

Birding

You don't need to consider yourself a bird-watcher to be repeatedly awestruck by bird life on the islands. From the thrum of a tiny, curious hummingbird to the dramatic swoop of an enormous bald eagle, both islands are surrounded by the undeniable majesty of birds everyday. For most of the Northwest Coast tribes, various birds represent the most important clan crests and are frequently seen carved into totem poles. It's not hard to understand why, when the hoot of an owl or raspy call of a heron are so wonderfully commonplace here. Both islands have active Audubon societies with long histories, providing education, advocacy, and research. A side trip to Camano Island or North Whidbey are popular choices when the incredible snow geese are migrating by the tens of thousands to Skagit Valley each year.

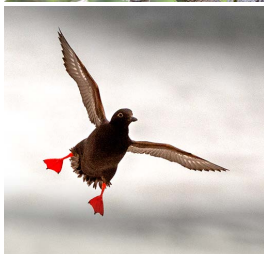


Explore the wealth of birding opportunities Whidbey and Camano Islands have to offer year round.



Great blue heron. Photo: Jann Ledbetter.

Whidbey & Camano Islands



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Great Horned Owl. Photo: Jann Ledbetter. Bald Eagle. Photo: Jann Ledbetter. Black Oystercatcher. Photo: James Vancouver. Snow Geese. Photo: Jann Ledbetter. Pigeon Guillemot. Photo: dypics.