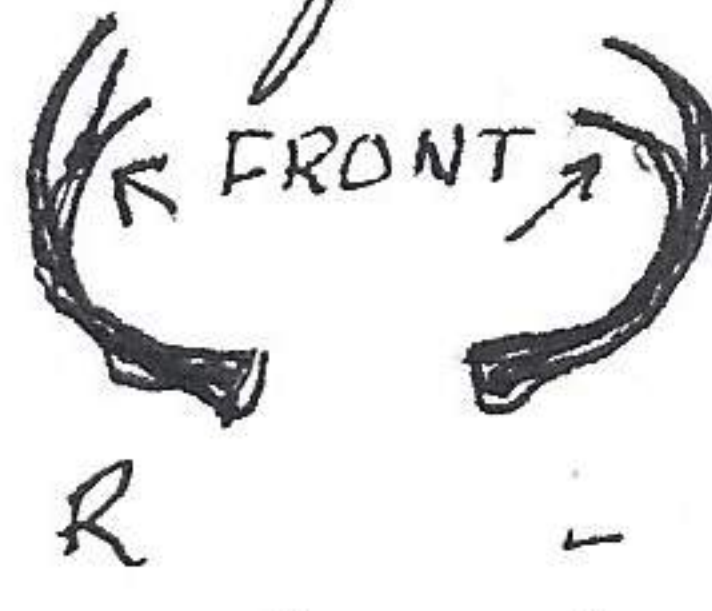


Oreas Island. One group of close order flight of *Bonaparte gulls*?, acting like shorebirds. Arrived Lopez Island.

On front of Bee House on shore were 3 black turnstones, always keeping within a foot of water.

Dec. 9, 1989

1:45 P.M. A river otter swam S in front of Bee House.

2:00 P.M. An adult ♂ mule deer  clawed top of the 50 gal metal drum where we keep deer and bird food. It finally removed the lid which was immediately replaced. On the third attempt, it removed the lid and tipped the drum over. The ♂ deer tried to reach the corn of which only about a gallon was left, but could not get antlers and head into the drum. After several tries it left and 2 fawns of the year successfully removed most of the corn by forcing their head & bodies to the back of the drum, an adaptation where small size is favored over large size of animal. At 8:20 AM another ♂ mule deer, a 2 pointer, and by turning head and antlers sideways was able to reach most of the corn.

Dec. 10, 1989.

Buck and Shirley Plummer have a relative from Alaska that brought Chatchalot barge down to Shoal Bay marina for rebuilding of diesel motors, who has second hand knowledge of the Wakefield family (Mil Wakefield Culbertson's, my aunt) family that lived on Shaw Island. He said that Mil's brothers (2) were the first to harvest King Crab of Alaska. There was not much demand for King Crab at that time. The Wakefield brothers had offices in Anacortes and Seattle. One of their boats named Sercana (Anacortes spelled backward) but was not an army transport ship as I had described it.

made trip to Lopez Village (4.2 miles from Bee House, via Center Rd. Blvd at Causeway, NW end Fishermans Bay. On W side of causeway 1 surf scoter and 8 glaucous-winged gulls along beach. On E side 9 northern pintails, 4 mallards, 18 buffleheads, 4 great blue herons, 43 American crows, 6 glaucous-winged gulls.

at Swift Dagon: 9 northern pintails, 8 mallards, 2 buffleheads.

at Swift Bay: 72 American widgeons, 21 northern pintails, 8 mallards, 17 buffleheads.

Dec. 13, 1989

9:10 A.M. 2 point ♂ mule deer, 32 1/2" high at shoulders; a member of ^{no eye tines}