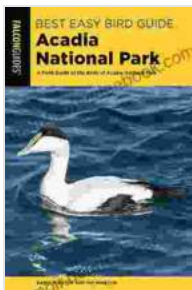


# The Ultimate Birdwatching Guide to Acadia National Park: Spotting Coastal and Forest Birds

Acadia National Park is a haven for birdwatchers, offering a diverse array of coastal and forest species. From the rocky shores of Mount Desert Island to the towering peaks of Cadillac Mountain, the park provides a variety of habitats that attract a wide range of avian life. This guide will introduce you to some of the best birding spots in Acadia National Park, and provide tips on how to identify and observe the many species that call this park home.

## Coastal Birds

The coastline of Acadia National Park is a prime spot for spotting seabirds and shorebirds. Some of the most common species you'll see include:



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\* **Black guillemots:** These small, black-and-white seabirds are often seen diving for fish in the park's coastal waters. \* **Razorbills:** These larger, black-and-white seabirds are also common in Acadia. They have a distinctive, triangular-shaped bill that they use to crush mussels and other shellfish. \* **Common eiders:** These large, brown-and-black sea ducks are often seen in flocks in the park's bays and harbors. \* **Long-tailed ducks:** These slender, black-and-white sea ducks are often seen in the park's deeper waters. \* **Herring gulls:** These large, gray-and-white gulls are common in Acadia, and can often be seen scavenging for food in the park's campgrounds and parking lots. \* **Great black-backed gulls:** These are the largest gulls in Acadia, and can be identified by their black back and wings.

## **Forest Birds**

The forests of Acadia National Park are home to a variety of songbirds, warblers, and other species. Some of the most common forest birds you'll see include:

\* **Black-capped chickadees:** These small, black-and-white songbirds are common in Acadia's forests, and can often be seen foraging in trees and shrubs. \* **Red-breasted nuthatches:** These small, brown-and-white songbirds are also common in Acadia's forests, and can often be seen clinging to tree trunks and branches. \* **White-breasted nuthatches:** These larger, black-and-white songbirds are also common in Acadia's forests, and can often be seen foraging on the ground. \* **American robins:** These common songbirds are found throughout Acadia, and can often be seen singing from treetops and telephone wires. \* **Northern cardinals:** These bright red songbirds are common in Acadia's forests, and can often be seen in thickets and understory. \* **Blue jays:** These noisy, blue-and-white songbirds are common in Acadia's forests, and can often be seen in mixed

flocks with other birds. \* **Yellow-rumped warblers:** These small, yellow-rumped warblers are common in Acadia's forests, and can often be seen foraging in trees and shrubs. \* **Black-throated green warblers:** These small, black-throated warblers are also common in Acadia's forests, and can often be seen foraging in trees and shrubs. \* **Ovenbirds:** These small, brown-and-white warblers are common in Acadia's forests, and can often be heard singing their distinctive "teacher-teacher-teacher" song. \* **Common yellowthroats:** These small, yellow-throated warblers are common in Acadia's forests, and can often be seen foraging in thickets and understory.

## **Birding Tips**

Here are a few tips to help you make the most of your birding experience in Acadia National Park:

\* **Bring binoculars and a field guide.** Binoculars will help you get a closer look at birds, and a field guide will help you identify the species you see. \* **Go birding early in the morning or late in the afternoon.** Birds are most active during these times of day. \* **Be patient and observant.** Birding takes time and patience. Don't expect to see a lot of birds right away. Just sit quietly and observe your surroundings, and you'll eventually start to see birds. \* **Respect the birds.** Don't get too close to birds, and don't disturb their nests or young. \* **Have fun!** Birding is a great way to connect with nature and learn about the amazing diversity of birds that call Acadia National Park home.

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