

Spirit Bears, Grizzlies & Orcas - Cruising the Great Bear Rainforest

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Spirit Bear



Grizzly Bears



Humpback Whale fluke



California Gull

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Day 1

Saturday 22nd September

After travelling from Heathrow the flight arrived on time and after some quick introductions in the airport, we caught the shuttle bus to the nearby Delta Airport Hotel and get checked into our rooms. Despite the long flight, most of the group opted to spend the remainder of the day with a leisurely trip out to the nearby Iona bird sanctuary, and with great weather and a perfect sea, it really paid off. Red-winged Blackbirds, Towhees and even a nice Yellow-headed Blackbird put in an appearance around the margins of one of the pools while thousands of Gadwall, American Wigeon, Pintail and Teal dabbled along the shoreline. A scan of the muddy margins of one of the pools revealed a few waders and a closer investigation provided us all with some amazing views of not one, but two Sharp-tailed Sandpipers and a few Long-billed Dowitchers. Some small flocks of rather skittish Dunlin and a nice view of a Northern Harrier simply added to the afternoons mix. It was a fabulous couple of hours and after being shuttled back to the hotel we took the chance to relax for an hour or so before meeting up again for dinner at the restaurant next door where we had the chance to relax and chat for a while before everyone turned in for an early night.

Day 2

Sunday 23rd September

The day started well with a slightly overcast but mild Vancouver. After a leisurely breakfast we all checked out of our rooms before being shuttled to the Vancouver Airports tiny South Terminal where we caught our flight north to Bella Bella. The flight left on time and, after a brief stop down in an unusually sunny Port Hardy, we continued our journey north to Bella Bella. After our fun flight we arrived at the tiny airport of Bella Bella and wandered off the plane onto the runway and picked up our bags from alongside the 'terminal' building (actually little more than a timber coffee shop alongside the runway!).

We all hopped on board the shuttle bus down to the dock where the handsome sailing vessel the 'Island Roamer' awaited and we were cheerily welcomed aboard by our crew. After an introduction to our rooms and the need to know 'functions' of the boat in general, we eventually pulled away from the dock and started our journey north out onto flat calm waters. The conditions were overcast but clear and we spotted dozens of Black Turnstones, Bald Eagles and Great Blue Herons around the harbour as we motored slowly out from Bella Bella. However, within just half an hour of leaving the dock we were watching two Humpbacks charging around, feeding on dense swarms of krill just below the surface. Tom's expert handling of the boat brought the boat to a near standstill and we were able to watch the whales put on a lovely show of fluking and lunging. One whale even managed to throw in the odd 'pec slap' too. It was a fantastic way to start our journey...

After a while we left the whales to their antics and continued on. We passed to the east of Dufferin Island where we started to catch a very slight swell from the Pacific (barely enough to move the stable Roamer) but few of us noticed as we scanned the shorelines and the water; marvelling at the seemingly endless passage of seabirds. Pacific and Great Northern Divers (loons), Rhinoceros Auks, Marbled Murrelets, Red-necked, Western and even the odd Slavonian Grebe kept everyone actively watching from the upper deck. We even spotted the first Sea Otter of the trip (and the first of the year for some of the crew too) and we slowed to watch him for a while as he dived for food around the kelp.

As we continued on, we entered the narrow straits to the south of Dowage Island where we passed through a concentration of feeding Bonapartes Gulls and a few people even managed to spot the odd Kittiwake in amongst them. As we continued, we managed to spot another Sea Otter before we eventually come to anchor for the evening in the beautiful 'Salmon Cove'. After a delicious dinner and a quick recap on the sightings of the day we slowly made our way to bed.

Day 3

Monday 24th September

We woke early and started the day with a walk ashore in Salmon Bay where we got our first taste (and smell) of the significance of the salmon run and its integral part in the temperate rainforest ecosystem. The narrow rivers were teeming with Pink Salmon, still trying to forge their way upstream, while the estuary mouth and the river margins were heaped with the spent carcasses of the larger Chum Salmon (that were coming to the end of their run). Spectacular and disgusting all at the same time! Naturally, there was plenty of wildlife ready to feast on the easy pickings and a clamour of Glaucous-winged, Ring-billed and California Gulls, Ravens, Northwestern Crows and Bald Eagles lingered along the shorelines and margins of the river, waiting for us to pass.

A short walk along a bear trail alongside the river, gave us our first chance to experience the spectacular temperate rainforest habitat up close. There were plenty of recent signs of bear activity too including scat and feeding signs and we also had the chance to take a closer look at a hair and camera trap that had been set to monitor bear activity in the area. We took some time to take a closer look at the spectacular, moss and lichen covered trees and nurse logs and taste some of the last Red and Oval-leaved Huckleberries of the season. Some even tried the rhizome of the aptly named Liquorice Fern too so we could tell it was nearly time for breakfast! We retraced our steps back to the beach and managed to catch the odd glimpse of a Pacific Wren that angrily scolded us from a tangle of mossy roots, before hopping back onboard the zodiac and making our way back to the Roamer.

After a fantastic breakfast we raised anchor and headed north towards Mussel River. Our slow pace of travel along the narrow inlets and the flat calm water provided us with ample opportunity to scan the shores for wildlife and take in the spectacular scenery. However, it was not long before we were distracted by some Dall's Porpoises and Tom diverted our course to investigate further. The porpoises showed a little interest in the boat for a while but after a few rapid passes close to the boat, providing us all with an amazing example of just how fast these animals can be, they began to lose interest in us and we returned to our original course and continued our journey along the dramatic inlet.

We slowed to take a very close look at some amazing waterfalls giving us all the chance for an impromptu shower and some novel photos too. We paused briefly at a bend in the inlet to catch some fresh fish for dinner (one of Captain Tom's secret fishing spots!) and our crew dropped a few handlines, loaded with some sizable chrome Pirks, down into the depths. We didn't have to wait long and it was Lindsay who managed the first catch, a beautiful Lingcod of about 8lb or so. This gave us all a good chance take a closer look at this amazing, (and very tasty) species. But, it was not going to be enough to feed everyone, so the lines were dropped again. Once again, it was Lindsay that landed the next fish; another, slightly smaller Lingcod. By this time a few people were keen to have a try and it was Tony who took a line and hit something big...really big! After a sterling fight and a few moments when he thought that he had lost the fish, Tony, aided by Steve, eventually hauled up a beautiful 36lb+ Chinook Salmon. This was undoubtedly the catch of a lifetime, particularly given the rather crude fishing methods, and Tony was beside himself with joy (as were most of the crew) when the fish was hauled aboard. The great thing was that this was more than enough for a great feast for everyone on board, and dinner plans were quickly altered to accommodate this fabulous prize.

We arrived in Mussel Inlet at around 4pm and after scanning the shore for bear activity we boarded the boats for a trip into the river. It was raining heavily when we arrived and, having put on all our rain gear for the trip, it seemed almost inevitable that the weather broke and a warm sun broke through the cloud. Still, no one was complaining! We had barely entered the first bend in the river before we encountered our first Grizzlies. It was a sow and 'coy' (cub of the year) and we watched them for a while as they both tucked into a large chum salmon alongside the river. After a while, it was clear the female had caught the scent of something and she became a little uneasy and started to move off. We gave her some space and moved a little way up river to scan for other bears but found none so Tom edged the boats gently back down stream again. We encountered a female and two young cubs playing in a slough just behind where we had been watching and we followed them along the river and watched as mum fished and the cubs played along the banks. It was an amazing few hours and by the end of the session we had seen at least 8 different bears and had only spent a few minutes without having bears in view!

We headed back the boat in a beautiful sunset and, having spent the afternoon watching bears tucking into salmon, we had all developed quite a hunger ourselves. So, it was hardly surprising that when a massive, perfectly cooked, fillet of fresh, wild caught Chinook Salmon was served up the table.... that we were more than ready to tuck in. The perfect end to a great day!

Day 4

Tuesday 25th September

Another early start to the day and after a delicious breakfast we boarded the zodiacs for another trip into the Mussel River.

As we boarded the zodiacs and left the roamer, a sudden outburst of wolf howling echoed across the inlet and we all sat in stunned silence to listen. Unfortunately, the wolves remained hidden but it was a great experience hearing them and one I'm sure that most people will never forget!

We headed into the river for some more great encounters with the grizzlies. A solitary sub adult bear and more sow cub pairs made for a great morning's viewing but, it was cold, and we returned to the boat for warm drinks before heading out in the zodiacs once more to investigate the beautiful Poison Cove. In Poison Cove we gently drifted along the lower reaches of the estuary, enjoying the sunshine and wonderful views of the mountains, as well as getting our first views of American Dipper and listening to the Golden Crowned Kinglets calling from the trees above our heads. It was a wonderful, relaxed morning allowing us all to take in the enormity of the Great Bear Rainforest.

By mid morning we raised anchor and began our long day of travel out of Mussel Inlet, heading north along Sheep Passage (where Ken expertly took the helm for most of the journey). The journey was generally quiet but a couple of close encounters with some feeding Humpbacks, some small groups of Steller's Sea Lions and a brief stop to view some aboriginal pictographs on some sheer rock faces, broke up the journey a little. Nonetheless, the weather was perfect for travelling and we relaxed on deck, enjoying the sunshine and watching as the odd flock of Bonapartes Gulls, Surf Scoters and even the odd Marbled Murrelet passed us by.

By late afternoon we passed Green Inlet and eagerly scanned the shores of Princess Royal Island for any sign of bears. Unfortunately, we didn't find any but we spotted plenty of Loons, Red-necked and Western Grebes on the water close to the shore. We finally entered Khutze Inlet just as it was beginning to get dark and anchored at the head of the inlet for the night.

Day 5

Wednesday 26th September

Another early start to the day and a few people are up ready to scan the shore for bears and wolves as they drink their morning coffee. With a lovely sunrise above the mountains and mirror-like conditions on water around us it was surprisingly difficult to separate people from relaxed comfort of the boat. However, the option of exploring the beautiful estuary in perfect conditions and on an incoming tide soon gets everyone ready for the day. The option of exploring the inlet from a kayak proved too tempting for some (understandably so) and while Lee and Lindsay took Angela and Judy for an introductory session in the double kayaks, both Dan and Mike happily took the bull by the horns and opted to go it alone in singles and we all paddled silently out into the inlet. The remainder of the group opted for the stability of the zodiacs but, with the extra room, everyone had the chance to take plenty of photos and video as we all explored the remote slough.

The estuary was fairly quiet very little wildlife active apart from the odd inquisitive Harbour Seal and a couple of River Otters that the kayakers (aided by the low angle to the water) spotted scampering along the bank. However a stop ashore gave us all the chance to get up close and personal with some amazing bear habitat including finding lots of recent feeding signs, walking along a well used stomp trail and taking a good close look at a recently used scratching post. We also got a great chance to take a closer look at some of the plants that make the estuaries so appealing to the bears, and to taste the tiny wild crab apples and see some nice displays of False Lily of the Valley, Water-Parsley and a variety of luxuriant sedges and some amazing coral fungi too.

We returned to the boat ready for some hot drinks and snacks and raised anchor ready for another days sailing north towards Gribbell Island. We passed several more Humpbacks on our travels but most of them were sleeping and barely moved as we came slowly alongside them. While watching these massive animals sleeping at the surface is interesting to see (from a biological perspective), it didn't exactly make for the most exhilarating whale watching, and we did not spend too long with the whales until we continued on. Nonetheless, we did catch up with a nice group of 3 Humpbacks later on in the day that did entertain us for a while with some lovely synchronised tail fluking and diving. Some even spotted an Elephant Seal that surfaced a few times before disappearing below the waves.

We arrived in Bishop Bay a little after 6.00pm. After setting the anchor and enjoying another spectacular dinner served up by Janelle, we were ready to go ashore and experience the magic of the local hot springs...by moonlight! (...for most of us, a very good excuse to have a good wash without using up the boats precious water supplies!) and, despite there being way too many cameras around for my liking, it proved to be a great way to relax after a long days travel and we all lounged around in the hot geothermal springs, under a clear starry sky, watching Little Brown Bats flitting around the trees above us. What more is there to say...an amazing evening! However, this was all rounded off perfectly when our short zodiac ride back to the Roamer was illuminated by some fantastic bioluminescence in the bay and the sound of Humpback Whales blowing in the distance!

Day 6

Thursday 27th September

We awoke early to the sound of a few distant Humpbacks still blowing in the bay. After breakfast we headed out of our sheltered anchorage and made our way out through the rain towards Gribbell Island where we would be going ashore to look for Spirit Bears. The wind and rain slowed our progress a little but we arrived in good time. We put ashore in a fair swell on the steep rocky shore and scrambled our way up over the rocks to the logging track where we awaited the arrival of our local guides to escort us to the bear watching blinds. The rain was relentless and getting heavier (our first real glimpse of what this temperate rainforest is all about) but we were off to a good start when a brief glimpse of a Spirit Bear, approaching us along the track, provided some of the lead party with a short but tantalising glimpse of these amazing bears.

It was not long before we were all in position at the blinds and were making ourselves comfortable for the duration. Despite the heavy rain, we all remained in good spirits, and after a long wait, we were rewarded with some great views of a large Spirit Bear that came wandering along the river. The bear paused for a while to eat a dead salmon on the bank opposite us, providing us all with some amazingly good views, but it soon headed on a little way before eventually disappearing into the forest. However, no sooner had the Spirit Bear disappeared from view, a Black Bear wandered into view along the near bank. This certainly came as quite a surprise to a fellow bear watcher who nipped out of the blind for a 'Natural Break' and was blissfully unaware of the bear less than a few feet away from him! This caused much amusement in our group who, occupying the taller stand, had a birdseye view of the unfolding situation and were not being shy about using their cameras either! Fortunately neither the bear nor the bear watcher was too traumatised by the incident, but it certainly gave us something to add to Lindsay's list of 'cool stuff' to see. We remained in the stands for much of the rest of the day and with some nice views of two more Black Bears, an American Pine Marten and plenty of Belted Kingfisher and Dipper activity on the river we left the blind feeling pretty happy with our efforts.

It was late afternoon by the time we were back onboard the roamer and we wasted no time in heading south a short way, avoiding the worsening weather, to get to Goat Harbour. Having got ourselves dry and warm again, and having all taken some time to look after Steve (who had had an unfortunate accident earlier in the day and was now sporting a sprained ankle) we watching a short collection of remote camera videos of bear behaviour before enjoying another fantastic meal, drawing an end to another great day.

Day 7

Friday 28th September

Another early start to the day and after morning coffee we boarded the kayaks and zodiacs and went ashore to explore Goat Harbour. We found loads of 'cool stuff' to add to our growing list, including the chance to take a closer look at some of the amazing invertebrates of the intertidal zone and plenty of wolf field signs. A scan along the shoreline also revealed a few Hooded Mergansers and a couple of Spotted Sandpipers too.

We headed back to the boat for a big breakfast before raising anchor and continuing south. The weather had greatly improved (after raining all day and all night) and we spent a little time drying clothes, and the deck of the boat, as we travelled. Scanning the water revealed the usual mixture of Bonaparte's, California and Mew Gulls, but there were plenty of Red-necked and Western Grebes around too. Before lunch we had a quick stop along the inlet to meet an emergency float plane that had been called to collect our injured crew mate Steve and, while we were all worried about his injury, it was a chance to see the float plane landing and taking off close to the boat!

We continued south with many of the group taking the opportunity to pilot the boat as we travelled while Lee and Lindsay pointed out Fork-tailed Petrels, Grebes, Pacific Divers and tested a few people on their new found gull identification skills (well done those few!). The appeal for getting the sails up was growing, and with a fair wind on our side, Tom decided to show everyone the ropes and while Lee and Lindsay took some group photos of the boat under sail, the rest of the group set about taking turns in steering the boat and manning the mainsail whilst changing tack. It was great fun and a magical experience travelling under the silence of the sail.... in perfect conditions too.

After a while we continued motoring south before finding our way into a beautiful narrow cove known as the Bottleneck where we anchored for the night. We spotted more Hooded Mergansers as we entered the bay and as the full moon rose slowly over the misty forest we were treated to another wonderful evening meal. After dinner we all spent some time up on deck watching the moonlight over the beautiful valley and listening for the responses of distant wolves to Lindsay and Cherry's wonderful chorus of howls. Good work ladies!

Day 8

Saturday 29th September

We woke early, keen to scan the shores of bottleneck for any sign of wolves or bears. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be but we settled for some nice views of a few handsome male Hooded Mergansers, some Green-winged Teal and a Pintail. After breakfast we all boarded the zodiacs and kayaks and paddled out along the shore. The arrival of a research boat provided us with the opportunity to hear more about the bear research in the area and having exhausted the researchers with all of our questions (which they were only too happy to answer); we left them to their work and continued our exploration of the estuary.

We picked our way along the stony shoreline and made our way along a bear trail that skirted the forest edge alongside the river. Here we found some very recent signs that wolves had been feeding on salmon along the river (a large freshly killed salmon that had been hauled up onto a grassy bank and had only the brain cavity crunched through) and plenty of fresh bear and wolf scat and some nice footprints too. Higher up the river we also had some amazing views of Pink Salmon digging out their redds and spawning. The forests were quiet though, all apart from a small mixed flock of Golden-crowned and Ruby Kinglets that twittered through the moss laden Sitka Spruce above our heads.

The rapidly rising tide eventually forced our slightly hastened retreat from the shore and we returned to the boat eager to raise anchor and get underway once again. We had a fair few sea miles to make up, so we made our way south scanning for wildlife on the water and along the rocky shores. After several hours of everyone eagerly watching from the deck, we had spotted little more than the usual selection of gulls and a couple of nice Ancient Murrelets on the water. However, it came as no surprise to anyone when Lindsay nonchalantly walked out on deck and immediately picked out the blow of a Humpback against the distant shoreline (great eyes LJ!). We immediately changed course to investigate and enjoyed some nice views of the animal fluking and surfacing just in front of the boat. After a while the animal started diving deep to feed and became increasingly difficult to track so we left it in peace and continued our journey.

The weather conditions became increasingly poor as we progressed slowly south and we began to hit some rougher seas as we entered the more exposed waters of the Milbanke Sound. However, with the main sail raised for stability, few felt any ill effects of the increased motion. We hit a real concentration of birds as we passed through a narrow channel to the south of Dowager Island to escape the worsening weather; enjoying a near constant passage of large flocks of Harlequins, Snow Geese, hundreds of Common Mergansers and Surf Scoters and the usual selection of Divers, Grebes and Murrelets.

We eventually stopped for the evening in a long narrow bay along the Don Peninsula and enjoyed a fun last evening meal together with the crew. Lindsay and Tom rounded the evening off nicely with a great video they had produced of the highlights of our trip (with some comically silly moments by Tom thrown in for good measure) before we eventually called it a day and made our way to bed.

Day 9

Sunday 30th September

Well, the mornings weather conditions were far from perfect and, not completely enamoured with the idea of getting soaked on our last morning on the boat, we all opted for a more leisurely, and dryer, start to the day. Whilst at anchor, a few people scanned the shore for wildlife and watched the seals mooching around the boat while others set about packing for our long journey home. We did not have very far to travel back to Bella Bella so it was late morning by the time we crept out of the last beautiful anchorage of our trip and we began our steady cruise back. The conditions remained poor but spirits were high as we all sat under cover on the top deck chatting and scanning the waves for wildlife.

We arrived back in Bella Bella at about midday and said our farewells to the Roamer and her wonderful crew one last time before boarding our shuttle back to the tiny airport. Once again it was an easy flight back and we arrived in a sunny Vancouver airport ready for our onward flight home.

Day 10

Monday 1st October

Arrive back in the UK

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Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	September									
			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	Red-throated Loon	<i>Gavia stellata</i>					✓		✓			
2	Pacific Loon	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>		✓	30+	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
3	Common Loon (G N Diver)	<i>Gavia immer</i>	✓	✓	5	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
4	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	✓									
5	Horned (Slavonian) Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>		✓								
6	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
7	Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
8	Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma furcata</i>							✓		✓	
9	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
10	Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pelagicus</i>	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	
11	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
12	Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>								✓	✓	
13	Snow Goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>								✓	✓	
14	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	✓									
16	American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓					
17	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓									
18	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	✓									
19	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	50+			✓				✓		
20	Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓100's							✓		
21	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>				✓						
22	Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>								✓	✓	
23	Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
24	White-winged Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>					✓			✓	✓	

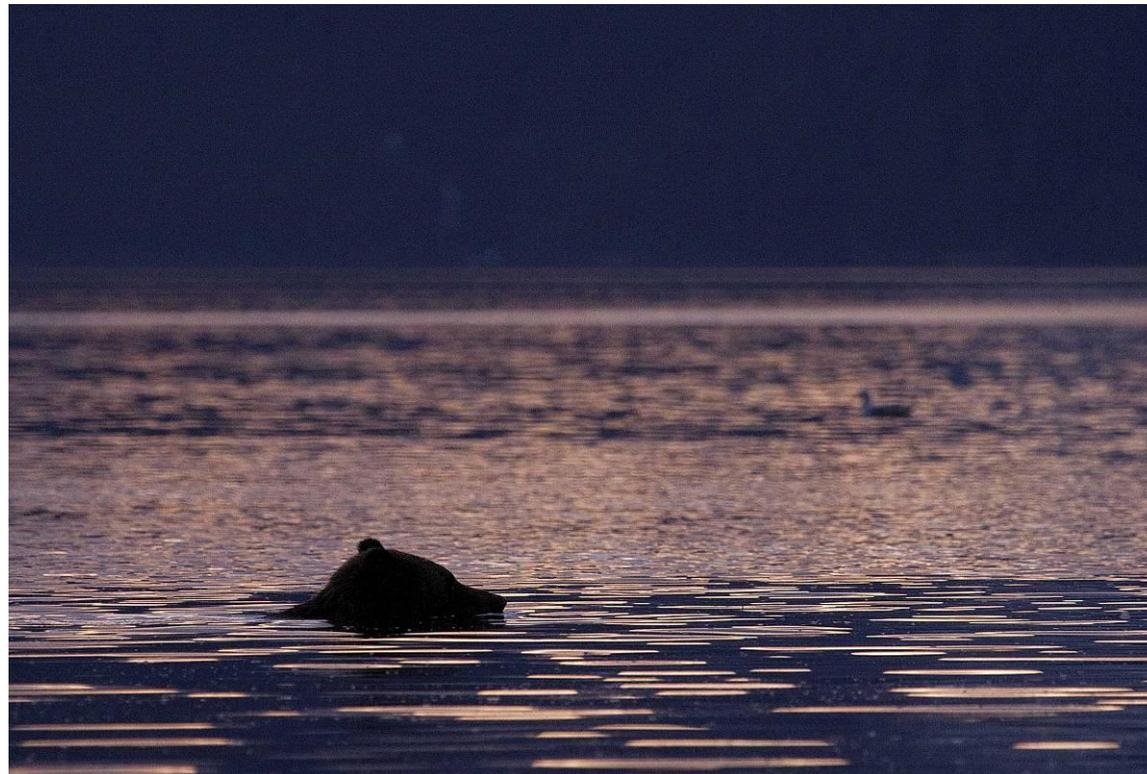
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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
25	Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>			✓							
26	Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>							✓	✓		
27	Common Merganser (Goosander)	<i>Mergus merganser</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	
28	Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
29	Northern (Hen) Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	✓									
30	Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>			✓							
31	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	✓									
32	Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>		✓								
33	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>							✓			
34	Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓	
35	Sharp-tailed sandpiper	<i>Calidris</i>	2									
36	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	✓									
37	Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	✓									
38	Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Larus philadelphia</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
39	Mew (Common) Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
40	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
41	California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
42	Thayer's Gull	<i>Larus thayeri</i>										
43	American Herring Gull	<i>Larus smithsonianus</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓		
44	Glaucous-winged Gull	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
45	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		✓								
46	Common Murre (Guillemot)	<i>Uria aalge</i>								✓		
47	Marbled Murrelet	<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
48	Ancient Murrelet	<i>Synthliboramphus antiquus</i>								✓		
49	Rhinoceros Auklet	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓		
50	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
51	Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>							h			

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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
52	Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>								h		
53	Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>							✓			
54	Northwestern Crow	<i>Corvus caurinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
55	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓									
57	Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>						✓				
58	Pacific Wren	<i>Troglodytes pacificus</i>			✓	✓	h	✓				
59	Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	✓						✓			
60	American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>				✓	✓					
61	Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>				✓						
62	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	✓									
63	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	✓									
64	Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	✓									
65	Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>										
66	Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	✓									
67	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	✓			✓			✓			
68	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	✓									
69	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	✓									
70	Yellow-headed Blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	✓									
71	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓									✓

Mammals

1	Black Bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>							✓			
2	Kermode (Spirit) Bear	<i>Ursus americanus kermodei</i>							✓			
3	Grizzly Bear	<i>Ursus horribilis</i>			8							
4	American Marten	<i>Martes americana</i>							✓			
5	Sea Otter	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>		2								

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			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
6	Grey Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>		h						h		
7	Steller's Sea Lion	<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>		1	1					✓		
8	Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓	
9	Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga angustirostris</i>				✓	✓					
10	Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>								✓		
11	Dall's Porpoise	<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>			7+	✓						
12	Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>		2		✓	✓				✓	✓



Grizzly at dawn