



Naturalist Journeys, LLC  
Michigan's Isle Royale & Keweenaw Peninsula  
August 26 – September 2, 2021

## TOUR SPECIES LIST

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Guides David Mehlman, Ed and Sil Pembleton, with 12 participants: Ronald, Dorianne, Carolyn, Steve, Kathleen, Rebecca, Brenda, Barbara, Frank, David, Chris and John

(LO) = Found by guides only

(I) = introduced

Sites visited (see detailed day-by-day itinerary at end of document): Houghton area, Keweenaw Peninsula, Copper Harbor, Isle Royale

**Summary:** 52 species of birds, 8 species of mammals, 2 species herps, and 3 species of insects

### BIRDS (52 species recorded):

#### **DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (8)**

**Canada Goose** *Branta canadensis*—Found on the first 3 days of the trip on the Keweenaw Peninsula, at Copper Harbor, and on Isle Royale

**Wood Duck** *Aix sponsa*—Seen on the first 2 days of the trip on the Keweenaw Peninsula

**Gadwall** *Mareca strepera*—(LO) Seen by Ed on one day on the Keweenaw

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*—Found on all the days at Isle Royale

**Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris*—Seen on one day in Tobin Harbor, Isle Royale

**Greater Scaup** *Aythya marila*— Seen on one day in Tobin Harbor, Isle Royale

**Common Goldeneye** *Bucephala clangula*— Seen on one day in Tobin Harbor, Isle Royale

**Common Merganser** *Mergus merganser*—one of the most commonly encountered species, found on all 7 days of the tour, frequently in variable size flocks and often performing synchronized diving demonstrations.

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (1)**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* (I)—Seen on the first day of the tour in Houghton

#### **CRANES: Gruidae (1)**

**Sandhill Crane** *Antigone canadensis*—Heard on two days on Isle Royale

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (1)**

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*—Seen on 3 of the days on Isle Royale, sometimes on the rocky shores

#### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (2)**

**Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis*—Seen on 5 days of the tour and found almost anywhere near Lake Superior

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*—Found on 5 days when on the Lake Superior coastline

**LOONS: Gaviidae (1)**

**Common Loon** *Gavia immer*—Seen and often heard, either while in the water or while flying, on all the days on Isle Royale

**CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)**

**Double-crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus*—Seen going and coming into Copper Harbor while on the Isle Royale Queen and again at the Rock Harbor lighthouse.

**HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (1)**

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*—One found on Lake Fanny Hooe

**NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (1)**

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*—Seen only once at Boston Pond Nature Area

**OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*—Seen on one day on Isle Royale

**HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (2)**

**Bald Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*—Seen on 4 days either on Isle Royale or near Lake Superior

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus*—Seen one day on Isle Royale

**KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (1)**

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*—Seen on 4 days in a variety of places with wetlands

**WOODPECKERS: Picidae (2)**

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Dryobates villosus*—Seen on 6 days of the tour, including almost all of the days on Isle Royale

**Pileated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus pileatus*—Seen on 5 days of the tour, including almost all of the days on Isle Royale

**FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (2)**

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*—Seen on 2 days while at Isle Royale, including at the lighthouse

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*—Seen once while at Rock Harbor lighthouse

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (1)**

**Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus*—Only found on the first day of the tour, several perched in a tree in the wetlands at Paavola Wetlands Nature Area

**VIREOS: Vireonidae (1)**

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus*—Seen at Hunter's Point in Copper Harbor and on the first full day on Isle Royale; otherwise oddly absent

**CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (4)**

**Canada Jay** *Perisoreus canadensis*—Seen on 5 of 6 days on Isle Royale, often when 2 birds would swing by the Rock Harbor lodge dining room

**Blue Jay** *Cyanocitta cristata*—Found on 4 days, both on the Keweenaw and on Isle Royale

**American Crow** *Corvus brachyrhynchos*—Only found 1 day at Hunter's Point

**Common Raven** *Corvus corax*—Seen on 5 days at several sites, including on the Keweenaw and on Isle Royale

#### **TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae (1)**

**Black-capped Chickadee** *Poecile atricapillus*—A species regularly found at several sites on the Keweenaw and Isle Royale

#### **KINGLETS: Regulidae (2)**

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus satrapa*—Found on 4 of the days on Isle Royale

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus calendula*—(LO) Found by Dave on the morning of our last day on Isle Royale

#### **NUTHATCHES: Sittidae (1)**

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta canadensis*—Found on 4 days on Isle Royale

#### **THRUSHES: Turdidae (1)**

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*—Found on 2 days on Isle Royale

#### **FINCHES: Fringillidae (1)**

**Purple Finch** *Haemorhous purpureus*—Found one day along the Rock Harbor trail, Isle Royale

#### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (3)**

**White-throated Sparrow** *Zonotrichia albicollis*—Reported on 2 days on Isle Royale

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia*—Reported on 1 of the days on Isle Royale

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolnii*—Reported on 1 of the days on Isle Royale

#### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (1)**

**Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater*—A single bird found one day on Isle Royale; apparently a juvenile

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (10)**

**Tennessee Warbler** *Oreothlypis peregrina*—Seen on one day on Isle Royale along the Tobin Harbor trail

**Nashville Warbler** *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*—(GO) Seen on one day in Rock Harbor by Dave

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla*—Found on 3 days on Isle Royale

**Cape May Warbler** *Setophaga tigrina*—Seen on 2 days on Isle Royale

**Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia*—Seen on 1 day on Isle Royale

**Bay-breasted Warbler** *Setophaga castanea*—Seen on 2 days on Isle Royale

**Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca*—Seen on 1 day on Isle Royale

**Palm Warbler** *Setophaga palmarum*—Seen on 2 days on Isle Royale

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** *Setophaga coronata*—Most frequently encountered warbler species of the tour, seen on 5 days on Isle Royale, all of the Myrtle (eastern) race

**Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens*—Seen on 1 day on Isle Royale

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

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis*—(LO) One heard by Ed on Isle Royale

### **Mammals (8 species)**

**American Red Squirrel** *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*—Found regularly on Isle Royale, where the endemic subspecies is very tame

**Eastern Chipmunk** *Tamias striatus*—Found on one day at Hunter's Point Park

**American Beaver** *Castor canadensis*—Seen on 2 days on Isle Royale

**Snowshoe Hare** *Lepus americanus*—Seen on 3 days on Isle Royale

**Gray Wolf** *Canis lupus*—Apparent footprints seen (and photographed!) on the boardwalk in the bog on Raspberry Island

**Moose** *Alces alces*—Only seen (alive!) once by a few on one of our days on Isle Royale

**North American River Otter** *Lontra canadensis*—Seen 1 day on Isle Royale at the seaplane dock in Tobin Harbor

**White-footed Mouse** *Peromyscus leucopus*—Seen running around the picnic tables on one day on Isle Royale

### **Herps (2 species)**

**Common Garter Snake** *Thamnophis sirtalis*—Found on 1 day on Isle Royale

**American Toad** *Anaxyrus americanus*—Found on 1 day on Isle Royale

### **Insects (3 species)**

**Monarch** *Danaus plexippus*—Seen on 3 days on Isle Royale

**Isabella Tiger Moth** [Woolly Bear caterpillar] *Pyrrharctia isabella*—Seen on 3 days on Isle Royale, presumably portending some kind of winter coming!

**Mourning Cloak** *Nymphalis antiopa*—Seen on 2 days on Isle Royale

**Compton Tortoiseshell** *Nymphalis l-album*— Seen on 1 day on Isle Royale

### **LOCATIONS AND NOTES:**

Day 1: August 27, 2021; Paavola Wetlands Nature Area, Boston Pond Nature Area, Calumet, Eagle River, The Jampot, Eagle Harbor, Lake Fanny Hooe (lake and resort), Copper Harbor

Day 2: August 28, 2021; Hunter's Point Park (Copper Harbor), Isle Royale

Day 3: August 29, 2021; Isle Royale—Tobin Harbor trail, Suzy's Cave, Rock Harbor trail

Day 4: August 30, 2021; Isle Royale—Rock Harbor area, Rock Harbor lighthouse/Edisen Fishery/Bangsund Cabin

Day 5: August 31, 2021; Isle Royale—Rock Harbor area, Tobin Harbor Trail, Suzy's Cave, Rock Harbor Trail, Three Mile Campground

Day 6: September 1, 2021; Isle Royale—Raspberry Island, Rock Harbor area

Day 7: September 2, 2021; Isle Royale—Rock Harbor area (Dave only)