



Michigan Birding with Adam Betuel
Atlanta Audubon Society
May 28 – June 2, 2019



Guide – Adam Betuel, Conservation Director

Group Size Limit – 12

Tour Price

- Member: \$1,360*
 - Nonmember: \$1,410* (Includes a one-year Atlanta Audubon membership)
 - Single supplement for non-shared hotel room: \$400/person
- *Based on double occupancy



Cost Includes

- All transportation during the trip (the hotel the last night will have a free airport shuttle)
- The group will be traveling in a chartered minibus driven by a professional driver
- All meals from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 6
 - Breakfasts will be provided by the hotel
- All entrance fees to parks as well as the fee for the Kirtland's Warbler tour
- Guide services

Cost does not include

- Airfare
- Alcohol or specialty beverages
- Snacks
- Souvenirs
- Travel insurance
- Medical costs
- Tips (for the driver, housekeeping)
- Any other incidentals that participants may wish to purchase

Lodging Overview

- May 28 – Arrival; Days Inn by Wyndham Grayling
- May 29 – Holiday Inn Express Mackinaw City
- May 30 – Magnuson Grand Hotel Lakefront Paradise
- May 31 – West Bay Beach, a Holiday Inn Resort
- June 1 - West Bay Beach, a Holiday Inn Resort
- June 2 – Departure (No hotel)

Payments

- Registration – Participants have the option to pay \$650 or the entire trip cost to reserve a spot
- Full payment due by March 1, 2019 (including single supplement costs if selected)

Cancellation

If notice of cancellation by the participant is received by March 1, 2019, a refund of all payments (less a \$50 cancellation fee) made will be given. If notice of cancellation is received between March 2 and April 20, 2019, a 50% refund of the tour fee will be given. Thereafter, all deposits and payments are non-refundable unless the space(s) can be filled. In the event of tour cancellation due to weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other unforeseen emergency situation, a 100% refund will be given, less any expenses incurred by the tour operator.

Number of species expected – 150-175

Target birds – Kirtland’s Warbler, Piping Plover, Upland Sandpiper, Clay-colored Sparrow, Nashville Warbler, Evening Grosbeak, Trumpeter Swan, Golden-winged Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Sandhill Crane, Common Merganser, Canada Jay, Spruce Grouse, Ruffed Grouse, Boreal Chickadee, Black-backed Woodpecker, White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Red-necked Grebe, Black-billed Cuckoo, Black Tern, Northern Goshawk, Alder Flycatcher, Common Raven, Brewer’s Blackbird, LeConte’s Sparrow, and many more!

Walking Effort – Easy to moderate. Most walking will be along well-maintained trails and on flat surfaces. Lots of the birding will be near our vehicle.

Photography – Some locations should provide great opportunity for photos. Kirtland’s Warbler are often nearby and should be photographable. Some locations will be in deep forests and may not be conducive for photographs (at least for beginners).

Climate – Comfortable with cold temperatures likely, especially in the morning. Expected range of temperatures are from mid-70’s to mid-30’s. Temperatures in the Upper Peninsula, especially around Paradise and Whitefish Point, can be quite cold. Rain possible.

Transportation – Minibus with professional driver. Hotel shuttle will be used on the final morning.



Water and Snacks – Snacks will not be provided on this trip but drinking water will be kept on the bus. There will be plenty of areas to refill water bottles as well (parks, gas stations, restaurants)

Itinerary

- May 28 – Arrive in Traverse City and drive to Grayling
- May 29 – Morning around Grayling, afternoon spent driving to Mackinaw City
- May 30 – Early part of the day in the southern portions of the Upper Peninsula, afternoon and evening in Paradise
- May 31 – Morning at Whitefish Point, after relocating back to Traverse City
- June 1 – Entire day spent west of Traverse City, exploring Leelanau Peninsula including Sleeping Bear Dunes
- June 2 - Departure

Map

[Trip Map](#) – Link that includes the location of our hotels, birding hotspots, and other locations of interest (airport, winery, breweries).

**Please send any questions or thoughts to
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