

Biology 452, Spring 2008
Field Trip to Nisqually NWR on May 17, 2008

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Katie's Garter snake! (Meagan caught 1 too) by the barns.



Pacific Chorus Frog (near the barns)



Dead Townsends' Vole



Coyote Scat





Nisqually River near flood stage from sudden warm weather.



Freshwater wetlands within refuge.



Salt marsh outside of the dike



View of Mt. Rainier



Canada Geese with Goslings

Species Observed at Nisqually NWR on May 17, 2008

This was a record for the earliest day at 90° F in Seattle. It must have been nearly as warm here!

Order Anura	
Family Ranidae	Red-legged Frog Bullfrog
Family Hylidae	Pacific Chorus Frog
Order Testudines	
Family Emydidae	Painted Turtle
Order Squamata	
Family Colubridae	Gartersnake (species unknown)
Class Mammalia	
Order Carnivora	Coyote Scat Raccoon Mink
Order Rodentia	Townsend's Vole (alive & dead)
Order Artiodactyla	White-tailed Deer (tracks)
Class Aves	
Order Podicipediformes	Pied-billed Grebe
Order Ciconiiformes	Bittern Great Blue Heron
Order Anseriformes	Canada Goose Wood Duck Gadwall American Widgeon Mallard Blue-winged Teal Cinnamon Teal Northern Shoveler Hooded Merganser Common Merganser
Order Falconiformes	Bald Eagle Northern Goshawk Red-tailed Hawk
Order Charadriiformes	Killdeer (heard on refuge, seen at gas station) Glaucous Gull Caspian Tern
Order Strigiformes	Short-eared Owl (possible sighting??)
Order Apodiformes	Rufous Hummingbird
Order Coraciiformes	Belted Kingfisher
Order Passeriformes	American Crow Tree Swallow Violet-green Swallow Cliff Swallow Barn Swallow Black-capped Chickadee Bewick's Wren Marsh Wren American Robin Yellow Warbler Common Yellowthroat Song Sparrow Black-headed Grosbeak Red-winged Blackbird Brown-headed Cowbird American Goldfinch