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Birds



Cape May Warbler
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This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become a symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge Complex spans over 200 miles of Maine coastline and contains 40 offshore islands and three coastal parcels, totaling more than 7,000 acres. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages the complex as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Birding Highlights

Common, Arctic, and endangered roseate terns, Atlantic puffins, razorbills, black guillemots, common eiders, and laughing gulls nest on refuge islands from mid-May to early August.

In May and June, the forests of the mainland are filled with the songs of hermit and Swainson's thrushes, song sparrows, and Nashville, magnolia, black-throated green, and palm warblers. Blackpoll warblers are passing through to their breeding grounds farther north.

Shorebird migration reaches its height in August, with red knots, semipalmated and least sandpipers, semipalmated and black-bellied plovers, and short-billed dowitchers seen on the mud flats of the mainland divisions. Dunlins follow in September.

Bald eagles nest on some refuge islands. Merlins, peregrine falcons, and sharp-shinned hawks pass through the refuge in the fall.

Fall waterfowl migration occurs from late September into October. Cranberry Flowage, on Petit Manan Point, is filled with black ducks, green-winged teal, northern pintails, and mallards. Oldsquaw, common goldeneyes, and surf and white-winged scoters winter on coastal waters.

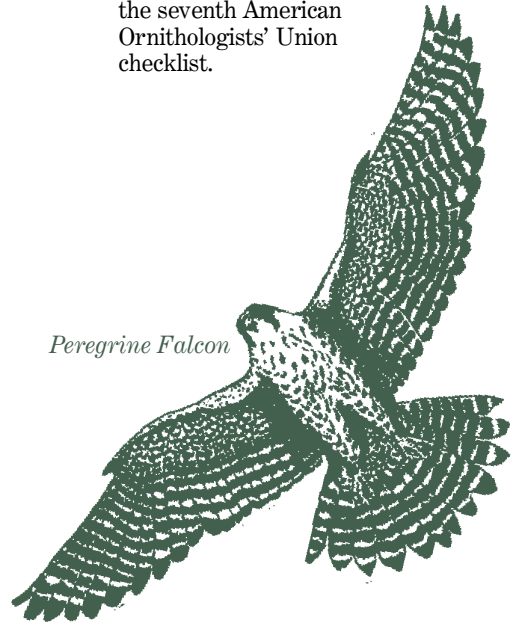
Where to See Birds

Seabird islands are closed to the public during the nesting season, April 1 – August 31, to minimize disturbance to the birds. Commercial tour boats provide views of nesting seabirds on Petit Manan and Machias Seal islands. Contact one of the refuge offices for more information.

The Petit Manan Point Division has two hiking trails that offer birding opportunities. The Hollingsworth Trail is a 1.5-mile loop, while the Birch Point Trail is a four-mile round trip. Both pass through blueberry fields and spruce-fir forests and along cobble beaches. The Birch Point Trail leads to a large saltmarsh. To reach Petit Manan Point, take Pigeon Hill Road off of U.S. Route 1 in Steuben.

How to Use This List

This brochure lists over 300 species that have been identified on the refuge. Of these, 113 have been confirmed to nest on or near the refuge, and 20 are accidental visitors. The list is in accordance with the seventh American Ornithologists' Union checklist.



Peregrine Falcon

Most birds are migratory, therefore, their seasonal occurrence is coded as follows:

Season

Sp	spring	March – May
S	summer	June – August
F	fall	September – November
W	winter	December – February

Relative abundance

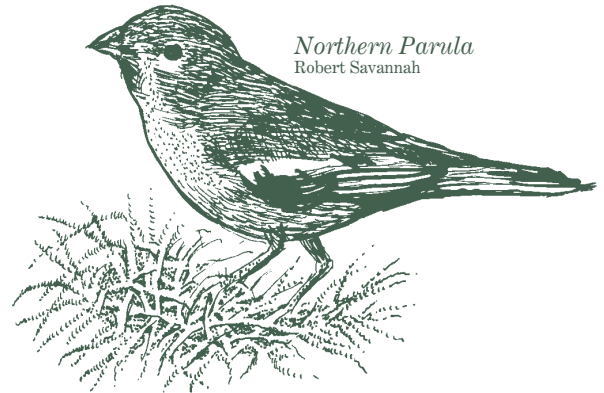
Relative abundance indicates how likely you are to see or hear a bird in its favored habitat.

- a** abundant very likely to be seen or heard
- c** common likely to be seen or heard
- u** uncommon present, but not likely to be seen or heard
- o** occasional seen or heard only a few times during a season
- r** rare may not be seen or heard every year
- x** accidental out of normal range

- Birds known to nest on or near the refuge.
Italics indicate Federally threatened/ endangered species.

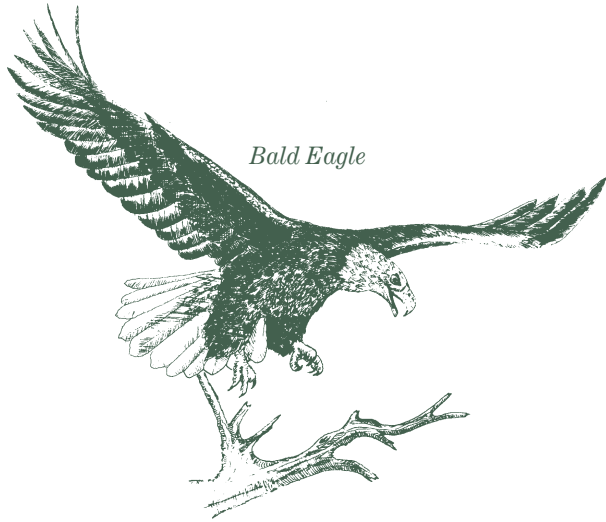
	Sp	S	F	W
Loons				
___ Red-throated Loon _____	u		u	r
___ Arctic Loon _____	x			
___ Common Loon _____	c	u	c	c
Grebes				
___ Pied-billed Grebe _____	r		o	
___ Horned Grebe _____	c		c	c
___ Red-necked Grebe _____	c	o	c	c
Shearwaters				
___ Greater Shearwater _____		r	r	
___ Sooty Shearwater _____	r	r		
___ Manx Shearwater _____		r		
Storm-Petrels				
___ Wilson's Storm-Petrel _____		o		
___ • Leach's Storm-Petrel _____	u	u	u	
Gannets				
___ Northern Gannet _____	o	o	o	

	Sp	S	F	W
Cormorants				
___ • Double-crested Cormorant _____	a	a	a	r
___ • Great Cormorant _____	c	o	c	o
Bitterns, Herons and Egrets				
___ • American Bittern _____	u	u	u	
___ Least Bittern _____	r			
___ • Great Blue Heron _____	c	u	c	o
___ Great Egret _____			r	
___ Snowy Egret _____	r	r		
___ Little Blue Heron _____	r			
___ Tricolored Heron _____		r		
___ Cattle Egret _____	r	r		
___ Green Heron _____	r	r		
___ • Black-crowned Night-Heron _____	r	r	r	
Ibises				
___ Glossy Ibis _____	r			
New World Vultures				
___ Turkey Vulture _____	r		r	
Geese and Ducks				
___ Snow Goose _____	o			
___ Canada Goose _____	o	r	o	o
___ Brant _____	c		o	
___ • Wood Duck _____	u	u	u	
___ Gadwall _____	r		r	
___ American Wigeon _____	o	r	u	



Northern Parula
Robert Savannah

	Sp	S	F	W
___ • American Black Duck _____	c	c	a	c
___ • Mallard _____	o	o	c	r
___ • Blue-winged Teal _____	u	u	u	
___ Northern Shoveler _____	r			
___ Northern Pintail _____	o	r	u	
___ • Green-winged Teal _____	c	c	a	
___ Canvasback _____			r	
___ Ring-necked Duck _____	r		r	
___ Greater Scaup _____	o		r	
___ Lesser Scaup _____	r		r	
___ King Eider _____	r	r		
___ • Common Eider _____	a	a	a	a
___ Harlequin Duck _____	u		r	r
___ Surf Scoter _____	c	o	c	r



___ White-winged Scoter _____	c	u	c	u
___ Black Scoter _____	a	o	u	r
___ Oldsquaw _____	c	r	a	c
___ Bufflehead _____	u		u	u
___ Common Goldeneye _____	c		c	c
___ Barrow's Goldeneye _____	u		r	u
___ • Hooded Merganser _____	r	r	r	
___ Common Merganser _____	o			

___ Red-breasted Merganser _____	c	u	c	c
___ Ruddy Duck _____			o	

Osprey, Hawks and Eagles

___ • Osprey _____	u	u	u	
___ • <i>Bald Eagle</i> _____	u	u	u	u
___ • Northern Harrier _____	c	c	c	o
___ • Sharp-shinned Hawk _____	u	o	a	o
___ Cooper's Hawk _____	o		o	
___ • Northern Goshawk _____	u	u	u	u
___ Red-shouldered Hawk _____	r	r		
___ • Broad-winged Hawk _____	o	o	u	
___ Red-tailed Hawk _____	o	o	u	r
___ Rough-legged Hawk _____	o		o	o
___ Golden Eagle _____	r			

Falcons

___ American Kestrel _____	c		c	
___ • Merlin _____	o	o	c	
___ Gyrfalcon _____				r
___ Peregrine Falcon _____	r	o	c	

Gallinaceous Birds

___ Ring-necked Pheasant _____	r	r	r	
___ • Ruffed Grouse _____	c	c	c	c
___ • Spruce Grouse _____	u	u	u	u
___ Willow Ptarmigan _____	x			

Rails

___ King Rail _____		r		
___ Virginia Rail _____	r			
___ Sora _____		r	r	
___ American Coot _____			r	

Plovers

___ Black-bellied Plover _____	c	c	c	r
___ American Golden-Plover _____		o	u	
___ Semipalmated Plover _____	c	a	c	
___ <i>Piping Plover</i> _____	r	r		
___ • Killdeer _____	u	u	u	

Oystercatchers

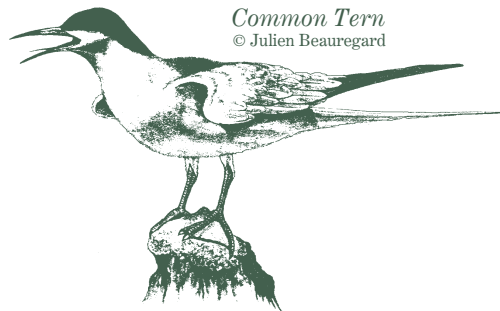
___ • American Oystercatcher _____	r	r	r	
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	Sp	S	F	W
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
___ Greater Yellowlegs _____	c	c	c	r
___ Lesser Yellowlegs _____	o	c	c	
___ Solitary Sandpiper _____		o	o	
• Willet _____	c	c	r	
• Spotted Sandpiper _____	u	u	u	
___ Upland Sandpiper _____	r	r		
___ Whimbrel _____	o	u	u	
___ Hudsonian Godwit _____		o	o	
___ Bar-tailed Godwit _____			x	
___ Marbled Godwit _____	r			
___ Ruddy Turnstone _____	c	c	c	
___ Red Knot _____	u	c	u	
___ Sanderling _____	o	c	c	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper _____	u	a	c	
___ Western Sandpiper _____	r	o	o	
___ Least Sandpiper _____	u	c	u	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper _____	o	c	c	
___ Baird's Sandpiper _____		o	o	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper _____	o	u	u	
___ Purple Sandpiper _____	c		u	u
___ Dunlin _____	o		c	
___ Curlew Sandpiper _____		r		
___ Stilt Sandpiper _____			r	
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper _____		r	r	
___ Ruff _____		x		
___ Short-billed Dowitcher _____	u	c	u	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher _____		r		
___ Common Snipe _____	o	o	u	
• American Woodcock _____	u	u	u	
___ Wilson's Phalarope _____	r	r		
___ Red-necked Phalarope _____	r	r		

Jaegers, Gulls and Terns

___ Pomarine Jaeger _____		r		
___ Parasitic Jaeger _____	r	o		
• Laughing Gull _____	c	c	c	
___ Franklin's Gull _____			r	
___ Little Gull _____			r	
___ Black-headed Gull _____	r	r	r	r
___ Bonaparte's Gull _____	o	c	c	o
___ Ring-billed Gull _____	u	u	c	u
• Herring Gull _____	a	a	a	a

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Iceland Gull _____	u		u	u
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull _____		r		r
___ Glaucous Gull _____	r		r	r
• Great Black-backed Gull _____	a	a	a	a
___ Black-legged Kittiwake _____		o	o	o
___ Gull-billed Tern _____		x		
___ Caspian Tern _____	r			
___ Royal Tern _____		x		
___ Sandwich Tern _____		x		
• Roseate Tern _____	u	u		
• Common Tern _____	c	c	u	
• Arctic Tern _____	c	c	u	
___ Least Tern _____		r		
___ Sooty Tern _____		x		
___ Black Tern _____	o	o		
___ Black Skimmer _____		x		
Auks and Puffins				
___ Dovekie _____		r	r	r
___ Common Murre _____	r	r		
___ Thick-billed Murre _____				r
• Razorbill _____	u	u	r	
• Black Guillemot _____	c	c	c	u
• Atlantic Puffin _____	u	u	r	
Pigeons and Doves				
___ Rock Dove _____		o	o	
• Mourning Dove _____	c	c	c	





Black Duck

	Sp	S	F	W
Cuckoos				
___ • Black-billed Cuckoo _____	o	o	o	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo _____			u	
Barn Owls				
___ Barn Owl _____	x			
Typical Owls				
___ • Great Horned Owl _____	o	o	o	o
___ Snowy Owl _____	r		r	o
___ Northern Hawk Owl _____			r	r
___ Barred Owl _____	r	r	r	
___ Short-eared Owl _____	r		r	r
___ • Northern Saw-whet Owl _____	r	r	r	
Nightjars				
___ Common Nighthawk _____	r	u	o	
___ Chuck-will's-widow _____	x			
___ • Whip-poor-will _____	u	u	u	
Swifts				
___ Chimney Swift _____	u	o	o	
Hummingbirds				
___ • Ruby-throated Hummingbird _____	o	o	o	
Kingfishers				
___ • Belted Kingfisher _____	u	u	u	

Woodpeckers

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-headed Woodpecker _____	r		r	
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker _____	r		u	
___ • Downy Woodpecker _____	c	c	c	c
___ • Hairy Woodpecker _____	u	u	u	u
___ Black-backed Woodpecker _____	r			r
___ • Northern Flicker _____	c	c	c	
___ Pileated Woodpecker _____	o		o	o

Tyrant Flycatchers

___ • Olive-sided Flycatcher _____	o	o	o	
___ • Eastern Wood-Pewee _____	u	u	u	
___ • Yellow-bellied Flycatcher _____	u	o	u	
___ • Alder Flycatcher _____	c	c	c	
___ • Willow Flycatcher _____	r			
___ • Least Flycatcher _____	u	u	u	
___ • Eastern Phoebe _____	u	u	u	
___ • Great Crested Flycatcher _____	u	u	u	
___ Couch's Kingbird _____			x	
___ • Eastern Kingbird _____	c	u	c	
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher _____		x	x	
___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher _____	x			

Shrikes

___ Loggerhead Shrike _____		r		
___ Northern Shrike _____	o		o	o

Vireos

___ White-eyed Vireo _____				r
___ Yellow-throated Vireo _____	r			r
___ • Blue-headed Vireo _____	u	u	u	
___ Warbling Vireo _____	o			o
___ Philadelphia Vireo _____	o	o		u
___ • Red-eyed Vireo _____	c	c		c

Crows, Jays and Magpies

___ Gray Jay _____	o	o	o	o
___ • Blue Jay _____	u	u	u	r
___ Black-billed Magpie _____	x		x	
___ • American Crow _____	c	c	c	c
___ • Common Raven _____	u	u	u	u

Sp S F W

Larks

___ Horned Lark _____ r c r

Swallows

___ Purple Martin _____ o

___ • Tree Swallow _____ c c r

___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow _____ o

___ • Bank Swallow _____ u u r

___ • Cliff Swallow _____ c u o

___ • Barn Swallow _____ c c u

Chickadees

___ • Black-capped Chickadee _____ c c c c

___ • Boreal Chickadee _____ o o o o

Nuthatches

___ • Red-breasted Nuthatch _____ c c c c

___ White-breasted Nuthatch _____ r r

Creepers

___ • Brown Creeper _____ u o u o

Wrens

___ Carolina Wren _____ r

___ House Wren _____ r r

___ • Winter Wren _____ u u u

___ Marsh Wren _____ r

Kinglets

___ • Golden-crowned Kinglet _____ c c c o

___ • Ruby-crowned Kinglet _____ c u c

Old World Warblers

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher _____ o o o

Thrushes

___ Northern Wheatear _____ x

___ Eastern Bluebird _____ o o o

___ Townsend's Solitaire _____ x

___ Veery _____ u o o

___ Gray-cheeked Thrush _____ r

___ • Swainson's Thrush _____ u u u

___ • Hermit Thrush _____ c c c

___ Wood Thrush _____ o o o

___ • American Robin _____ c c a u

Sp S F W

Mimic Thrushes

___ • Gray Catbird _____ c c c

___ • Northern Mockingbird _____ o o o

___ • Brown Thrasher _____ o o o

Starlings

___ • European Starling _____ u u u u

Pipits

___ American Pipit _____ r u

Waxwings

___ Bohemian Waxwing _____ r

___ • Cedar Waxwing _____ c c c r

Wood Warblers

___ Blue-winged Warbler _____ r r

___ • Tennessee Warbler _____ u o u

___ Orange-crowned Warbler _____ o o

___ • Nashville Warbler _____ c c c

___ • Northern Parula _____ c c c

___ • Yellow Warbler _____ c c c

___ • Chestnut-sided Warbler _____ u u u

___ • Magnolia Warbler _____ c c c

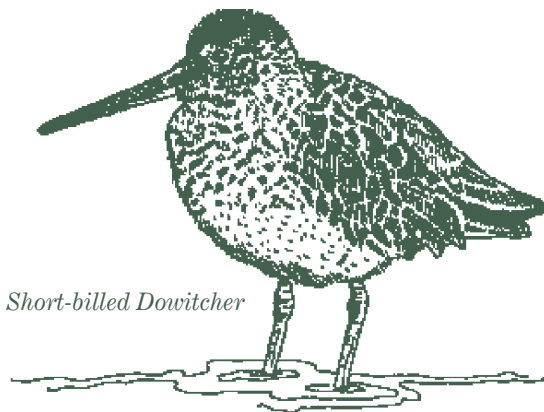
___ • Cape May Warbler _____ r c c

___ Black-throated Blue Warbler _____ u o u

___ • Yellow-rumped Warbler _____ c c c r

___ • Black-throated Green Warbler _____ c c c

___ • Blackburnian Warbler _____ c c u



Short-billed Dowitcher



Greater Yellowlegs

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Pine Warbler _____		o	o	
___ Prairie Warbler _____	r	o	o	
• Palm Warbler _____	c	u	c	
• Bay-breasted Warbler _____	o	c	c	
• Blackpoll Warbler _____	c	o	u	
• Black-and-white Warbler _____	c	c	c	
• American Redstart _____	c	c	c	
___ Worm-eating Warbler _____	x			
• Ovenbird _____	u	u	u	
• Northern Waterthrush _____	o	o	r	
___ Kentucky Warbler _____	r			
• Mourning Warbler _____	r	r		
• Common Yellowthroat _____	c	c	c	
___ Hooded Warbler _____		r		
• Wilson's Warbler _____	u	u	u	
• Canada Warbler _____	u	o	o	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat _____	r		o	
Tanagers				
___ Summer Tanager _____	r			
___ Scarlet Tanager _____	u	u	u	
___ Western Tanager _____			x	
Sparrows and Towhees				
___ • Eastern Towhee _____	u	u	u	
___ American Tree Sparrow _____	u		u	u
___ • Chipping Sparrow _____	u	u	u	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow _____		r		
___ Field Sparrow _____	o		o	
___ Vesper Sparrow _____	o		o	
___ Lark Sparrow _____		r	r	
___ • Savannah Sparrow _____	c	c	c	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow _____			r	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow _____			u	
___ • Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow _____	r	o	u	
___ Seaside Sparrow _____		r	r	
___ Fox Sparrow _____	o		o	
___ • Song Sparrow _____	c	c	c	r
___ • Lincoln's Sparrow _____	u	u	u	
___ • Swamp Sparrow _____	c	c	c	
___ • White-throated Sparrow _____	c	c	c	
___ White-crowned Sparrow _____	o		o	
___ • Dark-eyed Junco _____	c	u	c	r
___ Lapland Longspur _____		r	o	
___ Snow Bunting _____			c	o

Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies

___ Northern Cardinal _____	o		o	
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak _____	u	u	u	
___ Blue Grosbeak _____	r			
___ Indigo Bunting _____	r	r	r	
___ Dickcissel _____				r

Blackbirds and Orioles

___ • Bobolink _____	u	u	u	
___ • Red-winged Blackbird _____	c	c	u	
___ Eastern Meadowlark _____	o		o	
___ Western Meadowlark _____		x		
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird _____			r	
___ Rusty Blackbird _____	o		o	
___ Brewer's Blackbird _____		r		
___ • Common Grackle _____	c	c	u	
___ • Brown-headed Cowbird _____	u	u	u	
___ Orchard Oriole _____	r			
___ • Baltimore Oriole _____	u	o	u	

Finches

___ Pine Grosbeak _____	o		o	u
___ • Purple Finch _____	u	u	u	
___ House Finch _____	r			
___ Red Crossbill _____	o	o	o	o
___ White-winged Crossbill _____	u	u	u	u
___ Common Redpoll _____	u		o	c
___ Hoary Redpoll _____				r
___ • Pine Siskin _____	u	u	u	u
___ • American Goldfinch _____	u	u	u	u
___ Evening Grosbeak _____	u		u	