

# Maine Coastal Islands

## National Wildlife Refuge

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Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge comprises five individual national wildlife refuges totaling 47 islands and four mainland units. The refuge spans the coast from Kittery to Cutler. Administrative offices are located in Rockport and Milbridge.

### Purpose

The five national wildlife refuges were established for "particular value in carrying out the national migratory bird management program."

### Public Use Notes

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

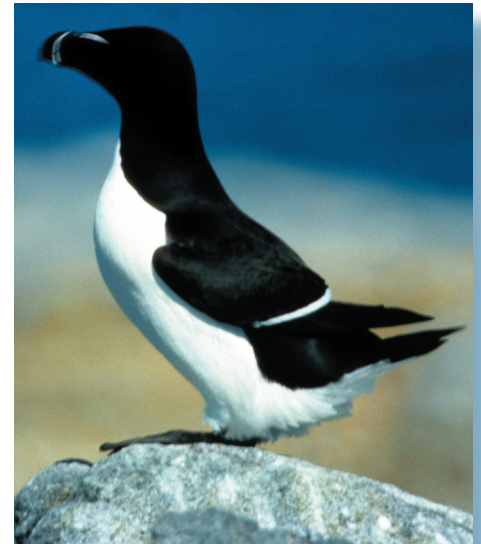
### Highlights

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, the 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.



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### 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 seabirds

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