

8th Annual

Down East Spring

Birding Festival

Washington County, Maine



May 27–30, 2011

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Welcome!

We cordially welcome you to the 8th Annual Down East Spring Birding Festival. Held annually each Memorial Day weekend, the festival coincides with the celebrated spring migration and the nesting season along Maine's Down East coast. The waters, fields, and forests are teeming with hundreds of species of birds this time of year. We are glad you are joining us in this event.

The festival's hallmark species include the Atlantic puffin, two dozen warblers, and a host of boreal species. Nearby Machias Seal Island is home to several thousand puffins, and if you take part in one of the festival's puffin boat trips, you will have the chance to visit them up close.

We invite you to take part in our presentations, daytime and evening guided hikes, and boat trips. Among the many options are van excursions with expert bird guides, as well as boat trips in the beautiful waters of pristine Cobscook Bay with registered Maine guides. All throughout the festival you will have the opportunity to interact with local and state birding and wildlife experts. In addition, we'll provide you with maps and information so that you can plan your own self-guided excursions, which many birders find particularly rewarding.

If this is your first time visiting our region, welcome. If you've been with us before, we're glad you're back. Take a look at what the festival has to offer this year. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 207-733-2233 or visit us online at www.downeastbirdfest.org.

We wish you happy birding.

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HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the festival, please mail your registration form with your check, money order, or credit card information, to **Down East Spring Birding Festival, c/o Cobscook Community Learning Center, 10 Commissary Point Road, Trescott, ME 04652**. If you need additional forms, you can either photocopy blank forms or download and print them from the festival web site.

Please note that there are space limitations for most events. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and notice of closed events will be posted on the festival web site. You may also call or email (207-733-2233, birdfest@thecccl.org) the festival coordinator for information on specific events.

If you need to cancel, a full refund of your festival fees paid will be made if we receive the cancellation by May 6, 2011. If we receive notice between May 7 and 16, a 50% refund will be made. No refund will be given for cancellations received on or after May 16

Residents of Washington and Charlotte (NB) Counties may participate in festival activities by paying a day rate of \$15 per person (or \$25 per family) at the festival headquarters. Festival activities on Moosehorn NWR are free and open to the public.

CHECK IN

When you arrive on Friday or Saturday, please check in at the festival headquarters on the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge in Baring (west of Calais) and pick up your welcome packet. For Sunday and Monday, the Festival HQ shifts to the Cobscook Community Learning Center (CCLC) in Trescott (between Whiting & Lubec).

Friday Events

Machias Seal Island Boat Trip (Cutler)

Friday, May 27, 9 am —2pm
(\$95 fee)

Saturday, May 28, 9 am —2 pm
(\$95 fee)



Machias Seal Island has the largest Atlantic puffin colony along the Maine coastline. Your trip from picturesque Cutler Harbor to the island aboard the *Barbara Frost* will take about 60 minutes; you should have over two hours on the island. Of that, you'll have up to 45-60 minutes in a blind with puffins all around you. The rest of the time on the island, you'll be on a ground-level, open-observation platform.

If you are interested in terns and alcids, this is your trip. Avian occupants during late May include 3,000 Atlantic puffins, as well as razorbills, Arctic and common terns, common murres, black guillemots, and common eiders. Other seabirds, such as northern gannets, black-legged kittiwakes, gulls, shearwaters, and storm-petrels, are frequently sighted on the water. Bald eagles and seals are spotted regularly; sightings of whales and porpoises are possible. A camera, lots of film, and binoculars are musts. You may also want to bring a lunch and bottled water.

Wear sturdy footwear. Transfers to and from the island require a degree of physical mobility and surefootedness. Once at the island, landing conditions will be slippery. **Landing is dependent on calm sea conditions and is at your own risk.** If the boat is unable to land, the captain will cruise around the island affording an excellent opportunity to view the island's birds.

The *Barbara Frost*, a 40-foot Coast Guard certified passenger vessel, has a restroom and an enclosed heated cabin. Bring warm clothing nonetheless. If the trip is canceled due to poor weather, you will receive a full refund. Cutler is located on Rt. 191, reached either from Rt. 1 in Machias or from 189 between Whiting and Lubec. Once in the harbor area, look on the south side of the road for the blue street sign marked "Wharf Road" as well as a white sign marked "Little River Lobster Co." This is the town landing. Park along the road or in the small landing parking lot and meet your captain, Andy Patterson, along the water at the boat ramp.

Friday Events

Opening Presentation: Birding Optics, Gear and More - How to Select What's Best for You (Baring-Moosehorn NWR)

Friday, May 27, 1:15-2:30 pm, YCC Building (Festival HQ)

Sunday, May 29 12:30—1:30 pm, CCLC/Trescott (\$7 fee includes light lunch)

(Saturday, May 28, 11-3 (Staffed Exhibit))

In this session, you will learn about the tools of the trade when it comes to birding. What book is right for you? How about binoculars—which ones should you choose? What's the right clothing to wear? What other gear is available to enhance your birding experience? These questions and more will be covered by Carroll Tiernan. Carroll has been selling optics for Maine Audubon for over 20 years. She has trained with several manufacturers, taught many optics clinics, and is very familiar with the optics and range of other gear available to today's birders. As for optics, you'll have a chance to test out several varieties that Carroll will have on hand. You will learn the key binocular specifications and how to pick the right binoculars for your use and budget. You also will see how spotting scopes can be useful and how to pick the right scope.

Opening Day Events—

Check these out while registering at the YCC Building at Moosehorn.

Birders' Bazaar

Noon—5 pm

***Warblers of
Moosehorn Slideshow***

Noon & 12:30 pm



Self-Guided Birding Tours

Be sure to make use of the “Self-Guided Birding Tours” booklet in your registration packet. Twenty fantastic locations are described in detail, and there are many locations which are not formally visited during the festival. Check in with festival staff to learn more about these

Friday Events

Afternoon Hikes at Moosehorn NWR (Baring)

Friday, May 27, 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Join with Moosehorn NWR staff for an afternoon of birding at the refuge. These trips will be for participants with some birding experience. The exact routes will depend on recent bird sightings and the interests of the group. The refuge contains a variety of habitats - grasslands, freshwater wetlands, and several forest types. The trips will be a combination of driving and walking, looking for boreal species and for migrating flycatchers, vireos, and warblers. We will pass bald eagle nesting areas. Other raptors we may encounter include ospreys, accipiters, broad-winged hawks, American kestrels, and merlins.

Refuge wetlands may contain pied-billed grebes, American bitterns, great blue herons, Canada geese, wood ducks, American black ducks and possibly teal, ring-necked ducks, hooded mergansers, spotted sandpipers, and belted kingfishers. Boreal chickadees, gray jays, spruce grouse, and woodpeckers also have been spotted. Grassland nesting birds such as savannah sparrows and bobolinks also may be seen. Wear waterproof footwear. Restroom facilities are available at the YCC Building and the Moosehorn NWR Headquarters.



Welcome Social and Presentation: “Birding By Ear” with Bob Duchesne (Calais-The Maine Indian Education Center / formerly Heritage Museum)

Friday, May 27, 6:00-8:00 pm, Washington County Community College (\$17.50 fee)

All festival-goers are invited to our opening evening social at The Maine Indian Education Center in Calais. Attendees will be treated to an engaging presentation “Birding By Ear” with Bob Duchesne, avid bird guide and author of “Maine Birding Trail: The Official Guide to More than 260 Accessible Sites”. Join Bob as he helps you demystify birding by ear. In this popular presentation, Bob will offer simple tips for mentally organizing what you’re hearing and will help you take advantage of what you already know. Advanced birders will be encouraged to share their own tips. Bob is a frequent field trip leader for Maine Audubon and a regular trip leader with the Down East Birding Festival.

Additionally, this is an opportunity to meet many of the festival’s hike leaders and presenters as well as many of your fellow birders. We’ll have a light buffet dinner on hand. Come compare notes with your colleagues, discuss special places where you might look for birds during the ABC/C Birdathon, and enjoy the company of fellow birders.

The Maine Indian Education Center (formerly Heritage Museum) is located in downtown Calais. At the traffic light on Route One, turn towards the river and make a left in front of the Eastern Maine Electric Co-op. Parking will be on your immediate right, as well as the street.. The Center will be on your right.

Saturday Events

Shackford Head State Park Hike (Eastport)

Saturday, May 28, 6:00-9:00 am

Shackford Head sits on a peninsula covered with hardwood trees - aspen, birch, beech, and maple. It is also home to shrubs and thickets, pebble beaches, small coves, granite cliffs, and a swampy area. For this moderate hike we will meet in the parking lot and cover about 3 1/2 miles. Restroom facilities are nearby.

We will look for several species of ducks, mergansers, gulls, osprey, hawks, bald eagles, ruffed grouse, yellowlegs, sandpipers and other shore birds, mourning doves, woodpeckers, American crows, common ravens, black-capped and boreal chickadees, brown creepers, white- and red-breasted nuthatches, wrens, golden- and ruby-crowned kinglets, hermit and other thrush, American robins, northern parulas, ovenbirds and other warblers, grosbeaks, dark-eyed juncos, grackles, pine siskins, and finches. Reach Shackford Head by taking Route 190 to Eastport. At the point where Route 190 makes a sharp left at the abandoned Irving gas station and becomes Washington St., turn right on Deep Cove Road. Travel less than one mile and look for the Shackford Head parking lot on your left.

Pottle Tree Farm (Perry)

Saturday, May 28, 6:30 am-9:00 am

The area has a tremendous diversity of habitat, including hayfields, grown-up farmland, a working forest of mixed hardwood and softwood through which Boyden Stream runs, and surrounding lowlands. Apple trees and overgrown cellar holes are scattered throughout, mixed with alders, cherries, roses, and other shrubs.

We will look for wood ducks, sandpipers, American woodcocks, and warblers along the stream; American kestrels and other raptors; ruffed grouse, yellow-bellied sapsuckers and woodpeckers in the apple trees; and warblers in the bigger forest—perhaps four dozen different species in all.

The trails are well maintained and offer easy walking. At this time of year, there will be some moderately muddy spots, so appropriate footwear is recommended. The tree farm is located at 507 South Meadow Road in Perry. From Route 1, near the intersection of Routes 1 and 191, take the turn just south of the Perry Farmer's Union. This is South Meadow Road. The farm is 2 1/2 miles from this turn. At the split in the road, stay left. Look for signs for the tree farm on your right. Park anywhere you are not blocking the driveway to the house or the barn. We will meet at the tree farm sign. There will be a functioning outhouse on the trail.

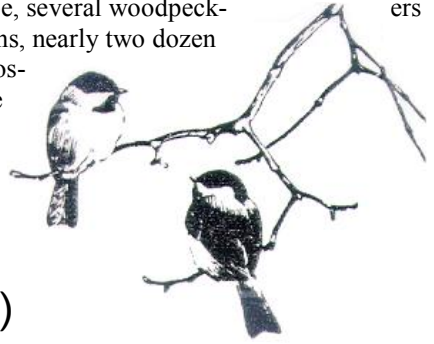


Saturday Events

Morning Hikes (Baring - Moosehorn NWR)

Saturday, May 28, 6:45-11:00 am

Join refuge staff for easy hikes that will follow a 2 1/2 -3 mile trail through a variety of habitats: various ages of hardwood and softwood forest, wetlands, and fields. The Barn Meadow and Magurrewoc Marsh portion will be a several mile round trip drive/walk along the shores of several wetlands. Given these habitats, many neotropical migrant birds might be seen. Birds include double-crested cormorants, American bitterns, wood ducks, mallards, American black ducks, teal, mergansers, ospreys, bald eagles, Virginia rails, soras, Wilson's snipe, several woodpeckers and flycatchers, Swainson's thrush, marsh wrens, nearly two dozen species of warblers, bobolinks, and evening grosbeaks. Rubber boots are recommended. These hikes will begin at the YCC building, where restroom facilities are available.



Burn Road Hike (Topsfield)

Saturday, May 28, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Burn Road is known for its excellent birding. Owned and managed by the Baskahegan Company, which uses ecologically-sound forestry practices to maintain a mosaic of variously-aged habitat types, this area is home to a high number of boreal species. During a 2009 breeding bird survey, 4 spruce grouse, 3 black-backed woodpeckers, 14 gray jays, and 6 boreal chickadees were found here. Olive-sided and yellow-bellied flycatchers are common, while red- and white-winged crossbill sightings are likely. The Burn Road was featured during the 2006 ABA Convention in Bangor, Maine.

Topsfield is in northern Washington County. Allow just under two hours to get here from the Cobscook Bay area. We will meet at 7:00 am at the (closed) Topsfield Irving station, located at the junction of Routes 1 and 6, 34 miles north of YCC Building at Moosehorn NWR. As the Topsfield Irving is no longer open, the closest location to fill up on gas, pick up drinks and snacks, and use the restrooms is the Irving station in Princeton, 16 miles south on Route 1 in Princeton.

We will be stopping at many different locations along the Burn Road to look at and listen for birds. We will also check several nearby sites that have had breeding mourning warblers for the past six years. We will likely walk 3 – 4 miles, at a slow pace, on flat and dry gravel surfaces. This trip is appropriate for birders with any level of skill or experience. Black flies and mosquitoes will be swarming, so be sure to bring insect repellent and wear clothing that covers your skin (hat, long-sleeved shirt, long pants, gloves, and closed shoes).

Saturday Events

Repeat Offerings

Tide and Sunrise/Sunset Times: Plan Your Self-Guided Explorations

May 27th	4:45 AM EDT	Sunrise
	1:27 AM EDT	2.5 feet Low Tide
	7:33 AM EDT	16.7 feet High Tide
	1:48 PM EDT	2.4 feet Low Tide
	7:57 PM EDT	17.5 feet High Tide
May 28th	8:04 PM EDT	Sunset
	4:45 AM EDT	Sunrise
	2:19 AM EDT	2.1 feet Low Tide
	8:25 AM EDT	16.8 feet High Tide
	2:38 PM EDT	2.4 feet Low Tide
May 29th	8:46 PM EDT	17.9 feet High Tide
	8:05 PM EDT	Sunset
	4:44 AM EDT	Sunrise
	3:09 AM EDT	1.7 feet Low Tide
	9:14 AM EDT	17.0 feet High Tide
May 30th	3:26 PM EDT	2.2 feet Low Tide
	9:31 PM EDT	18.3 feet High Tide
	8:06 PM EDT	Sunset
	4:43 AM EDT	Sunrise
	3:56 AM EDT	1.2 feet Low Tide
	10:00 AM EDT	17.3 feet High Tide
	4:11 PM EDT	2.0 feet Low Tide
	10:15 PM EDT	18.7 feet High Tide
	8:07 PM EDT	Sunset

Fundy Bay—Highest tides in the world!

Machias Seal Island Boat Trip (Cutler)

*Saturday, May 28, 9 am—2 pm
(\$95 fee)*

See description on page four.

Birding Optics, Gear and More: How to Select What's Best for You (Baring—MNWR)

*Saturday, May 28, 11 am—3 pm,
Carroll Tiernan will be on hand
with optics information. You can
catch her full presentation on Fri-
day and again at CCLC on Sunday.
See description on page five.*



All indicated times in registration booklet are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Check out the Birding Bazaar during the 2011 Down East Spring Birding Festival. Gifts, supplies, and bird festival merchandise (not to mention insect repellent) are available for purchase.

Saturday Events

Guided Sea Kayak Trip on Cobscook Bay (Edmunds)

Saturday, May 28, 8:00 am-Noon (\$40 fee)

This half-day paddle will allow you an opportunity to see birds in remote areas of pristine Cobscook Bay. Birds you may see or hear include common loons, great blue herons, osprey, bald eagles, yellowlegs and sandpipers, gulls, belted kingfishers, flycatchers, and warblers. You also will have a chance to view bald eagle nesting sites from your kayak. In addition, seals often seek us out as we paddle through the water.

You will be led by a registered Maine guide who will share the spectacular beauty of the area. We will provide safe, stable, tandem kayaks and all necessary gear. You are encouraged to dress in layers, wear footwear that can get wet, and bring a snack and water. Previous kayak experience is not necessary. We will meet at the Cobscook Bay State Park Boat Landing in Edmunds. From Route 1 turn east on the South Edmunds Road (look for the Cobscook Bay State Park signs). The boat landing is 1.3 miles on your right.



Children and Family Birding Activities (Baring—Moosehorn NWR)

Saturday, May 28, 10—11:30 am

Bird Beaks and Ducks Feet!

Join naturalist Stephanie Allard for a fun-filled session that will include costuming that illustrates adaptations that different groups of birds have for survival. Birders of all ages are welcome to this event.



Meet at festival headquarters at the YCC Building, MNWR.

Think like a bird! Chirp, chirp.

Saturday Events

Back By Popular Demand!

“Birds of Prey” Live Raptor Program (Baring-Moosehorn MNWR)

Saturday, May 28, 11:30 am—12:30 am

Saturday, May 28, 12:45 pm—1:45 pm

Join with staff from the Chewonki Foundation to really explore, and view up close, Birds of Prey. What are “Birds of Prey”? How do their survival techniques differ from species to species? This program compares and contrasts the special hunting adaptations of nocturnal and diurnal raptors, including their talons, their sharp, curved beaks, and their different wing and tail shapes.

Participants have the opportunity to see live non-releasable raptors. In addition to viewing these predators of the sky up close, participants also handle and examine feet, wing, and skull specimens to better understand these majestic birds.



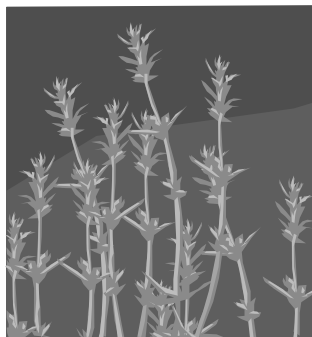
New Event for 2011

Medicinal and Edible Plant Walk Baring—Moosehorn NWR

Saturday, May 28, 2-4 pm

Join Amy Zipperer and Fred Gralenski on this edible and medicinal plant walk. We'll explore traditional uses of wild weeds as medicine and food. We will discuss techniques for harvesting, preservation and preparing medicines. Perhaps we'll nibble a few plants along they way. Participants will discover that the forests and fields are filled with plants that can help nourish and heal

Meet at the YCC Building at MNWR.



Saturday Events

Global Warming and Spring Arrival Dates of Migratory Breeding Birds by Dr. Herb Wilson (Baring-Moosehorn NWR)

Saturday, May 28, 3:30—4:30 pm

Dr. Herb Wilson (Colby College) has done extensive research using the patterns of spring arrivals of Maine migratory breeding birds. Since 1994, he has coordinated a volunteer effort across the state to record the phenology of spring bird arrivals. Dr. Wilson has a depth of knowledge relating to ornithological and marine ecological research. Join one of Maine pre-eminent birders for a fascinating discussion on global warming as it relates to the spring arrival of migratory birds.

**Available at our
Birding Bazaar**

“Cobscook Trails”

(A guide to walking opportunities around the Cobscook Bay and Bold Coast Region.)

\$7.00

Eagle and Osprey Viewing (Baring-Moosehorn NWR)

*Saturday, May 28, 5:00-6:00 pm
Charlotte Rd. Observation Deck*

Moosehorn has received national attention since a pair of bald eagles started nesting in an osprey nesting platform in 1991. The pair has successfully raised 13 chicks since then. Join with Friends of Moosehorn chapter president Andy Slater for an hour of eagle and osprey viewing. Andy has been taking photographs at Moosehorn for over 20 years, and eagles have always been his favorite subject. The Observation Platform is located along the Charlotte Road immediately south of Route 1. It is wheelchair accessible, and includes free permanently-mounted binoculars. There are no restroom facilities at the platform; they are available at the festival headquarters.



Saturday Events

Join with expert refuge staff for one or all of these night hikes at Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge.

Evening Hike: Rails, Wrens and Night Hawks

Saturday, May 28, 6:00-7:30 pm, YCC Building (Festival HQ)

We will make a number of stops, listening for the evening calls of birds, amphibians, and mammals. The tour route will pass through a variety of wildlife habitats, including forests of various ages, managed and natural wetlands, and a pond. While finding rails will be a prime focus of this hike, other birds that may be encountered include marsh wrens, common loons, pied-billed grebes, American bitterns, Virginia rails, soras, Wilson's snipe, common night hawks, whippoorwills, hermit thrush, white-throated sparrows, and great horned, barred, and northern saw-whet owls.



In addition, a variety of frogs will call during the evening: spring peepers, wood frogs, northern leopard frogs, pickerel frogs, mink frogs, green frogs, bull frogs, and American toads. We may also see beavers, moose, white-tailed deer, black bears, bobcats, eastern coyotes (also may be heard),

porcupines, and bats. This will be an easy hike. This hike will begin at the YCC building; restroom facilities are available.

Night Hike: Woodcock, Whippoorwills & Owls

Saturday, May 28, 7:30-10:00 pm, YCC Building (Festival HQ)

This hike will start with a woodcock watch. We'll visit the singing grounds of the American woodcock as we hope to see them engaged in their courtship ritual. Once the sun has set around 8:05 pm, we'll set off in search of whippoorwills. Along the way we will attempt to call in or elicit responses from owls. Species that may be encountered include barred, great-horned and northern saw-whet owls. We will also listen for the calls of local frogs and toads as well as eastern coyotes, common night hawks, and common loons.



Sunday Events

On Sunday, festival headquarters shifts to the Cobscook Community Learning Center, 1.5 miles east of Route One in Whiting—off Route 189.

Morong Point Hike (Lubec)

Sunday, May 29, 6:30-10:30 am

Morong Point is owned by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Many different habitats, along with the associated “edge effect” of these habitats, make the 350-acre Morong Point area an ideal place to bird. Habitats range from mature stands of spruce, firs, aspen, and birches to brushy slopes and swales of alder, viburnum and forbs, from old apple orchards to open grassy fields, from tidal marshes and mud flats to the open waters of Cobscook Bay. There is a panoramic view of the area from a prominent rocky outcrop.

Birds to be seen here include great blue herons, American black ducks, blue-winged and green-winged teal, late buffleheads, mergansers, osprey, northern goshawks, accipiters, broad-winged and red-tailed hawks, bald eagles, ruffed and spruce grouse, yellowlegs, sandpipers, Wilson’s snipe, American woodcock, gulls, numerous woodpeckers, vireos, ravens, chickadees, nuthatches, thrushes, many species of warblers and sparrows, and grosbeaks. We may find some surprise birds here also. Other wildlife include moose, black bears, deer, red foxes, fishers, martens, snowshoe hares, mink, weasels, otters, bobcats, and porcupines.

Meet your guides, Ed and Debbie Hawkes, at the Cobscook Community Learning Center to carpool to Morong Point. Waterproof footwear is needed. This two-mile hike is easily accessible. Restrooms are not available after leaving the CCLC.

All Day Van Excursion (Cobscook Bay Region)

Sunday, May 29, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

The all-day excursion with Bob Duchesne is limited to ten people. The trip will leave from CCLC. During the day, we will bird in five or six special habitats in the Cobscook Bay area to have the opportunity to see an inordinate variety of birds. Stops will be in spruce-fir forests, brush and pole stage timber, ocean and tidal flats, and fresh and tidal marshes - habitats for a great variety of birds from hummingbirds to gannets.

This excursion will be at a leisurely pace to allow you to focus on new and/or favorite birds. Over the course of the day, it will be possible to see most of the birds expected to be in this area. Bring along waterproof boots. You may wish to bring along snacks and a drink, though we will stop for lunch, which will be at each individual’s expense. We will return to the CCLC around 4:00 PM.

Sunday Events

Boot Head Preserve Hike (Lubec)

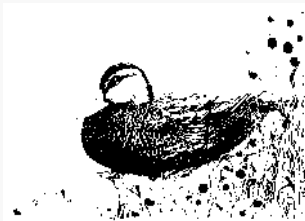
Sunday, May 29, 7:00—10:30 am

This walk features some of the most dramatic views of the Maine coastline. Enjoy that, along with fabulous birding, during this circular hike of a little more than two miles. Some trails sections are gradual and smooth, while other sections along the rocky coast requires a lot of up-and-down hiking over a rocky trail. Please wear sturdy footwear.

A small bog near the trail head offers the possibility of yellow-bellied flycatcher, hermit thrush, Nashville warbler, palm warbler, Lincoln's sparrow, white-throated sparrow and purple finch. The coniferous forest we will hike through has large numbers of magnolia warblers and black-throated green warblers. We should also see red-breasted nuthatch, ruby-crowned kinglet, winter wren, black-and-white warbler, yellow-rumped warbler and ovenbird. Spruce grouse and boreal chickadees are often present.

The stunted spruce stands along the rocky headlands provide habitat for blackpoll warblers and golden-crowned kinglets. Common eiders and black guillemots will be on the water far below. Merlins have nested along the cliffs in some years.

Meet Dr. Herb Wilson at the Boot Cove parking lot. From the CCLC take Route 189 approximately 4 miles to Route 191. Turn right and go approximately 3 miles to Boot Cove Road. Turn left on Boot Cove Road and go another 2 miles. The parking lot is very small and will be on your right. This hike is limited to 15 participants, and restrooms are not available. This preserve is owned by Maine Coast Heritage Trust.



Norse Pond/Moose Cove (Cutler/Trescott)

Sunday, May 29, 6:30-10:30 am

Meet hike leader Kirk Gentalen of Maine Coast Heritage Trust at the Norse Pond parking area of the Bog Brook Preserve. The parking area is about one mile south of Moose River Road on Rt. 191 as you are headed toward Cutler from Trescott (8.2 miles south of Rt. 189), on the east side of the road. No restroom facilities are available.

Bog Brook Cove has enjoyed documented sightings of two birds rarely seen in Maine: yellow rail and upland sandpiper. We'll look for these and other species around the Norse Pond, which has a great diversity habitats, including riparian sections, open water, and marshy wetlands surrounded by shrubs transitioning to deciduous forest. We'll also have the opportunity to carpool to Moose Cove to bird along an all-access trail, featuring bog, alder thickets, deciduous, and coniferous habitats. We'll end by make our way to the ocean for sea bird viewing. The Norse Pond trail can be muddy—boots are a good idea. The all-access path is wheelchair accessible.

Sunday Events

Repeat Offerings

Birding Optics, Gear and More: How to Select What's Best for You (Trescott-CCLC)

Sunday, May 29 12:30-1:30 pm,
(\$7 fee, light lunch included) See description on page five.

Clarifying "Easternmost"

- *Lubec is the easternmost town in the continental US*
- *Eastport is the easternmost city in the continental US*
- *Seal Rock at West Quoddy Head is the easternmost point of land in the continental US.*

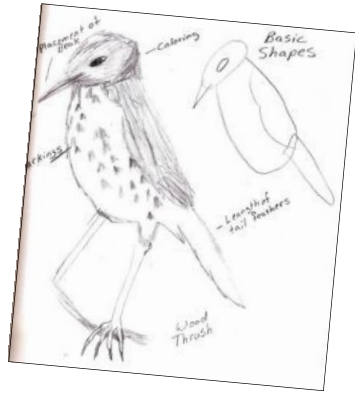
(We get our money's worth out of "easternmost!")

Nature Journaling (Trescott-CCLC)

Sunday, May 30, 2 pm-4:30 pm (\$5 fee)

For those birders who enjoy, or would like to get into nature journaling, this session is for you. Sketching offers another way to connect with nature, and challenges you to hone your observational skills. What do you really see when you look at something?

This fun and interactive session will explore that question. We'll focus on practical techniques that you can use in the field. You'll be drawing in this session, and if you have a favorite journal or pencils, you are encouraged to bring them. Materials will be available.



Lazy Day Birding (Trescott)

Sunday, May 29, 2:00 — 5:00 pm

If you would like to do some leisurely birding and enjoy some tea and cookies at the same time, stop by DownEast Drawings and Wildlife Art Gallery, sit on the porch and let the birds come to you, or walk the paths and see what surprises you might find. A variety of habitats are here — tidal water and marsh, fields, brush and timber. As a result you may see as many different birds here as you see on some of the guided hikes. More than 100 different birds could be here in late May. Come and relax; enjoy yourself and the birds.

DownEast Drawings is located on Route 189 in Trescott, nearly next door to the CCLC (.5 mile back towards Route 1). Come anytime between 2:00 and 5:00 pm. Check in at the house with Fred and Patty Hartman for information when you arrive. Note that public restrooms are not available.

Sunday Events

Great Works Pond Paddle (Dennysville and Edmunds)

Sunday, May 29 11:00 - 1:00 pm (\$25 fee)

Meet at the Robinson's Cottages, on Route 86 near Dennysville, at 10:45 AM. We will shuttle to the nearby Grand Works Ponds for our paddle. Afterwards, we will shuttle you back to Robinson's Cottages.

Great Works Pond is actually Cathance Stream, a tributary of the Dennys River, and an outflow of Cathance Lake in Cooper. It is an ideal place for birds that are frequently seen near fresh water. The pond is surrounded by wild cranberry bush and march grass. The land which borders Great Works is wooded and hilly.

This is an easy paddle that everyone can enjoy. This outing includes flat water with scenic beauty. Birds that you may see here include many different ducks, cormorants, eagles, ospreys, great blue herons, belted kingfishers, and others. Following the 2 hour paddle, a field lunch will be provided by your guide for an additional \$6 per person. To arrange for lunch, please call 726-5579 the day before your trip.

Bring your binoculars and camera. We supply the shuttle, canoes, paddles, life jackets and the Registered Maine Guide.

New for 2011

Saint Croix Island International Historic Site (Interactive presentation with Park Ranger) Red Beach

Sunday, May 29, 11 am-12:30 pm; May 29, 2—3:30 pm

Interact with Park Ranger Meg Scheid as she involves you in the story of Saint Croix Island International Historic Site, a monument to the beginning of the United States and Canada. In 1604, Pierre Dugua, Sieur de Mons, accompanied by Samuel Champlain and 77 other men, established a settlement on St. Croix Island. Preceding Jamestown (1607) and Plymouth (1620), Pierre Dugua's outpost was one of the earliest European settlements on the North Atlantic coast of North America.

From St. Croix Island, Samuel Champlain explored and charted the coast of Norembegue (Norumbega), including the Bay of Fundy and the Atlantic coast as far south as Cape Cod. The valuable insights gained from both the St. Croix settlement and further exploration formed the foundation for a more successful settlement at Port Royal, and an enduring French presence in North America continuing to the present day.

Ranger Meg will also connect you to some fun birding facts from this earliest settlement. The site is located on Route One, eight miles south of Calais (just off Route One-watch for the sign) in Red Beach between Calais and Robbinston.

Sunday Events

Bird Watching Cruise (Eastport)

RESCHEDULED for MONDAY, May 30, 9:30–11:30 am (\$45 fee)

The two-masted schooner *Sylvina W. Beal* sails between Eastport and Campobello Island amid spectacular scenery and plentiful wildlife. You can help hoist the sails or relax and enjoy a quiet cruise. Bring your binoculars and camera.

You may see shearwaters, storm-petrels, cormorants, ospreys, hawks, bald eagles, gulls, terns, and alcids. Seals, porpoises, herring weirs, salmon pens, and lighthouses will be part of the two-hour tour as well.



The vessel will depart from the main pier on Water Street in downtown Eastport (turn left on Water St. from Washington St. The pier is the next right.) It has drinking water and a restroom. Wear warm clothing. If the trip is canceled due to inclement weather, you will receive a full refund.

Dinner, Evening Entertainment & More (Trescott-CCLC)

Sunday, May 29 5:30-8:00 pm (\$20 fee)

Join festival and Road Scholar participants for a hearty, homemade dinner at the learning center. The menu will feature foods from local farms and



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will include vegetarian options. This is a very popular event every year, and will feature local entertainment following dinner. Weather permitting, we'll have a big bonfire in the central fire ring where birders can

gather to share stories and findings to date. We'll also have owl calling in the upper field. For those birders who would like to do something active after dinner, the evening wildlife and woodcock hike will leave from the CCLC campus following the meal.

Evening Wildlife & Woodcock Hike (Trescott-CCLC)

Sunday, May 29, 7:00–9:00 pm

Join MNWR's Bill Kolodnicki and Road Scholar Resident Guide Barry Southard for an evening woodcock hike at Commissary Point. We'll explore a diverse selection of forest and field habitats, including areas managed specifically by Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to benefit woodcock, and which also provide homes to more than fifty other species that use the same areas. This property is also home to bears, coyotes, deer, porcupines, ruffed grouse, hares and many other species. This trip will start from the CCLC parking lot following dinner. There may be a drive to guarantee woodcock sightings, followed by a short hike. Participants should be prepared to drive/carpool to a designated location. Participants should also bring a headlamp or flashlight, as it will be after sunset when we return.

Monday Events

Commissary and Leighton Point Hike (Trescott-CCLC)

Monday, May 30, 6:00-10:00 am

Join our guide Rich McDonald of the Natural History Center in Bar Harbor for this early morning coastal foray. We will begin at the CCLC and walk out onto Commissary and Leighton Points. The area includes a diversity of bird habitats: mature spruce-fir forests, second growth hardwoods, brush, and open fields with old apple trees. The points jut into Cobscook Bay and include tidal marsh and extensive intertidal flats. This will be a moderate 3 - 4 mile hike. Waterproof boots are helpful.

Accipiters, buteos, ruffed and spruce grouse, American woodcock, great horned owl, pileated woodpeckers, and others nest here. Other species include great blue herons, American black ducks, ospreys, hawks, northern harriers, bald eagles, merlins, sandpipers, gulls, barred and saw-whet owls, vireos, gray jays, common ravens, thrushes, 15-20 types of warblers, sparrows, and grosbeaks. Other wildlife include black bears, moose, deer, bobcats, coyotes, red foxes, fishers, flying squirrels, porcupines, snowshoe hares, minks, and weasels. Restrooms are available at the CCLC.

Intertidal Walk and Talk (Edmunds)

Monday, May 30, 7:00 - 9:00 am

This hike is for those who would like to investigate the coastal habitats of eastern Maine. We will find a wonderful diversity of animals and seaweeds inhabiting our rocky shores. Snails, crabs, urchins, sponges, shrimps, and many other creatures live between the seaweeds. We will discuss the ecology and biology of these organisms and focus on those that are favorite items in coastal bird diets.

Meet at the Suffolk University Friedman Field Station (FFS) central parking area. The FFS is located on Suffolk Drive, off South Edmunds Road, off U.S. 1. The FFS is about a mile north of the Cobscook Bay State Park entrance on S. Edmunds Road.

Wear boots or walking shoes that can get wet and that have a good tread. You will need to clamber around on seaweed, so dress in blue jeans or similar clothing. Gloves can help protect hands from rocks. Restrooms are available.

Sardines and Down East Maine

Sardine canning was developed in Europe around 1834. In 1875, Julius Wolff began the first successful sardine cannery in Eastport. In 1882, Eastport had 18 sardine factories and kids from five years old to adults in their 70's worked in them.

The largest factory in the world was Clark's Factory at Shackford Cove in Eastport. In 1900, two giant factories (Sea Coast and Standard Sardine) merged under the name "Sea Coast, with factories in Eastport, Lubec, Pembroke, Machiasport, Jonesport, and Milbridge. Out of this deal came the patent for sealing sardine cans. The conglomerate lasted three years, then broke up. Independent companies made a comeback.

In the 1980's, Holmes Packing, the last sardine factory in Eastport was gone, and the shell of the old factory burned in 1993. The last sardine factory in Maine closed in April, 2010.

Monday Events

Roosevelt Campobello International Park Hikes (Campobello Island, NB)

Monday, May 30, 6:00-10:00 am Eastern Time

These two hikes run concurrently. Both will meet in the Park's main parking lot. The nearby Visitor Centre has restroom facilities.

Upper & Lower Duck Ponds and Liberty Point Hike

Upper and Lower Duck Ponds are sheltered salt water coves with tidal marshes that open to the Grand Manan Channel of the Atlantic Ocean. This section of the island attracts many migrants as well as many breeding birds.

Birds to be seen here include loons, double-crested cormorants, American black ducks, common eiders, scoters, mergansers, osprey, all three accipiters, northern harriers, broad-winged and red-tailed hawks, bald eagles, black-bellied plovers, killdeer, yellowlegs, spotted and semipalmated sandpipers and other shorebirds, ring-billed, herring, and great black-backed gulls, ruby-throated hummingbirds, belted kingfishers, northern flickers and other woodpeckers, eastern wood-pewees, eastern kingbirds and several other flycatchers, Philadelphia and red-eyed vireos, common ravens, tree swallows, chickadees and nuthatches, kinglets and thrushes, perhaps a dozen warblers, several sparrows, dark-eyed juncos, grosbeaks, American goldfinches, and purple finches.

Liberty Point has two viewing platforms that overlook the Grand Manan Channel. Here and in the adjacent woods, look for the above-mentioned birds, plus northern gannets, black guillemots, white-winged crossbills, and harbor seals. This easy-moderate hike is about two miles in length. Waterproof footwear is needed.

So—what's “Down East”?

In New England the term **Down East** is applied in several different ways. In the narrowest sense, Down East refers to the coast of the Maine from Penobscot Bay to the Canadian border. "Down East" can be best described as any point on the coast between Ellsworth and the Canadian border. At times, it is jokingly referred to as any point along the coast, east of the speaker.

Down East Magazine's FAQ explains the origin of the term: "When ships sailed from Boston to ports in Maine (which were to the east of Boston), the wind was at their backs, so they were sailing downwind, hence the term 'Down East.' And it follows that when they returned to Boston they were sailing upwind; many Mainers still speak of going 'up to Boston,' despite the fact that the city lies approximately 50 miles to the south of Maine's southern border."

Monday Events

Friar's Head Trail and Eagle Hill Bog Hike

The easy-moderate Friar's Head hike, over a mile round-trip, includes habitats from mowed lawns and marine shoreland to fields and thickets to coniferous and mixed woods. The easy-moderate one-mile bog walk is surrounded by thickets and

mixed woods. Some birds to be seen include ospreys and

bald eagles, several gulls, ruby-throated hummingbirds, belted kingfishers, olive-sided and yellow-bellied flycatchers, vireos, black-capped and boreal chickadees, brown creepers, thrushes, gray catbirds, cedar waxwings, perhaps 18 types of warblers including the mourning warbler, plus sparrows and finches.

Friar's Head Trail and Eagle Hill Bog



We would love to know what you found. Please share your bird lists with festival staff. We keep track year to year of all of our sightings by location. This is valuable information for future birders as well as biologists who track sightings in this area. Thank you.

Closing Activities for the 2011 Down East Spring Birding Festival

- 1 pm America's Birdiest City / County Competition Ends.
- 1 pm Wrap-up discussion at Festival HQ / CCLC. Come find out what folks saw and where they saw it. Swap stories with your fellow birders as we close out the 2011 festival. ***Please remember to turn in your festival evaluation.*** Your feedback is invaluable for helping us improve year after year.
- 7 pm Old Time Music Jam. The CCLC is, at it's heart, a community center with year-round activities for residents and guests alike. Twice a month musicians gather for this music jam. All birders are invited to join in as listeners or guest musicians for this closing event of the 2010 Memorial Day weekend.

Festival and Area Information

Accommodations. The festival covers a rather large geography, and you may wish to stay in more than one place while you're here. We recommend that you notify the festival staff of your lodging choice(s) so that if there are any changes in your scheduled field trips, we will know where to get a hold of you. Please use the enclosed accommodations list, or make use of the links provided on www.downtownbirdfest.org, to secure your lodging for the festival.

Breakfast. Please note that breakfast options in our region between 5-6 AM are few. Please inquire with your motel/B&B about early breakfast options. Otherwise, you may want to plan ahead and purchase breakfast foods from the local grocery store. Coffee and some snacks will be available at festival HQ for a donation.

Equipment. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, cameras, film, compass, appropriate footwear, and other equipment you expect to need. Our Birding Bazaar will include some equipment and gear, and you'll want to be prepared with everything you'll need. Film, binoculars, and boots may be purchased at local hardware stores.

Festival Headquarters. On May 27 - 28, the festival HQ will be located in Baring, off U.S. 1 west of Calais, in the YCC building on the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge. For May 29- 30, the festival HQ will be located at the Cobscook Community Learning Center (CCLC), off Rte 189 in Trescott, 1.5 miles east of Whiting.

Insects. Expect to encounter insects, especially blackflies. Dress appropriately. Insect repellent will be available for purchase at the Birding Bazaar.

Medical. Drug stores or pharmacies are available on Campobello and in Machias and Calais. Machias and Calais have hospitals. Lubec and Eastport have large clinics.

Restaurants. You should receive a list of area restaurants upon check-in. You are on your own for all meals. (Check the schedule for festival-sponsored meal events.)

Restrooms. In this area, there are not many public restrooms. Facilities are available at presentations, on boat trips, before/after canoe/kayak trips, and for some hikes (see descriptions). Restrooms are available at the festival HQ.

Telephoning. Cell phone reception is poor in parts of the Cobscook Bay area. A pre-paid phone card or calling card may be useful.

Travel to the Festival. Air service and car rentals are available at Bangor International Airport and at Bar Harbor Airport (between Ellsworth and Bar Harbor). If arriving by car from points west & south, take I-95 north to Bangor, then Rte 9 to U.S. 1 South (right turn), then the Charlotte Road (right turn) to the Moosehorn NWR. From the east, cross the border at St. Stephen-Calais, take U.S. 1 north, and turn left on the Charlotte Road to the Moosehorn NWR. If arriving on Sunday-Monday, take U.S. 1 to Rte 189 in Whiting, then take Rte 189 east 1.5 miles to the CCLC (near the Commissary Point hiking trails on the festival map).

Festival and Area Information

Travel within the area. While you're here, keep in mind that it will take you some time to get from place to place. Pages 22-23 includes a map and driving distances and times that you may use in your planning. "Northern" events generally occur on Friday and Saturday while "Southern" events generally take place on Sunday and Monday. You may wish to use more than one lodging facility while attending the festival to minimize driving distances.

Travel to Canada. Some festival activities will take place in Canada, on Campobello Island. A passport is required to cross Canadian border and to return to the United States. If you were not born in the U.S., please check with U.S. customs to see if any additional requirements are necessary.

Weather. Maine weather is variable in late May. Sunshine, rain, fog, wind, warm and cold weather within the same day are common. Expect a temperature range of 45F-65F (7C-18C). Rubber boots will be useful for some hikes.



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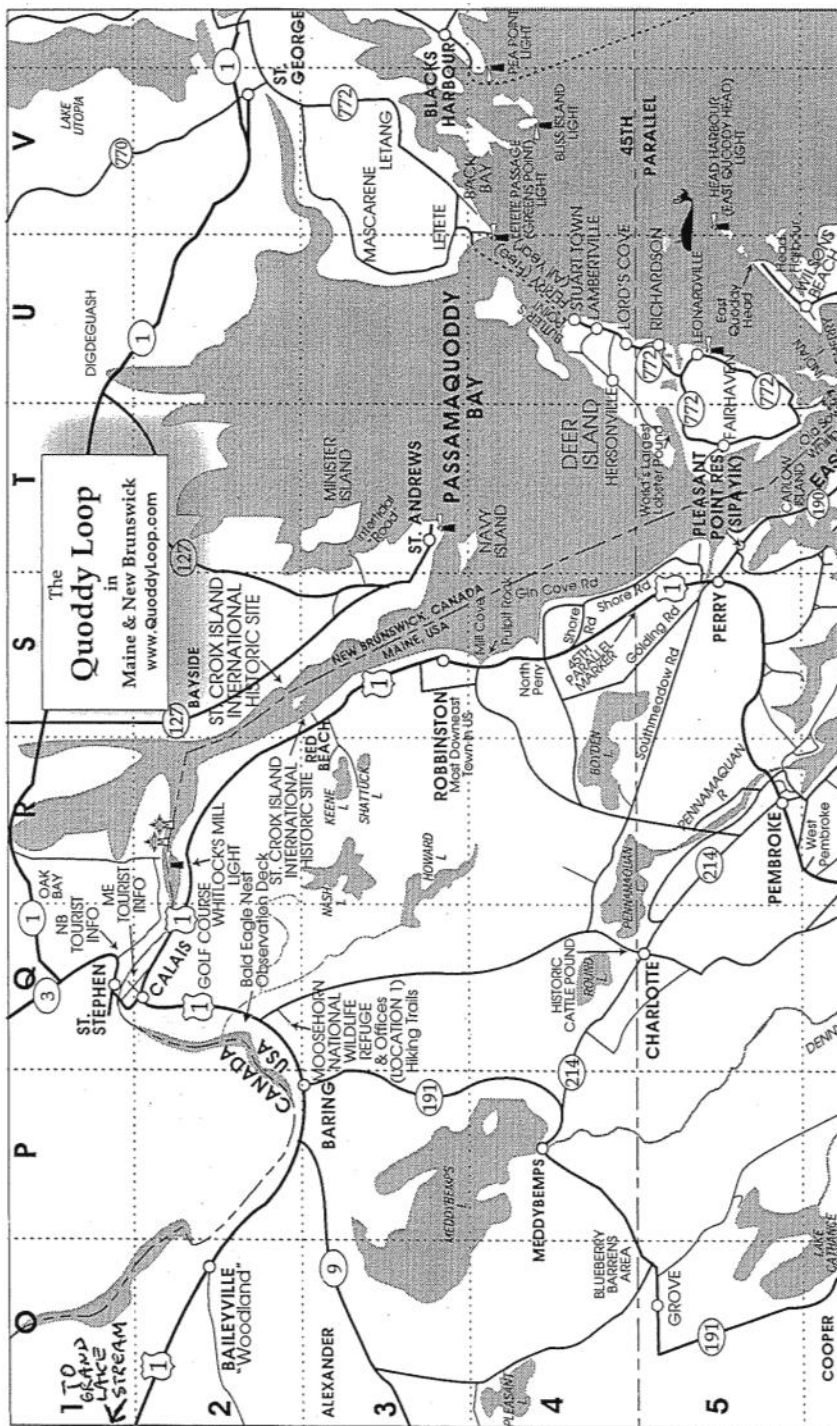
Birding Road Scholar Program

In association with the 8th annual Down East Spring Birding Festival, the 7th annual birding Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) program on Campobello Island is being conducted May 27 - June 1, 2011. Some events bring festival participants and Road Scholars together, particularly on Friday, May 27 and Sunday, May 29. For more information on the Road Scholar program, visit www.roadscholar.org.

America's Birdiest City / County Birdathon

Birdathons are conducted in the United States and other countries during April—May to see how many different birds can be identified in a city or county during a two-to-three day period. During the 2010 festival, registrants are invited to participate in the ABC/C Birdathon for Washington County. An additional information sheet will provide all the details of that competition. We hope you will help Washington County retain its title as America's Birdiest Atlantic Coast County.

Map of the Bird Festival Region



Driving Distances and Times

Down East Spring Birding Festival events are spread out over an area larger than you may be accustomed to driving during a birding weekend. From the Calais waterfront to the Cutler harbor is 55-60 miles; from Quoddy Head State Park to Grand Lake Stream is about 75 miles; from Eastport to Machias is 40-45 miles.

The map on the preceding pages shows the area where most of the events take place. Princeton, Grand Lake Stream, and Topsfield, to the NW, are off the map. Given our geographically-dispersed arrangement, you may find the map and this driving distance and time information helpful in planning your schedule, deciding whether to stay in more than one lodging, and while driving around during the Memorial Day weekend. Driving times depend on your speed and sometimes on traffic.

The two festival headquarters (HQ) are located on the printed map. On Friday and Saturday, the Festival HQ will be in the “north”, in Baring, west of Calais, on the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, at the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Building. On Sunday and Monday, the Festival HQ will be in the “south”, in Trescott, between Whiting and Lubec, at the Cobscook Community Learning Center (CCLC). The CCLC is located just off Rte 189 about 1 1/2 miles east of U.S. 1, in the Commissary Point area.

Baring (Rte 9 and US 1) to Calais (end of Rte 9 at US 1): 6-7 miles; 10 minutes

Baring (at US 1, not Baring dot) to Charlotte: 11 miles; 15 minutes

Baring dot (along Rte 191) to East Machias: 35 miles; 45-50 minutes

Baring (Rte 9 and US 1) to Princeton (West Street): 13 miles; 15-20 minutes

Lubec to Cutler: 19 miles; 25-30 minutes

Pembroke to Charlotte (at Road to Calais): 6 miles; 10 minutes

Pembroke to Perry (at Rte 190): 6.5 miles; 10 minutes

Perry to Calais (intersection of US1 and Rte 9): 20 miles; 25-30 minutes

Perry to Eastport: 7 miles; 10-15 minutes

Princeton (West Street) to Grand Lake Stream Road: 3 miles; 5 minutes

Princeton (West Street) to Topsfield (U.S. 1 and Rte 6): 17 miles; 20-25 minutes

Quoddy Head State Park to Cutler: 16 miles; 20-25 minutes

Whiting to Cutler: 20-25 miles; 25-30 minutes

Whiting to Lubec: 11 miles; 15-20 minutes

Whiting to Machias: 16-17 miles; 20-25 minutes

Whiting to Pembroke (at Rte 214): 14 miles; 15-20 minutes

Whiting to Quoddy Head State Park (South Lubec): 14 miles; 20-25 minutes

Whiting to Roosevelt Campobello International Park: 13 miles; 20-25 minutes

US 1 to Grand Lake Stream Village, along GLS Road: 10 miles; 15 minutes

Festival Schedule at a Glance

Friday, May 27

9:00 am – 2:00 pm
 Noon – 5:30 pm
 Noon – 5 pm
 Noon & 12:30 pm
 1 pm
 1 pm
 1:15 – 2:30 pm

 2:30 – 5:30 pm
 6 pm – 8 pm

Festival HQ at Moosehorn NWR at the YCC Building in Baring

Cutler. Puffin Trip to Machias Seal Island (Capt. Andy Patterson, \$95 fee)
 Baring/MNWR. Festival HQ and Registration Table Open
 Baring/MNWR. Woodcarving Demonstration at YCC Building
 Baring/MNWR. 20 min. slide presentation on the Warblers of Moosehorn
 Baring/MNWR. Opening Remarks
 ABC/C Birdathon Competition Begins – Washington County
 Baring/MNWR. Opening Presentation: Birding Equipment: Birding Optics, Gear and More (Carroll Tiernan)
 Baring/MNWR. Afternoon Hikes (Warbler Walk and more) (Refuge Staff)
 Down East Heritage Museum. Welcome Social and Presentation "Birding by Ear" by Bob Duschene Light Dinner (\$17.50 per person)

Saturday, May 28

6 am – 6 pm
 6 am – 9 am
 6:30 am – 9 am
 6:45 am – 11 am
 7 am – 3 pm
 8 am – Noon
 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
 10 am – 11:30 am

 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

 12:45 – 1:45 pm

 2:00 – 4:00 pm

 3:30 – 4:30 pm

 5 – 6 pm
 6:00 – 7:30 pm

 7:30 – 10 pm

Festival HQ at Moosehorn NWR at the YCC Building in Baring

Baring/MNWR. Festival HQ Open.
 Eastport. Shackford Head State Park Hike (Roland LaVallee)
 Perry. Birding at Pottle Tree Farm (Fred & Linda Gralenski / Larry Lane)
 Baring/MNWR. Morning Hikes (Refuge Staff)
 Topsfield. Burn Road Hike (Marion Bates)
 Edmunds. Cobscook Bay Kayak Trip. (Steve Ftorek, \$40 fee)
 Cutler. Puffin Trip to Machias Seal Island. (Capt. Patterson, \$95 fee)
 Baring/MNWR. Children & Family Activities "Bird Beaks & Duck's Feet Stephanie Allard)
 Baring/MNWR. "Birds of Prey" Live Raptor Program (Chewonki Foundation staff)
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 Baring/MNWR: Medicinal and Edible Plant Walk (Amy Zipperer and Fred Gralenski).
 Baring/MNWR. Global Warming and Bird Migration Presentation (Dr. Herb Wilson)
 Baring/MNWR. Eagle and Osprey Viewing (Andy Slater)
 Baring/MNWR. Evening Hike: Rails, Wrens & Night Hawks (Refuge Staff)
 Baring/MNWR. Night Hike: Woodcock, Whippoorwills & Owls (Refuge Staff)

Sunday, May 29

6:30–10:30 am
 6:30 – 10:30 am
 7 – 10:30 am
 7 am – 4 pm

 10 am – 8 pm
 11 am – 1 pm
 11 am – 12:30 pm

 12:30 – 1:30

 4:30 – 4 pm *Rescheduled!*
 2:00 – 3:30 pm

 2 – 4:30 pm
 2 pm – 5 pm
 5:30 pm
 6:30 – 9 pm

HQ at the Cobscook Community Learning Center in Trescott

Lubec. Morong Point Hike (Ed & Debbie Hawkes)
 Cutler/Trescott: Norse Pond/Moose Cove (Kirk Gentalen, MCHT)
 Lubec: Boot Head Preserve (Dr. Herb Wilson)
 Trescott/Cobscook Bay region. All day van excursion (Bob and Sandi Duchesne)
 Trescott. Festival HQ open at the Cobscook Community Learning Center
 Dennysville: Canoe Paddle, Great Works Pond (Bill Robinson: \$30 fee)
 Red Beach: St. Croix International park. Interactive presentation with Ranger
 Trescott/CCLC. Birding Optics, Gear and More (Carroll Tiernan, \$7 fee includes lunch)
 Eastport. Birdwatching Cruise (Capt. Butch Harris, \$45 fee)
 Red Beach: St. Croix International Park. Interactive presentation with ranger
 Trescott/CCLC. Nature Sketching and Journaling
 Trescott. Lazy Day Birding (Fred Hartman)
 Trescott. Dinner and evening activities / entertainment at the CCLC. (\$20)
 Edmunds MNWR. Wildlife and Woodcock Management Hike (Bill Kolodnicki & Barry Southard) (There may be a drive to guarantee woodcock sightings, followed by a short hike. Participants should be prepared to drive/carpool to a designated location.)

Festival Schedule at a Glance (Con't)


Monday, May 30 6 am – 2 pm	Festival HQ at the Cobscook Community Learning Center in Trescott Trescott. Festival HQ Open at the Cobscook Community Learning Center
6 – 10 a	Trescott/CCLC. Commissary Point & Leighton Point Hike (Rich MacDonald)
6 – 10 am	Campobello, NB. RCIP Duck Ponds & Liberty Point Hike (Chris Bartlett)
6 – 10 am	Campobello, NB. RCIP Friar's Head and Eagle Hill Bog Hike (Daphne Savage)
7 – 9 am	Edmunds. Interstitial Walk and Talk and Friedman Field Station. (Dr. Carl Merrill)
9:30—11:30 am	Eastport. Birdwatching Cruise (Capt. Butch Harris, \$45 fee) (<i>resched. from Sun.</i>)
1 – 2 pm	Trescott/CCLC. ABC/C Bird Count Ends. Informal Summary Discussions at Festival HQ
7 – 10 pm	Trescott/CCLC. Old Time Music Jam. Listeners and musicians welcome. Regular community event – festival participants invited. Refreshments. Donation welcome.

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