



# Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge

*A Special Place in Alaska!*

- Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge was established to conserve waterfowl, raptors and other migratory birds, fur bearers, moose, and caribou populations and their habitats.
- Tetlin Refuge, almost 730,000 acres, presents a stunning and varied landscape ranging from rugged snow-capped peaks and glacially fed rivers to tundra, forest and wetlands.
- Situated along a major bird migration route, the refuge is home to 143 species of birds that return annually to breed. In the spring, thousands of songbirds, swans, ducks, geese, sandhill cranes, and raptors funnel through the refuge.
- The refuge has an ever-increasing population of trumpeter swans, which have only been breeding in this region since 1982.



USFWS

*Wetlands along Scottie and Desper Creeks are very productive areas for waterfowl and bald eagles.*



*The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service manages 16 national wildlife refuges in Alaska, or nearly 82% of the National Wildlife Refuge System acreage.*

- As the easternmost refuge in central Alaska, Tetlin has bird species that are rare or absent elsewhere in the state, including red-winged blackbirds, sharp-tailed grouse, and blue-winged teal.
- Refuge mountains, forest and tundra are inhabited by Dall sheep, moose and caribou which, in turn, are food for wolves, grizzly and black bear.
- Tetlin Refuge shares a common boundary with Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve and Kluane National Park in Canada, to form the world's largest contiguous conservation unit.
- Since Tetlin is one of only two refuges in the state that are road accessible, visitors have many opportunities to enjoy and learn about it.
- Favorite summer activities for refuge visitors are bird and wildlife watching, interpretive programs, camping, sport fishing, and canoeing.
- Both subsistence and sport hunters have the opportunity to hunt caribou, moose and waterfowl on the refuge.
- Tetlin Refuge is the first conservation unit visitors encounter when entering Alaska on the Alcan Highway.

**Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge**  
 907/883 5312 TTY 1 800/877 8339  
[tetlin@fws.gov](mailto:tetlin@fws.gov)  
<http://tetlin.fws.gov/>