Birding Field Trip to the Fraser Delta - Boundary Bay
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Date: Sunday, 19 August, 2011
Time: 12:00 – 20:00
Cost: $75.90 per person, plus 12% HST
Minimum #s: 18 participants per bus (max 2 buses)
Meal: Bag snack will be provided
Other tips: Bring a telescope if you have one!

On this tour of the Southern Vancouver Area hotspots we will visit the George C. Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Tsawwassen Ferry Jetty, and the Boundary Bay Dykes, all within the Fraser Delta – Boundary Bay Important Bird Area and Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network site. The timing is ideal for fall shorebird migration, early returning waterfowl, and some raptors and passerines.

Our first stop of the day will be the George C. Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary, where we will explore the extensive trail system traversing managed freshwater wetlands and ditches, saltmarsh and extensive wooded dykes.

Our next destination will be the Tsawwassen Ferry Jetty, where we will search rocky and muddy shorelines with views on either side to scope for marine birds and waterfowl, with good chances for rock loving shorebirds, like Black Oystercatcher.

Our last and longest stop of the day will be the shorebird rich shorelines of Boundary Bay. The rising tide will bring the shorebirds to us as the evening progresses. Do bring a telescope if you have one.

Target species for the day will include: American Bittern; Wilson’s Phalarope; Cinnamon Teal; Eurasian Wigeon; Black Turnstone; Black Oystercatcher; Semipalmated, Black-bellied & Pacific Golden-Plover; Marbled Godwit; Long-billed Curlew; Semipalmated, Western, Baird’s, Least, Pectoral and Stilt Sandpipers, Willet; both Dowitchers; Peregrine, Merlin and Bald Eagle; Surf and White-winged Scoters, Harlequin Duck; California, Glaucous-winged and Mew Gulls.