

OBA Brownsmead Trip Report – 02 24 24

Meetup – Columbia River Maritime Museum

On a overcast, Saturday Morning, Eleven Birders gathered together, formed carpools. In the bay in front of us, were Western Gulls, American Widgeon, and Bufflehead.

1st stop – Astoria River Walk @ 39th ST.

On approaching the riverwalk, we could see in the Marina, a long line of Sea Lions on the dock. On a light pole in the distance is a Bald eagle surveying its domain. Greater Scaup and a Pied billed Grebe in the water. On walking east on the Riverwalk, we could see a Pelagic Cormorant on a floating log next to some trestles. In a small sheltered bay, we could see some Mallards, Bufflehead, American Widgeon, and Green-winged Teal near the shore and in the reeds. On the bay side, were a pair of Gadwall, and a Common Merganser further out.

2nd Stop – Astoria River Walk & Astoria Settling Ponds

We took a short walk on the trail head to a clearing, found two perched Great Blue Heron, and a Steller's Jay further out. Lower to the ground, we could hear the alarm calls of American Robin. As we walked to the swage ponds, we could hear Pacific Wren and Red-winged Blackbird. At the ponds we could observe a lot of sleeping Ruddy Duck, and Greater Scaup, swimming and on the shore. We spied a Spotted Sandpiper on the far-shore. There was a Bald eagle hopping amongst the equipment, did not seem to be alarming the other birds

Short Stop @ John Day County Park

Observed a couple Mourning Doves in the cottonwoods, and a Fox Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrows near a metal gate. There were a couple of Common Ravens to dad picked a Spruce pinecone from a tree.

3rd Stop – Twilight Eagle Sanctuary

We spotted 3 Swans in the distant grass islands, could not further Is the species. A great number of Greater Scaup in the near channel, Various other duck species in the various tidal branches. We could hear Steller's jays raising a ruckus behind us. One lone Northern Harrier low over the grass islands. A distant perched Red- tailed Hawk on a dead tree.

4th Stop – Svensen Island

More Greater scaup in the channel, A large number of swans spread throughout the wetlands, could Hear the honking of Tundra, Was able to observe and identify A pair of Trumpeter Swan, We could see quite a few Cinnamon Teal and Greater Yellowlegs. A few Northern pintail hear the there. The tide was fast incoming. As we walked by a falling down house, we saw a Golden-crowned Sparrow and a Marsh Wren. Saw perched Bald eagle and Red-tailed Hawk.

5th Stop – Big Creek Fish Hatchery

It was drizzling as we approached the hatchery, we saw three deer sheltering under the forest canopy. On walking down to the hatchery, we quickly saw the American dipper, they were very active. We had a half hour to eat lunch and have a break. On the way out, there was a mixed flock of American Robin, Varied Thrush, and Dark-eyed Junco that the flushed.

In passing - Knappa

On making the turn east onto Hwy 30, we saw perched an American Kestrel and a couple Mourning Doves.

6th Stop - Brownsmead Area

In driving through the roads of Brownsmead, we saw a flock of Western Meadow Lark, further on a large group of American Widgeon, Green winged Teal, and a few Northern Pintail. There were also Greater Yellowlegs and Killdeer. Near the Grange we encountered a mixed flock of Golden and White crowned Sparrows. In the distance was a Great Egret and a very scruffy Bald Eagle.

Missing Notable species

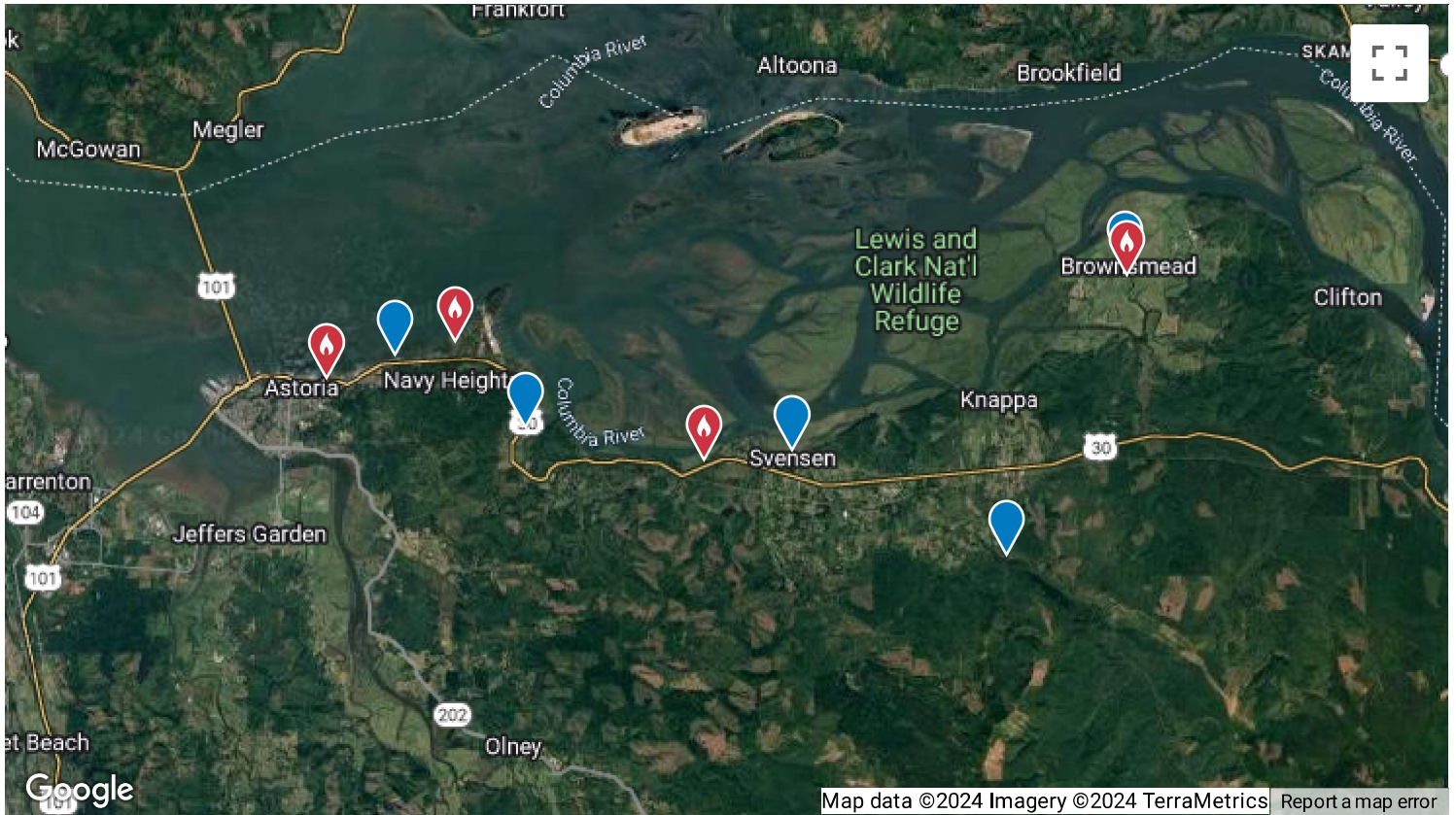
Noticeable absences were Canvasback, Eurasian Widgeon, Greater White fronted Goose, and a total lack of Cackling Goose.

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Species observed





















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Checklists

Species observed

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- 7 **Canada Goose** ▶ 4
- 2 **Trumpeter Swan** ▶ 1
- 16 **Tundra Swan** ▶ 1
- 6 **Cinnamon Teal** ▶ 1

5	Northern Shoveler	▶  1
4	Gadwall	▶  2
102	American Wigeon	▶  7
18	Mallard	▶  6
9	Northern Pintail	▶  3
46	Green-winged Teal	▶  6
2	Ring-necked Duck	▶  2
13	Greater Scaup	▶  2
7	Lesser Scaup	▶  2
3	Surf Scoter	▶  1
23	Bufflehead	▶  7
1	Common Goldeneye	▶  1
7	Pied-billed Grebe	▶  5
4	Rock Pigeon *	▶  1
2	Eurasian Collared-Dove *	▶  2
2	Mourning Dove	▶  1
49	American Coot	▶  3
8	Killdeer	▶  2
1	Spotted Sandpiper	▶  1
13	Greater Yellowlegs	▶  2

6	Western Gull	▶  1
1	Glaucous-winged Gull	▶  1
1	Double-crested Cormorant	▶  1
3	Great Egret	▶  3
8	Great Blue Heron	▶  6
1	Northern Harrier	▶  1
4	Bald Eagle	▶  3
2	Red-tailed Hawk	▶  2
4	Belted Kingfisher	▶  3
2	American Kestrel	▶  2
4	Steller's Jay	▶  3
2	California Scrub-Jay	▶  2
16	American Crow	▶  5
8	Common Raven	▶  5
3	American Dipper	▶  1
4	European Starling *	▶  1
7	American Robin	▶  3
1	Fox Sparrow	▶  1
15	Dark-eyed Junco	▶  2
10	White-crowned Sparrow	▶  1

9 Golden-crowned Sparrow

▶  2

3 Song Sparrow

▶  2

3 Red-winged Blackbird

▶  1

ADDITIONAL TAXA

3 Trumpeter/Tundra Swan

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