

Pelagic Seabird Species

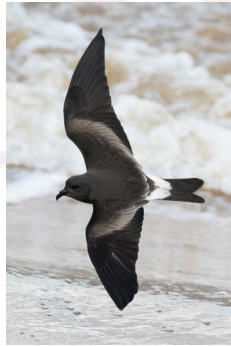
[Northern Fulmar](#)



[Wilson's Storm Petrel](#)



[Leach's Storm Petrel](#)*



[Atlantic Puffin](#)*



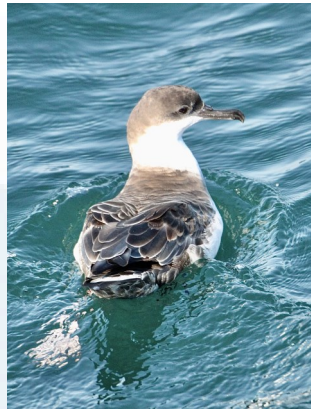
*To learn more about each species, click on the name above photo.

*These species nest on [Petit Manan Island](#) from May-early August.

[Sooty Shearwater](#)



[Great Shearwater](#)



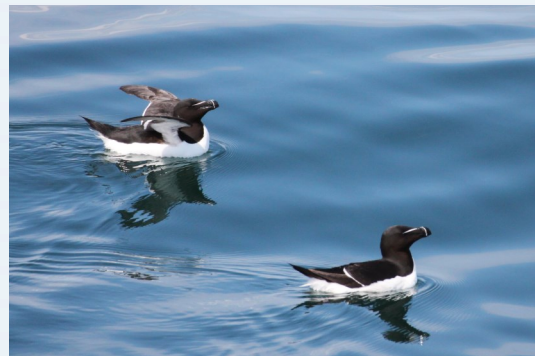
[Common Murre](#)



[Arctic Tern](#)*



[Razorbill](#)*



[Common Tern](#)*



[Manx Shearwater](#)



[Red Phalarope](#)



[Red-necked Phalarope](#)



[Cory's Shearwater](#) (rare)



[Northern Gannet](#)



Species seen during trips varies depending on time of year, weather, sea conditions, and prey resources. Most species are seen more frequently and in larger numbers summer to early fall while others are here in spring and fall or year round.

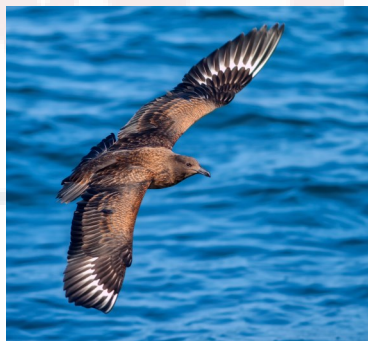
Puffins, razorbills, and murres as well as terns are seen more frequently on our puffin cruises from May-early August. The nesting season for puffins, razorbills and terns usually peaks in July. Other species use the Gulf of Maine as a feeding ground and will breed further north or in the southern Hemisphere.

South Polar Skua



Pelagic Seabird Species

Great Skua



Parasitic Jaeger



Pomarine Jaeger



Seabird Species (Coastal/Inshore)

Common Eider



Herring Gull



Black Guillemot



Double-crested Cormorant



Great Black-backed Gull



Laughing Gull

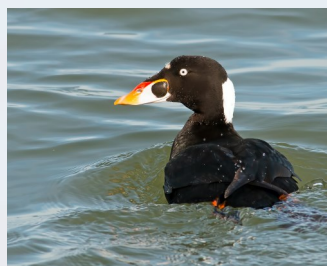


Great Cormorant (Fall)

Bonaparte's Gull (Fall)



Surf Scoter (Fall)



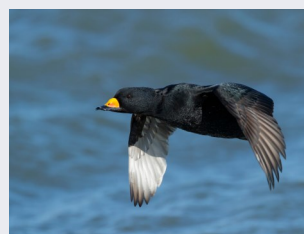
Common Loon (Fall)



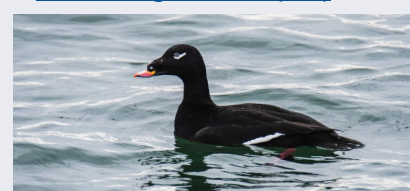
Ring Billed Gull



Black Scoter (Fall)

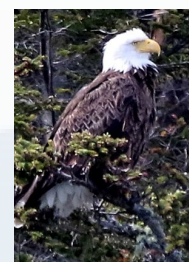


White-winged Scoter (Fall)



Raptors

Bald Eagle



Peregrine Falcon



Osprey



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](#)

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

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

Procellariidae: Fulmars + Shearwaters

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

Stercorariidae: Jaegers + Skuas

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

Solopacidae: Phalaropes and Sandpipers

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

Anatidae: Eider Ducks + Scoters

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

Pandionidae: Osprey

[Osprey](#)

Accipitridae: Eagles

[Bald Eagle](#)

Gaviidae: Loons

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

Falconidae: Falcons

[Peregrine Falcon](#)

*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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