

Sheltered beaches along the **Pirate's Path Coastal Area** provide caplin spawning habitats which attract a myriad of seabirds. They nest in the burrows and crevices along the cliffs, especially black guillemots and bald eagles.

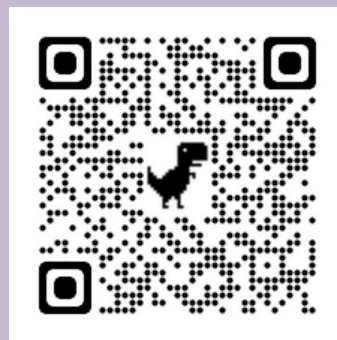
Know Your Names

Common Name	Local Name
Black guillemot	Sea pigeon
Osprey	Fish hawk
Double-crested cormorant	Shag
Herring gull	Blue gull, bluey



Conservation Areas of Harbour Grace

- Harbour Grace Estuary
- Pirate's Path Coastal Area
- Bannerman Lake



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Seabirds

of the
Pirate's Path
Coastal Area



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Photo by Judy Ash

Herring gull

A common bird in Newfoundland, the **herring gull** preys on fish and marine invertebrates. They also eat fish, rats, bugs, and garbage along our coasts. Herring gull populations have increased due to increased human waste and legal protection. You'll see plenty of herring gulls during the summer provincial food fishery.



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Double-crested cormorant

Rarely encountered offshore, the **double-crested cormorant** has become a common sight on inland coastlines in Newfoundland. They stand upright (often with wings outstretched) and have a craned neck. Their guano is highly acidic and negatively affects ground vegetation.

Know Your Seabirds



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Osprey

A spectacular fisher, the **osprey** spots prey from 30 metres above water, swoops down, and grabs fish with its strong feet. They plunge no more than a metre into shallow water. Their nests are easy to spot—look for great tangles of sticks in dead trees.



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Bald eagle

The largest bird of prey in Newfoundland, the **bald eagle** soars high along cliffs and coastlines. With its white head and fierce appearance, the bald eagle is easily recognizable. They eat fish, other small birds and mammals, and carrion. Look for the eagle nest on the Long Harry sea stack.



Black guillemot

The **black guillemot** stays close to shore year-round. They feed along inshore waters on small fish and marine invertebrates. They nest along cliff crevices (such as Cookroom Cove on the Pirate's Path). They have a pot-bellied appearance, and their feet can be seen wading in the water from a distance.



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Atlantic puffin

The official bird of our province and seen in many tourism ads, the **Atlantic puffin** is easily identifiable due to its distinct, parrot-like beak and stark orange legs. It dives for fish and can carry several in its bill at once. A member of the auk (alcid) family, it is related to the black guillemot.