



# ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## Massachusetts & Rhode Island

Cape Cod - Seabirds & Wintering Rarities

20<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (6 days)



Long-tailed Duck by Lev Frid

*This tour will take us on an extensive exploration of Cape Cod and southern Rhode Island. Winter is a great time to visit these areas to look for New England's resident species and any continuing winter rarities that have been discovered. Species we will be looking for include: Common Murre, Black-legged Kittiwake, Iceland Gull, Long-tailed Duck, Common Eider, and many, many more.*

*Cape Cod has some of the best sea watching on the East Coast. The geographic cape sticks out far off the Massachusetts mainland making it ideal for viewing seabirds from shore. We will spend a few nights on the cape exploring its barrier beaches, saltmarshes, and maritime forests. These unique habitats will hold a good mix of resident species, wintering birds, and lingering migrants. Cape Cod is also home to some very charming villages that are as fascinating to explore as are the unique landscapes. We will stop at the famous Birdwatcher's General Store in Orleans to chat about birds and see the latest in*

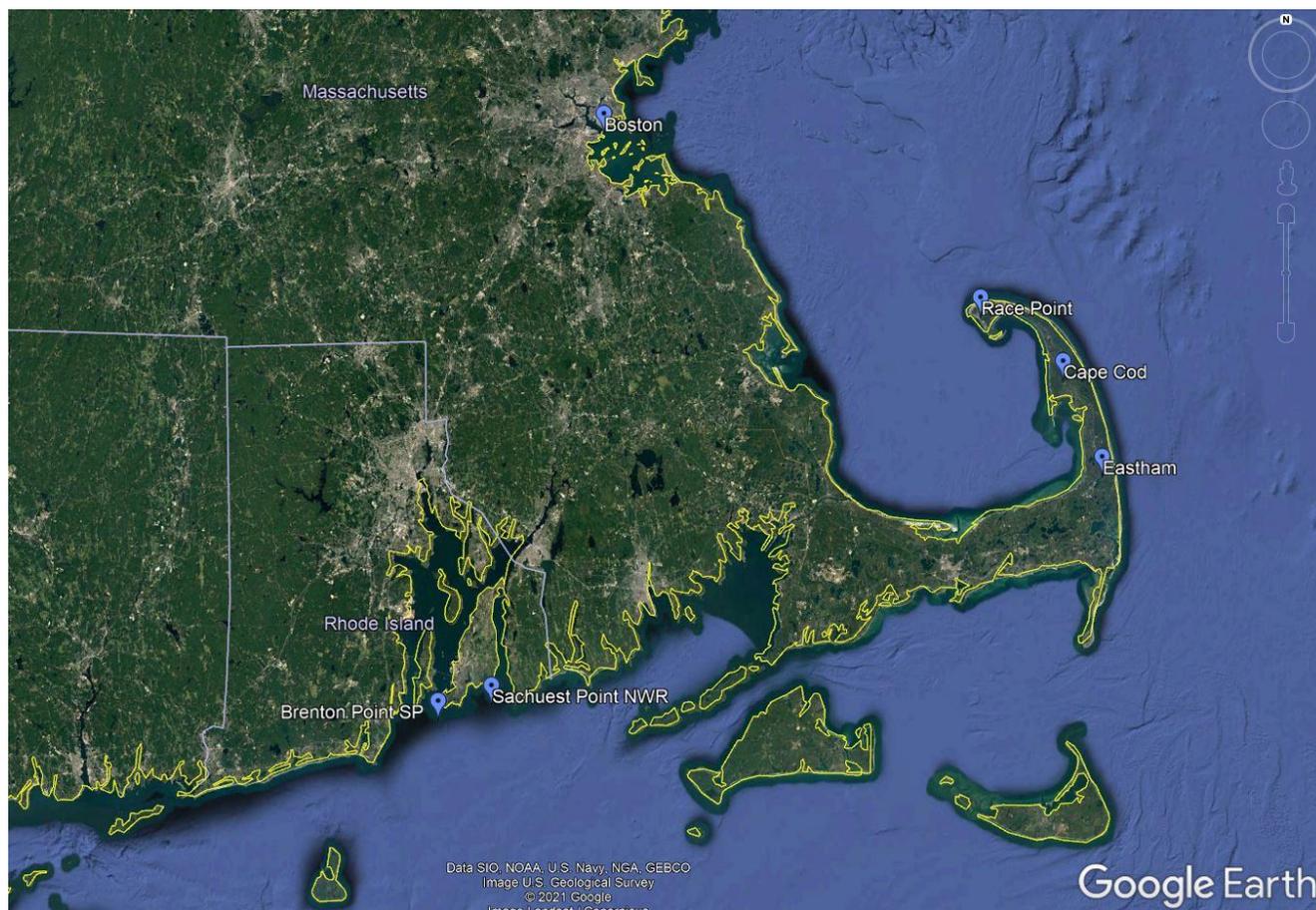
*birding gear. Next on the agenda is a trip to the Southern Rhode Island coast, which recently has been on a hot streak with rarities such as Common Cuckoo, Little Stint and Terek Sandpiper. You never know what you might find in the countries smallest state. This five-night tour is sure to net us great birds, wonderful beach views, and great seafood.*

**THE TOUR AT A GLANCE...**

**ITINERARY**

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Arrive in Boston, transfer to Eastham</b>
<b>Day 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>Cape Cod environs</b>
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Cape Cod to Rhode Island</b>
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Rhode Island</b>
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Rhode Island to Boston and final departure</b>

**TOUR MAP**



THE TOUR IN DETAIL...

Brant by Lev Frid

**Day 1: Arrive in Boston, transfer to Eastham.** After arriving at Boston's Logan Airport, we will take a group transfer to Eastham. Time permitting, we will check a few hotspots along the way.

**Days 2 & 3: Cape Cod environs.** We have three full days to explore the Outer Cape. On our first day 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, Grey Plover, Great Shearwater, Horned Lark, and any lingering migratory passerines.

On our second day, we will head up to the furthest reaches of Cape Cod, to visit Provincetown and Race Point. Race Point offers some of the best pelagic sea birding from shore anywhere on the east coast. 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 find include Black-legged Kittiwake, Harlequin and Long-tailed Ducks, White-winged Scoter, Razorbill, Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers, Manx Shearwater, Cory's Shearwater, Great Cormorant, Duck, and many, many more.

**Day 4: Cape Cod to Rhode Island.** We have another morning to bird the Cape Cod environs, during which time we will visit the acclaimed Birdwatcher's General Store in Orleans.

After lunch we will head down to Rhode Island for the balance of the tour. We will visit a couple hot spots on the way to make sure we get our fill of birding. Today the birds we hope to see are any rarities that may have shown up on



Black-legged Kittiwake by Lev Frid



the Cape, and anything we may have missed over the previous two days.



Razorbill by Markus Lilje

**Day 5: Rhode Island.** We have a full day to visit several hotspots on 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 have included Tufted Duck, Pink-footed Goose, and Barnacle Goose just

to name a few. A few of the species we hope to see today are: Ruddy Turnstone, Harlequin Duck, Great Cormorant, Common Eider, American Kestrel, Lapland Longspur, and American Pipit.

**Day 6: Rhode Island to Boston and final departure.** We depart Rhode Island after breakfast, and transfer to back to Logan Airport, Boston for departure. Time permitting, we will make birding stops en route.

### **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**Tour dates, prices, single supplement rates, approximate flight costs and spaces available for these tours are displayed on our website. Please see under IMPORTANT NOTES below.**

The tour price includes:

- All meals from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 6;
- All accommodations;
- Ground transportation;
- All reserve entrance fees;
- All leader and guiding services.

...and excludes:

- Any airfares, taxes and visa costs;
- Any beverages;
- Special gratuities; and



Iceland Gull by Lev Frid



- Telephone calls, laundry and items of a personal nature.

**Single Supplement:** The single supplement cost for this tour will be charged if you wish to have single accommodation. If RBL cannot provide you with a rooming partner for these nights although you choose to share, the single supplement will become applicable. We will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that a rooming partner is found if you do wish to share.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- a) Due to constantly fluctuating exchange rates, we quote our tours in 4 currencies. The tour price is however fixed only in the currency printed in bold, and the actual cost in the other currencies listed will be adjusted according to prevailing exchange rates at the time of final invoicing (usually 4 months before the tour.) The same applies to approximate flight and single supplement rates, which are also quoted in the respective fixed currency.**
- b) Rates are based upon group tariffs; if the tour does not have sufficient registration a small party supplement will have to be charged.**
- c) Furthermore, these costs are subject to unforeseen increases in tour related costs and may have to be adjusted as a result.**
- d) Lastly, we may be forced to change or alter the itinerary and / or the designated tour leader at short or no notice due to unforeseen circumstances; please be aware that we will attempt to adhere as close to the original program as possible.**

**Tippling:** As noted above, gratuities (drivers, hotel staff, porters and restaurants) are NOT included on this tour. If you feel that your leader has given you excellent service, it is entirely appropriate to tip them.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DETAILS**

This tour **does not** include ANY international airfares. The tour will commence with a group transfer from Logan Airport, Boston to our hotel in Eastham. The transfer will depart the airport no later than 14:00. The tour will conclude at Logan Airport, Boston at around mid-day of day 6. Please do not book your onward flights before 14:00.

The above information in respect of arrivals and departures is a guide only. Precise arrival and departure information will be sent to you in your **Tour Confirmation** package once the tour has been officially confirmed. If you wish to arrive early and/or depart late and would like assistance in this regard, kindly contact the Rockjumper office.

**FLIGHTS**

General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport (IATA: BOS) is the main port of entry and exit for this tour. **Please DO NOT book your international flights until you have consulted the Rockjumper office for confirmation on the status of the tour.**

