

# Cape Cod & Rhode Island

October 6-11, 2024

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Sun, Oct 6 – Arrival in Providence

We will meet at the T.F. Green Airport in Providence R.I. no later than 2 P.M. and transfer to Eastham for the night. If we have time, we will check a few hotspots along the way. ***Night in Eastham.***

### Day 2: Mon, Oct 7 – Exploring Cape Cod

Today we will scour the outer Cape and visit a multitude of hotspots. Our day will include stops at Nauset Beach, Coast Guard Beach, Fort Hill, Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, and others if we have time. Birds we hope to see today are **Brant, Common Eider, Surf Scoter, Northern Gannet, Black-bellied Plover, Great Shearwater, Horned Lark**, and any any assortment of migratory passerines. ***Night in Eastham.***

### Day 3: Tue, Oct 8 – Provincetown Boat Tour & Upper Cape

We will head up to the furthest reach of Cape Cod today to visit Provincetown. We will take a whale watching boat out of Provincetown to look for pelagics and whales. Stellwagen bank is an awesome maritime estuary that offers good pelagic birding not that far from shore. We will spend the whole day at the upper end of the cape so be prepared to do a lot of sea watching this day. Birds we hope to see today are: **Black-legged Kittiwake, Harlequin Duck, White-winged Scoter, Razorbill, Pomerine and Parasitic Jaegar, Manx Shearwater, Corey's Shearwater, Great Cormorant, Long-tailed Duck**, and many, many more. ***Night in Eastham.***

### Day 4: Wed, Oct 9 – Cape clean-up; On to Newport, RI

We will spend most of the day on the Cape chasing down birds that we may have missed on the first two days. We will even visit the acclaimed Birdwatcher's General Store in Orleans. After lunch we will head down to Rhode Island to spend the rest of our Venture there, visiting a couple hot spots on the way. ***Night in Newport, RI.***

### Day 5: Thu, Oct 10 –Rhode Island coastline

Today we will visit several different hotspots within Rhode Island. Our first stop will be at Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge. Here we will look for waterfowl, gulls, passerines, and shorebirds. We will also visit Brenton Point State Park. On the way we will drive past the historic and beautiful mansions of Newport. We should see **Ruddy Turnstone, Harlequin Duck, Great Cormorant, Common Eider, American Kestrel, Lapland Longspur, American Pipit**, and many more. If we have time, we will chase any rarities that may be around. Some rarities from previous years include **Tufted Duck, Pink-footed Goose, and Barnacle Goose** just to name a few. ***Night in Newport, RI.***

### Day 6: Fri, Oct 11 - Departures

Today we will head back to T.F. Green Airport for departure. ***Please make sure that your flight leaves after 12 P.M.*** to allow time to drive back to Providence. If we have time, we will make a few birding stops along the way.