

# The Birds of Stratton Island

Saturday, July 1: 11 am-2:30 pm (2 trips)  
Monday, July 10: 3-6:30 pm (2 trips)



**TRIP DESCRIPTION:** Not far from the Scarborough shore, Stratton Island is a nesting colony and roosting site for a remarkable diversity of coastal birds. A project site of National Audubon’s internationally-recognized Seabird Restoration Program, Stratton is normally inaccessible to visitors. On these special outings, however, we will be able to land and have a uniquely intimate experience among the 1,000 pairs of terns. Observation blinds provide remarkable photographic opportunities. The island’s extraordinary bird colony includes, snowy and great egrets; little blue heron; black-crowned night-herons; glossy ibis; common, roseate, arctic, and least terns; sora; and one of Maine’s rarest breeding birds: the American oystercatcher. You will also hear the latest research from the seabird biologists and view the challenges they face spending a summer on an island.

*Participants must be able to get in and out of boats and inflatable dinghies for this trip. Since this is a boat trip to an island, return times may not be exact. It would be wise not to schedule anything immediately after the trip.*

**MEETING PLACE:** Please meet Linda on the dock at the Lobsterman’s Co-op at Pine Point in Scarborough **no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of your trip.** Lobsterman’s Co-op and public boat launch. Free parking and restrooms are available.

**PREPARATION:** Stratton Island is three miles off shore. To get onto the island and back to the mainland, participants will transfer from a larger boat to a landing skiff or dingy. This requires moderate agility and balance, and may prove to be challenging if you are not in reasonable physical condition. There will be people to assist you, but if you think this will pose too great of an obstacle, you should not attempt the trip. Please be aware that you might be up to your knees in water getting on shore. Old sneakers or sandals are recommended for the slippery rocks below. Waterproof gear is appropriate for the ride out to the island. Depending on the surface and weather conditions, ocean spray is a possibility. It is often much cooler on the water and island compared to the mainland. The only bathroom on the island is an outhouse. Your leaders will have spotting scopes.

## SUGGESTED ITEMS:

Binoculars	Wind-resistant layer	Water bottle and snacks
Camera	Waterproof layer	Sunscreen and sunglasses
Field guides	Warm clothes	Hat

**LEADERS:** The leader for your outing is Linda Woodard. Linda has spent over 30 years as an environmental educator, passionate birder, and the Director of Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center. Visiting Stratton Island is one of her favorite summer trips.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cancellation of this trip due to weather or sea conditions is up to the discretion of Linda Woodard and the boat's captain. A few showers or moderate swells are not enough to cancel this trip. If you would like to check on the trip status during business hours please call Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center at 207-883-5100. If you have any last minute concerns, please speak with Linda directly on her cell phone at 207-415-8331.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** See: <https://maineaudubon.org/events/forms-and-policies/#cancel> or: If an event is cancelled by Maine Audubon, attendees will be notified, and full refunds will be issued. If event participation is cancelled by the attendee, no refunds will be issued if the cancellation is received within 7 days of the event. For cancellations received at least 7 days in advance of the event, refunds will be issued as follows:

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