

#4 iNATURALIST MARINE SHORELINE SUMMER OBSERVATION PROJECT

Rosario Beach, Washington Park, or Similk Beach

Get some fresh air, take some photos, and help us discover what species are in our community this summer! RE Sources and the Fidalgo Bay Aquatic Reserve Citizen Stewardship Committee will be conducting an iNaturalist Summer Marine Shoreline Observation Project and we need your help! Our focus is to explore the marine shorelines of Skagit and Whatcom Counties with the goal of documenting as many species as possible. It's easy to participate, and everyone is welcome. We can't wait to see what everyone finds! [\[Earn 1 Point for each species you can identify during your observations\]](#)

*****If you are not able to make it out to the beach, you can still participate remotely by reviewing and identifying observations on our project page.***** www.re-sources.org/initiative/citizen-science/.

To participate, follow these easy steps:

STEP #1: Create an Account on www.iNaturalist.org or iNaturalist app.

STEP #2: Find our Skagit or Whatcom Project in iNaturalist and join.

STEP #3: Pick one of your favorite shorelines and see what species you can find. Simply snap some photos and upload them to your account. Every observation counts!

HOW MANY INTERTIDAL SPECIES DID YOU OBSERVE?

TIPS AND TRICKS BEFORE YOU GO!

1. CHECK THE TIDES! Typically, a tide below +1 ft will let you start seeing cool intertidal critters, but a tide closer to -1 ft or -2 ft is even better. Some places to check tides online that are suitable for at least tide pooling in Skagit County include:

NOAA Bowman Bay, Fidalgo Island Tide station: www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/stationhome.html?id=9448614

NOAA Swinomish, Washington Tide station: www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/stationhome.html?id=9448682

2. SUGGESTED SKAGIT OBSERVATION LOCATIONS: Similk Beach, Washington Park, and Deception Pass State Park. There are also several locations in Whatcom County: Marine Park, Semiahmoo Park, and Little Squalicum Beach.

3. FOLLOW HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES: Consider visiting another beach if the one you plan to go to turns out to be crowded. Wear a mask if the general public is present.

4. MAKE SURE BEACH IS OPEN: Please ensure the shoreline location you choose is open and accessible to the public.

5. DRESS APPROPRIATELY: Wear appropriate clothes and footwear for weather and walking on the beach.

6. INTERTIDAL FIELD GUIDES: Check out some RE Sources field guides and past intertidal presentations on [intertidal critters](#) to help you ID what is out there. www.re-sources.org/initiative/citizen-science/

7. FOLLOW TIDEPPOOL RULES: Be a [responsible beach visitor](#)! We want to make sure that we protect intertidal critters so we can keep enjoying them at the beach! Look for the Tidepool Rule signs at Washington Park and Deception Pass State Park and take a photo.

