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# Maine Coastal Treasures: Puffins to Lobsters

July 18-19, 2019



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Summer on the Maine Coast has much to offer, even before we consider the birding – picturesque lighthouses and fishing villages tucked into the rocky coastline, abundant lobster and fresh seafood, and warm sun cooled by sea breezes. Adding birds to the mix makes it irresistible.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of this trip is an evening boat trip to the seabird nesting colony on Eastern Egg Rock, where we will watch Atlantic Puffins interacting with each other before returning to their burrows for the night, along with Arctic and Roseate Terns, Black Guillemot, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, and more. We'll visit regionally rare habitats for other breeding birds that are hard to find in New England.

Kennebunk Plains, a vast sandplain grassland, hosts Upland Sandpiper, Grasshopper and Vesper Sparrows, Eastern Meadowlark and Bobolink, while Scarborough Marsh, Maine's largest saltmarsh, has breeding Saltmarsh and Nelson's Sparrows, and countless herons, egrets and shorebirds. Along the way, coastal woodlands, meadows, marshes, beaches and mudflats offer us a fantastic mix of breeding and migrant shorebirds, waders, warblers, thrushes, and other songbirds.

### **Thursday, July 18**

We will depart from Drumlin Farm at 7:00 am and head for Kennebunk Plains Wildlife Management Area in southern Maine. With expansive sandplain grassland, blueberry barren, pitch pine barren and oak scrub, this area hosts sought after breeding species like Upland Sandpiper, Eastern Meadowlark and Grasshopper, Vesper and Clay-colored Sparrows as well as Ruffed Grouse, American Kestrel, Brown Thrasher, Horned Lark, Prairie Warbler, Field Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, and Bobolink.

We will have lunch in Portland, and then bird area hotspots, with exact destinations based on the latest bird reports. A likely choice is Maine Audubon's Gilsland Farm, with 65-acres of woodland, meadow, orchard and saltmarsh along the Presumpscot River estuary. Hopefully the Little Egret, a rare European vagrant, that has summered here since 2015 will return, and we will try to track it down while enjoying the songbirds at the sanctuary's feeders and along the trails. From here we will head north and check into our lodging.

We'll cap off our day with what promises to be an unforgettable evening boat trip to Eastern Egg Rock with Project Puffin naturalists. Departing from New Harbor, it is only five scenic miles to the island, with views of Franklin Island Lighthouse, Monhegan Island, and Camden Hills en-route. Circling the island, we will have ample opportunity to enjoy up close views of puffins socializing with each other on the rocks and in the water while learning about Project Puffin's reintroduction and monitoring efforts. We also hope see Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Common Murre, Common, Arctic and Roseate Terns, Common Eider, Northern Gannet, Wilson's and Leach's

Storm-Petrels, and possibly Black-legged Kittiwake, Bonaparte's Gull, Great and Manx Shearwaters, Parasitic Jaeger, and Purple Sandpiper. Before leaving New Harbor, we will visit Shaw's Fish and Lobster Wharf to enjoy Maine lobster rolls or other coastal delicacies while watching the sunset.

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### **Friday, July 19**

We will depart early for Popham Beach State Park at the mouth of the Kennebec River, where 500 acres of sandy beach, saltmarsh, scrub thicket and pine woodland provide a rich variety of habitats to explore. Taking advantage of early morning songbird activity, we will look for breeding and migrant species on woodland trails before turning our attention to the shore. Rare in Maine, a long stretch of sand beach hosts breeding Willet, Piping Plover and Least Terns, and provides feeding grounds for gulls, terns and shorebirds. Nelson's and Saltmarsh Sparrows breed in the saltmarsh, along with Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron and many other wading birds.

After lunch, we'll head south to the Scarborough Marsh Wildlife Management Area, Maine's largest contiguous saltmarsh, with 3,100 acres of tidal creeks, salt pannes, freshwater wetlands and uplands. It is designated a National Audubon Important Bird Area for breeding and migrant birds. We'll look for both Nelson's and Saltmarsh Sparrows, and many waders and shorebirds like Glossy Ibis, Little Blue and Tricolored Herons, Short-billed Dowitcher, and Stilt, Pectoral, and White-rumped Sandpipers.

We plan to return to Drumlin Farm around 5:00 pm.

**Please note:**

This is a natural history field trip – we will rise early every morning and be active all day. Participants should be able to walk at least one mile and be on their feet for 1-2 hours.

Participants should be comfortable boarding and moving around a mid-size boat. While we attempt to be true to our itinerary, all scheduled events are subject to change depending on the weather and other considerations.

**Fees:**

Member \$390; Non-member \$470

Single Room Supplement - \$100

Deposit - \$100 due with registration

Final payment is due June 18, 2019

Fee covers all ground transportation, boat trip, lodging and entrance fees. Participants are responsible for personal supplies, snacks and meals.

**Cancellation Policy:**

Cancellations must be made in writing or by email, and are effective upon receipt.

Cancellations received up to 6 months prior to departure will be refunded in full. For cancellations less than 6 months prior to departure, the deposit is not refundable. Final payment is due 30 days prior to departure; no refunds are available for cancellations less than 30 days prior to departure. However, if we are able to fill your spot, a partial refund may be possible.

**Trip Insurance:**

If you cancel for any reason, the cancellation policy will apply. If you wish to purchase trip cancellation insurance, you can search for policies at [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com).

# Registration Form – Maine Coastal Treasures, July 2019

To register please call the registrar or fill out this form and mail it with a deposit.

## Program Registration

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Daytime \_\_\_\_\_

Evening \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like to receive our quarterly Birders Connection email? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I would like to join Mass Audubon: Family \$65 \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$48 \_\_\_\_\_

Single Room Requested: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Please note single supplement fee.

Deposit Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/Mastercard/Discover/American Express: \_\_\_\_\_

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