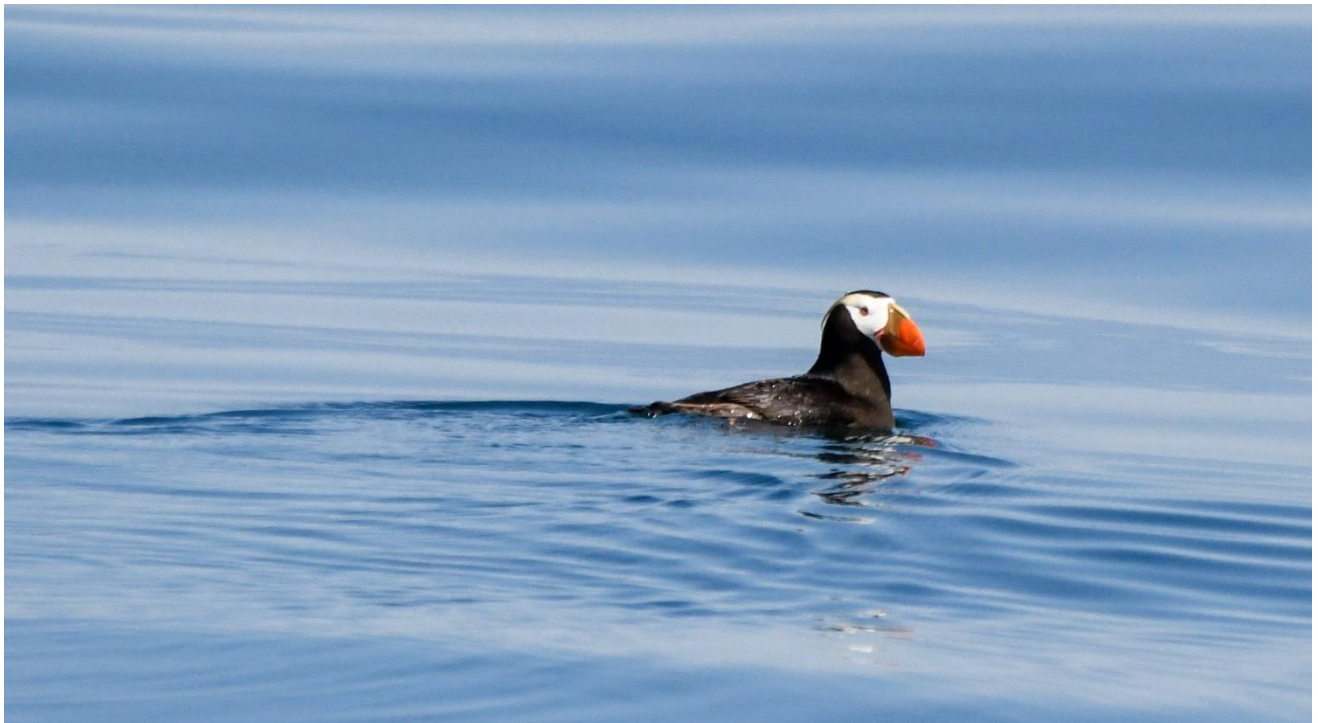


THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB

QUIZ 134

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What birds belong to the genus *Puffinus*?



This isn't one.

Link to ponder: HBW and BirdLife International Illustrated Checklist of the [Birds of the World](#).

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There are 21 or so species in the genus *Puffinus*, all of them shearwaters. The most familiar of them to most New Jersey birders are the Audubon and the Manx shearwaters.

The genus name is a Latinization of the English word “puffin.” Originally, that word referred not to the familiar big-beaked auks but to the Manx shearwater, and particularly to the dried, salted carcasses of the “notoriously corpulent” young of that species. It was transferred to another chubby species, our Atlantic puffin, in the late seventeenth century.

Manx Shearwater
Puffinus puffinus



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Southwest Wings

