

Canada: The West

Naturetrek Tour Report

6th – 18th September 2023



Juvenile Bald Eagle



American Dipper



Grey Whale



Sea Otter



Grizzly mum and cub



Grizzly mum and lunch

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Summary

Vancouver Island is a place of superlatives, and we certainly enjoyed some amazing experiences in this great wilderness. After some local birding at Tsawwassen to get us into the mood, we began our adventure with a ferry crossing to Nanaimo and a drive across Vancouver Island to the west coast. We were soon into the thick of Pacific coast gull identification and all of its intricacies as we headed out into Clayoquot Sound, scene of some of the largest protests against logging in the 1980s and 1990s, resulting in the eventual protection that the area now has. This was the first of a number of boat trips that we enjoyed on this holiday, all providing us with amazing experiences with many species of auks, Grey and Humpback Whales, great rafts of Sooty Shearwaters, Harbour Seals, Steller's Sealions, Black Bears and those wonderfully cute Sea Otters.

We paid visits to some impressive old-growth stands of mighty conifers, walked along stunningly beautiful beaches and headlands, and enjoyed waders in a variety of harbours and coastal settings. Our visit also included a short flight by vintage seaplane to Great Bear Lodge, where we spent our time enjoying some truly memorable moments with Grizzly Bear mums and their cubs. Bears were seen on all of our visits to the viewing platforms, from where we could watch them catching salmon from the river while California Gulls, Bald Eagles, Goosander and American Dippers also entertained us. Finishing up back at Tsawwassen, we had time for some local birding on the mainland, with a great array of waders, ducks and other coastal species waiting to be enjoyed. It's the rain that makes this such a land of plenty, yet we were lucky in only having a few periods of wet weather and that largely fell on our travel days. What a place and what a trip!

Day 1

Wednesday 6th September

We had something of a staggered start to the trip as some participants had already been in Canada for varying periods, but the 'official' group flight landed just a little behind schedule this afternoon and the majority of us met up at Vancouver Airport, sorted out our vehicles and headed to our first hotel at Tsawwassen. Here, we met up with the other four members of the party and enjoyed our first, delicious, Canadian fayre. A few European Rabbits along the way gave us an insight into this strange population of either black or strawberry blonde individuals, while a large, swirling flock of Common Starlings and a roadside Red-tailed Hawk got the bird list started.

Day 2

Thursday 7th September

Some of the group were up bright and early this morning for some pre-breakfast birding at Beach Grove Park. A tall stand of Black Cottonwoods with shrubby understorey provided us with both Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees in a busy flock, with a Red-breasted Nuthatch in tow. A Downy Woodpecker called but remained invisible in the towering trees but a calling Merlin showed nicely and we enjoyed some great views of this feisty little bird.

After breakfast back at the hotel, we packed and headed off to the Tsawwassen ferry terminal, where we passed Great Blue Herons and Northern Pintail, and we were soon accompanied by plentiful Glaucous-winged Gulls. Eventually we set sail for Vancouver Island, picking out the likes of Ring-billed Gulls, Surf Scoters, Pelagic Cormorants and a Pigeon Guillemot as we left dock. The crossing was quiet for wildlife, though a Humpback

Whale was seen briefly by some, but at least the weather was nice and calm and we arrived at Nanaimo on schedule. After a shopping session for lunch items, we headed about half an hour down the road and enjoyed our picnic lunches at Little Qualicum Falls, surrounded by towering Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar, along with some fabulous Strawberry Trees. Oregon Juncos eventually showed really well, as did American Robin, while a Black Swift and a few Vaux's Swifts passed high overhead.

Continuing, we enjoyed some spectacular scenery before eventually arriving at Ucluelet, our base for the next few days. At the hotel, two Belted Kingfishers rattled around overhead, California Gulls mooched about and American Crows fed on the saltings. A dusky-looking Song Sparrow put in an appearance, too. We rounded the day off with dinner at a local diner.

Day 3

Friday 8th September

Before breakfast, some of us enjoyed the wonderful views of the harbour and inlet immediately in front of our lovely little hotel. We only needed to step out of the door to find Buff-bellied Pipits and Yellow Warblers migrating overhead, while a party of four Common Crossbills and two Least Sandpipers also passed by. One of the Belted Kingfishers was still present, though a little more distant, and a busy group of four Steller's Jays showed off their colours in the early morning light, all against a busy backdrop of fishing parties and locals starting their collective day.

We took breakfast at a local diner, where we fortuitously spotted a perched pair of adult Bald Eagles and we enjoyed a wonderful and very filling feast. After about a half hour's drive we arrived at the harbour in Tofino and, though the sun was shining, there was a hint of sea fog creeping into the sound. We signed the paperwork and attended the usual safety formalities before boarding our vessel for the morning and heading out onto the water. We were soon heading into foggy conditions, but it was very localised and, passing between the islands to the open Pacific Ocean, we soon found the kelp beds, and the fog eased away. In the kelp, a number of Sea Otters were loafing and enjoying life and a couple gave great photo opportunities during the morning. Small groups of Common Guillemots (here, Common Murres) were on the water, along with a scattering of Rhinoceros Auklets and soon we were spotting the bright white shapes of Marbled Murrelets in their non-breeding attire. Rather than heading out into the open ocean, our journey took us close to the coastlines of some of the nearby islands and, as the mist lifted entirely and the seas turned as blue as the skies, we entered a broad-sweeping bay with a long, sandy beach. Here we found a magnificent group of four Grey Whales and we enjoyed wonderful views of them as they rolled and fed in the shallows, very close to the beach. Here also were Red-necked Grebes and Surf Scoters, as well as a flying group of three Black Oystercatchers.

Having spent a great time with the whales, we eventually continued on our way and headed back in amongst the islands for some truly magnificent scenery of islands, beaches, mountains, trees and blue, blue skies and water. We paused to enjoy a group of loafing Harbour Seals and this spot proved good for birds, too, with several Red-necked Grebes, two Pacific Divers, more auks and murrelets and a variety of gulls present, the latter including our first Heerman's Gull. Time was pressing by now, so we continued on our way, passing a group of five cows, out on the open beach and grazing the seagrass beds at Opitsat – a 'first' for all of us!

We savoured the wide and varied delights of the local supermarket again for lunch today and sat and ate in a small local park. After lunch, we made the hop back to Ucluelet and spent a warm and sunny afternoon down at

Amphitrite Point Lighthouse (with some choosing a little shopping and R&R instead). At the point, we scanned the rugged coastline and eventually turned up a few Black Turnstones and Surfbirds, though the light was a little tricky. Amongst the gnarled spruces and Western Red Cedars, we heard Pacific Treefrogs and encountered three. Also here were lively Golden-crowned Kinglets and two Chestnut-backed Chickadees and, as we neared the car park again, two Northern Flickers (here of the 'Red-shafted' form) appeared briefly. Time to head back and then out again for a fine, Canadian dinner in town!

Day 4

Saturday 9th September

The day dawned bright and sunny again, though some localised fog rolled in as we enjoyed breakfast at the Black Rock Resort. Our first walk of the day was taken at Wickaninnish Beach, where the surfers were already out, but we still found a nice array of birds and other treats. Family parties of both Red-throated and Pacific Divers were out on the water while a couple of Steller's Sea Lions cavorted in pursuit of a meal. A single Black Oystercatcher flew by and landed on the rocks and the beachcombers turned up a nice array of finds, including a mussel shell covered in Acorn and Goose Barnacles. Near the (closed) visitor centre, a Pacific Wren was singing but wouldn't show, but one or two Song Sparrows were a little more obliging, and we found an American Red Squirrel and a fine selection of Banana Slugs in varying combinations of olive-yellow and black. We spent time down on a pebbly beach, enjoying the views and a little more beachcombing, as well as an obliging Belted Kingfisher and a selection of waders feeding on the wrackline, including four Killdeer, a Least Sandpiper and several Spotted Sandpipers.

We headed out of town by way of a sports field, which proved quiet for birds due to incoming fog, then continued to Long Beach Airport to check out a nice piece of scrubby ground. Things were a little quiet here, but we did find some showy White-crowned and Song Sparrows, and a Band-tailed Pigeon surprised us by sitting right out in the open for all to enjoy. Returning to the main road, we made our way to Tofino and headed back to the Co-op to get our lunches.

Our afternoon was spent on another boat trip, this time heading inland from the dock, to explore the islands and inlets in the quest for bears. We passed plenty of Glaucous-winged and California Gulls and a nice scattering of Great Blue Herons out on the exposed mud at low tide, and we continued past the salmon farms to explore some of the stony beaches in the area. After a couple of false starts, we eventually got lucky and turned up a Black Bear, foraging along the beach and overturning rocks in its quest for food. The bear eventually wandered off into the trees, but round on the other side of the peninsula we turned up a larger and well-groomed male Black Bear which was more obliging for a while. It had been a fabulous afternoon out on the water and we headed to Frankie's for a celebratory slap-up dinner.

Day 5

Sunday 10th September

Today saw us making the long haul back across Vancouver Island, heading north up the east coast, then tracking back west to reach the remote little settlement of Zeballos. Much of our day was therefore spent on the road after breakfast at the diner in Ucluelet. We broke the journey with a visit to the amazing, old-growth stand of trees known as Cathedral Grove, where a spectacular stand of Douglas Firs rises high overhead, along with stately Western Hemlocks and Western Red Cedars. The ground beneath is carpeted with Sword Ferns, whose spear-like clumps are equally magnificent in their own way. The largest Douglas Firs here are around 800 years old, with a height of 75m (250 feet) and a girth of 9m (29 feet).

Continuing on our way, we stopped to buy lunch in Courtenay and took our sandwiches to Miracle Beach Provincial Park to eat. Things were quiet on the water, but a Goosander was hunting for fish nearby and a very tame 'Oregon' Junco hopped around our feet looking for scraps. We moved ever onward, with our journey punctuated by the odd Pileated Woodpecker, Steller's Jay, Turkey Vulture and Bald Eagle – and even a Black Bear for some! We eventually reached Zeballos and settled into our rooms. Dinner and checklist followed before we retired for the night, wondering what the next day's adventures would bring.

Day 6

Monday 11th September

Quite a few of the group members were up for a pre-breakfast walk this morning, which provided a few new birds for the trip, including Black-throated Grey Warbler, Swainson's and Varied Thrushes, and American Dipper. After a hearty breakfast, we walked down through town to the dock, finding several American Robins and a Bald Eagle on the way. At the dock, we set out on our boat trip, cruising down the inlet with mist shrouding the higher slopes around us. The low cloud dissipated early on and, despite a chance of rain (for which we came prepared), the weather stayed dry for us. A couple of Mule Deer fed along the edge of the forest and we started to add an array of birds, including Red-necked Grebe, several Goosanders and our first Short-billed Gulls. Further out, Rhinoceros Auklets and Marbled Murrelets began to appear and, as we approached the kelp beds, we came across our main quarry, the wonderful Sea Otters. We enjoyed these super-furry animals as they lounged in small groups amongst the kelp strands and we also noted several Harbour Seals during the trip. We stopped short of the open ocean as the swell was a little too high and headed for a sheltered bay to eat our sandwiches in comfort on the boat. Two Western Sandpipers appeared and later a party of nine flew by, while at least two Spotted Sandpipers were noted on the rocks. Bald Eagles certainly became a feature of the trip on the way back and we even watched one drop down and pick up its lunch from the water.

After such a busy session out on the water, we took a little 'down time' in the afternoon, but most of us couldn't resist a little wander around the area for a couple of hours before dinner.

Day 7

Tuesday 12th September

An earlier breakfast was in order today as we needed to head out to Port McNeill in time for our boat trip later in the day. But there was time for a stroll around the block and we encountered a nice, scrubby little corner that provided us with Song, White-crowned and Sooty Fox Sparrows, Common Yellowthroats and American Robins. A Northern Flicker flew over and a little further we found a Black-throated Grey Warbler. The forecast rain began to appear as we packed and headed out along the dirt road, with the first vehicle spotting a Ruffed Grouse. Once back on tarmac we made good progress and stopped to pick up lunch provisions before heading for the dock.

Thankfully, the rain rolled away pretty much just as we headed out into the water and we had a fabulous four hours of wildlife watching. Feeding parties of Common Guillemots and Rhinoceros Auklets seemed always to be around, busy groups of Harlequin Ducks scurried by, and the usual melange of gulls wove backwards and forwards, with the addition of some smart Short-billed Gulls amongst them. The usual divers and grebes were noted but a Western Grebe was new for the trip, as were some Black-legged Kittiwakes. Further out, things got even busier, as Sooty Shearwaters seemed to be all over the place, sitting in rafts on the water and weaving back and forth past the boat. Red-necked Phalaropes were plentiful, too, again sitting on the water in small parties or zipping across the stern

of the boat. It was all a magical sight and such a hive of activity had duly attracted the true leviathans in the shape of Humpback Whales. There were several feeding groups of these gentle giants and, though a figure of 21 individuals was banded around, it's hard to know just how many there were – but they were certainly an impressive sight!

And there were other treats, too. An islet crowded with Steller's Sea Lions, sentinel Bald Eagles atop the trees, a lone Ancient Murrelet amongst the guillemots, two Dall's Porpoises that passed right underneath us and a missile-like Peregrine Falcon across the bow. On the return leg, we added a host of Sea Otters to the list and finished with a female Black Bear and her two cubs turning rocks on the beach and a group of Hooded Mergansers in the harbour. What a day! Finally, heading into town to settle in to our hotel, some took the opportunity to have another look around the harbour and turned up some Short-billed Dowitchers on the beach.

Day 8

Wednesday 13th September

Our flight to Great Bear Lodge was looming ever closer as we packed and prepared to leave Port McNeill. After breakfast, we still had time for some local birding (or shopping for some) and we took a quick turn around the harbour area to see what was about. No sign of yesterday's River Otters, unfortunately, but we began with some very obliging Short-billed Dowitchers and good looks at Savannah and Song Sparrows, as well as a group of Eurasian Collared Doves and several House Finches. Three Bald Eagles sat and watched our movements and Great Blue Herons and Belted Kingfishers were ever-present, it seemed. Further out in the main channel, a Surf Scoter, two Velvet Scoter and several Red-necked Grebes were present. We also paid our respects to what was billed as 'the world's largest burl' – a spectacular lump of wood – though some bright spark had decided to set it alight recently... there's always one!

Driving north to Port Hardy, we went through our routine of supermarket shopping then patronising a local park to eat lunch. Nearby, some approachable Black Turnstones and Killdeer were nice highlights. Eventually, our time came to drive to the seaplane company and transfer to the airport ready for our spectacular flight to Great Bear Lodge. There was something of a delay, the reasons for which were not entirely clear, but we were soon on our way, the group being split over two flights to get us all in. Flying at 4,000 feet gave us fabulous views of the landscape, and we were often looking up at the highest peaks. Before long we were gliding in to land on the water, like the goose after which our plane was named. Once settled and oriented, we headed out on the old school bus to one of the viewpoints, where we enjoyed the most wonderful time, watching a mother Grizzly Bear and her yearling cub chasing Chum Salmon and dining well. Here, too, there were California and Short-billed Gulls, Bald Eagles and Goosander to enjoy and we stayed until the bears were done and the light was starting to fade. Heading back to the lodge, we enjoyed a fine evening meal before retiring for the night with some great new memories to process.

Day 9

Thursday 14th September

We had a very different schedule today, as our daily routine was planned out for us by the staff at Great Bear Lodge. After breakfast, we took the school bus out to a different viewing platform and found a female Grizzly with three cubs already feeding out on the river. Unfortunately, our arrival after they had already started fishing meant that they quietly moved away, so we waited for an hour or so before moving to the platform we had been at yesterday. Things were quiet here, too, so we made our way back to the lodge for some R & R before lunch.

Lunch was very pleasant, served out on the floating deck in the sun. We then prepared for an afternoon walk, with the staff giving us an ecology lesson about the area. We also walked down a side trail to see a tree that had been scent-marked by bears and had quite a collection of hairs attached to it. There was a second visit to the bear-viewing platforms in the evening, which provided the group with another two Grizzlies to enjoy.

Day 10

Friday 15th September

Today's schedule pretty much followed yesterday's, with a visit to the bear platforms after breakfast producing a mum with junior in tow. After lunch, we were split between three boats and taken out onto the inlet for an insight into the ecology of the area. Collective viewings included Bald Eagles, Harbour Seals, Canada Geese, Goosander and assorted smaller fry.

Later, after a little R&R, we took the school bus out to the bear platforms again, with some spotting an American Marten dashing across the road. There was a feeling that this might be a less successful visit, as we waited and waited for bear to show; a female with cub appeared but they slipped away in a different direction. We entertained ourselves with the antics of the salmon and various gulls, as well as a couple of American Dippers, both of which approached remarkably close to us and gave us plenty of entertainment. Fly-over Bald Eagles, Goosander and Ravens passed by and those with the right sight line could see at least three Grizzlies further downriver. Eventually we got our just reward as a female bear and her cub came and hunted down their dinner right in front of us – what a finale to the day! And yet, it wasn't quite the finale, as on our drive back to base we encountered the female with three cubs that we had seen previously, plus the female with the yearling that we had also seen before, making a grand total of eight bears this evening!

Day 11

Saturday 16th September

Up with the lark again today and a fine breakfast was followed by another run along the logging road in the school bus (albeit a different one today) to the bear hides. We spent the morning in the covered hide and it proved a wonderfully busy time; on arrival, the female with the three cubs was already present and she stayed for some time, allowing for some great bearwatching. After a while, Diabeta showed up with her yearling cub and two of the three younger cubs headed into the trees – an unusual event for grizzlies. After a time, they came down and the family headed off into the woods. The remaining mother and junior stayed to eat for time then gave us a great show of play-fighting before they too wandered off upriver. Three Goosander also fished the river in front of us and at least three adult Bald Eagles were in the trees. On the way out, a young Bald Eagle seemed startled to see our bus arrive – so startled, that it completely forgot to fly off, allowing for great photo opportunities.

After lunch, we had a short boat trip down the inlet to Pirate's Cove – which housed a lovely waterfall – and we were given some background to the history of the area. A Steller's Sea Lion was a nice find for one of the boats on the way back. The inevitable departure time finally came and we were soon enjoying the experience of taking off from water, before heading over the mountains and across Queen Charlotte Sound to Port Hardy. We were soon reunited with Chris and made the half-hour drive back to Port McNeill for the night, with some of the group squeezing in a quick bit of birding time down at the harbour before dinner.

Day 12

Sunday 17th September

Today was largely a travel day: we prepared ourselves for the return southward from Port McNeill back to Nanaimo. We took breakfast at the hotel (which seemed to require some very involved discussions with the waitress!) then packed and hit the road. We made good time along the main highway, passing teetering Turkey Vultures as we went and stopped in Campbell River to pick up lunch provisions, with some pretty serious shopping therapy taking place too!

We ate lunch at Qualicum Beach, hoping for a few birds to enjoy as we ate, but the water was a little quiet except for a scattering of Great Northern Divers. With things quiet, we continued southward, any showers gradually petering out as we went. Eventually, we reached the outskirts of Nanaimo and spent a little time walking a trail around Buttertubs Marsh. There were some nice things to enjoy here, with Green-winged Teal, Wood Ducks and a Pied-billed Grebe out on the open water, Red-winged Blackbirds in the cat-tails and an array of smaller birds in the bushes. Chris's 'pishing' skills brought us some nice treats, including Bewick's Wren, Common Yellowthroat, Spotted Towhee, House Finches and an array of sparrows. Two Orange-crowned Warblers also showed well and three Purple Finches soon followed. Time gradually crept up on us and we made our way around the outskirts of town and hit the ferry terminal in good time. As we headed out across the bay, a magnificent sunset gave us a glorious last wave from Vancouver Island and, before long, we were back at the hotel in Tsawwassen that we had enjoyed before, what seemed an age ago! A final dinner in the hotel restaurant gave us a chance to recount some fond memories.

Day 13

Monday 18th September

Most of us had flights later in the day today, so we took the opportunity for some local birding on Boundary Bay. The grassy areas and bushy patches soon provided a run of Song, White-crowned, Lincoln's and Savannah Sparrows, along with Spotted Towhees, House Finches, American Goldfinches and more. Northern Flickers were noted and two Northern Harriers joined a Red-tailed Hawk to patrol the skies. Out on the water, great rafts of Northern Pintail, Mallard, Green-winged Teal and American Wigeon were loafing and we picked out a group of four Northern Shoveler. Great Blue Herons and Killdeer seemed to be everywhere and both Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs were noted. Around the corner, three Pectoral Sandpipers and little groups of Western Sandpipers fed busily and we added an Osprey to the daily tally.

Breakfast was calling and we met up with the rest of the group, then shortly said our goodbyes to those heading out earlier. After breakfast, we drove round to another part of Boundary Bay, though here the tide was by now very far out and waders were mostly specks in the distance. Despite this, a Pacific Golden Plover was pulled out of the bag, along with a party of Least Sandpipers, while the seaweed-strewn beach was littered with busy Buff-bellied Pipits. The scrubby sides of a ditch brought a few goodies too, with a male Downy Woodpecker showing very well and a troupe of Bushtits passing through, accompanied by some Black-capped Chickadees.

Heading back to pick up the shoppers, we then made our way into the outskirts of Vancouver and enjoyed a final meal at Denny's, along with some interesting beverages! Finally, we were off to the airport and saying our goodbyes after what had been quite an adventure through the wilds of Canada's western seaboard.

Thanks to all from Chris and Mike for contributing towards making this a lovely trip with some amazing encounters with wildlife.... we should do it again some time!

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Species lists

I = Introduced, H = Heard only		September 2023												
Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>												8	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>													4+
American Wigeon	<i>Mareca americana</i>			1										✓
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	3					1						2	✓
American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>									2		30+	2	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>		✓											✓
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas carolinensis</i>												10	✓
Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>							20+						
Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>		20+	✓					1					
White-winged Scoter	<i>Melanitta deglandi</i>		1+						2					
Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>							11	11				1	
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>					1	8+	1	12	5	20+	5+		
Ruffed Grouse	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>							1						
American Black Swift	<i>Cypseloides niger</i>		1											
Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>		5+		3									
Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>		2	1		1								
Feral Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>		2		2	✓							35+	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>							1	6+					1
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>												1	
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>			6	5		1	20+	✓					
Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>						5	5						
Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>							1						
Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>			8	1									
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>													1
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>													10+
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>				4				5			✓	✓	✓

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Hudsonian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius hudsonicus</i>								H						
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>								1						
Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>			3				1	✓			✓			
Surfbird	<i>Calidris virgata</i>			5											
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>			2	1				3					10+	
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>													3	
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>							✓	15+			✓			
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>							60+							
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>				5		2								
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>													20+	
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>								H					2+	
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>							3+							
Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>					✓							✓		
Heermann's Gull	<i>Larus heermanni</i>			1											
Short-billed Gull	<i>Larus brachyrhynchus</i>						10+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>		2			✓			1	2					
California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Glaucous-winged Gull	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>				2				2					2	
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>			✓	✓			✓							
Pigeon Guillemot	<i>Cepphus columba</i>		2	3				10+					50		
Marbled Murrelet	<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>			10			2	5+		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ancient Murrelet	<i>Synthliboramphus antiquus</i>							1							
Rhinoceros Auklet	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>			✓	2		✓	✓							
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>				5			4							
Pacific Diver	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>			2	4			1					2		
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>			1	3		4	3				1	15+		
Fork-tailed Storm-petrel	<i>Hydrobates furcatus</i>							2						5	
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>							✓							
Brandt's Cormorant	<i>Urile penicillatus</i>			✓	2		3+	2+							

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Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum auritum</i>		3	✓	✓		✓	✓					✓		
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum auritum</i>		✓	2				1				✓	✓		
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>		6	3+	10+	1	✓	2	4+			✓	✓	✓	
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	1	✓			✓	1	1				✓	✓		
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>													1	
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>													H	
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>													3	
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>			2	1	1	12+	6+	5+	3	3+	6+	✓		
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	1	✓										2	3	
Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>									H					
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>		2	1	6+		8	5	5	2+	3+	4+		1	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>									2					
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>		H							H		H		1	
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Leuconotopicus villosus</i>						H			H		H			
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>		H	2	H	✓	✓	✓		H	H		✓	✓	
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>		1			1									
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>		1						1						
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				1			1						2	
Western Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>									1					
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>			6+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	3	✓	H	✓		
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>					✓	✓		20+						
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>		3+	2	H	✓	1								
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>		✓											✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	1	1								1	✓	
American Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>													10+	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>			3	H	H		H		H					
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>												2	1	
Pacific Wren	<i>Troglodytes pacificus</i>				H										

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Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>		2									2			
Common Starling - I	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>						H				H				
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>						1								
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>						1	1			2				
House Sparrow - I	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓		✓	✓										
Buff-bellied Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>			H										50+	
Purple Finch	<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>												3		
House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>								6+			✓	✓	✓	
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>			H+4											
American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>													20+	
Sooty Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella unalaschcensis</i>			H	✓			2					✓		
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>		3+			1				3					
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>				3+		✓	3+	1					6	
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>								✓			✓		✓	
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>		1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>			H										4+	
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>					1								3+	
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>												✓	✓	
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>				1									6	
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>							2	H				2+		
American Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>			2+	1	1				H					
Myrtle Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>													1	
Audubon's Warbler	<i>Setophaga auduboni</i>													6+	
Black-throated Grey Warbler	<i>Setophaga nigrescens</i>						1	1							
Mammals															
American Black Bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>				2	1		3							
Grizzly Bear	<i>Ursus arctos subsp. horribilis</i>								2	6	8	6			
Steller's Sea Lion	<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>				2			50+				1			

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Californian Sea Lion	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>			4+											
Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		2	6+	✓		3+	3+	1	1	✓	✓			
Sea Otter	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>			15+			20+	50+							
American Marten	<i>Martes americana</i>										1				
Mule Deer	<i>Odocoileus hermionus</i>				1	3	2	✓	1						
Grey Whale	<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>			4											
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>		1					21						1	
Dall's Porpoise	<i>Phocoenoides dallii</i>							2							
European Rabbit - I	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓											✓	✓	
Eastern Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>		✓												
Douglas's Squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus douglasii</i>									H	H	✓			
American Red Squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>				✓	✓								✓	
Reptiles															
A garter snake	<i>Thamnophis</i> sp.						✓							✓	
Fish															
Chum Salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pink Salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>										✓				
Invertebrates															
Small White - I	<i>Pieris rapae</i>				✓								✓	✓	
Mourning Cloak	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>									✓					
Carolina Grasshopper	<i>Dissosteira carolina</i>												✓	✓	
Pacific Banana Slug	<i>Ariolimax columbianus</i>			✓							✓				