Birding Field Trip to Manning Provincial Park
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Date: Sunday, 19 August, 2011
Time: 05:30 – 19:30 (~3hr journey time one-way)
Cost: $125.00 per person, plus 12% HST

Minimum #s: 18 participants per bus (max 2 buses)

Meals: Two bag meals will be provided

Notes: Bring additional snacks with you as it will be a long day. Also consider a jacket for higher elevation where it can be cool.

The Manning trip promises a day of diverse and spectacular landscapes, and the birds of the transition between wet coastal and drier interior ecozones.

Our drive to E.C. Manning Provincial Park will take us the full length of the Fraser Valley, and into the Cascade Mountains a short distance east of the town of Hope. Gaining elevation heading into the Park we will travel the transition from wet coastal zones to the Interior Dry Douglas Fir zone. Once in the park, its diverse landscapes will offer many species of birds from forests to sub-alpine meadows.

Our first stop will be at Sumallo Grove, to look for typical rainforest species including Varied Thrush, Western Tanager, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Pacific Wren, and Vaux’s Swift. We’ll be listening for Sooty Grouse, and on the Skagit River at this location, we may find an American Dipper.

Continuing to gain elevation heading east, we’ll stop at Rein Orchid Trail, and McDiarmid Meadows to look for species more typical of the mountains such as Townsend’s Solitaires, Western Tanagers, McGillivray’s and Townsend’s Warblers, Pine Grosbeaks and perhaps crossbills.

From these lower elevations sites around 1200 meters elevation, we will take the mountain road up to Heather Meadows, an area of sub-alpine meadows at around 2,000 meters. Stopping frequently on the way up, will be looking and listening for Boreal Chickadee, Clark’s Nutcracker, Gray Jay, and Dusky Grouse, among other species.