

Cape Cod & Rhode Island

October 8 – 13, 2023

Itinerary

October 8

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*

October 9

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 lingering migratory passerines. *Night in Eastham*

October 10

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 Jaeger, Manx Shearwater, Corey's Shearwater, Great Cormorant, Long-tailed Duck, and many, many more.** *Night in Eastham*

October 11

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. We will visit a couple hot spots on the way to make sure we get our fill of birding for the day. Today the birds we hope to see are any rarities that may have shown up on the Cape and anything we may have missed the first two days. *Night in Newport, RI*

October 12

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. If we have time, we will chase any rarities that may have been reported in Rhode Island at the time. Some rarities from previous years include **Tufted Duck, Pink-footed Goose, and Barnacle Goose** just to name a few. A few birds we hope to see today are: **Ruddy Turnstone, Harlequin Duck, Great Cormorant, Common Eider, American Kestrel, Lapland Longspur, American Pipit, and many more.** *Night in Newport, RI*

October 13

Today we will head back to T.F. Green Airport for departure. Please make sure that your flight leaves after 12 P.M. to give us time to transfer backup to Providence. If we have time along the way, we will stop and look for a few birds.