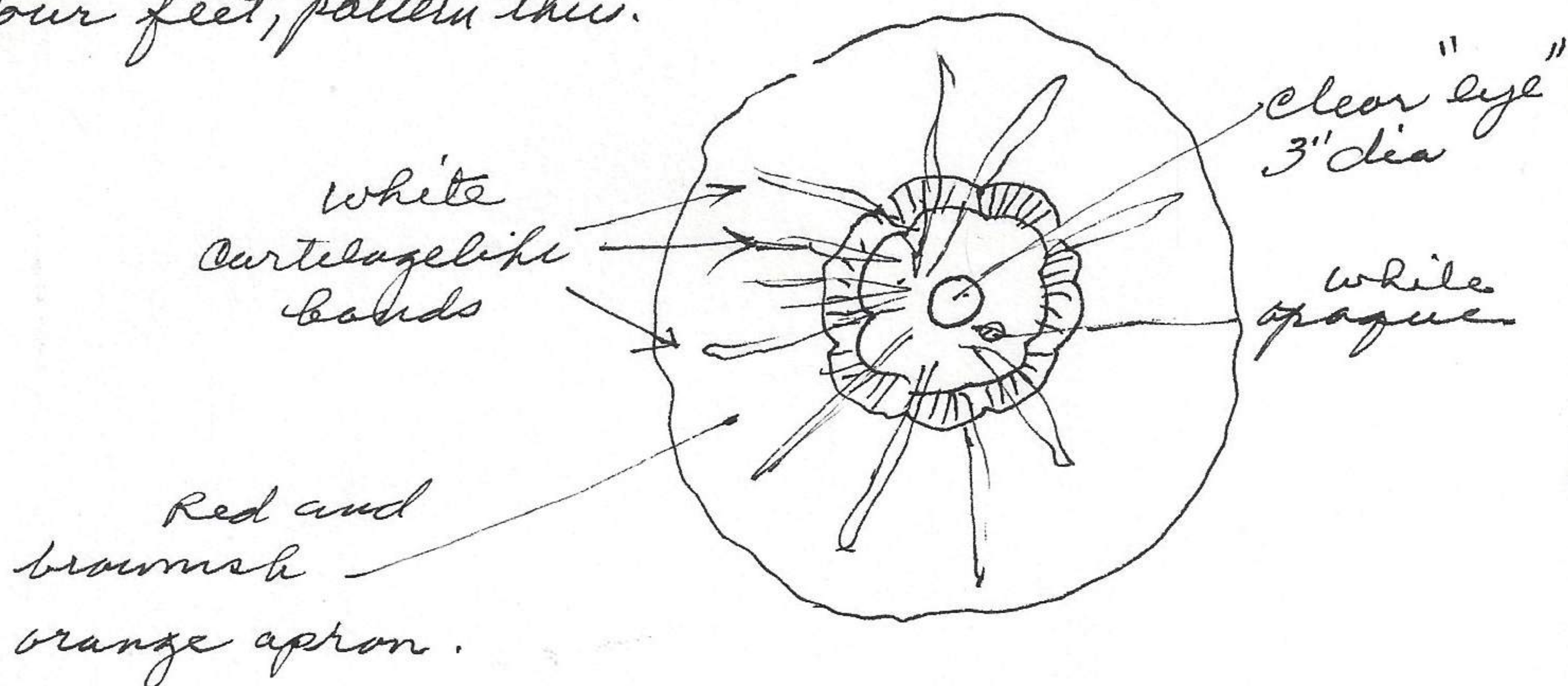


seen swimming actively and feeding on aquatic organism from a few feet out from shore to 50' whereas the glaucous wing gulls feed on the shoreline and inland on tidal slope. Ringed billed gulls are more gregarious than glaucous wing gulls but only loosely as compared to flocks of mew gulls. The Bonaparte gull feeds out over water and dives for prey like a tern, many times completely submerging itself in water. The double crested cormorant flies close to water (1 foot) and holds neck ~~and head~~ ^{upward} at an angle. measured a jellyfish on beach at Lone Tree Point at four feet, pattern thus.

The organism disappeared the following high tide. Two other small jellyfish of the same shape and species (?) was on the beach at next low tide.



The fall colors have advanced slightly since we arrived at La Conners Preserve, especially reds but some yellows. These colors are just suggestive and restricted. The full intensity of color is to come later.

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checked flight of gulls and cormorant starting at 8:30 A.M. Flight up and down channel between here and Hope Island.

8:30 A.M. 9 gulls W, 18 gulls E, 2 Cormorants W, 2 cormorant E.

8:40 A.M. 3 " W, 5 gulls E, 0 cormorants W, 3 " E.

8:50 A.M. 6 " W, 7 gulls E, 0 " " 0 " "

9:00 A.M. census end. Observed 1 black oystercatcher and 2 pigeon hawks ^{harassing}.

Spent day in Anacortes. Saw home near Big Point ^{crowns in top lone tree}

This evening met a Mr & Mrs Carl Nelson, 6208 Palatine ave. N. Seattle, Wa 98103. Mrs. Nelson (marit) run a Scandinavian Hospitality, Bed & Breakfast. (206) 782-7900. Mr. Nelson works at Boeing no 2 as Engineer. His records of birds in Preserve area include (for this season):

red-tailed hawk, sparrow hawk, 15 oyster catchers in one close group (not solitaire), ruddy turnstone,