

## ARROWSMITH NATURALISTS BRANT COUNT

**Date** 13 April 2026

Time 11:30

Tide at the beginning of count: 9.9 feet

Tide at the close of count: 11.4 feet

Rising tide

**Weather:** cloudy, light breeze, 11 C

**Participants:** Bonnie Mullin, Jim Thorne, Jonathan France

**Total brant counted: 528**

**Zone 1:** North area:

- -Qualicum Beach—Judges Row, Tourist Infor (Beach Creek), and the gazebo viewing stand.
- Foot of Kincaid Rd. beach access
- East end of Surfside Drive, Offshore view
- Little Qualicum Estuary, west end of Surfside Dr. and mouth of Little Qualicum River

Total brant counted in area: no brant reported

Other birds observed: no report provided

**Zone 2:** Central area:

- French Creek Marina—east side view offshore and towards Parksville, view the creek mouth from the west side

- Columbia Beach, Admiral Tryon Blvd. east; view offshore, and French Creek River mouth
- Admiral Tryon West, beach access to tidal pools
- Foot of Johnstone Rd.
- Foot of Butterball, off Pintail & Yambury Rd.
- West end of Seacrest Place (Apenes), off Eaglecrest Dr. at Pintail Dr

Total brant counted in area: no brant reported

Other birds observed: no report provided

**Zone 3: South area:**

- Rath Trevor Beach, Brant Point, Craig Bay, may need to walk to the right along the bay
- West end of Mariner Way—view offshore and to river mouth, may need to walk to river
- Parksville Bay, Parksville Community Park—from the Labyrinth view offshore, sandbars, and west shore of PVBay
- Possibly north end of Macmillan Street, beach access
- Possibly Doehle Rd, view from top of stairs

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**Other birds observed:** Moderate flock of gulls, 10 black-bellied plovers, 1 black oystercatcher, 2 adult bald eagles, gulls on mud flats, green winged teal, 1 robin, 10 dunlin, buffleheads, 2 mallards, 2 crows.

**No dogs observed.**

