

Maine Puffin Extravaganza Species Report | July 10-16, 2026 with Naturalist Journeys



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Wonderful trip to one of the most desirable summer vacations destinations in the USA. The scenery was wonderful and Maine lived up to its reputation for wonderful lobster! Of course, the highlight was Machias Seal Island. We had perfect weather and were able to spend some time on the island in the hides surrounded by thousands of Puffins & Razorbills. It was one of the most spectacular natural experiences ever and will not be soon forgotten.

BIRDS (102): species were recorded.

The eBird link below details the 102 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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MAMMALS (6):

Eastern Chipmunk *Tamias striatus* – Fairly common in forest areas

American Red Squirrel *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus* – Seen a few times including several at Orono Bog

Eastern Gray Squirrel *Sciurus carolinensis* – Common at Orono Bog and a few others in forested areas

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus* – Common and seen most days

Gray Seal *Halichoerus grypus* – Quite a few on the rocks and swimming around Machias Seal Island

Harbor Porpoise *Phocoena Phocoena* – A few spotted from shore at Owl's Head State Park. Confirmed species with staff of Machias boat and they felt confident that it was this species