

# Aroostook

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Fact Sheet for Members of Congress

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#### Profile

Established:	1998
Current acres:	4,932 fee title 2400 easement
Proposed total acres:	50,000
Staff:	2
FY 2001 budget:	\$280,500
2001 volunteer hours:	300
2001 visitation:	900

#### Purpose

To protect and manage wetlands, uplands and natural resources for the enhancement of wildlife populations, especially waterfowl and neotropical migratory birds.

#### Public Use Notes

- Visitor center
- The refuge is planning a 5- to 10-mile trail system, opening portions to hunting and fishing, and a self-guided auto tour route and watchable wildlife sites

#### Management Activities

- Creating and managing wetland habitats for waterfowl and other waterbirds
- Managing 400 acres of grassland habitat for nesting grassland birds
- Forest management for woodcock and neotropical migrants
- Habitat restoration on a former Air Force Base for migrating and resident wildlife

#### Highlights

The refuge has more than 150 species of birds, including 20 species of wood warbler, 8 species of thrush, 10 species of waterfowl and a host of raptors.

#### Issues

The former U.S. Air Force base has miles of chain link fencing, razor wire, bunkers and other buildings.

Expanding potato-processing needs threaten grassland nesting birds.

Former base is listed as a CERCLA site due to groundwater contamination and other issues.

Acquisition of several abutting properties would enhance resource management potential and secure the refuge's boundary.



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