

Last Lake, Snohomish Co., Washington

march 10, 11, 1990

Stayed at Chris home for 2 days. noted Steller jay.

march 12, 1990

Left Chris' at 10:29 A.M. at mileage 66984.4. Will follow highway 9 to Arlington, thence E on highway 530 to Darrington, thence N on 530 highway to Luckport-Cascade Rd to Corkindale, thence E on highway 20 to Marblemount, thence return W on 20 to Cedro-Woolley, thence Burlington, Mt Vernon, La Connor Thousand Trails. Cloudy of cumulus clouds and promise of a beautiful day. Catkins of willow are the earliest and at present most conspicuous blossom. Catkins were out on Bee Estate at least as early as last week. Other kinds of trees show blossoms. Red alder has a definite reddish cast. 3/10 mi. N Last Lake on Welch Road. Moles are active digging and hummock making in most open grassy fields. at N end Welch Road, northern flicker. Now on Elliot Road. First oxbow with approx. 120 mallards, 12 gadwall, 40 American widgeon and 20 pintail at NW end at drainage inlet. This is the pond at stop sign of Elliot and Fakes Road. The second larger oxbow approx 8/10 mi. beyond has about 60 ducks sp.?. 16 American robins Snohomish river valley. At bridge over Snohomish River are approx 150 glaucous-winged gulls at sanitation reservoir on highway 9. no birds between Snohomish and Arlington on highway 9. 3 mi. E Arlington on highway 530 are 4 mule deer in open grassy field, one at least 300' from forest. Skunk Cabbage in blossom. At crossing of Stellaquamish River. 4 robins, no birds otherwise enroute. Dark-eyed juncos. First snow along utility right-of-way, at 37 mile post. at mile post 39, snow now all along highway. Darrington at 12:21 P.M. roven. Skagit Co. line. 2 roven. Bennettsville. Now along Sauk River. no snow along Sauk River route. Skagit River greenish but not muddy. 4 robins at mile post 102. Dark-eyed juncos. Now crossing to Corkindale ^{Creek} on highway 20. now E to Marblemount ^{2:20 P.M.} and turning around to retrace 20 to W. no bald eagles observed on Conservancy preserves. Along 20 are individual trees, conifers, alders etc are covered with mass whereas adjoining trees are free of mass. 2 rovens. Concrete It is incredible how