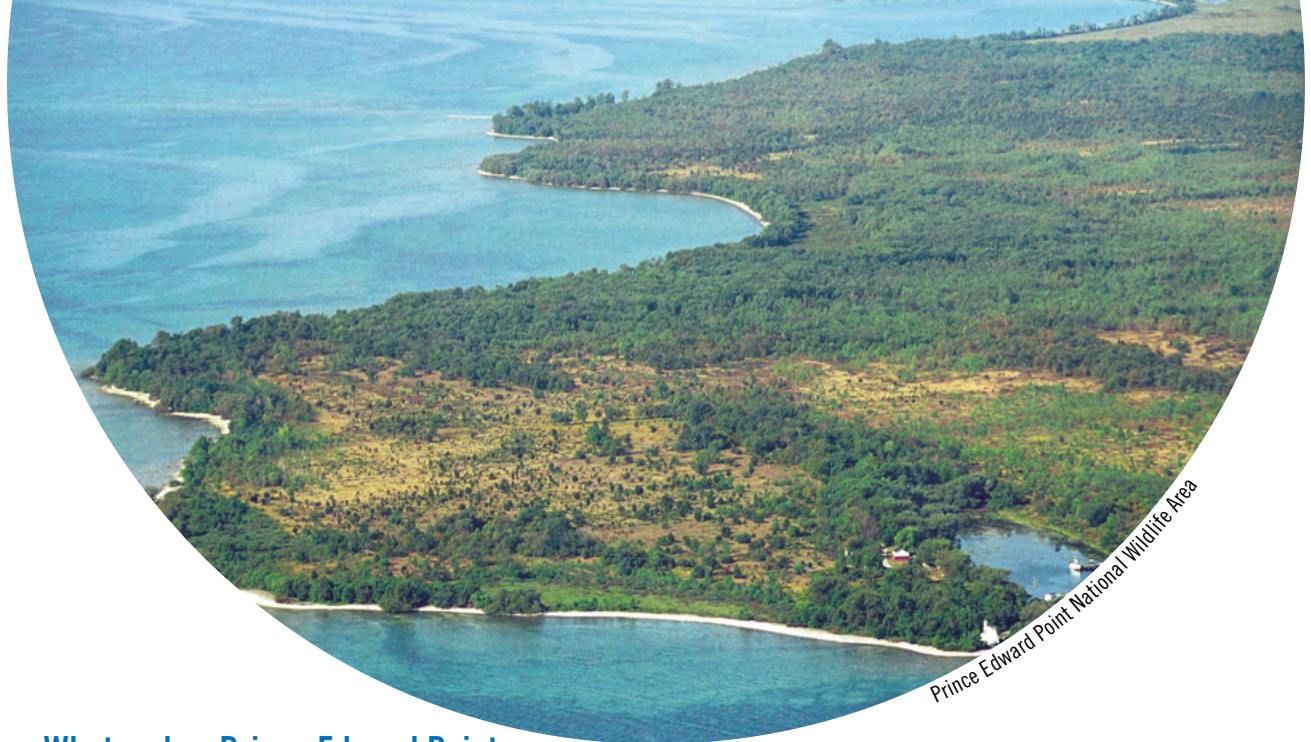




# PRINCE EDWARD POINT NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA



Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area

## What makes Prince Edward Point NWA so special?

Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area (NWA) was one of the first sites in Environment Canada's Protected Areas Network to protect habitat for migratory passerine birds (songbirds). Located at the tip of a long peninsula on the northeast shore of Lake Ontario, at no other location on the Canadian side of Lake Ontario are birds known to occur in such high densities during migration. Over 330 species have been observed, including songbirds, waterfowl, owls and hawks. Composed of a diversity of habitats including hardwood forests, meadows, grasslands and cobble beaches, this 532-hectare NWA is

- part of the globally significant Prince Edward County South Shore Important Bird Area;
- used by researchers at the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory's Canadian Migration

Monitoring Network Station to improve our understanding of bird migration and bird populations locally and globally;

- an important staging area for migrating bats;
- 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. Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (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 Prince Edward Point NWA?

Public access is allowed on designated trails, on the road and along the beach. Many activities are permitted within designated areas, including boat launching and docking, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, photography, wildlife observation, picnicking (no open fires or charcoal barbecues), and swimming. Fishing is permitted (no lead sinkers). A permit is required for activities outside of designated areas. For more information on permits, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service regional office.



Yellow-rumped Warbler



Monarchs gather during migration

## Who can I contact?

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## Where is Prince Edward Point NWA?

