

John H. Chafee at Pettaquamscutt Cove

National Wildlife Refuge

Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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Refuge at Pettaquamscutt Cove is
one of five national wildlife refuges in
the Rhode Island Complex.

Purpose

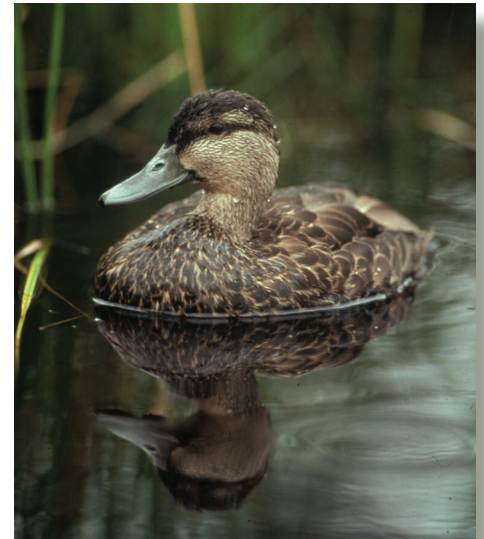
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Refuge was established to protect
and enhance populations of black duck
and other waterfowl, to provide for
conservation and management of fish
and wildlife; to fulfill international
treaty obligations respecting fish and
wildlife, and to provide opportunities
for scientific research, environmental
education, and fish and wildlife-
oriented recreation.

Public Use Notes

- Open to fishing
- Spectacular birding from canoe
or kayak

Management Activities

- Implementing the approved
comprehensive conservation plan
(2002) to enhance wildlife habitats,
control invasive species, eliminate
non-compatible uses and increase
visitor services
- Land protection plan targets 1,200
acres for land acquisition
- Provide cooperative assistance to
other landowners for grassland
and shrubland restoration
- Protecting the threatened piping
plover on cooperators' lands
- New complex-wide \$2.6 million
office and visitor center building in
Charlestown opened in fall 2005
- Monitoring wildlife and habitat



Black duck

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Highlights

The refuge enjoys strong
partnerships with non-government
organizations.

The refuge works with non-
government organizations and
schools to support watershed-wide
environmental education activities.

A land exchange with the town of
Narragansett to allow a bike path
completion added 11.5 acres to the
refuge in 2004.

Working with the town and state
Department of Transportation,
the refuge made improvements to
the Sprague Bridge boat launch
site, enhancing public access to the
refuge and Narrow River.

The refuge is developing a
waterfowl hunting plan.

Issues

High cost of land acquisition

Reducing the spread of invasive
species

Recommendation for adopting no-
wake zones in the lower Narrow
River to protect salt marsh habitats

Small, isolated parcels make
management difficult

Managing inappropriate public uses

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