

# Cape May Fall Migration Species List | October 15-21, 2024 With Naturalist Journeys



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A wonderful Fall Migration trip to Southern New Jersey, timed for peak Fall migration. Cape May is recognized as the premier location for Fall bird migration. With its geographic location on a southerly facing peninsula, jutting out right where the waters of the Delaware Bay meet the Atlantic Ocean. It's the perfect location for up-close looks of both migrating land and sea birds. We participated in the Cape May Fall Birding Festival, visited the Cape May Bird Observatory, and spent many hours birding Cape May Point Light House and Hawk Watch, Avalon Seawatch, Higbee Beach, Coral Ave, Sunset Park, Cape May National Wildlife Refuge, Five Mile Landing, and Nummy Island.

We also ventured out onto the coastal waters as well, with a Back Bay Salt Marsh tour aboard the Osprey tour boat, and on the Cape May Lewes Ferry for our trip to Delaware to bird Cape Henlopen State Park, and did some pelagic birding aboard the Atlantis - Cape May Whale Watcher where we had amazing encounters with Humped-back whales.

#### **114 Bird Species were recorded for our trip**

The eBird report link below details the 114 species observed by the group. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "show all details" on the right side to expand the report and reveal where each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

#### **Additional sightings**

##### **Mammals (5):**

**Eastern Cottontail** *Sylviaugus floridanus*

**Eastern Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus carolinensis*

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus*

**Common Bottlenose Dolphin** *Tursiops truncatus*

**Hump-backed Whale** *Megaptera novaeangliae*