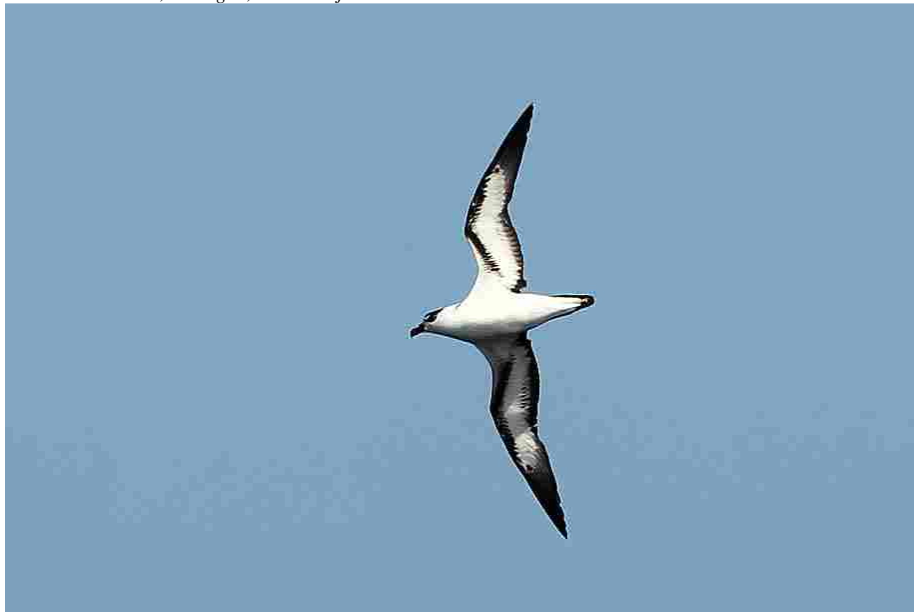


**TRAVEL REPORT: “EAST US CLEAN UP”
(*almost*), A VISIT TO NORTH CAROLINA,
MICHIGAN AND NEW HAMPSHIRE**

19-05 UNTILL 05-06-2012



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Legenda:

***AAAA** = New (Holarctic) Species (**10, not counting Grant's**)

AAAAA = Good species for the trip or for me

The list order is conform the NG Field Guide to the Birds of N. America, by Dunn and Alderfer (sixth Edition) with the recent changes on the splitting and lumping issue mainly based on publications in the "important magazines". Subspecies is only mentioned when thought to be important and really visible in the field. The totals of birds per species are just a total of the birds I saw to give an idea how many of a species you encounter during a trip. Only species seen are mentioned.

The weather was variable with weather types constantly moving in and out during the trip. At the Pelagic the weather was calm, the other pelagic was cancelled because of big swells but on land nothing more than a stiff breeze was noticeable. We were quite lucky with the rain, only one afternoon at Michigan kept us from birding. The last days in New Hampshire were quite cold and wet but still birdable.

Useful Addresses and links:

Bird guide New Hampshire: www.marksbirdtours.com (see itinerary)

Itinerary

Sat: 19-05: Flew from Brussels via Philadelphia to Raleigh North Carolina (NC) and spend the night in a motel

Sun: 20-05: Birded behind the motel and later that afternoon met the group at the airport. Later on drove to Weymouth Woods and slept at Southern Pines (Best W.)

Mon: 21-05: Birded the whole day at Weymouth Woods

Thue: 22-05: Birded at Weymouth woods in the morning later on went to Smithfield and ended the day at Howell woods (with severe thunderstorms)

Wed : 23-05: Birded at the Greenville area (at sites for the "voice of America" and tried in vain to find Henslow's Sparrow (not a problem for me since I have seen it before). Later on drove east to Alligator river NWR and ended the day at Hatteras (Marlin Motel)

Thue: 24-05: Pelagic with Brian Patteson

Fri : 25-05: Birded at Cape Hatteras, Pea Island and Roanoke Island

Sat : 26-05: Birded at Hatteras since our Pelagic was cancelled due to big swell and wind.

Sun: 27-05: Drove from Hatteras to Raleigh and took a flight to Detroit. Arrived there in the afternoon to meet the other birders and drove to Oscoda, Michigan

Mon: 28-05: Birded at Huron N.F. and Ausabel River Forest and ended the day at Tuttle Marsh. In the evening we tried for Eastern Whip-poor-will

Thue: 29-05: Birded at Huron N.F. Tuttle Marsh and Tawas Point. In the evening we tried for Eastern Whip-poor-will now with success (seeing instead of hearing it alone)

Wed: 30-05: Travelled all day from Detroit by plane to Burlington Virginia and drove to New Hampshire to Whitefield where we spend the night in the Spalding Inn (a haunted place...??)

Thue: 31-05: Birded in the morning at Jefferson Notch and went up to 3.800 feet (for THE thrush..). In the afternoon we birded at Airport Marsh.

Wed: 01-06: Birded at several places at White Mountain N.F. and went up in a cable tram. Also visited Pondicherry NWR.

Thue: 02-06: Drove back and up from Burlington to Franconia (near Whitefield and picked up my car). In the evening I met Mark Suomala and birded around Pondicherry (in the rain)

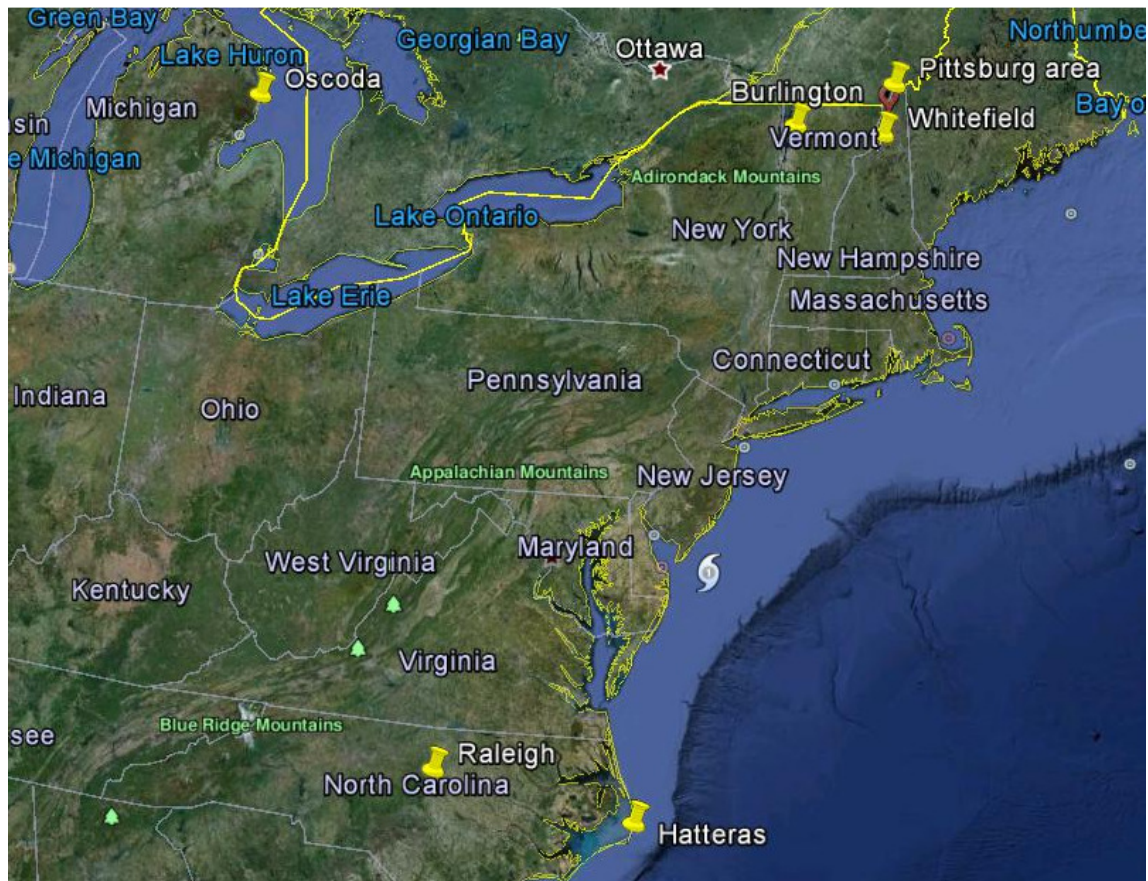
Fri: 03-06: Birded all day at East Inlet Road (the Pittsburg area), close to the Canadian border. In the rain but it was birdable.

Sat : 04-06: Drove back with birding stops (but the weather was awful) to Burlington and did some shopping in the afternoon.

Sun: 05-06: Flew from Burlington to Philly and back to Brussels.



View from "The Rock" at Jefferon Notch, the place to see Bicknell's Thrush, high up singing in the trees.



Map with the main places mapped, and sighted by a yellow named marker.

THE BIRD SPECIES

001 CANADA GOOSE – *branta canadensis* ssp: *canadensis* + *interior*

Seen all over the trip. In Michigan some dark breasted pairs were seen at Tuttle Marsh. Noticeable was that the dark breasted were paired and not mixed with the white breasted birds..

---- MUTE SWAN – *cygnus olor*

Two pairs seen at Weymouth Woods (NC) and Tuttle marsh (with chicks), introduced.

002 TRUMPETER SWAN – *cygnus buccinator*

28+29-05 a total of 6 ex, all pairs at lakes in Michigan, very nice views. I do not know if these birds are (re)introduced. The birds checked were unringed. See:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXadZxZQXts&list=UUkiCBJlcpdcl6Yr9Awol1g&index=2&feature=plcp>

003 WOOD DUCK – *Aix sponsa*

A total of 8 seen, all pairs at all visited states.

004 AMERICAN BLACK DUCK – *anas rubripes*

A total of 8 birds seen in all visited places, in Michigan we saw young birds with parents.

005 MALLARD – *anas platyrhynchos*

Quite common in Michigan.

006 BLUE-WINGED TEAL – *anas discors*

A total of 11 seen in Michigan mainly at Turtle marsh

007 GREEN-WINGED TEAL – *anas carolinensis*

28-06 2 ex. a pair at Turtle Marsh

008 SURF SCOTER – *melanitta perspicillata*

25-05 1 immature male at Hatteras.

009 HOODED MERGANSER – *lophodytes curculatus*

A total of 5 females with young on little bogs surrounded by forest but with artificial nest boxes on the water in New Hampshire.

010 BUFFLEHEAD – bucephala albeola

1 ad. male at Turtle marsh in Michigan.

011 COMMON MERGANSER – mergus merganser ssp: americanus

A total of five seen at the shore of the lakes we past in Michigan.

012 NORTHERN BOBWHITE – colinus virginianus

23-05 1 ex. at one of the sites for the voice of America in Michigan

013 WILD TURKEY – meleagris gallopavo

A total of 7 seen in Michigan and New Hampshire.

014 COMMON LOON – gavia immer

25-05 1 first summer at sea near Hatteras

01-06 1 adult summer at one of the lakes in New Hampshire.

015 PIED-BILLED GREBE – podilymbus podiceps

28+29-05 1 ad. summer at Turtle marsh seen

016 FEA'S (CAPE VERDE) PETREL – pterodroma feae

24-05 1 ex. seen from the Hatteras pelagic, with grey neck, black mask, white belly, dark underwings (not seen by me) and grey tail and rump. Seen for about half a minute at the edge of the slick.

***017 BLACK-CAPPED PETREL – pterodroma hasitata ssp: white face**

24-05 42 ex. all, so far, white-faced birds giving great views from every angle. Obvious white neck and rumps.

Big. See also: <http://seabirding.blogspot.nl/2012/05/thursday-may-24-2012.html>



White-faced Black-capped Petrel by Rainer Ertel, what a bird!

018 CORY'S SHEARWATER – calonectris diomedea ssp: borealis

24-05 about 20 ex. seen well from the boat on the pelagic from Hatteras.

019 GREAT SHEARWATER – puffinus gravis

24-05 1 ex. seen well, swimming and flying (and feeding). The bird we saw did not have a belly patch?



Feeding on squid, this Great Shear, without a belly patch.

020 SOOTY SHEARWATER – puffinus griseus

24-05 2 ex. seen well from the pelagic at Hatteras

25-05 1 ex. seen swimming from the coast of Hatteras.

***021 AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER – puffinus iherminieri ssp: auduboni**

24-05 2 ex. seen quite well swimming and flying off from the surface from the pelagic of Hatteras. A quite small black and white shearwater with the eye in the black of the head. Quite long and very black uppertail and rump noted.

022 WILSON'S STORMPETREL – pelagodroma oceanicus

24-05 About 210 ex. seen (almost constantly) from the pelagic at Hatteras. seen them doing there thing, with often the yellowish webs visible. Also heard them calling (squeeking calls)



Wilson's Petrel in numbers that make to forget the Scillies by Rainer Ertel

023 LEACH'S STORMPETREL – oceanodroma leucorhoa

24-05 2 ex. seen in the flocks with the Wilson's on the pelagic of Hatteras

?024 GRANT'S (BAND-RUMPED) STORM-PETREL – oceanodroma (castro) ssp: ??

24-05 5 ex. seen well periodically mixed in with the flocks of Wilson's. Like a normal Band-rumped (with the long arm part in the wings) with moult in the primaries on most birds (see pic)



Grant's Stormpetrel, look at the moult in the primaries, by Rainer Eertel, the first of the five we saw.

025 DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT – phalacrocorax auritus

Seen on four days spread over the trip. The most (460) where seen at Champlain lake Burlington, N.H

026 ANHINGA – anhinga anhinga

22-05 2 birds soaring near Howell Woods N.C.

027 BROWN PELICAN – pelecatus occidentalis

Common in N.C. along the coast

028 GREAT-BLUE HERON – ardea herodias

About 10 birds seen at all visited states.

029 GREAT EGRET – ardea alba

Quite common in N.C and seen almost daily.

028 SNOWY EGRET – egretta thula

12 seen in the N.C. part of the trip.

030 LITTLE BLUE HERON – egretta caerulea

4 birds seen in the N.C. part of the trip.

031 TRICOLOURED HERON – egretta tricolor

8 birds seen at the N.C. part of the trip.

032 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHTHERON – nycticorax nycticorax

25-05 1 subadult at a swamp on Hatteras

033 YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON – nyctanassa violacea

26-05 3 ex. at a swamp at Hatteras, nice adults together in a little flock

034 WHITE IBIS – eudocimus albus

Quite common in N.C in small flocks.

035 BLACK VULTURE – coragyps atratus

23-05 2 ex. seen at along the way.

036 TURKEY VULTURE – cathartes aura

Common all over the trip even in New Hampshire

037 OSPREY – pandion haliaetus

Seen on four days at all visited parts of the trip

038 MISSISSIPPI KITE – ictinia mississippiensis

22-05 4 ex. together (with a pair mating) at Howell Woods, NC, great views



One of the mating pair

039 BALD EAGLE – haliaeetus leucocephalus

A total of 6 birds seen spread over the trip.

040 NORTHERN HARRIER (MARSH HAWK) – circus hudsonicus

28-05 1 “ringtail” type from a driving car, along the road.

041 SHARP-SHINNED HAWK – accipiter striatus

20-05 1 ex. behind the hotel

29-05 2 ex. hunting over the visited “sparrow fields”

042 GOSHAWK – accipiter gentilis

03-06 1 ex. calling from the woods and flying out of a tree at the Pittsburg area.

043 RED-TAILED HAWK – buteo lineatus ssp: borealis

A total of 4 birds seen spread over the trip, all looking quite classical

044 BROAD-WINGED HAWK – buteo platypterus

01-06 1 female flying over the high peak at the cable tram at Jefferson Notch.

03-06 1 male giving nice views at the Pittsburg area.

045 AMERICAN KESTREL – falco sparverius

29-05 1 male. hunting the “sparrow fields” giving nice views

046 MERLIN – falco columbarius ssp: columbarius

03-06 1 ex. in flight at the Pittsburg area

047 CLAPPER RAIL – rallus longirostris ssp: waynei

25-05 2 ex. seen very well at a visited marsh in the evening



Ssp: waynei giving nice views, no sign of a hybrid with king Rail

048 VIRGINIA RAIL – rallus limicola

29-05 3 ex. calling at Turtle marsh, one seen well.

049 BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER – pluvialis squatarola

Quite common around Hatteras N.C.

050 SEMIPALMATED PLOVER – charadrius semipalmatus

Quite common in small flocks around Hatteras

051 PIPING PLOVER – charadrius melodus

25-05 1 ex. seen very well on the beach near Hatteras

26-01 1 ex. seen quite distant near Hatteras.



052 KILLDEER – charadrius vociferous

Quite common in N.C sometimes in loose flocks

29-05 2 ex. along the way.

053 AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER – haemantopus palliatus

A total of 6 birds seen around Hatteras.

054 AMERICAN AVOCET – recurvirostra americana

25-05 3 ex. in flight at Hatteras.



Always nice to see these avocets, by Rainer Ertel

055 SPOTTED SANDPIPER- actitis macularius

A total of 7 birds seen spread over the trip at almost all visited places, all in summer plumage.

056 GREATER YELLOWLEGS – tringa melanoleuca

A total of 5 solitary birds seen spread over the trip, all in summer plumage.

057 LESSER YELLOWLEGS – tringa flavipes

25-05 2 ex. at Hatteras.

058(EASTERN) WILLET – tringa semipalmata ssp: semipalmata

A total of 15 birds, both immature and adult summers at the Cape Hatteras shorebird places. Obvious on structure, much shorter billed and shorter legged than Western W.

---- (WESTERN) WILLET – tringa semipalmata ssp: inornata

A total of 5 first summers (like winter plumage) at the shorebird places of Cape Hatteras. Bigger, longer legs and bill, in structure more like a godwit.

059 MARBLED GODWIT – limosa fedoa

25-05 8 ex. at Hatteras, mostly solitary.

060 RUDDY TURNSTONE – arenaria interpres

A total of 25 seen around Hatteras.

061 RED KNOT – calidris canutus

A total of 44 seen around the beaches of Hatteras.

062 SANDERLING – calidris alba

Common (often in breeding plumage) around the beaches of Hatteras.

063 SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER – calidris pusilla

The commonest sandpiper at Hatteras.

29-05 25 ex. in summer plumage at the shores of Tawas point.

064 WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER – calidris fuscicollis

26-05 1 ad. with Semipies at Hatteras

29-05 4 ad. with Semipies at Tawas point.



A nice adult summer plumage bird was seen with the Semipies at Hatteras.

065 DUNLIN – *calidris alpine* ssp: *hudsonia*

Quite common around Hatteras in summer plumage.

29-05 1 ad. summer at Tawas point.

066 SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER – *limnodromus griseus* ssp: *griseus*

A total of 22 seen around Hatteras, all presumed to be this subspecies (no really red birds seen)

067 WILSON'S SNIPE – *gallinago delicate*

04-06 1 bird (male) singing above a swamp. The song was very different from our Common Snipe. The bird was obvious darker with a less pronounced white edge on the secondary's



Dark, more banded on the underparts and a totally different song makes it a Wilson's

068 AMERICAN WOODCOCK – *scolopax minor*

28-05 1 ex. in flight along the road while looking for the Whip-poor-will. No details seen on the bird, only saw it was small

31-05 2 ex. seen extremely well sitting and displaying in the dusk along the (paved) road behind the hotel up to a distance of less than 5 meters. All features including the typical colour (orangey) of the underparts and (flapping on the ground) underwings. I heard them also displaying in the air, one of the highlights of the tour, only my camera on the room was a drawback...

069 LAUGHING GULL – *leucocephaeus atricilla*

Common in North Carolina, lovely gull!

070 RING-BILLED GULL – *larus delawarensis*

Common in Michigan and New Hampshire.

071 AMERICAN HERRING GULL – *larus smithsonianus*

Quite common in North Carolina and 2 birds seen in Michigan. This time seen how big they are.

072 GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL – *larus marinus*

Quite common at Hatteras, many immatures.

073 LEAST TERN – *sternula antillarum*

Quite common along the coast mainly at Hatteras in small breeding colonies.

074 GULL-BILLED TERN – *gelochelidon nilotica*

A total of 22 where seen at NC along the beaches

075 CASPIAN TERN – *hydroprogne caspia*

A total of 6 seen at Hatteras.

076 COMMON TERN – *sterna hirundo*

A total of 12 identified around Hatteras

077 FORSTER'S TERN – *sterna forsteri*

A total of 9 seen spread over visited sites at N.C.

078 ROYAL TERN – *thalasseus maximus*

Common around Hatteras.

079 CABOT'S TERN - *Sterna acuflavida* ssp: *acuflavida*

25-05 5 ex. seen at Cape Hatteras. I did not pay attention to ID features.

080 BLACK SKIMMER – *rynchops niger*

Common around Hatteras, often in big flocks.

081 POMARINE JAEGER – *stercorarius pomarinus*

24-05 4 ex, some adults with nice spoons at the pelagic out of Hatteras.



They are never boring these Pom's

082 PARASITIC JAEGER – *stercorarius parasiticus*

24-05 2 ex. at the pelagic out of Hatteras.

----- EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE – *streptopelia decaocto*

25-05 2 ex, together along the way at Hatteras.

083 MOURNING DOVE – *zenaida macroura*

Common throughout the trip. I noticed now how small they are.

084 YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO – *coccyzus americanus*

22-05 1 ex. at Howell Woods seen and heard very well.

23-05 2 heard at Alligator NWR.

085 BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO – *coccyzus erythrophthalmus*

29-05 1 ex. seen very well coming into tape while heard first at Tuttle Marsh. Giving great views for a prolonged period.

02-06 1 heard well at Pondicherry.



086 BARRED OWL – strix varia

21-05 1 ex. seen very well at Weymouth woods

22-05 1 ex. seen in flight at Howell Woods



Impressive birds, these Barred Owls

087 EASTERN SCREECH-OWL – megascops asio

21-05 2 ex. seen and heard well at Weymouth Woods.



Its call during daytime attracts a lot of passerines

***088 NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL- aegolius acadicus**

03-06 3 ex. seen very well after hearing them for a long time. They started to call just after dusk. One bird was seen well giving prolonged views while eating a big moth. Like a tiny Boreal owl, the streaks on the flanks are rufous see for the film:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0Hldygi6dk&list=UUkjCBJljcpdcI6Yr9Awo1g&index=1&feature=plcp>

***089 EASTERN WHIP-POOR-WILL – caprimulgus vociferous**

28-05 3 ex. heard well but not seen at a road near Oscoda.

29-05 2 ex. seen very well calling from a dead tree stump in the forest and later joined by another bird and mating. Obvious white collar (throat) and white in the tail (male) but the call is the easiest way to ID them.

090 CHUCK-WILL'S WIDOW – caprimulgus carolinensis

22-05 4 ex. heard and one seen briefly at Weymouth Woods

26-05 3 ex. heard only at Hatteras

091 CHIMNEY SWIFT – cheatura pelagic

About 21 seen at Hatteras, often quite loudly around the visitor's centre at Hatteras

28-05 4 ex. spread over the day.

092 RUBY THROATED HUMMINGBIRD – archilochus colubris

A total of 20 seen spread over the trip at several states. The most (15) where seen at Howell Woods.

093 BELTED KINGFISHER – megaceryle alcyon

28-05 2 ex. seen in Michigan along the way.

094 RED-HEADED WOODPECKER – melanerpes erythrocephalus

About 13 seen spread over the trip, most common in the south (NC)

095 RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER – melanerpes carolinus

A total of 5 seen spread over the trip. The most in the south (NC)

096 YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER – sphyrapicus varius

A total of 3 birds seen in Michigan and NH, giving nice views, one was drumming on a rain pipe..

097 DOWNY WOODPECKER – picoides pubescens

A total of 6 seen spread over the stay at NC.

098 HAIRY WOODPECKER – picoides villosus

A total of 5 birds seen in the northern states visited.

099 RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER – picoides borealis

21 + 22-05 2 ex. a pair at the visitor center at Weymouth Woods. Giving nice views.



Two birds where showing well by Rainer Ertel

099 NORTHERN FLICKER – colaptes auratus

A total of 7 birds seen in all visited area's spread over the trip.

100 PILEATED WOODPECKER – dryocopus pileatus

A total of 4 birds seen in the NC part of the trip, some giving nice views.

101 EASTERN WOOD PEEWEE – contopus virens

A total of 7 seen in NC and Michigan, often found by call.

102 ACADIAN FLYCATCHER – empidonax virescens

20+21-05 2 ex. at Weymouth Woods. Giving nice views and calls.

103 YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER – empidonax flaviventris

31-05 5 ex. close to Jefferson Notch.

03-06 3 ex. in the Pittsburg area.

104 ALDER FLYCATCHER – empidonax alnorum

A total of 7 seen spread over the northern part (NH and M) of the trip. ID on call.

105 LEAST FLYCATCHER – empidonax minimus

28-05 5 ex. seen at the shore of Lake Huron, giving good views and calls.

106 EASTERN PHOEBE – sayornis phoebe

22-05 1 ex. at Howell Woods

01-06 4 ex. spread over the day.

107 GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER – *myiarchus crinitus*

About 7 seen in N.C

29-05 3 ex. spread over the day.

108 EASTERN KINGBIRD – *tyrannus tyrannus*

About 10 seen spread over the trip in N.C and Michigan.

109 LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE – *lanius ludovicianus*

27-05 1 ex. seen briefly from the car along the way.

110 WHITE-EYED VIREO – *vireo griseus*

21-05 2 ex. seen well at Weymouth Woods.

111 YELLOW-THROATED VIREO – *vireo flavifrons*

22-05 1 ex. at Howell Woods, giving brief views.

112 BLUE-HEADED VIREO – *vireo solitaries*

22-05 1 ex. at Weymouth Woods

03-06 2 ex. seen very well at the Pittsburg area, singing.

113 RED-EYED VIREO – *vireo olivaceus*

The commonest vireo recorded almost daily at all visited stats, often more heard than seen.

114 WARBLING VIREO – *vireo gilvus* ssp: *gilvus*

22-05 1 ex. seen well at Weymouth Woods

115 GREY JAY – *perisoreus Canadensis*

03-06 3 ex. seen well together along East Inlet Road.

116 BLUE JAY – *cyanocitta ceistata*

Quite common at al visited parts of the trip.

117 AMERICAN CROW – *corvus brachyrhynchos*

Seen almost daily except at Hatteras at all visited places.

118 FISH CROW – *corvus ossifragus*

Seen daily at and around Hatteras, most easily IDed on the call.

119 COMMON RAVEN – *corvus corax*

Seen almost daily in Michigan and NH.

120 HORNED LARK – *eremophila alpestris* ssp: *praticola*??

23-05 1 ex. in a ploughed field in NC. Not very pale more rufous.

121 NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW – *stelgidopteryx serripennis*

20-05 1 ex. behind the hotel while waiting for the group.

22-05 1 ex. somewhere on that day while travelling.

122 PURPLE MARTIN – *progne subis*

Three colonies seen in NC with a total of 40 birds.

123 TREE SWALLOW – *tachycineta bicolor*

23-05 1 ex. near Greenville.

Common in Michigan and NH.

124 BARN SWALLOW – *hirundo rustica*

Quite comm. during all parts of the trip. Variation on the underparts from orange buff to white.

125 CLIFF SWALLOW – *petrochelidon pyrrhonota*

28-05 20 ex. seen in a colony in the Huron NF. Nice views.

126 TUFTED TITMOUSE – *baeolophus bicolor*

Common in the pine woods in NC.

127 CAROLINA CHICKADEE – *poecile carolinensis*

A total of 7 birds seen spread over our stay in NC.

128 BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE – *poecile atricapillus*

Quite common in Michigan and NH often in small flocks.

129 RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH – *sitta canadensis*

A total of 6 seen spread over the Michigan and NH part of the trip often heard calling.

130 WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH – *sitta carolinensis* ssp: *carolinensis*

A total of 5 seen in the Weymouth woods.

131 BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH – *sitta pusilla*

Quite common Weymouth woods.

23-05 4 ex. at Alligator river NWR.

132 NORTHERN HOUSE WREN – troglodytes aedon

29-05 1 ex. at Tuttle Marsh, giving nice views.

***133 WINTER WREN – troglodytes hiemalis**

A total of 6 birds seen and heard in the Michigan and NH part of the trip. It took a while to get good views, and I saw nothing more than I see at home, the song sounds like home but slightly different.

134 CAROLINA WREN – thryothorus ludovicianus

21-05 1 ex. seen very well at Weymouth Woods.

135 GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET – regulus satrapa

01-06 1 ex. seen and heard at the White Mountains (I was hoping for an other species while chasing the song....)

03-06 1 ex. at the Pittsburg area.

136 RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET – regulus calendula

03-06 3 ex. singing at the Pittsburg area, giving very nice views.

137 EASTERN BLUEBIRD – sialia sialis

A total of 32 birds seen spread over the trip mostly at the NC part of the trip.

***138 BICKNELL'S THRUSH – catharus bicknelli**

31-05 3 ex. at Jefferson Notch (at a place called The Rock), one seen well, the others heard. Very brown on the upperparts and therefore different from Gray-Cheeked.. The song is totally different.



Bicknell's at our feet by Matt Denton

139 SWAINSON'S THRUSH – catharus ustulatus

A total of 8 seen all in NH, some nice views and birds in song.

140 HERMIT THRUSH – catharus guttatus

28-05 1 ex. seen in Michigans Huron forest, while searching for the Kirtlands, nice views of a bird along the roadside.

141 AMERICAN ROBIN – turdus migratorius

Seen daily in high numbers at all visited places.

142 GRAY CATBIRD – dumetella carolinensis

A total of 6 birds seen spread over the trip at all visited places.

143 NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD – mimus polyglottos

Common in NC, not seen in the visited northern states.

144 BROWN THRASHER *toxostoma rufum*

A total of 9 seen spread over the trip at all visited states.

--- EUROPEAN STARLING – *sturnus vulgaris*

Common at all visited areas.

145 CEDAR WAXWING – *bombycilla cedrorum*

About a 100 birds seen in several flocks in the Michigan and NH part of the trip.

146 OVENBIRD – *seiurus aurocapillus*

Quite commonly heard and a view seen quite well in song at the Michigan and NH part of the trip.

147 LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH – *parkesia motacilla*

21-05 A total of 3 heard and seen (one very well) at Weymouth Woods, one of the birds of the trip, because I did not see many of them in my life.

148 BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER – *mnioilta varia*

21-05 1 adult male in summer plumage, with a black throat, at Weymouth Woods.

149 NASHVILLE WARBLER – *oreothlypis ruficapilla*

A total of 13 seen spread over the stay in Michigan and NH, nice views many singing.

150 TENNESSEE WARBLER – *oreothlypis peregrine*

03-06 1 ex. seen along the way at the Pittsburg area, in a migrating flock of birds.

151 NORTHERN PARULA – *setophaga americana*

A total of 3 seen in the northern part of NH, all where no adult males but singing.

152 YELLOW WARBLER – *setophaga aestiva*

A total of 4 birds seen in Michigan, one singing very nicely in the rain in Burlington.

153 CHESTNUT SIDED WARBLER – *setophaga pensylvanica*

Quite common in the northern part of NH, nice views, many singing.

154 MAGNOLIA WARBLER – *setophaga magnolia*

21-05 1 adult male a migrant at Weymouth Woods.

A total of 9 birds in the northern part of NH.

155 BLACK-THROATED WARBLER – *setophaga caerulescens*

31-05 1 male, singing and seen very well at Whitefield behind the hotel, for me almost a new species since I only had seen a female.

01-05 1 male near Whitefield.

156 MYRTLE WARBLER – *setophaga coronata* ssp: *coronata*

A total of 7 seen in Michigan and NH.

157 BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER – *setophaga virens*

A total of 6 seen in the Michigan and the NH area. All in song and loving fir trees.



It loves pines

158 BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER – *setophaga fusca*

03+04-06 a total of 5 birds in song seen while searching for Cape May.



What a cracker and singing like Cape May (coming into the tapes of that species)

159 KIRTLAND'S WARBLER - *sethophaga kirtlandii

28-05 4 ex. seen and heard very well in the jack pines with exactly the right height near Oscoda. Great views.



Easy pickup if you find the right trees this Kirtland's.

160 PRAIRIE WARBLER – *sethophaga discolor*

A total of 8 seen and heard while birding at several sites in NC.

161 BAY-BREASTED WARBLER - – *sethophaga castanea

03-06 1 male singing in the Pittsburg area, giving very nice views



Great views of this missing gem, made me forget the rain

162 BLACKPOLL WARBLER – *sethophaga striata*

31-05 Common at Jefferson Notch., some seen very nicely, it looked as if they moved through.

163 PINE WARBLER – *sethophaga pinus*

Common in NC

28-05 3 ex. seen spread over the day in Michigan.

164 AMERICAN REDSTART – *sethophaga ruticilla*

Seen at many sites but most common in the northern states.

165 HOODED WARBLER – *sethophaga citrine*

21-05 1 very nice male singing and showing of at Weymouth Woods.

166 SWAINSON'S WARBLER – *limnolophis swainsoni

22-05 1 male singing and showing of at Howell Woods. Great song and very distinctive bird.



This cracking bird was one of the reasons to do this trip, by Rainer Ertel.

167 PROTHONOTARY WARBLER – *protonotaria citrea*

Common in Howell Woods and Alligator NWR.



Now that's what we call yellow

168 MOURNING WARBLER – *geothlypis philadelphia*

03-06 1 male singing and showing well at the Pittsburg area.



Lucky shot this Morning Warbler

168 KENTUCKY WARBLER – *geothlypis Formosa*

22-05 1 male very mobile singing at Howell Woods.

169 COMMON YELLOWTHROAT – *geothlypis tichas*

A total of 7 seen spread over the trip in all the visited areas, slightly more common than the southern states.

170 CANADA WARBLER – *cardellina Canadensis*

01-06 1 male singing at Pondicherry NWR

03-06 1 male at the Pittsburg area.



Why are these warblers so much nicer to look at than the European ones.

171 YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT – *icteria virens*

23-05 1 ex. seen in the scope along the road in NC.

172 EASTERN TOWHEE – *pipilo erythrophthalmus*

A total of 6 seen in NC, mostly in Weymouth Woods.

173 BACHMAN'S SPARROW – *peucaea aestivalis

21-05 2 ex. seen very well at Weymouth Woods. A strange sparrow, keeping low but eventually giving up.



Even digiscopable

174 FIELD SPARROW – *spizella pusilla*

23-05 1 ex. seen well in a field along the way at NC.

28-05 1 ex. at the Jack Pines.

175 CHIPPING SPARROW – spizella passerine

Commonly seen in all visited places.

176 CLAY-COLORED SPARROW – spizella pallid

29-05 1 ex. in song seen well at Tuttle Marsh. Hard to find but eventually seen well.

177 SAVANNAH SPARROW – passerulus sandwichensis ssp: savanna

A total of 3 seen at Tuttle Marsh.

178 GRASSHOPPER SPARROW – ammodramus savannarum

23-05 10 ex. together in an abandoned field along the road at NC.



Feeding on caterpillars

179 SEASIDE SPARROW – ammodramus maritimus ssp: macgillivraii

A total of 16 birds seen at several sites around Hatteras.



Often hidden but good to see and hear

180 SONG SPARROW – melospiza melodia

25-05 1 ex. at Roanoke Island.

Quite common in Michigan and NH.

181 SWAMP SPARROW – melospiza Georgiana

A total of 5 birds seen in Michigan and NH

182 WHITE-THROATED SPARROW – zonotrichia albicollis

Common in the higher elevations of NH, many in song.

183 SLATE-COLORED (DARK-EYED) JUNCO – junco hyemalis

A total of 4 seen in NC.

184 SUMMER TANAGER – *piranga rubra*

A total of 4 seen near Weymouth Woods



Now that's what we call red

185 SCARLET TANAGER – *piranga olivacea*

A total of 4 seen in total, all males in Michigan and NC.



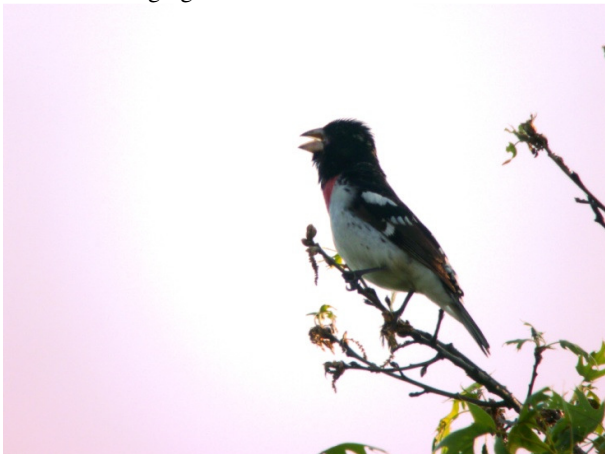
What a stunner..

186 NORTHERN CARDINAL – *cardinalis cardinalis*

Common in NC and seen daily.

187 ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK – *pheucticus ludovicianus*

28-05 2 ex. singing at Huron Forest.



One of the first birds we saw at Huron forest in the early morning light.

188 BLUE GROSBEAK – passerine caerulea

22+23-05 a total of 9 birds seen spread over those days in open area's visited.

189 INDIGO BUNTING – passerine cyanea

Seen at quite a few places, often in song, in the northern and southern visited states.

190 EASTERN MEADOWLARK – sturnella magna

Seen in NC on two days on the Outer Banks and about 5 seen in Michigan.

191 BOBOLINK – dolichonyx oryzivorus

A total of 12 birds south of Oscoda, in summer plumage and displaying.

192 RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD – agelaius phoeniceus

23-05 20 ex. spread over the morning.

Common in Michigan and NH.

193 RUSTY BLACKBIRD – euphagus carolinus

03-06 3 ex. along East Inlet Road. Nice views of this declining species.



Classic image of this species living in wet fir tree areas

194 COMMON GRACKLE – quisqualis quiscula

Quite common in all visited states but mostly in the southern states

195 BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE – quisqualis major

Daily sightings at Hatteras, NC.

196 BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD – molothrus ater

Common in NC.

29-05 2 ex. seen along the way.

197 ORCHARD ORIOLE – icterus spurius

29-05 3 ex. at Tawas point

198 BALTIMORE ORIOLE – icterus galbula

About 15 seen in Michigan.

199 PURPLE FINCH – carpodacus purpureus

03-06 5 ex. seen in the Pittsburg area.

200 HOUSE FINCH – carpodacus mexicanus

A total of 8 seen in all visited states, lower numbers than thought.

201 PINE SISKIN – spinus pinus

03-06 10 ex. seen in the Pittsburg area.

201 AMERICAN GOLDFINCH – spinus tristis

A total of 11 seen spread over all visited states with the most in the south.

--- HOUSE SPARROW – passer domesticus

A total of 13 seen in NC

Common in Vermont (Burlington).

MAMMALS North Carolina

American Opossum *Didelphis virginiana* One seen at Weymouth Woods one evening.

Eastern Cottontail *Sylvilagus floridanus* Four seen.

Eastern Gray Squirrel *Sciurus carolinensis* Daily sightings at inland sites.

Northern Raccoon *Procyon lotor* Two seen on the Outer Banks.

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus* One seen at Howell Woods.

MAMMALS Michigan and NH

Elk *Alces alces* Two crossing the road at the Pittsburg area.

Red Squirrel *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus* A few were seen at Jefferson Notch.

Eastern Gray Squirrel *Sciurus carolinensis* Fairly common in Michigan.

Eastern Chipmunk *Tamias striatus* We enjoyed this cute critter at Tawas Point of Lake Huron.

Woodchuck *Marmota monax* Two records from New Hampshire.

Muskrat *Ondatra zibethica* One at Tuttle Marsh.

Black Bear *Ursus americanus* Always exciting to see this large mammal, particularly as we saw it crossing the road!

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