

# Summer in Maine: From Acadia to the Northwoods Species List | July 6 – 13, 2025 With Naturalist Journeys



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This was a fantastic trip traveling through the different areas of Maine, showing the numerous species of birds and animals that call Maine home. We started in southern Maine, working both the coast where we had numerous Piping Plovers, Bonaparte's Gulls and a three species of Terns along Higgin's Beach. We then worked inland with a stop at Kennebunk Plains preserve where we observed a few species at the northern most edge of their range; Grasshopper Sparrow and Prairie Warbler. From here, we worked our way up the coast with a stop at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and Wescog Marsh; before exploring Acadia National Park for a few days. Here we saw both sides of Acadia as well as an early morning sunrise from Cadillac Mountain. After ending our time here with a Puffin cruise out to Petit Manan, we headed north to Baxter State Park, where we birded the boreal forests of Maine. This portion of the trip was highlighted with a Moose cruise where we had 3 individual Moose which included a baby Moose! We also had a few of the "boreal specialties" which included both Boreal Chickadee and Evening Grosbeaks.

In all this led to a total of 123 species of birds, 10 species of mammals, 6 species of Reptiles/amphibians, 7 species of insects, 2 species of crabs and 2 species of Jellyfish observed.

BIRDS: 123 species were recorded of which 8 were heard only, and 2 were introduced. Details are included below.

The eBird link below details the 123 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when 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.

**Common Name: Scientific Name**

## **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: ANATIDAE (7)**

**Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis*— These species were seen a few times throughout the trip, with the best views coming on the last day in Baxter State Park.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*— A very common duck seen most days of the trip.

**American Black Duck** *Anas rubripes*— Only seen on two different days of the trip, with extremely good looks as a few were sleeping on the banks of the lake while birding at Nesowadnehunk Campground.

**Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris*— Only seen on the moose cruise on Millinocket Lake. We had a few small groups that

included several young!

**Common Eider** *Somateria mollissima*— A common duck seen on the coast, mostly brown females with young. We did see a few males molting out of breeding plumage and one male still in breeding plumage while on the Puffin trip.

**Black Scoter** *Melanitta americana*— We found three female scoters mixed in with a small group of eiders while heading to the Nor'easter restaurant for lunch while on Mount Desert Island.

**Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser*— This species was only seen while on the moose cruise. A group of 6 females floating off one of the Islands.

#### **PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES: PHASIANIDAE (2)**

**Wild Turkey** *Meleagris gallopavo*— We only saw this species the first 3 days of the trip, always by the side of the road. Our best views came on day 2 where we had a female turkey with a couple poults while we were heading to the Wells Reserve.

**Ruffed Grouse** *Bonasa umbellus*— Only seen on the last full day of the trip; with 3-4 flushing from the side of the road while we were leaving NEOC for the day.

#### **GREBES: PODICIPEDIDAE (1)**

**Red-necked Grebe** *Podiceps grisegena* — An uncommon summer visitor, we had 2 of these grebes in full breeding plumage while finishing up birding at Biddeford Pools.

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: COLUMBIDAE (2)**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*— Seen most days of the trip, often in urban areas.

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura*— Seen most days of the trip

#### **NIGHTJARS: CAPRIMULGIDAE (1)**

**Common Nighthawk** *Chordeiles minor*— We only had one cruise by us as we were watching the sunrise on Cadillac Mountain.

#### **SWIFTS: APODIDAE (1)**

**Chimney Swift** *Chaetura pelagica*— Only seen twice on the trip, most of the time twittering and flying above Portland when coming and going from the hotel.

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS: TROCHILIDAE (1)**

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris*— We only saw a handful of these red throated hummingbirds, with the best views coming while seeing one perched on the top of a Pine tree while at Nesowadnehunk Field Campgrounds.

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: CHARADRIIDAE (1)**

**Piping Plover** *Charadrius melodus* — We saw several of these gray-backed plovers on the first full day while birding Higgin's Beach. The best views came as we watched one sitting on a nest, others were further away foraging along the shoreline.

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: SCOLOPACIDAE (3)**

**Willet** *Tringa semipalmata* —We saw many of these medium-sized birds while birding Scarborough Marsh. Their black and white wing patterns were as distinctive as their "Pill-will-willet" calls as they flew by. All the Willets seen were of the "eastern" race.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*— We only saw one of these small "peeps" while birding Weskeag Marsh. Identified by its small size and yellow legs.

**Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus*— We again, only saw a small flock of these long-billed shorebirds whizzing over us while birding Scarborough Marsh.

### **Skuas and Jaegers: Stercorariidae (1)**

**Pomarine Jaeger** *Stercorarius pomarinus* —An early migrant, we saw two of these barrel-chested adults as they flew past us while on the Puffin trip.

### **AUKS, MURRES, AND PUFFINS: ALCIDAE (2)**

**Black Guillemot** *Cephus grylle*— This small black and white alcid was a common sight while both birding coastal Acadia National Park and on the Puffin Trip.

**Atlantic Puffin** *Fratercula arctica*— Saw many of these “sea clowns” flying, sitting on water and perched on land while on the Puffin trip.

### **GULLS AND TERNS: LARIDAE (9)**

**Bonaparte’s Gull** *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*— A fall migrant, we had 3-4 of these birds loafing both on the sand and in the water while birding Higgin’s Beach. All the birds seen were heading into their non-breeding plumage, lacking the all black heads.

**Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla*— We only saw 1 of these black headed gulls, all the way out on Petit Manan while on the Puffin trip.

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis*— We only saw these gulls two days of the trip. We had our best views while birding Higgin’s beach with a few adults with their black rings on their bills.

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*— A common bird seen throughout the trip.

**Great Black-backed Gull** *Larus marinus*— The largest gull in North America, a common bird seen on the coast but absent inland.

**Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii* — A fantastic adult seen briefly perched while birding Higgin’s Beach. All got to see the bird in flight, its long tail obvious in flight when compared to the nearby Common Terns.

**Least Tern** *Sternula antillarum* —Another tern only seen in the first few days of the trip. Everyone had fantastic looks at these small dainty terns flying to and from their nesting sites up on the beaches with small fish.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*— The most common tern throughout the trip. Mainly seen the first few days while birding the southern coast, while a few were seen while on the Moose Cruise up by Baxter State Park.

**Arctic Tern** *Sterna paradisaea*— One of the longest distant migrants, we were lucky to see quite a number of these Terns while circling Petit Manan on the Puffin cruise.

### **LOONS: GAVIIDAE (1)**

**Common Loon** *Gavia immer*— The first part of the trip, we got to see a few of these diving birds in nonbreeding plumage. The best looks came while walking the trail next to Jordan Pond in Acadia National Park. We got to see a stunning bird in its black and white plumage. The bird also called his laughing call as well.

### **SOUTHERN STORM-PETRELS: OCEANITIDAE (1)**

**Wilson’s Storm-Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus*— We only saw these southern breeding storm petrels while on the Puffin Cruise. They flew at the edge of the fog, their square white rumps briefly giving them away among the fog.

### **CORMORANTS: PHALACROCORACIDAE (1)**

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Nannopterum auritum*— A common bird seen most days of the trip, mainly in flight.

### **Ibis: Threskiornithidae (1)**

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* — These all-dark birds with curved bills were only seen while birding Scarborough Marsh on our first day.

### **HERONS AND EGRETS: ARDEIDAE (5)**

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*— Seen two days of the trip, with the best views coming of one while it was perched in the top of a pine tree while birding Sand Beach at Acadia National Park.

**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* —A surprising find, we had one adult bird foraging for food while at Scarborough Marsh on the first full day.

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* —Another unexpected heron, we had two foraging next to the Tricolored Heron while at Scarborough Marsh.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba* —This large white wading bird was only seen on the first full day, with the best looks coming while at Scarborough Marsh.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* — Seen two days on the trip, while at Scarborough Marsh and Weskeag Marsh. The best looks came while birding at Scarborough Marsh where we got to see its characteristic “golden slippers” that told it apart from similar Great Egrets.

#### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: CATHARTIDAE (1)**

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*— Seen the first few days of the trip, mainly of soaring birds while driving between spots.

#### **OSPREY: PANDIONIDAE (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*— A common bird, most often seen in flight over large bodies of water.

#### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: ACCIPITRIDAE (3)**

**Bald Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*— The Eagles were a common sight while in the North Maine woods. We had a fantastic viewing of 2 Eagles while on the moose cruise, which included one sitting on a rock during the golden sunset hour.

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus*— This species was only seen in the afternoon while birding on the College of the Atlantic campus. We had one adult soaring and later got good looks at a perched bird as it whistled its call.

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*— Seen two days of the trip, both times soaring/ flying while we were driving between areas.

#### **OWLS: STRIGIDAE (1)**

**Barred Owl** *Strix varia*— A fantastic showing of this species while birding the Jesup trail at Acadia National Park. We got to witness a fledgling bird as it clambered between trees, whistling for its parents.

#### **KINGFISHERS: ALCEDINIDAE (1)**

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megasceryle alcyon*— We only saw this species while on the moose cruise but had good looks as both a female and a male both were flying around the edge of Millinocket Lake.

#### **WOODPECKERS: PICIDAE (3)**

**Downy Woodpecker** *Dryobates pubescens*— This small black and white woodpecker was very briefly seen at the start of the Maine Botanical Gardens.

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Dryobates villosus*— Also seen in the woods while birding the Maine Botanical Garden.

**Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus*— Heard and seen only while birding the Maine Botanical Garden.

#### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: FALCONIDAE (2)**

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*— Two birds seen while coming out of the restaurant after lunch

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius*— We had this small falcon twice during the trip. The first time was a close flyby of an adult carrying food while getting mobbed while birding the Biddeford Pools. The second sighting was of one in the evening while on the moose cruise, perched up in a distant snag.

#### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: TYRANNIDAE (4)**

**Alder Flycatcher** *Empidonax alnorum*— We only saw this dull brown flycatcher on our last full day while birding Baxter State Park. Fantastic views from the bridge by Nesowadnehunk Field Campgrounds of this plain brownish flycatcher.

**Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus*— We only heard the “{che-beck) call of this bird on our last full day, while

admiring Mt. Katahdin from Abol bridge.

**Eastern Phoebe** *Sayornis phoebe*— We saw/heard this phoebe on days 2-5 but had our best looks of one perched on a railing while birding the Wells Laudholm preserve.

**Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus*— We saw and heard the “spark jumping” call of this kingbird in southern Maine only. Our best views came while we were birding Kennebunk Plains Preserve on the first full day.

#### **VIREOS: VIREONIDAE (2)**

**Blue-headed Vireo** *Vireo solitarius*— Only seen while birding the tote road up in Baxter State Park. We got fantastic looks as one came down from the canopy of the forest.

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus*— A commonly heard bird throughout the trip, we had our best looks at a singing, Red-eyed Vireo as it came down from the canopy while at the Maine Botanical Gardens.

#### **CROWS AND JAYS: CORVIDAE (4)**

**Blue Jay** *Cyanocitta cristata*— Randomly seen/ heard throughout the trip, we finally caught up with this bird while in Baxter State Park, where we had one fly in and perch right above everyone before it continued on its way.

**American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos*— A common bird, seen and heard throughout the trip.

**Fish Crow** *Corvus ossifragus* — This crow reaches the most northern extent of its range here in southern Maine and we were lucky to hear it at the end of the day while at the Portland Head lighthouse.

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax*— Surprisingly, we only had this bird on the last day of the trip while heading south.

#### **TITS AND CHICKADEES: PARIDAE (3)**

**Black-capped Chickadee** *Poecile atricapillus*— A common bird in most of the forested habitats we visited.

**Boreal Chickadee** *Poecile hudsonicus*— We had a pair of these small, brown-capped chickadees while birding the Nesowadnehunk Campgrounds on our last full day.

**Tufted Titmouse** *Baeolophus bicolor*— We only came across this species while birding the Maine Botanical Gardens.

#### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: HIRUNDINIDAE (3)**

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor*— Seen throughout the trip zipping through the air collecting insects.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*— A common swallow seen throughout the trip.

**Cliff Swallow** *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*— We only saw this swallow with a light-colored forehead while birding Nesowadnehunk Campgrounds. These swallows were going to and from their mud nests that were on the sides of the buildings.

#### **KINGLETS: REGULIDAE (1)**

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus satrapa*— We had a fantastic experience with this species; we had a small flock of these right next to the beach while coming off the Wonderland trail. The birds were feeding a young Golden-crowned Kinglet!

#### **NUTHATCHES: SITTIDAE (2)**

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis*— A common bird from Acadia on northwards, we had fantastic views of this red-breasted nuthatch while birding the wonderland trail on Acadia National Park.

**White-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta carolinensis*— A surprisingly hard to find nuthatch, we had one while birding the Maine Botanical Gardens.

#### **CREEPERS: CERTHIIDAE (1)**

**Brown Creeper** *Certhia americana*— This high-pitched call note was heard only while at the Maine Botanical Gardens.

#### **WRENS: TROGLODYTIDAE (2)**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*— We only heard this bird while birding the east point of the Biddeford Pools.

**Winter Wren** *Troglodytes hiemalis*— Another bird that was heard only, we had one literally singing right above us at the start of the wonderland trail!

#### **STARLINGS AND MYNAS: STURNIDAE (1)**

**European Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*— A common bird seen throughout the trip while in the more urban environments.

#### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: MIMIDAE (3)**

**Gray Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis* — Seen a few times over the course of the trip, mostly calling from the forest but sometimes seen flying across the road.

**Brown Thrasher** *Toxostoma rufum* — We only saw this species while birding Kennebunk Plains Preserve but got fantastic views of it as it flew between perches.

**Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos* — Only seen once while birding on the coast, perched on a fence.

#### **THRUSHES: TURDIDAE (4)**

**Veery** *Catharus fuscescens*— We only observed the last two days while in the North Maine woods. Our best views came while birding the Orono bog.

**Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*— One of the few heard only species, its upward, echoing call was heard throughout our time at Baxter State Park.

**Hermit Thrush** *Catharus guttatus*— A common bird once we got to Acadia National Park and onwards. Its ringing song was common throughout the forests. Our best views came while on the Wonderland trail at Acadia National Park where we had a Hermit Thrush come in point black, giving all fantastic views of that reddish tail field mark.

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*— A common bird throughout the trip.

#### **WAXWINGS: BOMBYCILLIDAE (1)**

**Cedar Waxwing** *Bombycilla cedrorum*— A common bird throughout the trip, its high-pitched ringing call was a giveaway when they were either overhead or perched up in a pine tree.

#### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: PASSERIDAE (1)**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* (*l*)— A common bird in the urban habitats of southern Maine.

#### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: FRINGILLIDAE (5)**

**Evening Grosbeak** *Coccothraustes vespertinus*— Fantastic views of a male Evening Grosbeak perched in the top of a pine tree while birding Nesowadnehunk Campground. A few flew over afterwards as we ate lunch as well.

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus*— Seen two days of the trip, with best views coming while birding the Biddeford pools.

**Purple Finch** *Haemorhous purpureus*— We had a single female early on while at Kennebunk Plains Preserve but got fantastic looks at lots of them while they were coming into feeders at Nesowadnehunk Campgrounds—both males and females. We got to enjoy a handful of females and their bluebird-like call notes perched atop a pine as we ate lunch.

**Red Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra*— We only encountered this species while at the Maine Botanical Gardens. One was first heard giving its “kip-kip-kip” call as it flew overhead. Later, we had a good look at a male perched up in the top of a pine tree.

**American Goldfinch** *Spinus tristis*— This species was seen or heard almost every day of the trip. Their “potato-chip” call notes usually alerted us to its presence.

#### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: PASSERELLIDAE (11)**

**Chipping Sparrow** *Spizella passerina*— A common bird from Acadia National Park onwards. Coming out of a restaurant at dinner, we had a fledgling at client's feet, with the adult close by.

**Dark-eyed Junco** *Junco hyemalis*— We only saw this species one day of the trip, with it giving fantastic views while on



the Wonderland Trail. The race we saw was the “Slate-colored” race.

**White-throated Sparrow** *Zonotrichia albicollis*— A commonly heard species once we got into the North Maine Woods. We had a fantastic view of a bright adult as it sang its “oh-sam-canada-canada-canada” song while birding the Nesowadnehunk Field Campgrounds.

**Vesper Sparrow** *Pooecetes gramineus*— We had good views of this grassland species at Kennebunk Plains Preserve. Everyone got good looks at this washed-out sparrow with a white eye ring and bold white outer tail feathers.

**Nelson’s Sparrow** *Ammodramus nelsoni*— We had fantastic views of this sparrow as it would briefly perch in the open for us, showing its orange wash extending onwards the belly field mark that told it apart from similar Saltmarsh Sparrows.

**Saltmarsh Sparrow** *Ammodramus caudacuta* — One of 16 species that is only found in the lower 48 states. We had multiple looks at this species while birding Scarborough Marsh, with several of them posing for us. We also came across this species while birding Weskeag Marsh—again at close range.

**Grasshopper Sparrow** *Ammodramus savannarum* — A sparrow at the very northern extent of its range, we had looks at this bird singing away as we were birding Kennebunk Plains Preserve.

**Field Sparrow** *Spizella pusilla* — This was one of the few heard-only species, with its bouncing ping pong ball-like call being heard as we were birding Kennebunk Plains Preserve.

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia*— A common bird throughout the trip, seen or heard every day of the trip.

**Swamp Sparrow** *Melospiza georgiana*— An extremely brief view of this species, most only heard its chipping sparrow like song while on the trail to Nesowadnehunk Campground.

**Eastern Towhee** *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*— We only observed this species while birding Kennebunk Plains Preserve.

#### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: ICTERIDAE (5)**

**Bobolink** *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*— We got views of this blond headed blackbird as it perched in the back of the field while birding Wells Reserve at Laudham Farms.

**Eastern Meadowlark** *Sturnella magna* — Another grassland species that was only observed as we were birding Kennebunk Plains Preserve

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus*— A common bird seen and heard while birding the marshes in southern Maine. We also came across a few birding Nesowadnehunk Campground west of Baxter State Park.

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater*— We only came across this species while birding at Biddeford pools, they were walking around on the nearby golf course.

**Common Grackle** *Quiscalus quiscula*— Only seen three days of the trip, with most of them being flyovers, picked up by the harsh “check” call.

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: PARULIDAE (17)**

**Ovenbird** *Seiurus aurocapilla*— Heard three days of the trip, but we had fantastic views of it as it came in as part of a small warbler flock while birding the Maine Botanical Gardens.

**Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia*— We only came across this species while birding in Baxter State Park, watching as it crept up a tree like a nuthatch.

**Nashville Warbler** *Leiothlypis ruficapilla*— One of the few heard only species, while birding the Orono Bog on the last day of the trip.

**Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*— One of the few species that was heard or seen every day of the trip. Our best views came as two moved around us while on the Wonderland Trail at Acadia National Park.

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla*— Only seen two days of the trip, but we had fantastic views of a few when birding the College of the Atlantic Campus.

**Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana*— A common species from Acadia National Park onwards. Its “upward ascending that dropped at the last second” call usually gave it away.

**Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia*— We had a couple fantastic looks at this bright warbler species mainly in the North Maine woods. Our best view of this species was while birding the Tote Road up in Baxter State Park, where we got a bright adult to come perch in the trees next to the road.

**Bay-breasted Warbler** *Setophaga castanea*— We had good looks at this hard to get “Spruce Budworm specialist”, with

multiple looks at a few males as they stayed high up in the tops of the pine trees.

**Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca*— We had this species 2 days of the trip, once at the Maine Botanical Garden and once at the Orono Bog, where one was perched in the open above some buildings, letting clients get good looks at this species.

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia*— Seen/heard three days of the trip.

**Prairie Warbler** *Setophaga discolor*— Another species reaching the northern edge of their range, everyone had fantastic looks at this yellow warbler with black streaks on its side as it sang and perched out in the open for us while we were birding Kennebunk Plains Preserve.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** *Setophaga caerulescens*— We only came across this species once while birding the Maine Botanical Gardens. We had excellent looks at this bird as it came in as part of the warbler flock found in the woods.

**Palm Warbler** *Setophaga palmarum*— We had excellent looks at this yellow-bellied warbler as it foraged in the Orono bog for food. We saw the “eastern” or “Yellow-bellied” race of this warbler.

**Pine Warbler** *Setophaga pinus*— This species was heard only and only heard while out on the moose cruise.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata*— Seen most days from Acadia on northwards, commonly heard while birding the Tote Road. The race seen was the “Myrtle” race of this species.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens*— A commonly heard bird; the “Trees-trees-murmuring trees” call was heard from Acadia on northwards. We had fantastic views of this species in multiple spots.

**Canada Warbler** *Cardellina canadensis*— We only had one of this species as we walked the trail that led to Nesowadnehunk Campgrounds.

#### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: CARDINALIDAE (1)**

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis*— We only had this species one day of the trip, with good views of a male flying across the road while at Weskeag Marsh.

#### **MAMMALS: (10)**

**Snowshoe Hare** *Lepus americanus*— Only seen one day of the trip, with good looks at two of them while birding the Nesowadnehunk fields campground in Baxter State Park.

**Eastern Chipmunk** *Tamias striatus*— We saw multiple of these chipmunks while birding in forested areas throughout the trip.

**American Red Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*— A commonly seen and heard squirrel as we got to Acadia National Park

**Eastern Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus carolinensis*— This species was seen only in the southern part of the trip, with them disappearing as we went north.

**North American Porcupine** *Erethizon dorsatum*— We had a fantastic look at this species as it slept on a tree branch while at Wells Reserve at Laudholm farms.

**American Beaver** *Castor canadensis*— Another species that was only seen on the Moose Cruise. We had good looks at both swimming and a few lodges.

**Harbor Seal** *Phoca vitulina*— This seal with the face shape of a dog was seen two days of the trip, once from shore while at the Biddeford Pools. We also had a large number seen both bobbing in the water and on land during the puffin cruise.

**Gray Seal** *Halichoerus grypus*— This species, with the horse head shape, was only seen while on the puffin cruise.

**Moose** *Alces alces*— A fantastic viewing, we had a total of three moose on the cruise. One of the three moose was a young calf who all got to watch eating grasses at the edge of the lake while its mom foraged out in the deeper waters.

**Harbor Porpoise** *Phocoena phocoena*— Another species that was only seen while heading back from the puffin cruise.

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: (6)**

**Smooth Green Snake** *Opheodrys vernalis*— We only observed this green snake once, while walking the Wonderland Trail at Acadia National Park.



**Red-backed Salamander** *Plethodon cinereus* — We only observed this species once, while flipping over a log when on the Jesup trail at Acadia National Park.

**Painted Turtle** *Chrysemys picta*— We observed this species two days of the trip, with the best views coming from one that was at the Maine botanical gardens.

**Common Snapping Turtle** *Chelydra serpentina*— We only saw this species while on the moose cruise but had good looks at two who were catching some afternoon sun on some rocks.

**Green Frog** *Lithobates clamitans*— The banjo plucking sound was common around most of the wetlands we visited.

**American Bullfrog** *Lithobates catesbeianus*— We found one of these species on the edge of Jordan Pond on day 5.

### Insects: (7)

**Robberfly sp.** *Asilidae sp.* — This species was observed on our first full day when one was observed landing on someone. Maine has approximately 54 different species of Robberfly!

**Eastern Tiger Swallowtail** *Papilio glaucus* — This butterfly was seen 4 days of the trip, mainly flying near clearings in the forest.

**Monarch Butterfly** *Danaus plexippus* — We only observed this species on days 1,2 while birding in southern Maine.

**White Admiral** *Leminitis arthemids* — This species was only seen while birding in Baxter State Park on the last full day.

**Banded Tussock Moth** *Halysidota tessellaris* — This species was noticed hiding in a flower while birding the College of the Atlantic campus on the afternoon of day 5.

**Azure Bluet** *Enallagma aspersum* — This species of damselfly was only observed while at the ponds at the Maine Botanical Gardens.

**Harvestmen sp.** *Opiliones sp.* — There are multiple species in Maine, we observed this family while birding the Jesup path in Acadia National Park.

### Crabs: Decapoda: (2)

**European Green Crab** *Carcinus maenas* —An introduced species, Emily described, comparing it with a Asian Shore Crab, this species while birding the Biddeford Pools east end.

**Asian Shore Crab** *Hemigrapsus sanguines* — Another introduced species, this was compared to the European Green Crab while birding the Biddeford Pools area. This individual was carrying a massive number of eggs.

### Jellyfish: Cnidaria (2)

**Moon Jellyfish** *Aurelia aurita* — We only observed this species while offshore on the puffin cruise.

**Lions Mane Jellyfish** *Cyanea capillata* —We also only observed this species while offshore on the puffin cruise.

**Day 1: East Trail (Scarborough Marsh)- Higgin's Beach – Portland Head Light.**

**Day 2: Kennebunk Plains Preserve- Wells at Laudlum Farms- East Point (Biddeford Pools)**

**Day 3: Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens- Rockland- Weskeag Marsh- Bucksport Overlook**

**Day 4: Acadia National Park: Wonderland Trail- Wild Gardens- Jesup Trail**

**Day 5: Acadia National Park: Cadillac Mt.- Sand Beach- Thunder Hole- Jordans Pond- College of the Atlantic**

**Day 6: Puffin Cruise out to Petit Manan- Moose Cruise on Lake Millinocket**

**Day 7: New England Outdoor Center – Baxter State Park; Nesowadnehunk Fields Campground- Nesowadnehunk Campground- Abol Bridge**

**Day 8: Orono Bog**