

Largest groups 2 days ago but today numbers gradually decreasing.

During recent storm, varied thrush increased 8%. There are usually 1-5 varied thrushes around Bee House and some increase on Humphrey Head wherever there is good stands of trees. Today there approx 110 dark-eyed junco (Oreg. subspecies) which have increased to average of 20 birds at feeder and elsewhere. Madrona hard hit this winter and leaves a drylike. Salt spray on shoreline effected all vegetation including Douglas fir.

A large ♂ mule deer shivered while at feeder this A.M. The mule deer use the feeder less and sometimes not at all during severe cold windy days.

A single ♂ red-breasted merganser is the only duck in sound E of Bee House at least out to 1/2 mi.

Madrona branches placed at feeder one week ago have only 2% of leaves consumed. In other seasons the leaves would be gone in one day.

Swift Lagoon 1/2 frozen (SW corner). Hummel Lake, was open yesterday but 99% frozen today. Open only at exit of lake. Ducks do not keep holes open in winter as they do in Kansas. Temp in Bee Boat 30°F.

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At twilight a river otter paused while swimming N past Bee House and appeared to be looking at new chandelier in basement room.

A single marbled murrelet swam 20' out from shoreline below Bee House. It left abruptly to N.

This morning at 10:10 4 river otter swam by Bee House to N. At 1:20 P.M. 2 otter swam S in front Bee House.

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9:30 A.M. 3 river otter to N past Bee House

2:35 P.M. 1 river otter to N past Bee House.

3:00 P.M. Trip to Richardson at S end Lopez Island.

Wet meadows NE airport and Fisherman Bay rds flooded. In this meadow 12 mallards, 6 northern pintail, 4 boldpates, 18 green-winged teal, 6 shovellers. There were other ducks in high sedges but could not be counted. The wet marsh SW of same road junctions is larger but had 1/3 less ducks than the one on NE of road junction.