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### Birds

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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

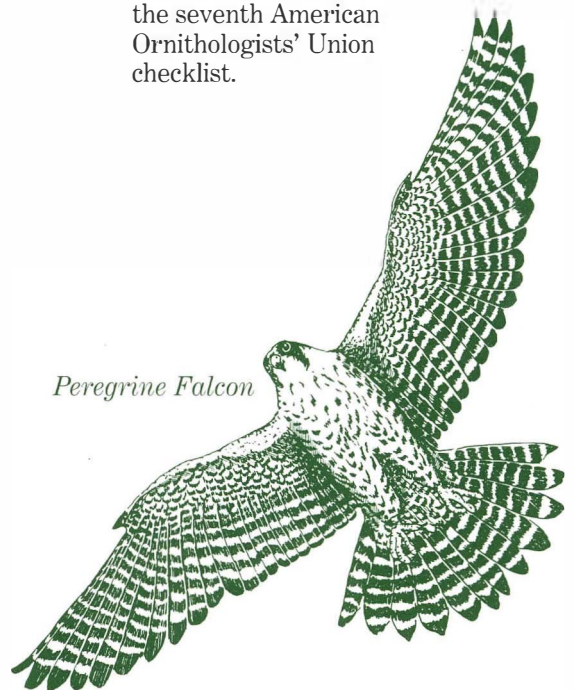
Seabird islands are closed to the public during the nesting season, April 1 – August 31, to minimize disturbance to the birds. Commercial tour boats provide views of nesting seabirds on Petit Manan and Machias Seal islands. Contact one of the refuge offices for more information.

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
<b>Loons</b>				
Red-throated Loon	u		u	r
Arctic Loon	x			
Common Loon	c	u	c	c
<b>Grebes</b>				
Pied-billed Grebe	r		o	
Horned Grebe	c		c	c
Red-necked Grebe	c	o	c	c
<b>Shearwaters</b>				
Greater Shearwater		r	r	
Sooty Shearwater	r	r		
Manx Shearwater		r		
<b>Storm-Petrels</b>				
Wilson's Storm-Petrel		o		
• Leach's Storm-Petrel	u	u	u	
<b>Gannets</b>				
Northern Gannet	o	o	o	

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			
Green Heron	r	r		
• Black-crowned Night-Heron	r	r	r	

Ibises

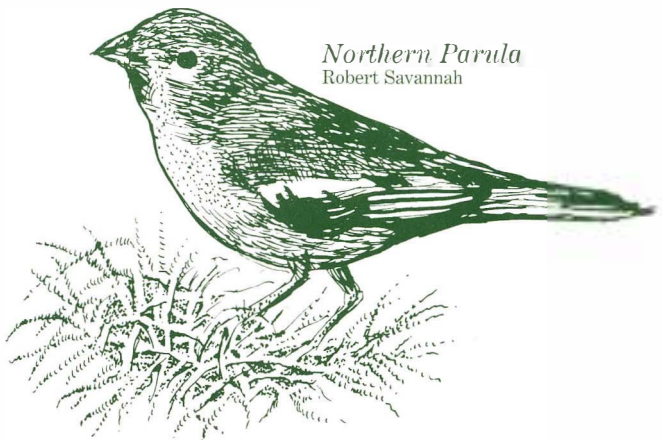
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New World Vultures

Turkey Vulture	r		r	
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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	



	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	
• Bald Eagle	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	
Gyr Falcon				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	
Piping Plover	r	r		
• Killdeer	u	u	u	

### Oystercatchers

• American Oystercatcher	r	r	r	
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## Sandpipers and Phalaropes

	Sp	S	F	W
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

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

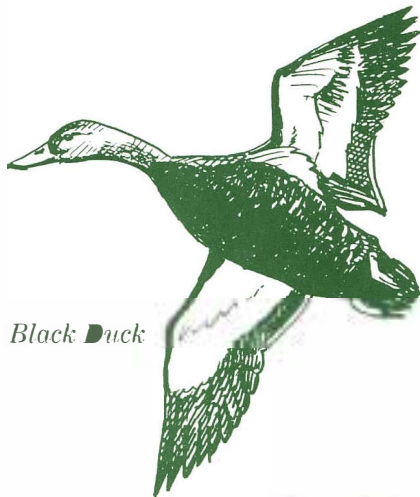
Dovekie		r	r	r
Common Murre	r	r		
Thick-billed Murre				r
• Razorbill	u	u	r	
• Black Guillemot	c	c	c	u
• Atlantic Puffin	u	u	r	

## Pigeons and Doves

Rock Dove		o	o	
• Mourning Dove	c	c	c	







Black Duck

### Cuckoos

___ • Black-billed Cuckoo	o	o	o	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo			u	

### Barn Owls

___ Barn Owl	x			
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### 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	
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### Hummingbirds

___ • Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	o	o	
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### Kingfishers

___ • Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	
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### Woodpeckers

___ 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
<b>Larks</b>				
___ Horned Lark _____	r'		c	r'
<b>Swallows</b>				
___ 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	
<b>Chickadees</b>				
___ • Black-capped Chickadee _____	c	c	c	c
___ • Boreal Chickadee _____	o	o	o	o
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
___ • Red-breasted Nuthatch _____	c	c	c	c
___ White-breasted Nuthatch _____	r'		r'	
<b>Creepers</b>				
___ • Brown Creeper _____	u	o	u	o
<b>Wrens</b>				
___ Carolina Wren _____		r'		
___ House Wren _____	r'		r'	
___ • Winter Wren _____	u	u	u	
___ Marsh Wren _____		r'		
<b>Kinglets</b>				
___ • Golden-crowned Kinglet _____	c	c	c	o
___ • Ruby-crowned Kinglet _____	c	u	c	
<b>Old World Warblers</b>				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher _____	o	o	o	
<b>Thrushes</b>				
___ 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	
___ • American Robin _____	c	c	a	u

### Mimic Thrushes

___ • Gray Catbird _____	c	c	c	
___ • Northern Mockingbird _____	o	o	o	
___ • Brown Thrasher _____	o	o	o	

### Starlings

___ • European Starling _____	u	u	u	u
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### Pipits

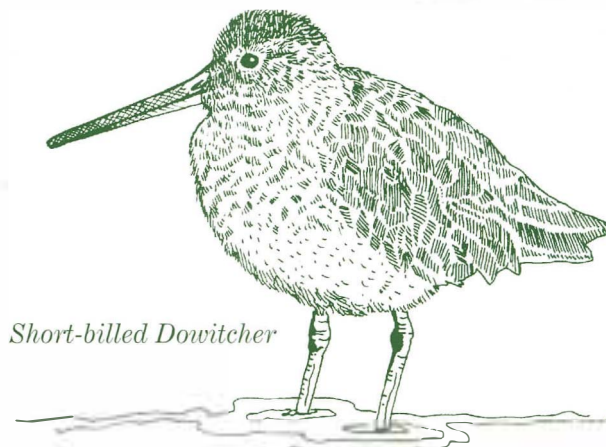
___ American Pipit _____	r'		u	
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### Waxwings

___ 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*



	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	