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12th Acadia Birding Festival Press Release

Dear Editor,

Acadia Birding Festival (ABF) took place June 10-13, 2010, during an exceptionally beautiful coastal Maine weekend. Participants from Canada and across the America traveled to Mount Desert Island for an opportunity to observe the incredible diversity of Gulf of Maine birds and spend quality time in the field with local naturalists and experts.

The organizing committee would like to thank all of the community members, participants, speakers, and guides who make this event uniquely Maine with a serious scientific agenda. From the biologically rich waters of the open ocean to the mountains and wetlands at the heart of MDI, Acadia Birding Festival offers a unique opportunity to experience coastal Maine ornithology at its finest .

This year marks a milestone in the history of Acadia Birding Festival as all sightings for each of the 20 locations around MDI were entered into the “e-bird” data collection system of Cornell Laboratory and National Audubon. E-bird will become an incredibly important resource and a new way to monitor and record ornithological information. This will allow us to compare yearly counts, enter past observations and continue to scientifically monitor the spring migration of birds on Mount Desert Island.

During the three field days we collectively saw 116 species of birds on Mount Desert Island. Notable species were **South Polar Skua** 25 miles out to sea on the Friendship V, 17 species of **Warblers, Nelson’s Sparrow, Willow and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher’s**, and a total of approximately **4551 birds** during the weekend.

Local birding knowledge intertwined with expert scientific concern for the international migratory pathways of birds made this year’s event both meaningful and important. It is our goal to start a national discussion about Land Use and how human ecology impacts birds. Many excellent discussions took place starting with Paul Kerlinger’s talk about Communication Towers and Wind Turbines. The panel session revealed many important scientific initiatives that will be beneficial to birds like Inland Fisheries and Wildlife’s “Beginning With Habitat”. In Maine and the Northern Forest, nothing could be more important than all Mainers taking responsibility for the health and welfare of the Gulf of Maine by passing sound and ecologically beneficial land use ordinances. This can begin by placing more value on the ecological services provided by birds and thinking about wildlife corridors for example. “Beginning with Habitat” should be the core value of our Land Use policies in Maine with greater importance placed on River and Stream Restoration which completes the circle of stewardship.

Finally, Acadia Birding Festival has and always will be about Mount Desert Island as an ecological system and the ecology this represents in the Gulf of Maine. Preparations for the 13th Acadia Birding Festival for June 2nd thru June 5, 2011, have all ready begun with a tentative theme of “Connecting the Boreal and Northern Forest: Important Migratory pathways.

The following organizations make the 2010 Festival possible through financial and in-kind services. Hutchins Cottages , Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bass Harbor Cottages, Smuggler's Den Campground, Abbe Museum, Down East Audubon, Mira Monte Inn , Mike Woodard Reality, Friends of Acadia, Bar Harbor Inn, Rhoades Building Products, Michael Boland Inc, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Bangor International Airport, Bangor Hydro, Camden National Bank, Atlantic Brewery, Aysgarth Station, The Wendell I Gilley Museum, Down East Nature Tours, Bar Harbor Whale Watch Company, National Park Sea Kayak, SW Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Alone Moose Gallery, Thurston's Lobster Pound, First Express, Merchant Circle -Window Panes, Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, The Inns at Ullikana, The Holland Inn, Ann's Point Cottages, Acadia Cottages, Gray Coat Inn. Their contribution is greatly appreciated by the organizing committee and the community. Without the help and support of so many community members and organizations ABF would not exist. Thank you for your generous support over the years.

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Founder and Director

Acadia Birding Festival

Bar Harbor, Maine

Acadia Birding Festival
June 10-13, 2010

Locations:

Acadia NP--Cadillac Mountain : Acadia NP--Ship Harbor Trail : Asticou
Azalea Garden : Bass Harbor Marsh : Bubble Pond - MDI : Duck Brook
Bridge to Witch Hole Pond : Indian Pt Blagdon TNC Preserve : MDI -
northern area : MDI - southwestern area : Norway Dr - MDI : Otter
Point - Acadia Nat'l Park : Petit Manan NWR - Petit Manan Island :
Pretty Marsh picnic area : Schooner Head - Acadia NP : Seawall
Campground : Sieur de Monts Spring : Thuya Gardens : Valley Cove -
Acadia NP

Guides:

Michael Good, Eric Hynes, Paul Kerlinger, Becky Marvil, Jeff Wells,
Ed and Debbie Hawkes, Billy Helprin, Craig Kesselheim, Kristen
Lindquist, Robert Shaw, Sal Rooney, Chip Moseley, Steve Ingraham, Zack
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Number of Species 116
Number of Individuals 4,551

Canada Goose 5
Wood Duck 1
American Black Duck 16

Mallard	26	
Common Eider	416	
Hooded Merganser	5	
Ruffed Grouse	1	
Common Loon	11	
Northern Fulmar	4	
Greater Shearwater	600	
Sooty Shearwater	4	
Manx Shearwater	2	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	200	
Northern Gannet	36	
Double-crested Cormorant	478	
Great Blue Heron	2	
Turkey Vulture	5	
Osprey	11	
Bald Eagle	4	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	
Broad-winged Hawk	2	
Peregrine Falcon	3	
Killdeer	1	
Spotted Sandpiper	1	
Greater Yellowlegs	3	
American Woodcock	1	
Laughing Gull	117	
Herring Gull	466	
Great Black-backed Gull	71	
Roseate Tern	1	
Common Tern	206	
Arctic Tern	300	
South Polar Skua	1	
Parasitic Jaeger	1	
Common Murre	13	
Razorbill	25	
Black Guillemot	138	
Atlantic Puffin	150	
Rock Pigeon	12	
Mourning Dove	20	
Barred Owl	2	
Chimney Swift	7	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	4	
Belted Kingfisher	3	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	
Downy Woodpecker	9	
Hairy Woodpecker	8	
Northern Flicker	6	
Pileated Woodpecker	5	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	
Alder Flycatcher	13	
Willow Flycatcher	2	
Least Flycatcher	2	
Eastern Phoebe	3	

Great Crested Flycatcher	2
Eastern Kingbird	5
Blue-headed Vireo	21
Red-eyed Vireo	36
Blue Jay	24
American Crow	42
Common Raven	5
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	1
Tree Swallow	3
Barn Swallow	2
Black-capped Chickadee	51
Red-breasted Nuthatch	61
White-breasted Nuthatch	1
Brown Creeper	17
Winter Wren	21
Golden-crowned Kinglet	85
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4
Swainson's Thrush	5
Hermit Thrush	32
American Robin	21
Gray Catbird	8
Brown Thrasher	3
European Starling	5
Cedar Waxwing	94
Nashville Warbler	11
Northern Parula	46
Yellow Warbler	13
Chestnut-sided Warbler	12
Magnolia Warbler	30
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	39
Black-throated Green Warbler	80
Blackburnian Warbler	32
Pine Warbler	2
Prairie Warbler	1
Black-and-white Warbler	16
American Redstart	20
Ovenbird	14
Northern Waterthrush	1
Common Yellowthroat	22
Canada Warbler	1
Eastern Towhee	1
Chipping Sparrow	11
Savannah Sparrow	2
Nelson's Sparrow	2
Song Sparrow	23
Swamp Sparrow	11
White-throated Sparrow	27
Dark-eyed Junco	34
Scarlet Tanager	1
Northern Cardinal	2
Indigo Bunting	1

Bobolink	1	
Red-winged Blackbird	30	
Common Grackle	2	
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	
Purple Finch	27	
White-winged Crossbill		22
Pine Siskin	7	
American Goldfinch	26	
House Sparrow	3	