

Bar Harbor Pelagic Trip

Saturday, September 14, 2019

6 a.m. – 2 p.m.



TRIP DESCRIPTION: Maine Audubon’s annual fall pelagic trip out of Bar Harbor has long been a must-do outing for the region’s birders. The trip is so eagerly anticipated because of a great boat, great camaraderie, and, of course, great sightings of birds and marine mammals! Past trips have encountered all three jaeger species, both Great and South Polar Skuas, thousands of shearwaters and storm-petrels, Northern Gannets, Atlantic Puffins, Razorbills, Common Murres, five different whale species, porpoises and dolphins, gray seals, and schools of tuna.

MEETING PLACE: Please arrive by **5:30 a.m.** at the dock for the Bar Harbor Whale Watch Company. **A PHOTO I.D. IS REQUIRED TO BOARD THE BOAT.** A government issued photo identification card, driver’s license, or student I.D. is sufficient. A passport is not necessary.

DIRECTIONS: From Ellsworth, follow Route 3 East to Bar Harbor. It is approximately 10 miles to Bar Harbor after crossing the causeway to Mount Desert Island. Turn left onto West Street; the first street on your left in Bar Harbor. West Street is about ½ mile past the Bar Harbor Regency, Bar Harbor Days Inn and Cat Ferry to Nova Scotia. The Bar Harbor Whale Watch Co. (B.H.W.W.C.) and town pier will be located on your left at 1 West Street.

PARKING: You can park along West Street, all day for free, anywhere between Bridge Street and Route 3. Please note: your car is at risk of being towed if you park in front of or directly across the street from B.H.W.W.C. Those spaces are reserved for buses.

PREPARATION: There is plenty of room on board so don’t worry about over-packing. It can be quite cool on the water so please bring sufficient clothing to ensure your comfort. Ocean spray is certainly a possibility. If you have a tendency to get motion sickness, please consult your doctor or pharmacist for the best remedy. There are enclosed cabins which are heated. You are more than welcome to pack your own lunch; however, there is a galley on board (which will have breakfast items).

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

Binoculars	Lunch, snacks, and drinks	Sunscreen
Camera (batteries)	Plenty of water	Sunglasses
Field guides	Rain gear (for spray on a windy day)	Hat
Wind-resistant layer	Warm clothes!	Gloves

* Weather dependent

LEADERS:

Jan Pierson is one of the founders of Field Guides and a veteran of more than 35 years of international birding and guiding. He has traveled far and wide to all continents, yet some of his favorite birding experiences remain simple ones: spring warbler migration, savoring good, long looks at birds, be they rare or common, tropical or temperate, and watching other birders thrill at their first-time discoveries.

Doug Hitchcox is Maine Audubon’s Staff Naturalist. He cut his teeth working for Maine Audubon at the Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center for six summers where he led tours by land and sea. In his free time, Doug is one of Maine’s eBird reviewers, owner and moderator of the ‘Maine-birds’ listserv, York County Audubon board member, and voting member of the Maine Birds Record Committee.

PLEASE NOTE: Cancellation of this trip is up to the discretion of BHWW Co. and your trip leaders. *If there is any change in the status of this trip, we will do our best to notify you.* If you have any questions, please call 207-781-2330 x237. If you have an urgent question that cannot be answered after calling the above number, you can call Doug Hitchcox's cellphone at 207-671-0185.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Participants may receive a refund – minus a \$50 processing fee – if they cancel their registration at least fourteen (14) days before a program begins. Programs with registration fees below \$50 are nonrefundable. Refund requests must be made in writing. Written requests for a refund due to a medical emergency must include a doctor's note, and must be received no more than two weeks after the program's start date. Refunds due to medical emergencies will be paid minus the \$50 processing fee. If Maine Audubon cancels a program, participants will receive a full refund. In the event that Maine Audubon needs to cancel part of a multi-day program, such as camps, Maine Audubon will make an effort to reschedule that part of the program, but refunds will not be issued.

All program proceeds benefit the work of Maine Audubon.