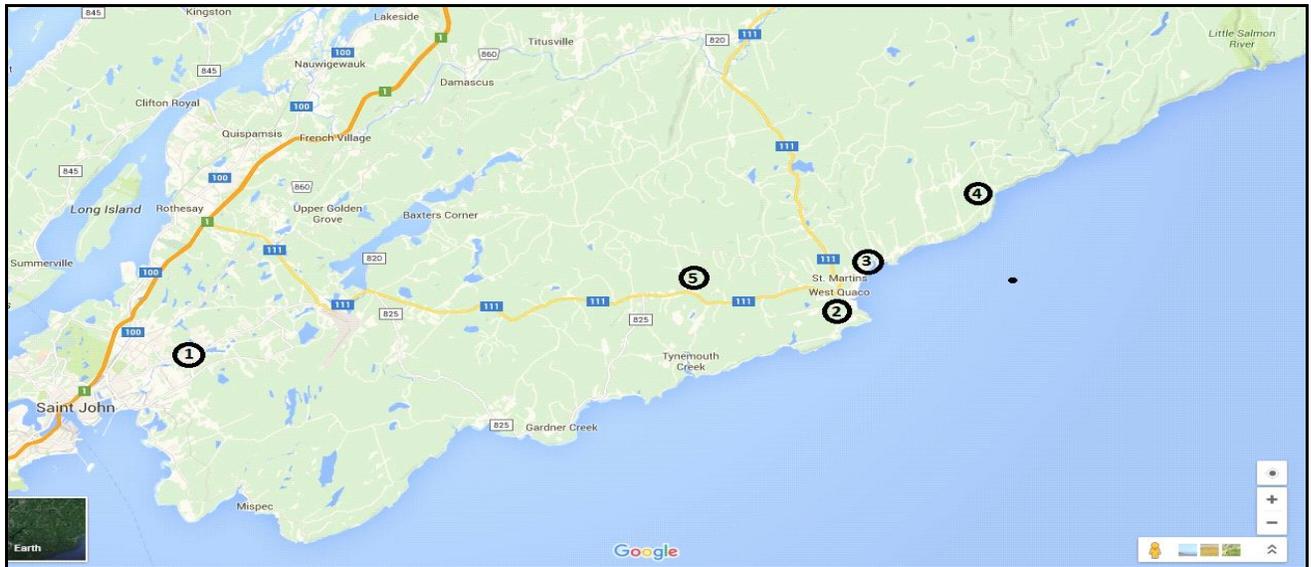


FUNDY COAST EAST – MAP 3



The coastline steepens to the east of Saint John as high cliffs rise abruptly from the bay. Water birds are less abundant than along the lower-profiled coast west of the city; the scenery however is spectacular. On Loch Lomond Road the Little River Reservoir can be a great place to check out a variety of bird species spring through fall.

For a pleasant drive and average birding, take Route 111 towards St. Martins. Keep an eye on the open fields along Route 111 for American Kestrel, Northern Harrier and in winter, Northern Shrike. Just after reaching Loch Lomond, branch right onto Route 825 to Gardner Creek. Three kilometers east of Gardner Creek a side road leads to the right to a Duck Pond where the offshore water is a good spot for ducks in the fall. There is a trail along the west side of the pond that has excellent warbler habitat. Continue on Route 825 where you will reach Route 111 at Fairfield. Turn right to continue to St. Martins where a substantial marsh and beach attract concentrations of migrants.

1. LITTLE RIVER RESERVOIR

This restored habitat has been made into a multi-use park and is located on Loch Lomond Road 2.8 km east from the corner of McAllister Drive and Loch Lomond Road. The parking area on the right offers access to the beach, a playground and walking path. This wide gravel trail (3.4 km) passes through areas of lakes, streams, bogs and woodlands where many species of birds including ducks, wading and shorebirds, warblers, sparrows and flycatchers can be found.

2. WEST QUACO

Just before St. Martins, turn right on West Quaco Road. Spring and fall migrations offer the best birding here. Geese are common in spring. Shorebirds cluster around the creek and beach from mid-July through October. Migrating land birds often show up in the surrounding thickets and woods; the possibility of strays is fairly good. Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow may be found on the marsh in summer. From the marsh and beach, drive up the hill and turn left to the Quaco Head light. From the headland, scoters, eiders, loons, grebes, and Purple Sandpipers may be seen in winter.

3. ST. MARTINS

Continue on Route 111 to the picturesque village of St. Martins with its cobble beach and sea caves in the cliffs. The village gardens and shrubbery are worth watching for strays during migration.

4. FUNDY TRAIL

The Fundy Trail Parkway consists of a toll road and linear trail. The parkway road is not open year round and visitors should check the Fundy Parkway website for hours of operation. The Parkway gate is located about 10 km east of St. Martins and incorporates a walking/biking trail and road to Long Beach Lookout (19 km) with spectacular coastal views along the way. The road will eventually be extended to Fundy National Park. The entire parkway can be good for warblers, other woodland species and migrants in the fall.

The Parking Lot P2 can be a great place to start your birding as many warblers can be found in the alders along the length of the parking lot.

The 1.5 km Flower Pot Rock Trail with its diverse habitat is where warblers, wrens, thrush and tanagers can be found. This trail can be accessed from Parking Lot P3. Check your park map for access points.

5. MCGRAW ROAD AND UPPER QUACO ROAD

Heading west towards Saint John from St. Martins, the area north of Route 111 has good opportunities for most woodland species including Boreal Chickadee, Northern Shrike and Gray Jay. Turn north off Route 111 onto the Upper Quaco Road and continue north until you reach the McGraw Road (on the left) checking the large open fields and diverse habitats as you continue. Follow this road until it intersects with Route 111 then turn right to return to Saint John.