was gorgeous and the scenery magnificent and as we pottered calmly along we noticed a couple of blows up ahead. It was two Humpbacks fishing their way up the inlet! We approached cautiously, keeping a respectful distance, and were rewarded with some fantastic views in perfect, flat calm, mirror-water conditions as these mighty creatures surfaced and blew at regular intervals. Then,

as we waited during one of their dives, we noticed bubbles appearing at the surface. As we watched we could see the bubbles tracing a circle on the glass smooth water: one of the whales was bubble-netting! Sure enough as the circle was complete a great calloused snout and huge gaping maw broke the surface and subsided back into the water with an impressive splash – fantastic!

In the late afternoon the Grumman Geese arrived to take us back to Port Hardy and half an hour or so later, after another excellent little flight, we were back on Vancouver Island, with our sojourn in the wilderness completed.

## Day 12

## Monday 26th September

Foggy until mid-morning, then warm, sunny and still.

We left foggy Port McNeill after breakfast and made a first stop by the shore at nearby Nimpkish River. We couldn't see far but it was an atmospheric scene in the mist and we had some success with excellent views of several Fox Sparrows and a flock of 20 or so Red Crossbills that, unusually, were feeding on seedheads among the low saltmarsh vegetation.

We headed on south, the mist burnt off and we stopped for fuel and coffee at Campbell River. A short walk here, along the shore at the edge of town, produced a couple of nicely distinctive Cackling Geese, some Harlequin Ducks, dozens of Surf Scoters and a huge number of gulls, including several hundred Bonaparte's. Continuing on, we ate a picnic lunch by the shore at Qualicum Beach. The sea here was covered in birds including over 50 Red-necked Grebes, 20 Horned Grebes, 25 Great Northern Divers and an impressive 40 Pacific Divers – not bad!

Mid-afternoon found us at Buttertubs Marsh on the edge of Nanaimo where we walked for a while and saw Wood Ducks, Pied-billed Grebes, Red-winged Blackbirds, Bushtits, a Bewick's Wren and a smart Western Spotted Terrapin. From Buttertubs it was just a short drive to the ferry terminal and soon enough we were back on the ferry heading across to the mainland. In the calm sunny conditions visibility was excellent and we noted several distant Humpback Whales during the two-hour crossing. Other notables included several Harbour Porpoises, lots of Common Guillemots, several Rhinoceros Auklets, a number of Double-crested Cormorants and a superb pale adult Arctic Skua.

## Day 13

## Tuesday 27th September

Our last day in BC and after breakfast in Tsawwassen we drove over to the Reiffel Nature Reserve. Comprising an extensive area of pools, scrub, saltmarsh and shoreline, Reiffel is one of the best birding sites in the Vancouver area and in the course of the morning we encountered an exciting and satisfying range of birds. Highlights included a flock of 50 or so Cackling Geese fresh in from the Arctic, a nice selection of ducks, a couple of Virginia Rails, a Sora Rail, a flock of over 100 Long-billed Dowitchers (with at least one Short-billed amongst them) and a lovely Wilson's Phalarope. We also saw several Northern Flickers and enjoyed repeated views of Northern Harriers, with at least four individuals seen including a smart adult male. Other raptors included a Peregrine, a Merlin and at least three Red-tailed Hawks and small birds a Marsh Wren, several Yellow-rumped Warblers, two Spotted Towhees and a neat Pacific Slope Flycatcher. Perhaps best of all for most of the group however were the fantastic views we had of Anna's Hummingbirds coming to the feeders around the car park and reception area. These entrancing little avian jewels provided a fitting finale to a great morning and a superb couple of weeks.



From Reiffel we headed back to Tsawwassen for lunch and then to the airport for our late afternoon flight. Everything went smoothly and we all arrived safely back in the UK the following morning.

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

| I=Introduced                |                                  | September 2022 |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Common name                 | Scientific name                  | 15             | 16  | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22    | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27    |
| Canada Goose                | <i>Branta canadensis</i>         | 50             | 70  |    |    | 30 | 20 | 50 | 50    |    | 50 | 40 | 30 | 100's |
| Cackling Goose              | <i>Branta hutchinsii</i>         |                |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    |    |    | 2  | 50    |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | <i>Anser albifrons</i>           |                |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    | 1  | 10 |    |       |
| Wood Duck                   | <i>Aix sponsa</i>                |                |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    |    |    | 3  | 3     |
| Northern Shoveler           | <i>Spatula clypeata</i>          |                |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    |    |    | 2  | 10    |
| Gadwall                     | <i>Mareca strepera</i>           |                |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    |    |    |    | 100   |
| American Wigeon             | <i>Mareca americana</i>          | 100's          | 100 |    |    |    | 5  |    | 5     |    |    | 2  | 25 | 30    |
| Mallard                     | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>        | 100            | 100 |    |    |    | 3  |    |       | 2  |    |    | 5  | 50    |
| Northern Pintail            | <i>Anas acuta</i>                | 100's          |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    |    | 30 | 2  | 40    |
| Green-winged Teal           | <i>Anas carolinensis</i>         | 25             |     |    |    |    |    |    | 4     |    |    | 3  |    | 40    |
| Harlequin Duck              | <i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i> |                |     | 20 |    | 1  |    | 1  | 6     |    |    |    | 40 |       |
| Surf Scoter                 | <i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>   |                | 5   | 30 | 30 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 100's |    |    |    | 30 |       |
| White-winged Scoter         | <i>Melanitta deglandi</i>        | 10             |     |    | 10 | 1  | 2  | 2  |       |    |    |    |    |       |
| Hooded Merganser            | <i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>     |                |     |    |    |    | 7  | 4  | 5     |    |    | 1  |    | 10    |
| Goosander                   | <i>Mergus merganser</i>          |                |     |    | 5  | 6  | 15 |    | 22    | 25 | 50 | 35 |    |       |
| Vaux's Swift                | <i>Chaetura vauxi</i>            |                |     |    | 6  |    |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |       |
| Anna's Hummingbird          | <i>Calypte anna</i>              |                |     |    |    |    |    |    | 5     |    |    |    | 1  | 5     |
| Rock Dove                   | <i>Columba livia</i>             |                |     | 25 |    |    |    |    |       |    |    |    | 10 |       |
| Band-tailed Pigeon          | <i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>      |                |     |    |    |    | 4  |    |       |    |    |    |    |       |
| Eurasian Collared Dove - I  | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>     | 2              |     | 2  |    |    |    | 2  |       |    |    |    |    | 1     |
| Virginia Rail               | <i>Rallus limicola</i>           |                |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    |    |    |    | 2+3h  |
| Sora Rail                   | <i>Porzana carolina</i>          |                |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    |    |    |    | 1     |
| American Coot               | <i>Fulica americana</i>          |                |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    |    |    |    | 5     |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>       |                |     |    |    |    |    |    |       |    |    |    | 5  | 3     |

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| Common name              | Scientific name                     | 15             | 16 | 17 | 18  | 19 | 20  | 21    | 22  | 23 | 24 | 25  | 26    | 27  |
| Red-necked Grebe         | <i>Podiceps grisegena</i>           |                |    | 30 | 40  | 20 | 2   | 6     | 50  |    |    |     | 50    |     |
| Horned (Slavonian) Grebe | <i>Podiceps auritus</i>             |                |    |    |     | 1  | 4   |       | 20  |    |    |     | 20    |     |
| Western Grebe            | <i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>    |                |    | 2  | 30  |    |     |       | 2   |    |    |     | 2     |     |
| Black Oystercatcher      | <i>Haematopus bachmani</i>          |                |    | 10 | 6   |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |       |     |
| American Avocet          | <i>Recurvirostra americana</i>      | 4              |    |    |     |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |       | 1   |
| Grey Plover              | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>         |                |    |    |     |    |     |       | 5   |    |    |     |       |     |
| Killdeer                 | <i>Charadrius vociferus</i>         | 10             |    |    |     | 2  |     |       |     |    |    |     | 2     | 2   |
| Black Turnstone          | <i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>       |                | 12 | 1  | 5   |    | 80  |       | 200 |    |    |     |       |     |
| Surfbird                 | <i>Calidris virgata</i>             |                |    |    |     |    | 50  |       | 1   |    |    |     |       |     |
| Sanderling               | <i>Calidris alba</i>                |                |    |    |     | 1  |     |       |     |    |    |     |       |     |
| Least Sandpiper          | <i>Calidris minutilla</i>           | 12             |    | 1  |     | 4  |     |       |     |    |    |     |       |     |
| Pectoral Sandpiper       | <i>Calidris melanotos</i>           | 1              |    |    |     |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |       |     |
| Western Sandpiper        | <i>Calidris mauri</i>               | 1              |    |    |     | 2  |     |       |     |    |    |     |       |     |
| Long-billed Dowitcher    | <i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>      |                |    |    |     |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |       | 100 |
| Short-billed Dowitcher   | <i>Limnodromus griseus</i>          |                |    |    |     | 1  |     |       | 2   |    |    |     |       | 1   |
| Wilson's Snipe           | <i>Gallinago delicata</i>           |                |    |    |     |    | 1   |       |     |    |    |     |       | 1h  |
| Wilson's Phalarope       | <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>          |                |    |    |     |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |       | 1   |
| Red-necked Phalarope     | <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>           |                |    |    |     |    |     | 40    |     |    |    |     |       |     |
| Spotted Sandpiper        | <i>Actitis macularius</i>           |                |    | 1  | 1   |    |     |       | 1   | 2  | 1  | 1   |       |     |
| Long-billed Curlew       | <i>Numenius americanus</i>          | 1              |    |    |     |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |       |     |
| Lesser Yellowlegs        | <i>Tringa flavipes</i>              |                |    |    |     |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |       | 1   |
| Greater Yellowlegs       | <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>           | 20             |    |    |     |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |       | 30  |
| Bonaparte's Gull         | <i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i> | 1              |    |    | 5   | 35 |     |       |     |    |    |     | 100's |     |
| Heermann's Gull          | <i>Larus heermanni</i>              |                |    | 10 |     |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |       |     |
| Short-billed Gull        | <i>Larus brachyrhynchus</i>         |                |    | 25 | 5   | 1  | 2   | 5     | 20  | 15 | 15 | 30  | 100   |     |
| Ring-billed Gull         | <i>Larus delawarensis</i>           | 50             |    |    |     |    |     |       | 1   |    |    | 1   |       |     |
| California Gull          | <i>Larus californicus</i>           | 15             | 50 | 50 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 100's | 100 | 30 | 50 | 150 | 100   | 1   |

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| Common name              | Scientific name                 | 15             | 16  | 17    | 18  | 19 | 20 | 21     | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26    | 27 |
| Glaucous-winged Gull     | <i>Larus glaucescens</i>        | 100            | 50  | 100   | 100 | 50 | 15 | 100's  | 50 |    | 1  | 3  | 100's | 10 |
| Iceland Gull             | <i>Larus glaucoides</i>         |                |     |       |     |    |    | 1      |    |    |    |    |       |    |
| American Herring Gull    | <i>Larus smithsonianus</i>      |                |     |       |     |    | 5  | 10     |    |    |    | 50 | 50    |    |
| Black-legged Kittiwake   | <i>Rissa tridactyla</i>         |                |     |       |     |    |    | 15     |    |    |    |    |       |    |
| Caspian Tern             | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>       | 10             |     |       |     |    |    |        |    |    |    |    |       |    |
| Arctic Skua              | <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> |                |     |       |     |    |    |        |    |    |    |    | 1     |    |
| Common Guillemot         | <i>Uria aalge</i>               |                |     | 50    |     | 2  |    | 1000's |    |    |    |    | 50    |    |
| Pigeon Guillemot         | <i>Cepphus columba</i>          |                |     | 30    |     | 8  |    | 50     | 10 |    |    |    | 5     |    |
| Marbled Murrelet         | <i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i> |                |     | 2     |     | 1  | 2  |        | 1  |    |    |    |       |    |
| Cassin's Auklet          | <i>Ptychoramphus aleuticus</i>  |                |     |       |     |    |    | 1      |    |    |    |    |       |    |
| Rhinoceros Auklet        | <i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>    |                |     | 50    | 1   | 1  | 2  | 50     |    |    |    |    | 6     |    |
| Red-throated Diver       | <i>Gavia stellata</i>           |                |     |       |     |    | 2  |        |    |    |    |    |       |    |
| Pacific Diver            | <i>Gavia pacifica</i>           | 1              |     | 2     |     | 1  | 3  | 5      |    |    |    |    | 40    |    |
| Great Northern Diver     | <i>Gavia immer</i>              | 10             |     | 12    |     | 5  | 10 | 20     | 10 |    |    |    | 20    |    |
| Brandt's Cormorant       | <i>Urile penicillatus</i>       |                | 100 | 10    | 5   |    | 50 | 100's  | 10 |    |    |    |       |    |
| Pelagic Cormorant        | <i>Urile pelagicus</i>          |                | 100 | 100's | 100 |    | 10 | 100's  |    |    |    | 5  |       |    |
| Double-crested Cormorant | <i>Nannopterum auritum</i>      |                | 2   |       | 5   |    |    |        |    |    |    |    | 15    |    |
| Great Blue Heron         | <i>Ardea herodias</i>           | 10             | 4   | 2     | 2   | 3  | 2  | 1      | 3  | 2  | 2  | 2  |       | 5  |
| Turkey Vulture           | <i>Cathartes aura</i>           |                | 20  |       |     | 20 |    |        |    |    |    |    | 8     |    |
| Osprey                   | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>        |                |     |       | 1   |    |    |        |    |    |    |    |       |    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk       | <i>Accipiter striatus</i>       |                |     |       |     |    |    |        |    |    | 1  |    |       |    |
| Cooper's Hawk            | <i>Accipiter cooperii</i>       |                | 1   |       |     |    |    |        |    |    |    |    |       |    |
| Northern Harrier         | <i>Circus hudsonius</i>         | 1              | 2   |       |     |    |    |        |    |    |    |    |       | 4  |
| Bald Eagle               | <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> |                |     | 6     | 2   | 1  | 3  | 5      | 5  | 5  | 9  | 10 |       | 2  |
| Red-tailed Hawk          | <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>        | 1              | 1   |       |     | 1  |    |        |    | 1  |    |    |       | 3  |
| Northern Pygmy Owl       | <i>Glaucidium gnoma</i>         |                |     |       |     |    | 1  |        |    |    |    |    |       |    |
| Belted Kingfisher        | <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>        |                | 1   | 1     | 2   | 3  | 6  | 1      | 1  | 2  | 6  | 2  |       | 1  |

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| Red-breasted Sapsucker    | <i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>       |                |    | 1    |      |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |      |
| Downy Woodpecker          | <i>Dryobates pubescens</i>     |                |    |      |      |      |      | 1  |    |    |      |    |    |      |
| Hairy Woodpecker          | <i>Leuconotopicus villosus</i> |                |    |      |      |      | 1h   |    |    |    |      | 1h |    |      |
| Northern Flicker          | <i>Colaptes auratus</i>        |                | 2  | 1    | 4    | 1    |      | 1h |    |    |      |    | 1h | 12   |
| Pileated Woodpecker       | <i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>      |                |    |      |      |      | 1    |    |    |    |      |    |    |      |
| American Kestrel          | <i>Falco sparverius</i>        | 1              |    |      |      |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |      |
| Merlin                    | <i>Falco columbarius</i>       |                | 1  |      |      | 1    | 1    |    |    |    | 1    |    |    | 1    |
| Peregrine Falcon          | <i>Falco peregrinus</i>        |                |    |      |      |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | 1    |
| Pacific-slope Flycatcher  | <i>Empidonax difficilis</i>    |                |    |      |      |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | 1    |
| Steller's Jay             | <i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>     |                | 3  | 10   | 10   | 3    | 5    | h  | 1  | 3  |      | 5  | 3  |      |
| American Crow             | <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>   | 15             | 20 | 100  | 50   | 25   | 30   | 50 | 50 | 15 | 5    | 4  | 10 |      |
| Northern Raven            | <i>Corvus corax</i>            |                | 10 | 5    | 3    | 15   | 3    | 2  | 5  | 1  | 6    | 2  | 12 |      |
| Cedar Waxwing             | <i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>     |                |    |      |      | 5    | 6    |    | 2  |    |      |    |    |      |
| Chestnut-backed Chickadee | <i>Poecile rufescens</i>       |                |    | 8    | 12   |      | 3    | h  |    | h  | h    |    | h  |      |
| Black-capped Chickadee    | <i>Poecile atricapillus</i>    | 1              |    |      |      |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | 8    |
| Barn Swallow              | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>         |                | 5  | 2    |      |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | 15   |
| American Bushtit          | <i>Psaltiriparus minimus</i>   | 15             |    |      |      |      |      |    |    |    |      |    | 4  |      |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet      | <i>Corthylio calendula</i>     |                |    |      | 3    |      | 2    |    |    |    |      |    |    |      |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet    | <i>Regulus satrapa</i>         |                |    | h    | 1+2h |      | 1+2h | h  |    |    |      |    | h  |      |
| Marsh Wren                | <i>Cistothorus palustris</i>   |                |    |      |      |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    | 1+2h |
| Bewick's Wren             | <i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>     |                |    |      |      |      |      |    |    |    |      |    | 1  | 1    |
| Pacific Wren              | <i>Troglodytes pacificus</i>   |                |    | 1+2h | 3h   | 1+2h | 1h   | 1h |    | 2h | 1+1h | 1h | 1h |      |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch     | <i>Sitta canadensis</i>        |                |    |      |      | 1h   |      |    |    | 1h |      |    |    |      |
| Brown Creeper             | <i>Certhia americana</i>       |                |    |      |      | 1h   |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |      |
| Common Starling           | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>        |                | 30 | 3    | 15   |      |      | 25 | 30 |    |      | 2  | 15 | 50   |
| Varied Thrush             | <i>Ixoreus naevius</i>         |                |    |      |      |      |      | 1  |    |    |      | 1h |    |      |
| Swainson's Thrush         | <i>Catharus ustulatus</i>      |                |    |      |      |      |      |    |    | 1  |      |    |    |      |

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| Hermit Thrush           | <i>Catharus guttatus</i>         |                |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 3  |    |    |    |    |
| American Robin          | <i>Turdus migratorius</i>        |                | 70 | 6  | 3  | 12 | 25 | 20 | 5  |    |    |    |    | 25 |
| American Dipper         | <i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>         |                |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |    |
| House Sparrow - I       | <i>Passer domesticus</i>         |                |    | 1  | 2  |    |    | 2  |    |    |    |    | 2  | 15 |
| Buff-bellied Pipit      | <i>Anthus rubescens</i>          | 2              |    |    | 1  |    |    |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |
| House Finch             | <i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>      | 2              | 2  |    |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |    |    |    | 4  |
| Red Crossbill           | <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>         |                |    | 4  | h  | h  | h  | h  | 5  | h  | h  | h  | 20 |    |
| American Goldfinch      | <i>Spinus tristis</i>            |                | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 5  |
| Red Fox Sparrow         | <i>Passerella iliaca</i>         |                | 6  | 8  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 4  |    | 1  | 1  | 4  |    |
| Dark-eyed Junco         | <i>Junco hyemalis</i>            |                |    |    | 5  |    | 8  |    |    |    | 1  |    |    | 1  |
| White-crowned Sparrow   | <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>    |                | 10 | 1  | 2  |    | 2  |    | 4  |    |    |    |    | 4  |
| Golden-crowned Sparrow  | <i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>   | 3              | 10 |    | 1  |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |    | 4  |
| Savannah Sparrow        | <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i> | 15             | 12 | 20 | 25 | 5  |    | 7  | 10 | 1  | 1  |    | 1  | 4  |
| Song Sparrow            | <i>Melospiza melodia</i>         | 1              | 7  |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 4  | 1  |    |    | 5  | 8  |
| Lincoln's Sparrow       | <i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>       | 1              | 4  |    |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| Spotted Towhee          | <i>Pipilo maculatus</i>          |                | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 3  |
| Red-winged Blackbird    | <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>       |                |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 10 | 30 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird    | <i>Molothrus ater</i>            |                |    |    | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Brewer's Blackbird      | <i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>    | 15             | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 20 |
| Orange-crowned Warbler  | <i>Leiothlypis celata</i>        | 10             | 4  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Tennessee Warbler       | <i>Oreothlypis peregrina</i>     |                |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |    |
| Common Yellowthroat     | <i>Geothlypis trichas</i>        | 3              | 2  |    | 2  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 1h | 1h |
| American Yellow Warbler | <i>Setophaga aestiva</i>         |                | 1  |    | 10 |    |    | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Audubon's Warbler       | <i>Setophaga auduboni</i>        | 1              | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 3  | 15 |
| Western Tanager         | <i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>       |                |    |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

## Mammals

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| Common name                 | Scientific name               | 15             | 16 | 17  | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21  | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| American Black Bear         | <i>Ursus americanus</i>       |                |    |     | 3  |    | 1  | 1   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Brown Bear (Grizzly)        | <i>Ursus arctos</i>           |                |    |     |    |    |    |     | 2  | 3  | 7  |    |    |    |
| Steller Sea Lion            | <i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>     |                |    | 30  |    |    | 2  | 30  |    |    |    |    | 2  |    |
| Californian Sea Lion        | <i>Zalophus californianus</i> |                |    | 1   | 10 | 4  |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Common Seal                 | <i>Phoca vitulina</i>         |                | 5  | 1   | 30 |    | 5  | 6   |    | 2  | 10 | 5  | 15 |    |
| Northern Raccoon            | <i>Procyon lotor</i>          |                |    |     | 4  |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Sea Otter                   | <i>Enhydra lutris</i>         |                |    | 200 | 50 |    | 70 | 50  | 5  |    |    |    |    |    |
| North American Otter        | <i>Lontra canadensis</i>      | 3              |    | 3   | 5  |    |    |     |    |    |    | 4  |    |    |
| American Marten             | <i>Martes americana</i>       |                |    |     |    |    |    |     |    |    |    | 1  |    |    |
| Mule Deer                   | <i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>    |                |    |     | 5  |    |    |     |    |    |    |    | 2  |    |
| Grey Whale                  | <i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>  |                |    | 4   |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Humpback Whale              | <i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i> |                | 1  |     |    |    | 4  | 12  |    |    |    | 2  | 5  |    |
| Killer Whale                | <i>Orcinus orca</i>           |                |    |     |    |    | 5  |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Pacific White-sided Dolphin | <i>Sagmatias obliquidens</i>  |                |    |     |    |    |    | 100 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Harbor Porpoise             | <i>Phocoena phocoena</i>      |                |    |     |    |    | 10 |     |    |    |    |    | 10 |    |
| Eastern Grey Squirrel       | <i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>   |                |    |     | 1  |    |    |     |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| American Beaver             | <i>Castor canadensis</i>      |                |    |     |    |    | 3  |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Muskrat                     | <i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>     |                | 1  |     |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |