

an anemone in mouth.  yellow (light). It held it in mouth for 3 consecutive dives but did not try to consume it.

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Between 6:45 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. I made 10 sightings of bald eagles. At one time 5 of the eagles were in sight. These 5 could have been and most likely were duplicated. The early morning time is the period of greatest eagle activity.

Mary P. Bee and I checked shoreline and beaches from Spencer Spit to Bee House, leaving beach at Humphrey Lagoon. James Robert Bee accompanied us to E end Spencer Spit and back to mainland. 2 1/2 miles trip all told.

The following observed enroute:

An adult bald eagle flew n along W side of Frost Island about 1/2 way up slope. In the Spencer Spit Lagoon observed 9 glaucous-winged gulls, 3 mew gulls, 1 black oystercatcher, 8 shovellers, 5 buffleheads, 3 American crows, 1 great blue heron, 4 hooded mergansers (2 ♀, 2 ♂). From lagoon to point to n along shoreland 2 tracks of otter in sands, at one point they filled fragments of seaweed and scratched sand over it. With binoculars watch two immature bald eagles circling the island at levels from 10' above water to 20' above ridge. They alternated flying and perching on dead limbs of a madrona? This continued for 20 minutes and they then left. While on the island 3 gulls (<sup>glaucous-winged</sup>) harassed the eagles by diving at them but the eagles for all tense and purposes ignored them. At no time did the gulls come closer than 5' of the eagle. Only 7 gulls of the above species were in the air but did not harass the eagles. While I was on the beach an immature bald eagle approached land from the sound with a crab (8" <sup>spread</sup> wide, leg dimensions) alighted awkwardly on a limb of a Douglas fir (half way up) but could not stabilize himself and in 15 seconds left and flew nw along the shore and around the corner. I believe the crab was holding on to the eagles claws rather than the reversed order. From the point looking SW I could see 3 crows harassing the eagle in a tree bordering the shore. Continued to Swift Bay Low Bank and observed the follow: