Nisqually
September 13, 2022

It was a cloudy and very still day at Nisqually, and this made for very little bird activity in the
boardwalk and orchard areas. Things were a bit better out on the flats of the estuary. The bird of
day was a Merlin that posed nicely for our photographers. Some other highlights were Wood
Ducks, Greater Yellowlegs. California Scrub Jay, American Kestrel, Swainson’s Thrush,
Warbling Vireo and Western Wood-Pewee. One of our party also saw several Wilson’s Snipe.

37 species (approx. qty.)

Attendees: Phil, Rex, Graham, Denny, Doug, Frank, Ken, Bruce, Bev, Rick, Melinda, Jane, Pam T.,
Karen, Maureen, Norwin, Linda, John S.

CHECKLIST:

WATERFOWL: Wood Duck (6), Gadwall (75), American Wigeon (2), Mallard (200), Northern
Pintail (2)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS: Double-crested Cormorant (3), Great Blue Heron (6)

RAPTORS: Bald Eagle (6), Red-tailed Hawk (1), American Kestrel (1), Merlin (1)

SHOREBIRDS: Killdeer (2), Greater Yellowlegs (2), Least Sandpiper (2), Wilson’s Snipe (6)

GULLS, TERNs: Ring-billed Gull (150), Caspian Tern (2)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Anna’s Hummingbird (2)

KINGFISHER: Belted Kingfisher (4)

WOODPECKERS: Downy Woodpecker (2), Northern Flicker (1)

FLYCATCHERS: Western Wood-Pewee (1)

SHRIKES, VIREOS: Warbling Vireo (1)

CORVIDS: Steller’s Jay (2), California Scrub Jay (1)

LARKS, SWALLOWS: Barn Swallow (1)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT: Black-capped Chickadee (5)

WRENS: Bewick’s Wren (4), Marsh Wren (4)

THRUSHES: Swainson’s Thrush (1)
MIMIDS, STARLINGS: European Starling (100)

WARBLERS, CHATS: Common Yellowthroat (6)

LONGSPURS, SPARROWS: Savannah Sparrow (4), Song Sparrow (2), White-crowned Sparrow (2)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES: Red-winged Blackbird (15)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH: American Goldfinch (2)