

Whidbey Audubon Society's Guide to 15 Special Spots

1. **Deception Pass State Park.** Off Hwy 20. Old growth forest, wetland, rocky/sandy shore, lakes, tide pools.

Loons, grebes, murrelets, other waterfowl, eagles, kingfishers, warblers, swallows.

2. **Dugualla Bay & Lake.** From Hwy 20, E on Frostad Rd, N on Dike Rd. Sheltered bay, mud flats, brackish lake. Swans, dabbling ducks including canvasbacks, other waterfowl, wading birds.

3. **Swan Lake, Joseph Whidbey State Park.** From Hwy 20, W on Swantown Rd to West Beach Rd. Rocky/sandy beach, freshwater lake, cattail marsh. Eagles, harriers, wading birds, loons, grebes, sea ducks including harlequin ducks, dabbling ducks, oystercatchers, yellowthroats, marsh wrens.

4. **Fort Ebey State Park.** From Hwy 20, W on Libbey Rd, S on Fort Ebey Rd. Second growth forest, thickets, lake, high bluff, beach. Seabirds and waterfowl, kingfisher, crossbill, woodpeckers, other forest birds including nuthatch, creeper, kinglets.

5. **Kennedy Lagoon.** From Hwy 20, E on Madrona Way. Sheltered lagoon. Kingfishers, waterfowl including hooded mergansers, goldeneyes, bufflehead, scaup, scoters.

6. **Penn Cove, Coupeville Wharf.** From Hwy 20, N on Main St, W on Front St. Large saltwater cove. Kingfishers, herons, loons, goldeneyes, bufflehead, scaup, pigeon guillemots. Look for river otters, harbor seals, jellyfish, sea stars.

7. **Ebey's Landing.** From Hwy 20, SW on Ebey Rd. High and low bluff, beach, farm fields, hiking trail. Loons, grebes, waterfowl, meadowlarks, blackbirds, raptors.

8. **Fort Casey.** From Hwy 20, S on Main St, becoming Engle Rd. Rocky beach, forest. Loons, grebes, auklets, guillemots, mergansers, gulls, great horned owls, passerines including chickadees, nuthatches, creepers, winter wrens, warblers.

9. **Crockett Lake.** Adjacent to Fort Casey (see #8). Brackish lake, large sandy spit, open bay. Lakeside: abundant wading birds, waterfowl, eagles, harriers, peregrine falcons, other raptors. On spit: swallows, savannah sparrows. Open bay: auklets, cormorants, guillemots.

10. **Port Townsend Ferry.** Adjacent to Fort Casey (see above). Take a break and walk aboard the ferry for 30 minutes each way on the water. Cormorants, loons, grebes, gulls, guillemots, murrelets. Watch for sea lions and harbor seals.

11. **Au Sable Institute.** From Hwy 20 S of Coupeville, N on Parker Rd. Open prairie and fringing woods. White crowned and savannah sparrows, swallows, harriers, kestrels, eagles, woodpeckers, occasional western bluebirds.

12. **Greenbank Farm.** From Hwy 525, E on Wonn Rd. Open grassland, cattail marsh, farm pond, viewing platform. Harriers, eagles, red tailed hawks, yellowthroats, marsh wrens, red winged blackbirds, swallows, herons, waterfowl.

13. **South Whidbey State Park.** From Hwy 525, W on Smugglers Cove Rd. Old growth forest, beach. Osprey, varied thrush, woodpeckers, swallows, passerines including nuthatches, creepers, winter wrens.

14. **Lone Lake.** From Hwy 525, N on Bayview Rd, then W on Andreason Rd, then S on Lone Lake Rd. Lake, woodlot, thickets. Stellers jay, bushtit, quail, waterfowl including mergansers, shovelers, scaup, bufflehead.

15. **Langley City Beach and Marina.** Beach access off First St, and Marina at E end of Wharf St. Saltwater, thickets. Loons, grebes, cormorants, eagles, waterfowl including mergansers, scoters. Look for harbor seals, gray whales in spring. Sea stars, jellyfish visible from marina pier.

