

The purple finch have been at feeder this winter in singles or 2 and 3 birds, nothing like last winter. notes in journal will indicated numbers recorded and just off hand these numbers in total will be less than 10.

Oregon juncos race of dark-eyed juncos have been the common birds at feeder, at feeding at least 40% of the day in average groups of 12 (8-20). Rufous-sided lo have been seen almost every day in numbers of 1 to 5, average 3. The song sparrow is represented by 1 every other day or so. The latter 2 species depend on brush piles near feeder for security and when not feeding are found at the brush site. Eastern gray squirrel average 3 (1-5) at least 30% of day.

Bee Estate, Humphrey Head, Lopez Island, San Juan Co., Wa.  
Feb. 18, 1988

6:50 A.M. 2 imm. bald eagles flew S past Bee House with straight and forceful flight. They turned SW into Upper Scurf Bay.

7:20 A.M. Imm. bald eagle S into Dissection Point Tree at 1/2 way up tree. 5 minutes later an adult arrived and alighted in same tree in uppermost branches.

9:05 A.M. 8 river otter put-out on N side Lichen Point, spent 4 minutes on grassy flat just beyond 2 prominent rock knolls. They spent 60% of time rolling over in grass, 30% playing with each other and 10% investigating area. They all left, not the usual ridge up slope, but directly S from flats. 2 bald eagles flew S over the otter at approx 80' above but the otter did not react to the eagles.

9:12 A.M. first chipmunk (Townsend) at Bee House since hibernation. A second one or could have been the first one observed 15 min. later. They passed thru area without stopping to feed at feeder. As far as I can tell the chipmunks are totally inactive from the time they hole-up in late fall to their emergence in spring.

12:00 P.M. 26 glaucous-winged gulls on Flower Island, half of them in areas where they nested last year. This A.M. at 7:00 A.M. 62 glaucous-winged gulls on the island (Flower).

12:05 P.M. 13 harbor seal on Leo Reef, 8 glaucous-winged gulls but no cormorants.

2:20 P.M. 4 river otter S past Bee House, fishing and travelling.