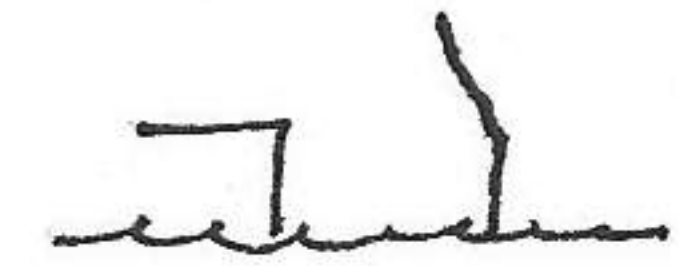


La Conner Preserve, Thousand Trails, Skagit Co., Washington
Dec. 23, 1985

Day break 7:00 A.M. (visibility for detail about 100'), temp. 38°F, sky clear, one local fog bank disappearing to S. First birds 2 common goldeneye near shore. As light increasing scanned bay in all direction and counted only 2 other aquatic birds. At 7:05 2 American widgeon arrived. It is obvious that the bay is not used by birds in the daybreak period. At 7:15 A.M. other birds were moving into area. At 7:30 counted 45 birds including gulls, cormorant, seaters, goldeneye crows. At 7:20 first dark-eyed junco followed by song sparrow & reפורis-sided towhee within 5 minutes. Top "heron rock" at flow at 7:57 A.M. at 8:00 A.M. counted 68 birds in bay (generally distributed). 8:30 2 bald (adult) eagles alighted 100' high on SE point of Hope Island. at 8:50 eagles still in tree. Low tide somewhere between 9:15-9:30 A.M. "Heron rock" exposed to about 10" then resubmerged. Golden-crowned Kinglet at camp. 9:50 bald eagle (adult) back on some tree as the two this morning. 9:51 common goldeneye dove for 27 seconds, 26 seconds, 26 seconds. Barrow goldeneye dove ♀ 11-16 sec., ♂ 8 sec (near shore). ^{Turbulent} Tide going out, but on ebb as far as rise of water is concerned. Red-breasted merganser, 21 sec dive. Horned grebe 34 sec dive, 28 sec. dive. Barrow goldeneye definitely more gregarious than common goldeneye. The Barrow's will ride 2 or 3 apart then at times disperse to 10-15 feet, when Barrow's goldeneye (♂) bob head up and down the bill will range from horizontal to 80°  To get bill 90° the head is thrown back.

"Heron rock" just submerged at 10:27. Barrow's goldeneyes have been working around this submerged rock. Female Barrow's goldeneye chased ♂ common goldeneye. Left at 10:45 for Chris'. Just before leaving a pigeon guillemot duck flew w just over water surface.

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Christmas with Chris & Steve.

Dec. 27, 1985

Photo 851227-1 Frost covered plant on old conifer stump.
Photo 851227-2 S side building
Photo 851227-3 SW side new home of Chris & Steve.