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One hundred years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt took a small step that launched the modern conservation movement. By executive order, he protected Pelican Island, Florida, as a bird sanctuary to protect its dwindling bird life from the onslaught of plume hunters during what is now known as the Feather Wars. From that modest beginning, the National Wildlife Refuge System has grown to almost 95 million acres with refuges across all of the United States. Larger than the National Park System but not as well known, the Refuge System plays a vital role in conserving our Nation's biological diversity. In this edition of the Bulletin, we look at a few examples of how refuges help to protect and recover endangered species.



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A variety of bird species are protected at Pelican Island NWR, the cornerstone of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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The Yukon Delta NWR in Alaska is important nesting habitat for the listed Steller's and spectacled eiders, as well as many other migratory birds.

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