



# LONG POINT NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA



Long Point National Wildlife Area

## What makes Long Point NWA so special?

Long Point National Wildlife Area (NWA), established in 1978, is of extraordinary importance to a diversity of wildlife species. Its two units covering 3650 hectares include a wide range of wetland and upland habitats. Situated on the Atlantic Flyway, this peninsula on the north shore of Lake Erie, Ontario, attracts hundreds of thousands of migrating birds every spring and fall; over 300 species have been observed. Many species of plants and animals occur here at the northern limit of their range. The NWA is also

- an important migratory staging area for many species of waterfowl such as the **Canvasback**, **American Wigeon** and **Tundra Swan**;
- a breeding area for over 80 bird species including the **Bald Eagle**;

- a refuge for numerous species at risk including the **King Rail**, **Prothonotary Warbler**, **Eastern Foxsnake** and over 60 plant species;
- an internationally significant wetland under the Ramsar convention;
- part of the Long Point Peninsula and Marshes Important Bird Area, and the Long Point World Biosphere Reserve;
- part of the International Network of Monarch Butterfly Reserves.

## What are Environment Canada Protected Areas?

Environment Canada establishes marine and terrestrial NWAs for the purposes of conservation, research and interpretation. NWAs are established

to protect migratory birds, species at risk, and other wildlife and their habitats. NWAs are established under the authority of the *Canada Wildlife Act* and are, first and foremost, places for wildlife. MBSs are established under the authority of the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*, and provide a refuge for migratory birds in marine and terrestrial environments. The current Protected Areas Network consists of 54 NWAs and 92 MBSs comprising more than 12 million hectares across Canada.

## What can I do at Long Point NWA?

Access to the majority of Long Point NWA is not permitted. The Thoroughfare Point Unit of the NWA at the base of the point is open to the public from mid-April to mid-September for recreational activities such as canoeing and beach walking. For more information on access and permitting for Long Point NWA, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service regional office.



Prothonotary Warbler



American Wigeon and Redhead

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## Where is Long Point NWA?

