

1:35 P.M. 26 greater white-fronted geese in V formation, approx 200' above Bee House flying N called in a high pitched squeal in conversation. The yellows of deciduous trees on NW side Beakely Island are now yellowish green.

April 21, 1990

Spent 2-5:00 P.M. at Opales meeting on ferry. At Orcas Island landing, 18 American Crow maintained their position above a raven some 400 ft above a ridge. Two of the crows left the group and dropped down to a tree where it harassed a second raven in the tree. Only birds between Upright Head and Friday Harbor were 2 groups of 3 and 7 glaucous-winged gulls and 3 double-crested cormorants. Returned to Lopez. At Bee House a 2 point ♂ mule deer at feeder. It measured 33 1/2" high at shoulders. Two ♂ mule deer had knobs as antlers and their height measured 27" and 28 1/2" respectively.

April 24, 1990

Annette, James Robert and I left for Johnston Strait at N E end Vancouver Island, Canada to check on Ore orea. Left Lopez Island in Barth at 3:20 P.M. at 1/2 way between James Island and Cypress Island observed approx. 6000 Bonaparte gulls, 20% in linear flight -----, rest in group flight and resting and feeding on water.

Thousand Trail Preserve, La Conner, Island Co., Washington

April 25, 1990

Left 7:35 A.M. Rain all night. Continued highway 5 and 1 to Horseshoe Bay and at 11:30 A.M. to Langdale and Earl Cove. no oreo in sound. Enroute to Langdale photo 900426-1 of sound, mts and clouds with ferry wake trailing. Photo 900426-2 Annette and I as above. At Earl Cove an informant and native of Langdale for 20 years said: In 1965 cougars, black bear, bobcats, mule deer were common at Earl Cove. In 1982 Coho salmon were disappearing. now one spends all day to catch one. no cougars, black bear or coyotes today. An occasional bobcat and raccoon is reported today. Mule deer rare. no killer whales in sound at Earl's Cove.

Left Earl's Cove 4:33 P.M. arrived Saltery Bay 5:20 P.M. 1 western grebe observed. Photo 900425-3 enroute to Saltery Bay. Mileage at Saltery Bay 67356.2 (Barth). Left Saltery Bay 8:30 P.M. for Comox on W side of Strait of Georgia.