

American widgeon do not feed on bird seed (milo etc) and when going over submerged grain react as if it were foreign and will rapidly turn away.

When 2 male American widgeons fought in water near shore the group of 8 American crows reacted by leaving area but returned immediately.

Rufous-sided towhee displaced song sparrow at feeding area.

at 3:15 P.M. harbor seal fun W to E surfacing & diving alternately. Head spotted.

at 3:24^{P.M.} "heron rock" being exposed on flow.

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at 7:00 A.M. 34°F, fog, daybreak in progress. 7:30^{A.M.} a great blue heron on rock at flow. First birds 2 eared grebes at 7:33. 7:38 common golden eye and a gull (herring?). 7:46 Barrow's goldeneye nest of species recorded this A.M. noted for first time the courtship? of this species. The males thrust heads out, then upward with head perpendicular, somewhat suggesting the red-breasted merganser. The female follows directly behind male as they all move forward, swing front of body & head from right to left, rather emphatically. Males will replace males with the ♀ the center of attraction, 7:51 crow (American) arrived. The Barrow's bufflehead males also have a side to side turn of the head (only) as they precede the female. When in rear of female the male will stretch head and neck forward on water level. 7:55 American widgeon. 8:02 A.M. red-breasted merganser. 8:33 tide ebb. 4 ♂ red-breasted merganser pursued a ♀ red-breasted merganser who had a fish in its bill. When a ♂ would dive to emerge nearer the female, the female would plane out of reach. 8:53 immature bald eagle from SE, thence directly over Barth and alighted in top of conifer tree. American crows, Barrow's goldeneye, did not react to eagle at 60' overhead. 8:54 black oystercatcher alighted on "heron rock". First group 12 starling in area. 26 Am. crow on beach below. 9:04 tide ebb, "heron rock" approx 10' from top. Surface Skagit Bay smooth, kelp moved pass to E at 300' out. Kelp beyond stationary but show currents mainly from W but some from E. no debris in water near shore at 9:12 A.M. 9:39 first Kingfisher to fly by since 18th. "heron rock" just covered 9:44