

Bar Harbor Whale Watch Co. Bird Species List

Alcids: Puffins + Murres

[Atlantic Puffin*](#)
[Black Guillemot](#)
[Common Murre*](#)
[Razorbill*](#)

Laridae: Terns +Gulls

[Arctic Tern*](#)
[Common Tern*](#)
[Bonaparte's Gull \(Fall\)](#)
[Great Black-backed Gull](#)
[Herring Gull](#)
[Laughing Gull](#)
[Ring Billed Gull \(Fall\)](#)

Sulidae: Gannets + Boobies

[Northern Gannet](#)
[Brown Booby \(rare\)](#)

Hydrobatidae: Storm Petrels

[Leach's Storm Petrel](#)
[Wilson's Storm Petrel](#)

Procellariidae: Fulmars + Shearwaters

[Northern Fulmar](#) [Manx Shearwater](#) [Cory's Shearwater \(rare\)](#)
[Great Shearwater](#) [Sooty Shearwater](#)

Solopacidae: Phalaropes and Sandpipers

[Red-Necked Phalarope](#) [Purple Sandpiper \(Fall\)](#)
[Red Phalarope](#)

Pandionidae: Osprey

[Osprey](#)

Accipitridae: Eagles

[Bald Eagle](#)

Falconidae: Falcons

[Peregrine Falcon](#)

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

[Double –crested Cormorant](#)
[Great Cormorant \(Fall\)](#)

Stercorariidae: Jaegers + Skuas

[Great Skua](#) [Parasitic Jaeger](#)
[South Polar Skua](#) [Pomarine Jaeger](#)

Anatidae: Eider Ducks + Scoters

[Common Eider](#) [Black Scoter \(Fall\)](#)
[Surf Scoter \(Fall\)](#)
[White-winged Scoter \(Fall\)](#)

Gaviidae: Loons

[Common Loon \(Fall\)](#) [Red-throated Loon\(rare\)](#)

*Peak Season May-early August while breeding. Can be seen offshore on whale watch trips from June-September.

The bird species on this list tend to be what we see most commonly. There have been many other species documented on our cruises and in the areas we explore along the coast and offshore. We recommend checking out the following [eBird Hotspots](#) for more detailed species list and recent sightings:

Egg Rock: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1018954>

Petit Manan Island: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L234625>

Mount Desert Rock: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1021477>

Bar Harbor Whale/Pelagic Trip: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1568807>

Species seen during boat cruises varies depending on time of year, breeding cycles, weather, sea conditions, and prey resources. Most of these species are seen more frequently and in larger numbers in the summer to early fall months. Others will be seen in the spring or fall during migration or year round. Most of the alcid, petrel, phalarope, shearwater, jaeger and skua species are found offshore on our whale watch trips or puffin cruises. Most waterfowl and raptors can be seen on our Bay cruises.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to email our lead naturalist:

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