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Goose Spit To Kye Bay (hiking)

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Wed Jun 15, 2011

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A beautiful day for this outing - starting at Goose Spit, break at Point Holmes, then lunch at Kye Bay & return, 14 km in total.

The sandy beach sections are limited to the area below Cape Lazo bluffs & Kye Bay itself, so the walking is not as easy as you might think...

Goose Spit & Willemar Bluffs are a textbook example of a longshore drift system. Some spectacular erosion has been occurring at the Cape Lazo bluffs - even the wind contributes to the constant wearing away of the sand, which eventually feeds Kye Bay.

We saw probably 40+ herons & a similar number of eagles along the way, as well as numerous swallows (rough-winged & violet-green), a couple of kingfishers, a spotted sandpiper (at Kye Bay lagoon) - heard white-crowned sparrow, ring-necked pheasant (at Point Holmes), Swainson's thrush, orange-crowned & yellow-rumped warblers.

There were also several large congregations of 'Homo sapiens juveniles' at the popular beaches - must have been a 'migratory day' for this species!

We started with 15 people , only lost 50% ! (they actually took alternate routes home)

Some of the observations from this outing will be added to the Comox Valley Naturalists on-line 'Nature Viewing Guide to the Comox Valley' : <http://comoxvalleynaturalist.bc.ca/2011/03/nature-viewing-sites/>



[Wendy Reed photo]



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And then there were seven.
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