



SHEPODY NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA



What makes Shepody NWA so special?

Shepody National Wildlife Area (NWA) protects some of the best breeding and migration habitat in Atlantic Canada for waterfowl and other wetland wildlife. It is also an important fall migration stopover for a diversity of shorebirds. Established in 1980, this 990-hectare NWA comprises three separate sections near Shepody Bay, New Brunswick: Germantown Marsh and New Horton are restored wetlands, and Mary's Point encompasses a large salt marsh, inter-tidal mud flats and a forested peninsula. Shepody NWA is also

- one of the most important sites in North America for migrating shorebirds such as **Semipalmated Sandpipers**;
- part of the Shepody Bay West Important Bird Area and of the Bay of Fundy Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network;

- a designated Wetland of International Importance under Ramsar;
- important habitat for waterfowl such as **American Black Duck, Green-winged Teal and Ring-necked Duck**;
- home for a variety of marsh birds including the **Least Bittern**, a threatened species;
- a habitat for mammals such as **Mink, Muskrat and White-tailed Deer**.

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 close to 12 million hectares across Canada.

What can I do at Shepody NWA?

Access to Shepody NWA is permitted for activities such as wildlife observation, hiking, photography and berry picking. Hunting, trapping and fishing are permitted at New Horton and Germantown in accordance with relevant federal and provincial regulations. Environment Canada maintains a self-interpreting visitors' centre at Mary's Point, which is open weekdays throughout July and August during the peak of shorebird migration.



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Where is Shepody NWA?

