

Maine & New Hampshire June 3 – 13, 2022

Day 1 Fri, June 3 - Arrival

You may arrive any time today to Portland and transfer to our hotel. At 5:30 PM, we'll meet in the lobby for a brief orientation and then head to dinner. ***Night in Portland.***

Day 2- Sat, June 4 – Kennebunk Plains & Brownfield Bog

Today we will bird our way to Gorham, NH. We will start our day at Kennebunk Plains, just South of Portland. Here we will look for nesting **Upland Sandpiper, Eastern Meadowlark, Vesper Sparrow,** and potentially even **Clay-colored Sparrow.** We will then head to Brownfield Bog to look for warblers and flycatchers before making our way to Gorham for the evening. ***Night in Gorham.***

Day 3: Sun, June 5 – Mt. Washington

We will rise early and head up to Mt. Washington. We will be looking for the **Bicknell's Thrush,** one of North America's most sought-after birds. We will spend as much time as we need on Mt. Washington and look for **Blackpoll Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Least Flycatcher,** and many more. We will bird around the White Mountains in the afternoon. ***Night in Gorham.***

Day 4: Mon, June 6 – Boy Scout Road & Drive to Bangor

Today we will continue our search for Boreal species with a trip to the famous Boy Scout Road near Rangely. We will hope to see **Boreal Chickadee, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Black-backed Woodpecker, Spruce Grouse** and many others. We will then bird our way over to Bangor for the evening with stops at several hotspots along the way. ***Night in Bangor.***

Day 5: Tues, June 7 – Bangor City Forest, Orono Bog & Acadia

This morning we will rise and bird the Bangor City Forest and Orono Bog Boardwalk. This magical place is one of the best birding spots in all of Maine. We will search for a multitude of breeding warblers including: **Magnolia, Canada, Nashville, Palm,** and more. **Ruffed Grouse** are abundant here, and we may catch a glimpse of a breeding **Lincoln's Sparrow.** In the afternoon we will drive to Mt. Desert Island for our first bit of coastal birding in Acadia National Park. ***Night in Bar Harbor.***

Day 6: Wed, June 8 – Acadia and Whale Watching trip

Today we will bird around Acadia National Park. We will rise early and head to Cadillac Mountain. The sweeping views from the top are just breathtaking. We will also head out on a whale watching boat for the day out of Bar Harbor. In addition to whales we will be looking for pelagic species such as **Northern Fulmar, Cory's Shearwater,** and **Great Shearwater.** ***Night in Bar Harbor.***

Day 7: Thurs, June 9 – Schoodic Peninsula, Great Wass, Drive to Machias

This morning we will bird around the Acadia area before heading north to Machias. We will bird Schoodic Point, a beautiful rocky point that is a part of Acadia National Park. We be looking for **White-winged Crossbills, Black Guillemots, Common Eiders, Laughing Gulls,** and whatever else is in the area. Heading north we will check several spots along the way including Corea Bog, the Blueberry Barrens near Cherryfield, and Great Wass Preserve. ***Night in Machias.***

Day 8: Fri, June 10 - West Quoddy Head & Boothhead Preserve

Today depending on the schedule, we will bird the Easternmost point in the U.S., West Quoddy Head. We will be looking for seabirds, warblers, and flycatchers. Boothed Preserve nearby has been very good in past years for **Spruce Grouse** and **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**. Roque Bluffs State Park is another great birding area that we may have time to check out. ***Night in Machias.***

Day 9: Sat, June 11 – Machias Seal Island

This morning we will wake up early and take a boat to Machias Seal Island. This small island in the Gulf of Maine is home to a large breeding colony of **Atlantic Puffins**, **Razorbills**, and **Common Murres**. This experience should be on everyone's top 10 wildlife encounters in the U.S. to witness. Depending on tour availability we may have to be flexible on the day that this excursion runs. We will bird around the area after the boat tour cleaning up any birds we may have missed. ***Night in Machias.***

Day 10 – Sun, June 12 – Drive to Portland

Today we will head back down to the Portland area. We will stop again at the Bangor City Forest, as well as Messalonskee Lake for Maine's only breeding colony of **Black Terns**, and finish at the famous Scarborough Marsh in Portland. Scarborough Marsh is home to **Nelson's** and **Saltmarsh Sparrows**, **Least Terns** and many other birds. We may check the nearby inlet for **Roseate Terns** and **Piping Plovers** if time allows.

Night in Portland.

Day 11 – Mon, June 13 - Departure

After breakfast it's back to the airport for our return flights home.

*Itinerary subject to change due to weather, unforeseen events, and the whims of the leader!