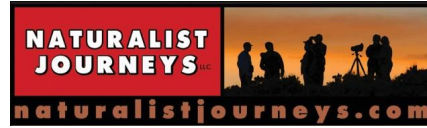


Maine Puffin Extravaganza Species List | June 8-14, 2026 with Naturalist Journeys



Compiled by guide Mollee Brown with local guide Vernie Aikins. Our clients included Lynn, Paul, Tracy, Judy, Chrstine, Dick, Nan, Philippa, Meredith, and Vicki.

The title says it all: Our inaugural Puffin Extravaganza centered around an incredible, intimate experience with 9,000 breeding pairs of Atlantic Puffins on Machias Seal Island. Boating to the island and seeing the numbers of puffins pick up - alongside murrelets and razorbills - was spectacular, but nothing can compare to being mere inches from the colony as we watched from blinds as the busybody alcids went about their business.

Though this was the climax of our tour, the journey to and from Machias was filled with great moments in nature as well. We ventured from sea to forest as we explored the complex and fragile components of Maine's diverse coastal ecosystems. Along the way, we had a fantastic time viewing many of the local breeding birds. This tour was a delightful blend of gorgeous views, great towns, lovely birding, plenty of seafood, and good company.

BIRDS (111):

111 species were recorded of which two were heard only and two were introduced. Details are included below.

The eBird link below details the 111 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 mammals we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

MAMMALS (5):

Eastern Chipmunk *Tamias striatus* – Seen and heard from multiple forested areas.

Eastern Gray Squirrel *Sciurus carolinensis* – Near residential and forested areas.

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus* – Seen a few times throughout the tour.

Gray Seal *Halichoerus grypus* – Seen from the waters around Machias Seal Island.

Harbor Seal *Phoca vitulina* – Seen from the waters around Machias Seal Island.