Magee Marsh and Point Pelee
The Warbler Capitals of the World

Tour Special Features

Unique Habitats
Fabulous Birds
Fine Food
Beautiful Parks
Wild Landscapes
Comfortable Hotels

Small Groups! Great Leaders! Interesting People!

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Explore some of the most famous spring birding locations in North America where breathtaking looks and excellent photography opportunities abound. Discover various habitats, from the remnants of the Great Black Swamp, to Carolinian Forest, Oak Savanna, and various pine-dominated forests. The sights and sounds are endless!

Magee Marsh has the worldwide distinction of being known as “The Warbler Capital of the World”, with over 30 species of warblers regularly occurring during May migration. Each spring tens of thousands of visitors from around the world visit in order to witness the breathtaking spectacle. Just a couple miles away rests Oak Openings Preserve Metropark, the largest remaining swath of oak savanna in the world, and home to uncommon eastern breeding species such as Lark and Henslow’s Sparrows, as well as the northern-most limits of breeding species such as Summer Tanager and Blue Grosbeak.

The area of Grayling, Michigan is home to young jack pines, the specific breeding habitat of the federally endangered Kirtland’s Warbler. In the 1970s less than 500 individuals of this large warbler species remained, but conservation efforts have now led to a population over more than 5,000. Not far away is Hartwick Pines State Park, where a visit should yield Evening Grosbeaks and Pine Siskins frequenting the feeders.

Point Pelee National Park, Ontario lies almost directly across Lake Erie from Magee Marsh, and is the southernmost point of mainland Canada. Recording over 100 species in a day is not uncommon at this migration hotspot, home to breeding species not found elsewhere in Canada. Participants should be ready to explore these beautiful, unique habitats, and discover the many species of birds that call them home!

Matt Bell is a recent graduate from The Ohio State University with BS degrees in both earth sciences and evolution/ecology. Matt started birding in May 2013 and became more seriously involved after a trip to Costa Rica. Since then he helped revive The Ornithology Club at Ohio State and assisted as a volunteer guide for The Biggest Week in American Birding and the Yellow Rails and Rice Festival. He absolutely loves participating in citizen science, tour guiding, chasing rare birds in his free time, and meeting fellow birders from around the globe. Most of all, Matt enjoys sharing his passion for birds and conservation with others and never shies away from taking the time to help beginners start their explorations of the avian world. Matt is the EcoTravel travel specialist and leads day trips and overnight tours.

**General Information**

**Main Tour Cost:** $3,498.<br>**With Member Discount:** $3,098.<br>**Single Room Supplement:** $750.<br>

Prices are based upon a minimum number of four paying participants traveling together.