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Sun Mar 06, 2011

Leader: **Otto Winnig**

Co-Leader:

As always, a great hike led by Otto! We went probably 10 km. mainly on the west side trails.

As several CV Naturalists Society members were on this hike, we took the opportunity to take some notes for the CVNS Nature Viewing Guide Project (in progress at <http://comoxvalleynaturalist.bc.ca/2011/03/nature-viewing-sites/> - password to view it is 'nature sites')

Some of the birds we encountered:

Pacific wren, common raven, varied thrush, red-breasted nuthatch, golden-crowned kinglet, chestnut-backed chickadee, song sparrow, fox sparrow.

Trees: Douglas-fir, grand fir, Sitka spruce, western redcedar, western hemlock, bigleaf maple, black cottonwood, red alder, shore pine, western white pine, bitter cherry, cascara.

Shrubs: Oregon grape, salal, red-osier dogwood, salmonberry, oceanspray, red huckleberry, hardhack, English holly (invasive).

Ferns: deer fern, licorice fern, sword fern.

I particularly noted an opportunity for a series of habitat photos showing the difference in understory plants in several parts of the forest : there were places where it was all sword fern, or all salal, or all Oregon grape - very interesting!

So now you know what naturalists are noticing while hiking!

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