

Santiam Valley Ranch (aka Duckflat Wetlands)
Trip Report
March 17, 2024

Twenty-some OBA members attended a walking tour of Santiam Valley Ranch near Turner (Marion County). The Ranch is an 800-acre complex of wetlands that adjoins the Duckflat Road eBird hotspot, and has nearly as much shorebird and waterfowl habitat as the nearby Ankeny Wildlife Refuge. Access permission was arranged by the trip leaders, Paul Adamus, Joy Jensen, Dominic Valenti, and Shane Pruett, who have conducted several years of monthly bird surveys there for the landowners. The cumulative bird list over their years of surveying totals 170 species.



The weather on March 17 was mostly fair and 58 species were found, including 14 waterfowl species and 7 shorebird species. Highlights were an early Black-bellied Plover and multiple Ring-necked Pheasants.

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Great Horned Owl on nest



Ring-necked Pheasant in morning light