

Petit Manan

National Wildlife Refuge

Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Fact Sheet for Members of Congress

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Profile

Established:	1974
Current acres:	7,800
Cross Island	1,703
Franklin Island	12
Pond Island	10
Seal Island	65
Staff:	6
FY 2003 budget:	\$601,241
2002 volunteer hours:	4,500
2002 visitation:	48,000

Purpose

Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge was established as an inviolate sanctuary and for any other management purpose relating to migratory birds.

Public Use Notes

- Two interpretive hiking trails
- Commercial tour boats out of Bar Harbor offer views of seabirds on Petit Manan Island
- Commercial tour boats out of Cutler and Jonesport offer view of seabirds on Machias Seal Island

Management Activities

- Restoring colonies of nesting seabirds to offshore islands
- Maintaining grasslands through mowing and prescribed burning
- Providing waterfowl habitat through water level management

Highlights

From May to early August, eight species of seabirds, including Arctic and endangered roseate terns and Atlantic puffins, nest on 16-acre Petit Manan Island, three miles offshore.

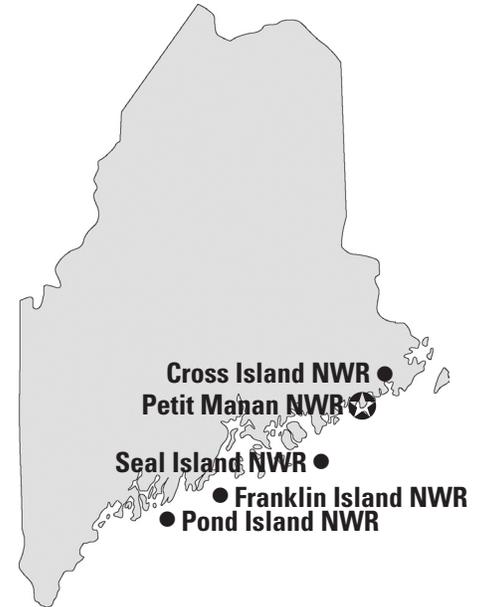
During October, 80-acre Cranberry Marsh on Petit Manan Point, overflows with 4,000 ducks, including black duck, blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, wood duck and mallard.

During spring migration, Petit Manan Point is flooded with neotropical migratory songbirds.

More than 300 bird species have been identified on the refuge.

Issues

Residential development on offshore islands causing loss of seabird nesting habitat



Marine fishery declines affecting the seabird food resource, especially sea herring and hake

Increasing kayaking and its impact on nesting sea birds

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