

Canada: The West

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Marbled Godwit



Humpback Whale



Grizzly Bear with Salmon



Bald Eagle

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Day 1

Friday 15th September

We arrived in Vancouver on time in the late afternoon and after meeting up with Blair and collecting our hire vehicles we drove the short distance to Tsawwassen and our motel. Once checked in some of the group went for dinner in the restaurant next door whilst others retired to their rooms for some much needed sleep.

Day 2

Saturday 16th September

Sunny and warm to mid-pm then overcast and cool. Still.

Most of the group assembled before breakfast for a quick spin out to the shore at nearby Boundary Bay. It was a lovely still sunny morning with threads of mist weaving through the scrub and trees and we quickly noted a satisfying range of birds. These included Great Blue Herons, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Killdeers and Pectoral Sandpipers along the shore, and Spotted Towhees, House Finches, Black-capped Chickadees and a Northern Flicker in the scrub and trees. We also had great views of a singing Bewick's Wren and a small party of migrant Golden-crowned Warblers and started our Sparrow list with White-crowned, White-throated, Fox, Song and Lincoln's.

Post-breakfast we drove the short distance down to Tsawwassen ferry terminal ready for our crossing to Vancouver Island. As we left the harbour, we noted lots of Brandt's and a few Pelagic Cormorants, a couple of Black Oystercatchers, several Glaucous-winged Gulls and some Harbour Seals. The crossing was calm but quiet for wildlife and we duly arrived at Duke's Point, Nanaimo a couple of hours later.

We ate a picnic lunch in the forest at Qualicum Falls and then took a short walk to admire the waterfalls, noting a couple of Red-breasted Nuthatches, a few Dark-eyed Juncos and a brief American Dipper along the way. From here we set a course across the island to the Pacific Rim. Mountains and lakes were the joint themes of the journey whilst visible wildlife included over 20 Turkey Vultures and a number of Ravens. Towards the end of the afternoon, we arrived at Ucluelet and our comfortable motel, home for the next couple of days.

Day 3

Sunday 17th September

Overcast, persistent light rain and drizzle, cool, still.

Up and out to a café for breakfast at first light with Cedar Waxwings moving through the trees and then away up to Tofino in time for our mid-morning whale-watching trip. The boat took us out into Clayoquot Sound and despite the persistent rain we were able to enjoy the spectacular setting plus great views of a feeding Grey Whale, with another visible in the distance. We saw a few Sea Otters too – there would be more of these later in the trip – plus some Harbour Seals and a nice range of birds including lots of Surf Scoters, over 50 Red-necked Grebes, dozens of Rhinoceros Auklets, several Pigeon Guillemots, a few Surfbirds, some Black Oystercatchers and at least seven smart Heermann's Gulls.

Back in Tofino we ate a picnic lunch in the park, where a couple of Steller's Jays put in a speculative appearance, then headed back to Ucluelet. It was still raining and so most of the group opted for an afternoon of rest. A few diehards persisted with a short local walk and despite the weather managed to see a Common Yellowthroat and a Golden-crowned Warbler, a couple of Anna's Hummingbirds, some Song Sparrows and Chestnut-backed Chickadees, a flock of Black Turnstones and an adult Bald Eagle – not too bad!

Day 4

Monday 18th September

Sunny with some scattered thin cloud at times. Warm after a cool start.

We were up early today and back up to Tofino for a boat trip into the Fortune Channel to look for Black Bears foraging on the shore. After a long search we succeeded in finding one busy rock turning. It was a fine beast in a great setting and we saw it well, but all too soon it decided it had had enough of us and disappeared into the shoreline forest. Otherwise, on this pleasant excursion through some truly wonderful scenery we saw a brief River Otter scuttling away across the seaweed covered rocks, a couple of close Harbour Porpoises and a lovely group of 30 or so multi-hued and multi-patterned Harbour Seals hauled out on a reef.

Back in Tofino at the end of the morning we headed off to Long Beach, part of the Pacific Rim National Park, for our picnic lunch. Sitting on driftwood tree trunks at the top of this huge and spectacular beach with the mighty Pacific surf crashing in, we soaked up the setting, noted a flock of 80 or so Sanderling running along at the water's edge and enjoyed close views of four lovely Marbled Godwits. These last, perhaps fresh in from their Alaskan breeding grounds, were so intent on feeding (they were gobbling up sandhoppers in the wrack) that they allowed us a ridiculously close approach and a great photographic opportunity.

After lunch we continued on to Wickaninnish Beach where we had a nice walk through some impressive old-growth forest and found a few Golden-crowned Kinglets, a Pacific Wren and a couple of Fox Sparrows, and then finished the afternoon at the nearby Shore Pine Bog Trail. Here a boardwalk took us through a lovely area of bog with scattered small pines and we enjoyed sightings of Yellow-rumped Warblers, Dark-eyed Juncos and a Northern Flicker.

Day 5

Tuesday 19th September

Mostly overcast with some sunny breaks in the late morning. Rain from mid-pm onward. North-easterly wind. Cool.

We left Ucluelet after breakfast and headed back across the island through the mountains and past the lakes, noting Turkey Vultures and Ravens again and making a stop at the famous Cathedral Grove, a patch of magnificent old-growth forest with some truly massive Western Cedars and Douglas Firs. We ate a picnic lunch by the shore in the town of Courtenay and then took a walk through grassland and scrub bordering areas of saltmarsh and mudflats. This proved very productive and in a short space of time we saw an interesting range of birds including a couple of Sandhill Cranes, 30 or so Cackling Geese (so much smaller and neater looking than the nearby Canadas), five Long-billed Dowitchers, several Killdeer, a Lesser Yellowlegs, Bonaparte's, Ring-billed and California Gulls, two Bald Eagles, a Peregrine and various ducks. The on-going Turkey Vulture passage was very evident too and we

had some sensational views of these impressive birds passing close overhead, jinking as they went. A Common Garter Snake, admired by all and much photographed rounded things off nicely.

From Courtenay we continued fast north-westwards up the island, making a stop at the small settlement of Woss (10 more Turkey Vultures and a Steller's Jay here) and then, a little further on we turned off the highway onto the forestry road that leads through some very wild country to Zeballos. The rain had set in making driving conditions tricky, but we made it to Zeballos in good time to settle in before dinner.

Day 6

Wednesday 20th September

Sunny, still and warm after a cold, misty start.

After breakfast this morning we made our way down to the harbour and boarded the guesthouse's skiff for a trip down the Zeballos and Esperanza inlets. It was a beautiful morning and the scenery was spectacular. The best of the wildlife included a close encounter with a large Black Bear out on the shore turning rocks and chomping crabs, two big rafts of Sea Otters bobbing around in the kelp beds and, on our way back, a large Humpback Whale surfacing regularly between feeding dives. Birds during the course of the morning included Surf Scoters and Common Loons, a Western Grebe, Surfbirds and Black Turnstones, a few Bald Eagles and several Belted Kingfishers. At one stage we put in at a grassy headland which proved to be alive with migrant Savannah Sparrows and found three impressive Caspian Terns roosting with a number of California Gulls on a nearby sandspit.

We were back to the guest house in Zeballos for lunch then departed a little later bound for Port MacNeill. We made a couple of stops on our way out to the highway, first at a beaver pond a little out of town where we had great views of an American Dipper, some Chestnut-backed Chickadees and a superb Northern Pygmy Owl, then at a lake somewhat further on where we found a Spotted Sandpiper and another Dipper and heard a Varied Thrush. Once out on the highway we made quick progress and arrived in Port MacNeill at the end of the afternoon.

Day 7

Thursday 21st September

Overcast and cold in the morning; sunny and warm in the afternoon.

After breakfast some of the group ventured out to a stretch of forested estuarine shore a little out of town where we were pleased to find a good number of birds out on the water. We counted over 200 Red-necked Grebes and noted several Great Northern Divers, two Slavonian Grebes, a couple of Harlequin Ducks, a smart drake Black Scoter and lots of Surf and White-winged Scoters. Back at the motel in the mid-morning we collected the rest of the group, shopped for our picnic lunch then took a short walk along the waterfront in town and found two Short-billed Dowitchers, some Least and Western Sandpipers, 20 Black Turnstones and six Hooded Mergansers.

At noon we set out into the Johnstone Strait on a whale-watching boat. The cold overcast conditions of the morning had miraculously transformed into warm sunshine and we enjoyed an absolutely wonderful afternoon exploring among the channels and wooded islands of the Broughton Archipelago. Humpback Whales were top of the bill and we saw nine in all, including some fantastic close views of one lunge feeding and then tail slapping for several minutes without a break. We also saw Orcas, first a trio of two females with a halfling calf and then a couple of males with those amazing great dorsal fins scything through the water. There were Steller Sealions and Sea

Otters too and a superb range of birds including Ancient and Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros and Cassin's Auklets, Pigeon and Common Guillemots, Black-legged Kittiwakes, hundreds of Sooty Shearwaters and a few surprise Fork-tailed Storm Petrels. All in all, it was an afternoon to remember and a happy crew that sailed back into Port MacNeill in the late afternoon.

Day 8

Friday 22nd September

Sunny with some scattered high cloud, still and warm.

Away from the hotel after breakfast our first stop was at nearby Beaver Creek Road where we walked a short trail through the forest to a beautiful stretch of shore and saw Song Sparrows and Steller's Jays, a Brown Creeper, various ducks and gulls and a trio of Bald Eagles. From here we headed north to Port Hardy and took a stroll along a trail at the head of the Quatse River estuary. Here we found Grey Plovers, Marbled Godwits and Short-billed Gulls out on the mudflats and enjoyed close views of a Fox Sparrow and a couple of Belted Kingfishers. A Goshawk flashing out of the trees and across the creek was a brief but exciting bonus for a few of the group.

We ate our lunch at the waterfront park in Port Hardy with a scattering of Scoters, Harlequins, grebes and divers out on the water then made our way to the float plane terminal for our mid-afternoon flight to Great Bear Lodge. The flight, in a Grumman Goose flying boat, was exciting and the scenery spectacular and we all duly arrived safe and sound at the wonderful and remote Great Bear Lodge.

Soon enough the local guides whisked us out and we bumped our way along the track in the old yellow school bus that we'd grow to know and love, to a large wooden hide overlooking a stretch of the Nekite river. We settled down to watch and wait. There were gulls and crows on the shingle banks, Mergansers on the river and a quartet of Bald Eagles in the trees. Two Least Sandpipers and a Belted Kingfisher put in brief appearances and a female Merlin made three dramatic flypasts in front of us taking tilts at the gulls and crows, apparently for fun. All this we watched and enjoyed but it was bears we were hoping for. At last, one appeared, a Grizzly Bear floating its way downriver towards us. It was a young female and when she reached the shallows, we could see dozens of Chum Salmon skittering around in panic at her feet. She caught a number, but all seemed to be spent fish in a poor condition and after cursory bites she discarded most. All of this was great to watch, and she stayed in view for half an hour or so as she worked her downriver in front of us catching and discarding fish and investigating corpses. Finally she disappeared back into the forest and it was time for us to return to the lodge for dinner.

Day 9

Saturday 23rd September

Overcast and cool. Persistent rain in the afternoon.

Straight after breakfast we headed off again in the old yellow bus and returned to the same hide. Things were much as we'd left them the previous evening: the sound and movement of the river, the still and quiet of the forest, the eagles, the gulls and the mergansers. An American Dipper foraged along the water's edge and at one point a Sharp-shinned Hawk flashed across the river but sadly, no bears appeared and so, a little disappointed, we returned to the lodge for lunch. En-route, on the track ahead of us, we had good views of a Western Jumping Mouse, an interesting looking thing and a new one for all of us.

Post lunch some of us went for a walk up the track with the guides from the lodge. It rained throughout but it was an enjoyable walk nonetheless and we saw a few bird species including several handsome Varied Thrushes, plus our second mouse of the day, a Keen's Deer Mouse. In the late afternoon we set off to the bear hide again. The rain continued but after a bit of a wait a large female Grizzly with a cub of the year appeared, again upriver, making their way through the shallows towards us. They spent some time in view in front of us and the antics of the cub, dashing around trying to catch fish almost as big as itself, were a joy to watch. After a while these two wandered off downstream and once again it was time for us to return to the lodge.

Day 10

Sunday 24th September

Sunny with scattered cloud. Warm after a cold start. Heavy rain after dark and overnight.

Away to the hide again after breakfast we met with success as soon as we arrived with a large female Grizzly appearing as usual from stage left upstream and making her way downriver in front of us. This was a fine looking bear and we enjoyed fantastic views of her as she fished her way past us. Otherwise there was lots of Bald Eagle action throughout the morning (two adults and three youngsters) and a range of other birds to be seen including a Belted Kingfisher, a Dipper, a couple of Ravens and the usual Gulls, Mergansers and Crows. A Green-winged Teal and an American Wigeon, travelling together, spent a little time on the river but never quite settled and eventually shot off downstream.

After lunch back at the lodge we went out in a flotilla of small boats to explore the Nekite River estuary. The weather was lovely, and we had an enjoyable time of it seeing Great Blue Herons, Belted Kingfishers, Bald Eagles, Canada Geese, American Wigeon and a number of Harbour Seals. Late in the afternoon we set off back up the track in the yellow bus. This time we watched from an open platform a little upriver from our familiar hide. It was pleasant to be out in the open and we saw all the usual birds but sadly, no bears appeared.

Day 11

Monday 25th September

Overcast and very wet in the morning after continuous heavy rain overnight. Intermittent rain in the afternoon, Mild and breezy.

Away again straight after breakfast and up to the hide. It was raining heavily, and the river was much higher than previously and rising further as we watched. They don't call this a rain forest for nothing! The shingle banks had largely disappeared, but the gulls were still hanging around on the last exposed bits. The usual Short-billed, California and Glaucous-winged today joined by a smart adult Ring-billed and a couple of first-winter Thayer's. There were the Mergansers and the Eagles too and a Pacific Wren that almost came into the hide, but it was the bears we wanted and intent as we were, we were nevertheless taken unawares by one large adult Grizzly that walked silently along the bank directly below us. Chinese whispers rushed the length of the hide, keeping up with the bear as it progressed, and we all peered down just in time to see this mighty beast, only two or three metres away walking past us – wow!

A little later a big female with a yearling cub appeared floating down river towards us. Tussling together in the water and then foraging out in the shallows we could appreciate the hugely powerful bond between this mother

and cub. Once again, they worked their way down river in front of us, the cub full of inquisitiveness and fun and the mother watchful and caring. Eventually they disappeared out of view downstream but what a fantastic finale! After lunch some of us went out in the boats again, this time exploring down the inlet. Wildlife sightings were limited to a few gulls and Harbour Seals and a surprise Caspian Tern but the scenery was wonderful and with all the heavy rain there were a number of spectacular waterfalls to admire. In the mid-afternoon the Grumman Geese arrived, and we flew back to Port Hardy, this time, because of the unsettled weather, down the inlet to the sea rather than over the mountains.

Day 12

Tuesday 26th September

Overcast and wet in the morning, mostly dry in the afternoon. Breezy at times and cool.

We departed from Port MacNeill after breakfast and drove for a couple of hours down to Campbell River. Coffee was procured and then we went out to a shoreside park for a short walk. Some good birds were seen including over 30 Harlequin Ducks, 200 or so Bonaparte's Gulls, a Peregrine, a close Merlin and a number of White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows. Our next stop, for lunch, was at Qualicum Beach. A Red-tailed Hawk low overhead in the town centre was nice to see and as we ate our lunch by the shore, we noted the usual Red-necked Grebes, Great Northern Divers and Surf Scoters plus a range of gulls and at least one distant skua (presumed Arctic). Another bit of driving, this time quite short, took us to Buttertubs Marsh near Nanaimo, an area of open water, bullrush beds, scrub and woodland. Here, during an enjoyable stroll we found Wood Ducks, Pied-billed Grebes and Killdeer out on the pools, Spotted Towhees scuffling around on the trails, migrants Yellow-rumped Warblers in the trees and a delightful flock of 15 or so Bushtits twittering their way through the scrub.

From Buttertubs it was just a short spin down to the ferry terminal at Dukes Point. We arrived in good time and after a short delay we were underway back across the straight to Tsawwassen. Dinner was eaten on board and we arrived back at our familiar motel in Tsawwassen a couple of hours later.

Day 13

Wednesday 27th September

Overcast with spits of rain early on then overcast with sunny breaks. Mild with a gentle breeze.

A few of us ventured out to the shore at Boundary Bay before breakfast where we found 130+ Cackling Geese in with the hordes of regular Canadas and had great views of a juvenile Northern Harrier coasting past us and then a Sharp-shinned Hawk having a tussle with a Cooper's. It was great to see these two closely related accipiter species together and appreciate their differences in size, shape and flight style. Additionally, we saw a couple of Common Yellowthroats, some Orange-crowned Warblers, a Northern Flicker, White-crowned, Golden-crowned, Song and Savannah Sparrows, a few Spotted Towhees and lots of American Goldfinches.

After breakfast we headed off to the Reiffel Migratory Birds Sanctuary, an extensive area of pools, scrub, saltmarsh and shoreline. Reiffel is known as one of the best birding sites in the Vancouver area and through the course of the morning we encountered a satisfying range of birds. Highlights included 100+ Cackling Geese, a nice selection of ducks (including several hooded Mergansers), a flock of over 150 Long-billed Dowitchers (with at least one Short-billed amongst them), a lovely Wilson's Snipe, a Merlin and repeated views of a couple of Northern Harriers. Small birds included the now familiar Towhees and Sparrows plus masses of noisy Red-winged Blackbirds, a fall

of over 50 Yellow-rumped Warblers and another engaging little gang of Bushtits. Perhaps best of all for most of the group however were the fantastic views we had of Anna's Hummingbirds coming to the feeders at the reception area. These entrancing little avian jewels provided a fitting finale to a great morning and an exciting couple of weeks.

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

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Species lists

Birds

I=Introduced		September 2023											
Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>				150	25	150	100		100	30	100	300
Cackling Goose	<i>Branta hutchinsii</i>				30						7		250
Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>				1		1						3
Snow Goose	<i>Anser caerulescens</i>										5		
Mute Swan - I	<i>Cygnus olor</i>												2
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>											30	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>												5
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>												100
American Wigeon	<i>Mareca americana</i>				25	30		30		4	8	300	100
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	100's			20	20	100					5	100
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	2			8		10	50		3		10	50
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas carolinensis</i>				20	35	50			1		1	250
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>											1	
Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>		1			1	2	50				30	
Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	4	100			20	50	200				15	
White-winged Scoter	<i>Melanitta deglandi</i>						50	30					
Black Scoter	<i>Melanitta americana</i>						1						
Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>					1	6	4				1	5
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>			5	50	30		30	20	60	15		
Anna's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte anna</i>	1	4	1								1	6
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>				20							40	50
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>											1	
Eurasian Collared Dove - I	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	1	1	1			4	2				3	5
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>											1	10

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Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sandhill Crane	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>				2								
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>				1							2	1
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>		50	5			200	50				5	
Horned (Slavonian) Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>						2	10					
Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>					1							
Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>	2	20					4					
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>							15					
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	12			8	h	1	4			h	5	
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>			4				2					
Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>		50	15		3	20	90					
Surfbird	<i>Calidris virgata</i>		30			2							
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			80									
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>						4	2				1	
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	2											
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>		7				8	7					
Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>				5							3	150
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>		2				2	5					
Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>												1
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>						7						
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>					1							
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	1			1								
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	20		1				1			1		2
Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	2			3							200	
Heermann's Gull	<i>Larus heermanni</i>		10										
Short-billed Gull	<i>Larus brachyrhynchus</i>		30	30		10	100	100	20	25	15	50	
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	30			50						1		20
California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	100	10	50	50	100	100's	100's	30	50	50	100's	

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Glaucous-winged Gull	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	15	150	100	15	50	100	50	3	5	5	100's	10
Thayer's Gull	<i>Larus [glaucoides] thayeri</i>										2		
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>					3					1		1
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>						5	1					
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>											1	
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>		20				100's						
Pigeon Guillemot	<i>Cephus columba</i>		10				30						
Marbled Murrelet	<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>						2						
Ancient Murrelet	<i>Synthliboramphus antiquus</i>						10						
Cassin's Auklet	<i>Ptychoramphus aleuticus</i>						2						
Rhinoceros Auklet	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>		50				100's						
Pacific Diver	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>		3	1			4						
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	1	5	1		6	12	5				5	
Fork-tailed Storm Petrel	<i>Hydrobates furcatus</i>						3						
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>			30			100's						
Brandt's Cormorant	<i>Urile penicillatus</i>	100	100	25		20	15	15				2	
Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Urile pelagicus</i>	10	2										
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum auritum</i>	2					1						
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	8	2	2	1	2	3	1		1		1	10
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	20		1	50	5						5	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>								1	1		1	1
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>											1	1
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>							1					
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>												3
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>		2	2	3	3	3	10	3	8	10	2	
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	2										2	1
Northern Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium gnoma</i>					1	1h						

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Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>		1	3		7	1	3	3	4	2	1	2
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Leuconotopicus villosus</i>			1		1h							
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	2		1	2	1	1					1	3
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>							1				1	1
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				1		1					1	
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	1h	3	2	1	3	2	7		1	1	4	
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	15	20	50	30	50	30	50		2	2	25	15
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	8	1	5	6	3	2	2	2	6	5	5	
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>		50	12									6
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	<i>Poecile rufescens</i>		5		2	5	2	5		h		2	
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	2											10
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>												4
American Bushtit	<i>Psaltiriparus minimus</i>											15	12
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Corthylio calendula</i>								1				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>			6			h	h		h			
Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>												1h
Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	1											
Pacific Wren	<i>Troglodytes pacificus</i>			2		1h		2	1h		1		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	2											
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>							1					
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	30		1		2	20	30				20	10
Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>					1h		5	12	10	2		
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>								1	1			
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	25	5	3	4	10	5	6	20	25	4		4
American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	1				2			1	1			
House Sparrow - I	<i>Passer domesticus</i>												20
Buff-bellied Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	25									1		

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House Finch	<i>Haemorrhous mexicanus</i>	4					1	2					2
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>							h					
American Goldfinch	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	6		5									150
Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	2	1	2		2	1	1		1			5
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	2		10		1		5	2	5			10
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	4	2				6		2	1		6	20
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	1											
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>				2							2	10
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>					50	2	1	1	1	1		4
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	10	5	1	2	5	5	4	2	3	1	5	15
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	3											1
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	8			1							3	3
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>											1	50
Brewer's Blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	50			40							1	
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>	6	1									1	2
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>		1				2						3
American Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>	1	1										1
Audubon's Warbler	<i>Setophaga auduboni</i>			1								2	50

Mammals

		September 2023											
Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
American Black Bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>			1		1							
Brown Bear (Grizzly)	<i>Ursus arctos</i>							2	2	1	3		
Steller Sea Lion	<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>						150	2					
Californian Sea Lion	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>			20									

Common Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	2	1	30	45	25	2		2	30	2		
Sea Otter	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>		5			150	75						
North American Otter	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>			1									
Wapiti	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>					1							
Mule Deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>		2				2						
Grey Whale	<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>		2										
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>					1	9	3					
Orca	<i>Orcinus orca</i>						5						
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>		3	2									
Eastern Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	1											5
Douglas' Squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus douglasii</i>								1	2+2h			
American Red Squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>	1					1					1	
Western Jumping Mouse	<i>Zapus princeps</i>								1				
Keen's Deer Mouse	<i>Peromyscus keeni</i>								1				



Anna's Hummingbird