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Sun Mar 20, 2016

Leader: **Krista Kaptein**

Co-Leader: **Janet Beggs**

Ten of us left Harmston Ave. around 10:30 am and joined the other four hikers at the trailhead at Oyster River Nature Park. Krista pointed out the song of the Yellow-rumped Warbler, https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Yellow-rumped_Warbler/id, which migrates to this area in spring. Shortly after 11am we headed off through the park, walking amongst firs, hemlocks, cottonwoods, maples and leaf-shooting salmonberries. With the tide low, we then walked north on the beach, surprised by how many Western Red Cedar trunks straddled the seashore. Sea lions were spotted in the water. We ambled the 3.2km to arrive at the Salmon Point pub in time to take over the deck just prior to the lunch menu being served at 12:30. Sunshine accompanied our seafood chowder and wraps. Krista observed four Black-bellied plovers https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Black-bellied_Plover/id on the shoreline. An hour later the gathering clouds made it easier to get going again. Since the usual path near the pub was flooded, we walked through the mostly unoccupied RV park and picked up the sandy trail leading back to Oyster River. New walkie talkies were tested to communicate with the geocaching stragglers and later to pass on directions in the nature park (pointlessly as it turned out!). As we were coming back through the woods, Krista heard a Merlin <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Merlin/id>. By the time we got back to the trailhead at 2:30, rain was sprinkling down.

Janet, with Krista providing the bird names and links.

More photos to follow



some of the beautiful red we saw on the beach

[Michele Hind photo]



[Ed Tickner photo]



waiting for the geocachers

[Janet Beggs photo]

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