



Birding Trail of Northern New Brunswick



New Brunswick is uniquely situated to be an exciting birding destination throughout the year. New Brunswick is a picturesque province with a wide range of habitats for birds, from marine coastlines to marshes to Acadian forest. Situated along a migratory flyway, New Brunswick hosts thousands of migrating birds each spring and fall and is an important stopover site for many species. New Brunswick is also visited by many vagrant or stray birds that get redirected to this region by weather patterns along the Atlantic coast. Avid birdwatchers have documented more than 420 bird species in New Brunswick. We welcome you to explore our beautiful province to discover our rich diversity of birds!

Nestled between the Appalachian Mountain Range and the Bay of Chaleur and beautiful Restigouche River, northern New Brunswick is a prime location for both forest birds and sea birds. Recognized as one of the Most Beautiful Bays in the World, the Bay of Chaleur region is rich with open water, beaches, estuaries, marshes, and beautiful mature forest. Take a walk through the woods or along the shore and you just may spot a Canada Warbler, Barrow's Goldeneye, or the endangered Harlequin Duck. Observe large congregations of Snow Geese at the Atholville Marsh, a little-known birding treasure in the province. Northern New Brunswick is truly a gem to discover for birders and explorers of all kinds.

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Gyrfalcon, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-Breasted Nuthatch, Barrows Goldeneye: Jim Clifford



The sites in this guide were carefully selected by local naturalists to offer a wide range of birding opportunities for visiting birdwatchers of all skill and interest levels. All of the sites listed here are accessible to the public. See individual site descriptions for the best time to visit each site. This guide was produced with funding support from the New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund (www.nbwtf.ca).

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Éthique de l'observation d'oiseaux

Les observateurs d'oiseaux responsables respectent le bien-être des oiseaux et de leur environnement. Afin d'éviter de stresser les oiseaux, suivez les directives du Code d'éthique d'observation d'oiseaux de la American Birding Association. Ci-dessous se retrouve un extrait (le code complet est disponible en ligne au listing.aba.org/ethics):

Limiter l'utilisation d'enregistrements pour attirer les oiseaux; ne jamais utiliser des enregistrements afin d'attirer des espèces en péril et ne jamais utiliser des enregistrements pendant la saison de reproduction.

Demeurer loin des nids, des colonies, des nichoirs et des sites d'alimentation.

Utiliser peu de lumière artificielle pour la photographie ou les vidéos.

Avant d'annoncer la présence d'un oiseau rare, évaluez le potentiel de perturbation pour l'oiseau, les environs et les gens de la région.

Garder les groupes assez petits pour limiter l'impact sur l'environnement et limiter les perturbations pour les oiseaux et les autres êtres vivants.

Demeurer sur les routes et les sentiers, où ils existent et limiter la perturbation de l'habitat.

Ne pas mettre pied sur les propriétés privées sans la permission explicite du propriétaire.

Suivre toutes les lois et les règlements gouvernant l'utilisation des routes et des lieux publics.

Être courtois lorsque vous êtes en contact avec d'autres personnes. Votre comportement exemplaire aidera à générer de la bonne volonté parmi les observateurs d'oiseaux et les autres également.

Afin d'en apprendre davantage au sujet de l'observation d'oiseaux du nord du Nouveau-Brunswick, joignez-vous aux clubs locaux, **Restigouche Naturalist Club** et **Jacquet River Nature Club**.

To learn more about birdwatching in northern New Brunswick, join local nature clubs **Restigouche Naturalist Club** and **Jacquet River Nature Club**.



Ralph Eldridge

Birding Ethics

Responsible birders respect the welfare of birds and their environment. To avoid undue stress on birds, follow the American Birding Association Code of Birding Ethics, excerpted below (full code available online at listing.aba.org/ethics):

Limit the use of recordings to attract birds; never use recordings to attract species at risk, and never use recordings during breeding season.

Keep well back from nests, nesting colonies, roosts, display areas, and feeding sites.

Use artificial light sparingly for photography or filming.

Before advertising the presence of a rare bird, evaluate the potential for disturbance to the bird, its surroundings, and people in the area.

Keep groups to a size that limits impact on the environment and limits disturbance to birds and others.

Stay on roads and trails where they exist and keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.

Do not enter private property without owner's explicit permission.

Follow all laws and regulations governing use of roads and public areas.

Practice common courtesy in contacts with other people. Your exemplary behavior will generate goodwill with birders and non-birders alike.



Nature NB is a non-profit, charitable organization whose mission is to celebrate, conserve and protect New Brunswick's natural heritage through education, networking, and collaboration.

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1 Morrissey Rock Park

Lookout point over the Restigouche River and its small islands. Accessible year-round.

From Campbellton, take NB-11 N past Tide Head. Sign for Morrissey Rock Park. There is a small parking area off the road.

Bald Eagle, Broad-winged Hawk, Canada Warbler.

1 Parc Morrissey Rock

Point d'observation sur la rivière Restigouche et les petites îles. Accessible toute l'année.

À partir de Campbellton, prendre la route NB-11 N après Tide Head. Panneau indiquant le parc Morrissey Rock. Il y a un petit stationnement.

Pygargue à tête blanche, Petite Buse, Paruline du Canada.

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4 Sugarloaf Provincial Park – Trail #10

Un sentier de 3,5 km à travers la forêt mixte. Petites collines. Accessible toute l'année (raquettes requises en hiver).

À partir du NB-134 ou NB-11, rejoindre le NB-270 S et suivre les indications pour le parc provincial Sugarloaf. Le stationnement se trouve juste après le bâtiment administratif.

Bay-breasted Warbler, Canada Warbler, Boreal Chickadee, Black-capped Chickadee, woodpeckers, wood warblers.

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2 Tide Head Beach

Large rocky beach on the Restigouche River. Not accessible in winter.

From Morrissey Rock Park, take NB-11 S to Tide Head. Directly after Cottage Lane, turn left to access beach (road goes under railroad overpass).

Bald Eagle, Broad-winged Hawk, Common Merganser.

2 Plage de Tide Head

Grande plage rocheuse sur la rivière Restigouche. Non accessible en hiver. Accessible toute l'année.

À partir de Campbellton, prendre la route NB-11 N jusqu'à Tide Head. Juste après Cottage Lane, tourner à gauche pour accéder à la plage (la route passe sous un pont ferroviaire).

Pygargue à tête blanche, Petite Buse, Grand Harle.

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Scope recommended for all sites (except #4 and #6) to observe open water and marshes. Sites 1 to 3 make up a short Bald Eagle Tour. From mid-October to late November, Bald Eagles are abundant along the Restigouche at these spots.

3 Marais d'Atholville

Les marais d'eau salée attirent une grande variété d'oiseaux d'eau; on peut observer jusqu'à 25 espèces de canards à la fois. Comprend un point d'observation du marais sur la rivière Restigouche et une lagune avec une plateforme d'observation. Un sentier autour de la lagune mène à un autre marais. Jusqu'à 10 000 Oies des neiges au printemps – le seul rassemblement de ce genre au Nouveau-Brunswick. Non accessible en hiver.

Prendre la NB-11 jusqu'à Atholville. Tournez sur Boom Lane. Le point d'observation se trouve à la courbe de la route, ou continuer sur le chemin de terre pour accéder aux marais et à la lagune.

Pygargue à tête blanche, Petite Buse, Oie des neiges, Canard souchet, Engoulevent d'Amérique, goélands, canards, oiseaux de rivage en automne, oiseaux de mer.

3 Atholville Marsh

Saltwater marshes attract a large variety of waterfowl; up to 25 species of duck observed at a time. Features a lookout point over marsh on the Restigouche River and lagoon with observation deck. Trail around lagoon leads to another marsh. Up to 10,000 Snow Geese in the spring – the only such congregation in New Brunswick. Not accessible in winter.

Take NB-11 to Atholville. Turn onto Boom Lane. Lookout spot at curve in road or continue on dirt road to access marshes and lagoon.

Bald Eagle, Broad-winged hawk, Snow Goose, Northern Shoveler, Common Nighthawk, gulls, ducks, shorebirds in fall, seabirds.

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From NB-11, take exit for Dalhousie. Turn onto NB-275 E (signs for Dalhousie / Eel River Bar). Turn left onto Goderich Street and left onto Canada Games Drive. Drive up to soccer field and take dirt path to left toward woods.

Black Guillemot, Horned Lark, Northern Gannet, longspurs, pipits, scaups, scoters, seabirds in migration.

6 Beaver Pond Trail

Located behind the Dalhousie Regional High School. Trail through mature hardwood forest to beaver pond. Lower trail goes through old orchard and into Dalhousie. Accessible year-round (snowshoes recommended in winter).

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7 Fire Station Meadow

Meadow and box elder stand. Road leads to view of cliffs with nesting Black Guillemots.

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8 Inch Arran Lighthouse

Where the Restigouche River enters the Bay of Chaleur. A great place for waterfowl and sea birds during migrations. This is the eastern end of an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area, so designated for large congregations of Black Scoters in April and May. Winter congregations of Barrow's Goldeneyes. Double-crested Cormorants and gulls nest on nearby Bon Ami Rocks. Accessible year-round.

From Dalhousie fire station: From Renfrew Street, turn left on Victoria Street and follow straight to lighthouse.

Barrow's Goldeneye, Gyrfalcon, Iceland Gull, Glaucom Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Black Scoter, White-winged Scoter (rarity), variety of waterfowl and seabirds.

Garrot d'islande, Faucon gerfaut, Grand Héron, Grand Chevalier, Petit Chevalier, Goéland arctique, Goéland bourgmestre, Goéland marin, Goéland argenté, Macreuse à bec jaune, Macreuse à ailes blanches (rareté), variété d'oiseaux d'eau et de mer.

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9 Phare d'Inch Arran

Là où la rivière Restigouche se joint à la Baie des Chaleurs. Un endroit idéal pour la sauvagine et les oiseaux de mer pendant les migrations. Il s'agit de l'extrémité est d'une Zones importante pour la conservation des oiseaux et de la biodiversité, désignée ainsi pour les grandes congrégations de Macreuses à bec jaune en avril et mai. Congrégations hivernales de Garrots d'Islande. Des Cormorans à aigrettes et des goélands nichent sur les rochers voisins de Bon Ami.

Accessible toute l'année.

Depuis la caserne de pompiers de Dalhousie. Depuis la rue Renfrew, tourner à gauche sur Victoria Street et suivre tout droit jusqu'au phare.

Garrot d'islande, Faucon gerfaut, Grand Héron, Grand Chevalier, Petit Chevalier, Goéland arctique, Goéland bourgmestre, Goéland marin, Goéland argenté, Macreuse à bec jaune, Macreuse à ailes blanches (rareté), variété d'oiseaux d'eau et de mer.

Grive solitaire, Grive à dos olive, Grive fauve, parulines et divers oiseaux forestiers.

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10 Eel River Bar

Les rives de la Baie des Chaleurs et l'estuaire de la rivière Eel constituent un habitat pour une variété d'espèces. Excellent endroit pour les oiseaux de mer et d'eau en migration. La lagune des eaux usées sur le boulevard Miller est un endroit idéal pour le Canard branchu et d'autres oiseaux d'eau.

Accessible toute l'année.

À Benjamin River, un chemin de terre non marqué mène à l'estuaire. Le chemin se trouve à gauche juste avant le pont de Benjamin River lorsqu'on voyage vers le sud sur la NB-134.

Arlequin plongeur, Grand Héron, goélands, cormorants, grand lieu de nidification de l'Eider à duvet.

Grande variété d'espèces, y compris des rares. Flycatchers and sparrows on path to floodplain.

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11 Estuaries

Estuaries et marais salés avec une grande variété d'oiseaux d'eau et de rivage.

A Estuaire Charlo River

Accessible toute l'année mais marais gelé en hiver.

À Charlo, sur NB-134/rue Chaleur, tourner sur la rue Riverview.

Pygargue à tête blanche, Grand Héron, Grand Chevalier, Petit Chevalier, fuligules, macreuses, oiseaux de mer en migration.

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12 Marais et Plage de Jacquet River

Estuaire, marais salés et rivage de la Baie des Chaleurs. Également, une plaine inondable sur des terres agricoles abandonnées du côté sud de la NB-134. Les deux sont inaccessibles en hiver.

À partir de la route NB-134 à Jacquet River/Belledune, tourner sur le chemin Fenderson.

- Pour accéder à la plage et au marais : Aller jusqu'au bout de Fenderson, se garer sur la route et ne pas bloquer les allées privées. Marcher le long de la clôture jusqu'à la plage.

- Pour accéder à la plaine inondable : se garer le long du chemin Fenderson, traverser la NB-134 et prendre le chemin de terre vers le sud (pas accessible en voiture).

Grive solitaire, Grive à dos olive, Grive fauve, parulines et divers oiseaux forestiers.

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13 Robertry Point

Plage rocheuse de la Baie des Chaleurs. Good forest cover for small passerines in migration. Nearby marsh attracts waterfowl.

From NB-134 in Belledune, turn onto Robertry Road and follow to end.

Red-throated Loon, White-winged Scoter, passerines, waterfowl, wide variety of sea birds.

Plongeon catmarin, Macreuse à ailes blanches, passerines, oiseaux d'eau, grande variété d'oiseaux de mer.

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