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## Skagit Valley Birding

February 21-23, 2020

### Tentative Trip Itinerary

**Friday, February 21** Meet at our departure location in Portland, Oregon at 7:00am. Group introductions and load vans. We'll bird our way north with possible stops at Langus Riverfront Park near Everett, Tulalip Bay and the east shore of Port Susan Bay, seeking a variety of songbirds and waterbirds, before arriving at the Best Western Plus Mount Vernon, our base of operations for the remainder of the tour.

**Lodging:** BWP Mt. Vernon

**Saturday, February 22** After a continental breakfast at the hotel, we'll set early for Samish Flats, where we'll seek out a variety of winter raptors, including the elusive Gyrfalcon and Short-eared Owl. Today, we'll also visit Samish Island and Padilla Bay, looking for a variety of winter waterfowl including Red-necked Grebe and Long-tailed Duck. After lunch in Anacortes, we'll spend our afternoon birding a variety of forested uplands and shorelines at Washington Park, Bowman Bay and March point before returning to Mt. Vernon for a group dinner in town.

**Lodging:** BWP Mt. Vernon

**Sunday, February 23** After breakfast, we set our course for more of Skagit Flats, including the productive Fir Island Road units, where large flocks of Trumpeter Swans and Snow Geese are possible. We'll return to Mt. Vernon to pack up the vans and eat lunch before heading south, stopping at the spectacular Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge enroute for more shorebirds, forest birds and possible loons and grebes, aiming to arrive back in Portland around 5:30pm.

**Lodging:** BWP Mt. Vernon

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