

Biol. 452 Field Trip
Nisqually NWR & Nisqually Reach Nature Center at Luhr Beach, April 16, 2011

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Pond near the refuge offices.



Part of the newly created saltmarsh habitat.



Freshwater wetlands within the new dike.



Early spring green in the woods.



Half-eaten Shrew Mole



Mystery scat – mink??



Recent Beaver damage



Canada Goose eating cattails



Skull & other remains of a dead opossum.



Great Horned Owl (head is hidden by a branch)



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Class Actinopterygii	
Order Gasterosteiformes	Stickleback (aquarium at Nature Center)
Order Scorpaeniformes??	Sculpins (aquarium at Nature Center)

Class Amphibia (Lissamphibia)	
Order Anura Listen to their calls: http://www.californiaherps.com/frogs/pages/r.aurora.sounds.html	Red-legged Frog (heard)
Class Mammalia	
Order Didelphimorphia	Virginia Opossum (carcass)
Order Soricomorpha	Townsend's Mole (mounds) Shrew Mole (dead, on path)
Order Rodentia	Beaver (lodge, cut trees & branches) Eastern Gray Squirrel (Introduced)
Order Carnivora	Northern Raccoon (tracks at Luhr Beach) Scat – Mink possibly?
Class Aves	
Order Pelecaniformes	Double-crested Cormorant
Order Podicipediformes (http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird_details.aspx?value=search&id=7)	Horned Grebe
Order Anseriformes Learn about Eurasian Widgeon: http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird_details.aspx?value=search&id=65 Learn about Ring-necked Ducks: http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird_details.aspx?value=search&id=77	Canada Geese (with nests) Brant Wood Duck (+ nest boxes) Mallard Northern Pintail Northern Shoveler Gadwall American Widgeon Eurasian Widgeon Green-winged Teal Ring-necked Duck Bufflehead Common Goldeneye Hooded Merganser Common Merganser
Order Ciconiiformes Learn about Great Egrets: http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird_details.aspx?value=search&id=42	Great-blue Heron Great Egret
Order Charadriiformes Learn about Bonaparte's Gulls: http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird_details.aspx?value=search&id=195	Greater Yellowlegs Killdeer Glaucous-winged Gull Ring-billed Gull Bonaparte's Gull Caspian Tern
Order Falconiiformes Learn about the American Kestrel: http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird_details.aspx?value=search&id=111	Osprey (Nest & birds on towers, I-5) Peregrine Falcon American Kestrel Northern Harrier Red-tailed Hawk Bald Eagle
Order Strigiformes Learn about their nesting: (http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird_details.aspx?value=search&id=243)	Great-horned Owl (with chick)
Order Apodiformes	Rufous Hummingbird
Order Piciformes	Northern Flicker (heard)
Order Passeriformes Learn about the Common Yellowthroat: http://www.birdweb.org/birdweb/bird_details.aspx?value=search&id=397	American Crow Steller's Jay (heard at Luhr Beach) Tree Swallow Violet-green Swallow Cliff Swallow (+ nests) Barn Swallow (nests only) Marsh Wren Yellow-rumped Warbler Common Yellowthroat Song Sparrow Savannah Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow (Burke Museum) Red-winged Blackbird Brown-headed Cowbird