



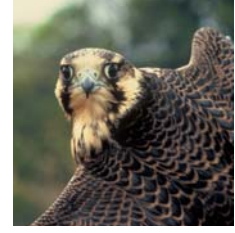
Green-winged Teal



Lesser Scaup



Long-billed Dowitcher



Peregrine Falcon

## Keep Arctic Refuge Birds Flying

### America's Migratory Birds Threatened By Oil Development

Millions of migratory birds journey thousands of miles each spring to nest in the wetlands of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's coastal plain – the same area targeted for oil development by the oil industry, the Bush administration, and certain members of Congress. The birds travel from six continents and every state in the United States. Over 135 species of waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, raptors and seabirds have been observed on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic refuge. Oil drilling, with its associated roads, pipelines, processing plants, waste dumps, airstrips, and other industrial facilities would disturb these species' nesting and foraging habitats as well as potentially have toxic effects felt in the Arctic Refuge and wherever the birds travel. Of course, any declines of these migratory birds in Alaska would be felt on these birds' wintering grounds and migratory habitat in the rest of the country and beyond.

Many of these migratory birds not only depend on the Arctic Refuge, but on the entire National Wildlife Refuge System, which celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. There is at least one refuge in every state, and most provide resting, foraging, breeding, or wintering habitat for migratory birds. Teddy Roosevelt established the first refuge, Pelican Island in Florida, as an "inviolable sanctuary" for birds. The relentless push to drill in the Arctic Refuge flies in the face of Roosevelt's vision of refuges as sanctuaries for wildlife. A threat to the Arctic Refuge, the largest refuge in the system, threatens the entire refuge system and the birds and other wildlife that depend on it. The refuge system deserves better for its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

According to the government's own estimates, drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would only provide a six month supply of oil that would only begin to be available ten years from now. America deserves a responsible energy policy. An energy policy that relies more heavily on vehicle fuel efficiency and renewable energy sources is safer, more secure, cleaner, and cheaper than spoiling our last wilderness areas, threatening our magnificent wildlife, and reducing the integrity of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

For more information, including a list of Arctic Refuge birds that travel to each state and a directory of National Wildlife Refuges in each state, visit:

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