

Name: Maine Audubon Rare Bird Alert  
Reporting Period: July 24 – 30, 2013  
Area: State of Maine  
Compilers: Doug Hitchcox

Noteworthy Species Mentioned:

Red-billed Tropicbird+  
American White Pelican+  
Least Bittern  
Tricolored Heron  
White-faced Ibis+  
Little Gull  
South Polar Skua+

York County

Up to three LITTLE GULLS continued to be seen throughout this week along the beach at Laudholm Farm in Wells.

Greater Portland

Highlights around the Scarborough Marsh this week included: an adult TRICOLORED HERON, two apparent TRICOLORED HERON x SNOWY EGRET hybrids, and at least one WHITE-FACED IBIS. These birds have mostly been seen from the Eastern Trail running through the marsh.

Kennebec River Valley (Augusta-Waterville)

On the evening of the 30th, a LEAST BITTERN was heard calling from the boat launch at the south end of Messalonskee Lake in Belgrade.

Midcoast

A tropicbird was reported from the harbor at Monhegan Island on the 30th. This site's proximity to Seal Island and the lack of a catalyst for a new vagrant makes it seem most likely that this could have been the RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD that has been spending the summer at Seal Island.

Central Maine

On the 24th, an AMERICAN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER was reported from the Telos Road, west of Baxter State Park.

Downeast

Throughout the week, a skua was reported from the Bar Harbor Whale Watch. One photo appears to show a SOUTH POLAR SKUA, which is thought to be more likely this time of year, but GREAT SKUA was also reported.

Northern Maine

An AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN was found at Christina Reservoir in Fort Fairfield on the 29th and continued on the 30th. This is apparently the same bird that was seen in St. Agatha earlier this month.

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