



**2026 Gaspé Birding Trip Registration Form**

**Tuesday, June 2 to Thursday, June 11, 2026**

**\*\* Please complete & return this page AND next page with your \$500/person deposit to reserve space.**

**Participant Name 1** \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please use full and legal name as shown on passport or other government documents*

**Passport #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp Date (DD/MM/YY)** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEE PASSPORT NOTE AT BOTTOM**

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (if it will be on trip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies/Medical Notes/Other Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Name 2** \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please use full and legal name as shown on passport or other government documents*

Check if Mailing Address / Home Phone same as above

**Passport #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp Date (DD/MM/YY)** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEE PASSPORT NOTE AT BOTTOM**

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (if it will be on trip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies/Medical Notes/Other Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

**Room Arrangements**

**Please note single supplement cost of \$750**

Shared Room  with above  with \_\_\_\_\_  Single room

**Bed Preferences** (if available)  King  Queen  Double **For couples**  one bed  two beds

**Whom shall we contact in the event of an emergency on the tour?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We have read and accept Saw Mill River Audubon Cancellation/Refund policy, and the Assumption of Risk Waiver and Release including Participant Responsibility and Changes in Service statements. I/We also confirm that we have read the "How to Have a Happy Birding Trip" document and do agree to follow those common courtesy guidelines.

Signature (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (2): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**You may type your name above and email back this form with a cover stating the your typed name is your signature.**

**PASSPORT NOTE:** Your passport expiration date must be at least six months after the trip start date. If you have a non-US passport, please check beforehand about any Visa requirements. SMRA needs your passport info to check into our lodgings.



### **Participant Responsibility**

**Though our trips are not strenuous, participants should be in good health and able to handle several hours of walking per day and adjusting to differences in altitude, time changes and other factors relating to a tour.** Participants agree to Saw Mill River Audubon Terms and Conditions upon registration as stated in this document. While we endeavor to make travel arrangements with reputable suppliers, Saw Mill River Audubon assume no responsibility for the

willful or negligent acts and/or omissions of such suppliers or of any air carrier or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of such services. All receipts, coupons, and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers, and/or air carriers. Saw Mill River Audubon assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, damage or accident to participant's baggage or personal effects. Saw Mill River Audubon assume no responsibility when any hotel, airline, air transport, train, van or bus transport, or any ground operator, or ship or watercraft operator is unable to provide any services assigned as part of this tour. Saw Mill River Audubon shall, however, use their best efforts to obtain comparable services and accommodations as soon as possible.

### **Changes in Services**

Saw Mill River Audubon reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in its judgment, conditions warrant. Costs are subject to change due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations, park fees, or other cost increases. Saw Mill River Audubon reserves the right to withdraw without penalty any tour that it has scheduled and announced. Saw Mill River Audubon is not responsible for expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for the trip (for example, non-refundable air tickets, visa fees, equipment, medical expenses, etc.) or for any necessary additional travel arrangements. **The right is reserved to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the trip leader(s) to be in the best interests of the health, safety, or general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant.**

### **FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS: PLEASE READ & INITIAL BELOW AND RETURN WITH COMPLETED FORM**

#### **Assumption of Risk** You may type initial(s) in boxes below to signify your agreement with the below statements.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am voluntarily participating in the trip with knowledge that this trip or tour, conducted or arranged by Saw Mill River Audubon involves certain risks and dangers that include, but are not limited to, the forces of nature, terrorism, civil unrest, wild animals, roads, hotels, vehicles, taxis, boats, elevated walkways, jungle trails or other means of conveyance or accommodation which may not be operated nor maintained to standards common in the United States. I understand that there are inherent risks and dangers with the excursion, known or unknown, relating but not limited to car, truck, tractor, van, bus, train, air, kayak, canoe, raft, inflatable craft, boat, or ship travel, nature walks and hikes, backpacking, wading, swimming, snorkeling, skin diving, and scuba diving, bird watching, wildlife viewing, and photography, accidents or illnesses, and acts of nature including weather, wildlife, man or God. However, in consideration of the right to participate in this excursion, I hereby release Saw Mill River Audubon and their officers, agents, leaders, volunteers, employers, and employees from all responsibility for damages, injuries, deaths, losses or delays due to any reason whatsoever, and I hereby assume responsibility for all risks and dangers in connection with the excursion.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that an accident or illness could occur in remote places without access to immediate or timely medical treatment or facilities. I am aware of the risk of tropical or other diseases. I am aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available during all or part of my trip. This includes emergency medical care, presence of physicians, and adequate medication. With knowledge of the foregoing, I assume all of such risks. Moreover, I am in good health and am able to participate in such trip or tour and the activities related thereto except as otherwise disclosed in writing on the registration form.

#### **Waiver and Release of Liability**

\_\_\_\_\_ In consideration of, and with the payment of my deposit with intention to participate in such trip or tour and/or in other activities and services conducted or arranged by Saw Mill River Audubon, I agree that neither Saw Mill River Audubon nor any of their representatives shall be liable for any accident, injury, property damage, or personal loss to me or to those traveling with me in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other travel services, or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions beyond Saw Mill River Audubon's control. I hereby waive any and all claims for liability against Saw Mill River Audubon or any of their officers or representatives as a result of my participation in this tour, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any and all liability to the undersigned, his/her personal representatives, heirs, assigns, and next of kin, for any and all losses, damages or injuries or any claim or demand on account of injury to the person or property of the undersigned. **I acknowledge that this hold harmless clause is prerequisite to my taking part in this trip organized by Saw Mill River Audubon.**

*Please re-read before our trip. As stated earlier, your payment is an agreement to these commonsense trip courtesies.*

## How to Have a Happy Group Birding Trip\*

\* suggestions from past trip leaders & participants

- **Don't complain or grumble. Really.** If something is not right for you, please tell the trip leaders ASAP and please also tell us privately. Then we will work with you and each other to help. Grumbling to the entire group hurts the group morale. Please don't do it.
- **Arrive early to meeting times. Never late.** One of the fastest ways to set people's teeth on edge during a group trip is to show up late when everyone is sitting in the vehicles and waiting to go. Things can happen sometimes to delay any of us but plan to be early, not just on time.
- **Please do not wander off on your own** unless you have first checked one-on-one with a group leader that it is okay and then told them where you are going and how long you will be gone. This small loss of spontaneity is a trade-off for birding in a group. Please be kind to your leaders about this.
- **Always strive to be friendly and polite.** Does it need saying? Sometimes. We can all get caught up in the birding excitement and the traveling logistics and forget how off putting some words can be. Especially toward the end of tiring days. Strive to be nice.
- **Remember basic group birding etiquette, like these key tips:**
  - **Stay behind or, at least, beside the leader** when they are leading a walk.
  - It is often helpful to **limit unrelated conversation** with a walk leader when they are trying to listen and look for birds (or other wildlife) to show you.
  - **Hit pause on all conversations and movement** if leader has stopped walking or driving to listen or look for a bird, and/or when they are pishing.
  - **Don't play recorded bird sounds or do "pishing" yourself or use a spotting laser** during a group birding experience without checking with a leader first. Let them take the lead on that.
  - **Don't be a scope hog.** Do let other people look first if it is a new bird for them and, when it is your turn, take quick looks. Say something ASAP if you can't see the bird. If confirmed to still be in the scope view, look one more time and then step aside whether you see it or not, to let others try.
  - **In a group situation, don't be THAT photographer or birder** who crowds to the front and blocks other people in pursuit of a special shot/view. Use basic courtesy to share the view and take turns. (This will be very important if we are on narrower trails or looking through a narrow opening at a perched bird.)
- **Remember the basics of ethical wildlife photography:** you are crowding too close to a bird if it is reacting uneasily to your presence. (Never walk quickly right at a bird but move slowly & at an angle.)
- **Do help us all find the birds!** If you see a bird, say something right away and make sure a leader hears you. Don't worry if it turns out to be a stump or branch or leaf bird. All bird species count for the trip list, common or not. And please be sure to tell us if you are NOT seeing or hearing a bird or other wildlife that others are on. Right away. We really don't want you to miss out!
- **LISTING STUFF:** The group's trip list will only include birds seen by at least one leader plus at least one participant. We won't include "leader only" birds. If you see/hear birds on your own, they can certainly be added to your personal trip list, of course. If you take a picture of trip bird not seen by others but that is identifiable, it will go on the group list, with an asterisk.

**Saw Mill River Audubon has always enjoyed friendly and fun group travel trips.**

**We are very glad you are choosing to travel with us on this trip!**