

In middle of Rosario Straits along ferry route observed one Orca approx. 9 feet long at 8:10 A.M. It surfaced to S of ferry approx 300 feet, again at a point 200 W of ferry and a third time about 1/10 mi. NW of ferry. Actually the whale was travelling N and distances varied because of ferry travelling east. No spout observed. Whale had dorsal fin in middle of body thus:
 It is unusual for an ^{young ♀} Orca to travel alone without its mother so most logical condition would be a young male travelling in new territory beyond the pod. There was no visible white marking. An employee of the ferry informed me that he sees an Orca approx. once a month in the Rosario Strait. Continued to Anacortes and observed only one glaucous-winged gull. Checked (final) with Dr. Johnson in Mt Vernon and then returned to Anacortes ferry terminal. Left for Lopez Island at 3:47 P.M. In the bay S of terminal noted 8 glaucous-winged gulls, 7 mallards, 12 American Crow, 1 pelagic cormorant. Enroute observed: 1 glaucous-winged gull, groups of 1-2-2 pigeon guillemots, 3 common murre (middle Rosario Straits), glaucous-winged gull, 8 glaucous-winged gulls in one group on water (not fishing). Gulls on territories on Pointer Island. 1/10 mi. S Pointer Island 62 glaucous-winged gulls, 32 pigeon guillemots, 6 double-crested cormorants in one fishing group. no birds between here and Lopez ferry terminal.

6:30 P.M. mule deer at feeder. The light color young of last year are in parts a light buffy white from exposure of white bases of hair. These areas have been developing for several week (3) and are in areas that can be reached by mouth of deer. In fact, the hair appears as if chewed down to the white bases of the hair. no darker hair observed coming through.

7:05 P.M. An adult bald eagle flew S past Bee House at approx. 100' high.

7:45 P.M. mule deer grazed in exposed area of Bald Bluff of Blakely Island. 8 brown cowbirds fed at feeder at Bee House

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6:00 P.M. 17 brown cowbirds fed at feeder at Bee House