

Birding Northern Michigan

Northern Michigan is home to more than the unique Kirtland's Warbler, the symbol of Michigan Audubon Society (MAS). Perched on the border of the northern hardwoods and the Canadian boreal forest, our area invites a spectacular assemblage of breeding and migrant birds. Our MAS "Specialty Tours" target some of the more highly-prized species. Our tour routes are thoroughly scouted to maximize your chances of seeing all the species you are looking for. Additionally, our knowledgeable tour guide will provide an enjoyable interpretive tour tailored to each participant's interests.



- 1 Grayling Specialties
- 2 Tawas Point Migrants & Least Bittern
- 3 Connecticut Warbler & U.P. Boreal Specialties

Fun, enjoyable tours for all birders, whether you're listing or just out for a casual avian encounter. The perfect complement to your Kirtland's Warbler Tour.



MAS Specialty Tour leader Caleb Putnam in the Bridger Range of Montana. ©2005, Brett Walker

About Your Tour Guide

Caleb Putnam is a Michigan native and a member of the Michigan Audubon Society. He earned a B.S. in Biology from Alma College in 1999 and an M.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana in 2003. A lifelong birder, Caleb has extensive knowledge of Michigan birds and places to find them. In 2004, Caleb led public Kirtland's Warbler tours for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He is currently a member of the Michigan Bird Records Committee, an active author of ornithological articles, and co-author of *Montana Birds*, published by Lone Pine Publishing.

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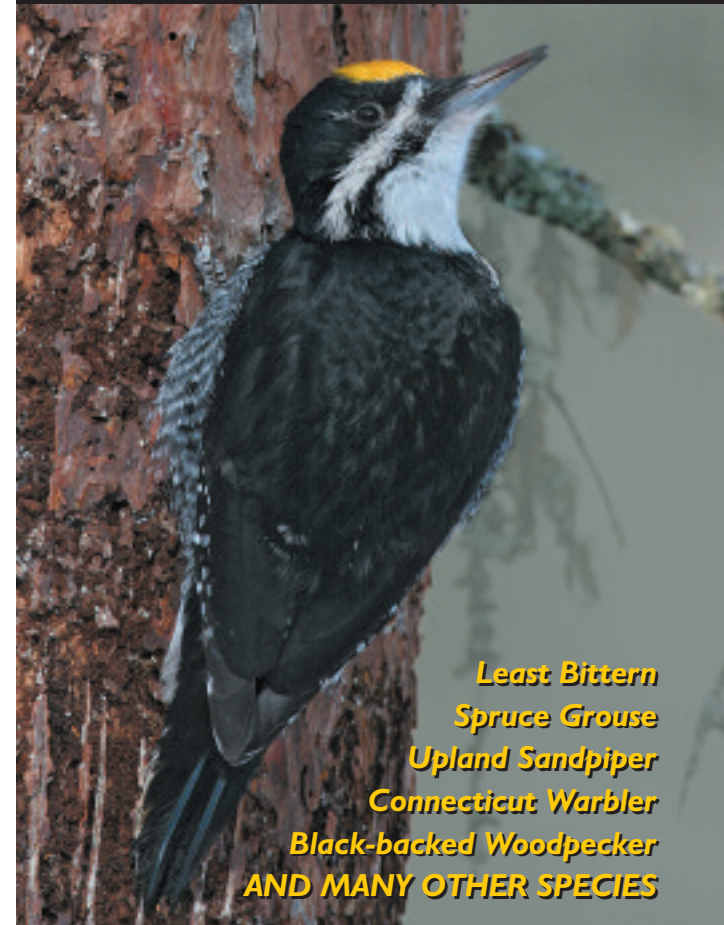
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Michigan Audubon Society's Birding Blast Specialty Tours



**Least Bittern
Spruce Grouse
Upland Sandpiper
Connecticut Warbler
Black-backed Woodpecker
AND MANY OTHER SPECIES**

**Weekly
From Grayling, Michigan
May 14 to July 1, 2005**

Reservations Recommended

Advance payment required to guarantee reservations.

Black-backed Woodpecker ©2005 Paul Rossi

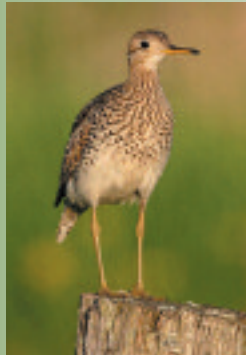
MICHIGAN AUDUBON SOCIETY SPRING SPECIALTY TOURS

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1 Grayling Specialties

WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
MAY 18 – JUNE 30 (plus Fri., May 20)
3PM – 7PM (approximate) • No Limit



Upland Sandpiper
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Departing from the Grayling Holiday Inn at 3PM on Wednesdays and Thursdays, this four-hour caravan tour will follow the 11AM Kirtland's Warbler tour. We will begin with a stop at Hartwick Pines State Park for Evening Grosbeak and a walk with a park naturalist. The tour will then move to selected areas east of town where we will search for Upland Sandpiper, Clay-colored Sparrow, and several other local species of interest, such as Black-billed Cuckoo, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Golden-winged Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Vesper Sparrow, and other species. Specific requests for other species will be also entertained. The tour will return to the Grayling Holiday Inn around 7PM.



Clay-colored Sparrow © Ron Austing – www.ronausting.com

Not-yet MAS member \$35
MAS member \$25

2 Tawas Point Migrants and Least Bittern

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS
MAY 17 – MAY 31 (except Fri., May 20)
5:30AM – 7PM (approximate) • Limit: 12**



Least Bittern © Ron Austing – www.ronausting.com

Departing from the Grayling Holiday Inn at 5:30AM, this tour is an all-day caravan to Tawas Point State Park, widely recognized as the best migrant trap in the lower peninsula. We should enjoy a swath of breeding-plumaged warblers (20+ species possible) and other songbird and shorebird migrants as they pass through this incredible natural concentration point. Tawas Point also features very interesting geological, botanical and other features which will be explored during the tour. After a mid-day lunch in Tawas City (cost not included), we will move to nearby Tuttle Marsh, where we will search for Least Bittern and other interesting marsh birds. Depending on time and interest, the tour may conclude at a nearby Trumpeter Swan site, then return to Grayling by mid-evening.

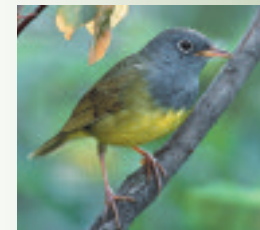


Blackburnian Warbler ©2005 Paul Rossi

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3 Connecticut Warbler and U.P. Boreal Specialties

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS
JUNE 3 – JULY 1
5:30AM – 7PM (approximate) • Limit: 12**



Connecticut Warbler
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Departing from the Grayling Holiday Inn at 5:30AM, this tour is an all-day caravan exploring the boreal forests of the eastern Upper Peninsula. Our targets will be Connecticut Warbler, Spruce Grouse, Mourning Warbler, Black-backed Woodpecker and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, among other species. Other possibilities include Sedge Wren and Philadelphia Vireo. This area also supports a great variety of breeding warblers, thrushes, wrens, vireos, and other interesting species. The tour will stop for a mid-day lunch (price not included in tour) at a local restaurant where you can get a feel for the local culture and cuisine. Returning to Grayling mid-evening.



Spruce Grouse © Ron Austing – www.ronausting.com

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See map on reverse for tour locations ➔

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