

Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge

Bird list



This blue goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become a symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge consists of approximately 25,000 acres and is located entirely within the city limits of New Orleans, making it the nation's largest urban refuge. The refuge contains a variety of wildlife habitat, including bottomland hardwoods, freshwater and brackish marshes, lagoons, canals, borrow pits, and natural bayous, meeting the needs of 340 bird species during various seasons of the year.

For many birds, Bayou Sauvage is the last stop over on their journey along the Mississippi Flyway before continuing on over the Gulf of Mexico. During fall, winter, and summer months, migratory waterfowl populations can exceed 75,000. Hurricane Katrina severely impacted habitat for neotropical migrants, however, with the restoration of the forested ridge, ideally, these birds will once again make Bayou Sauvage part of their annual journey.

Wading birds are present year round and mottled ducks and wood ducks are common summer nesters. The American bald eagle and peregrine falcon can also be found here.

The following list contains 255 species, representing observations on and adjacent to Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge. Sightings of unlisted species should be reported to: Refuge Manager, BS NWR, 61389 Highway 434, Lacombe, Louisiana 70445.

This list conforms to the nomenclature and arrangement established by the American Ornithologists' Union (1998).

Symbols used in this brochure represent the following:

- Sp Spring (March-May)
- F Fall (September-November)
- S Summer (June-August)
- W Winter (December-February)

- c Common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)
- u Uncommon (present but not certain to be seen)
- o Occasional (seen only a few times during a season)
- r Rare (seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years)

Five primary habitats common to the refuge are identified as follows:

- F Field
- f Forest
- A Aerial Flyover
- O Open Water
- M Marsh

- New Species ^
- Species of Special Concern *

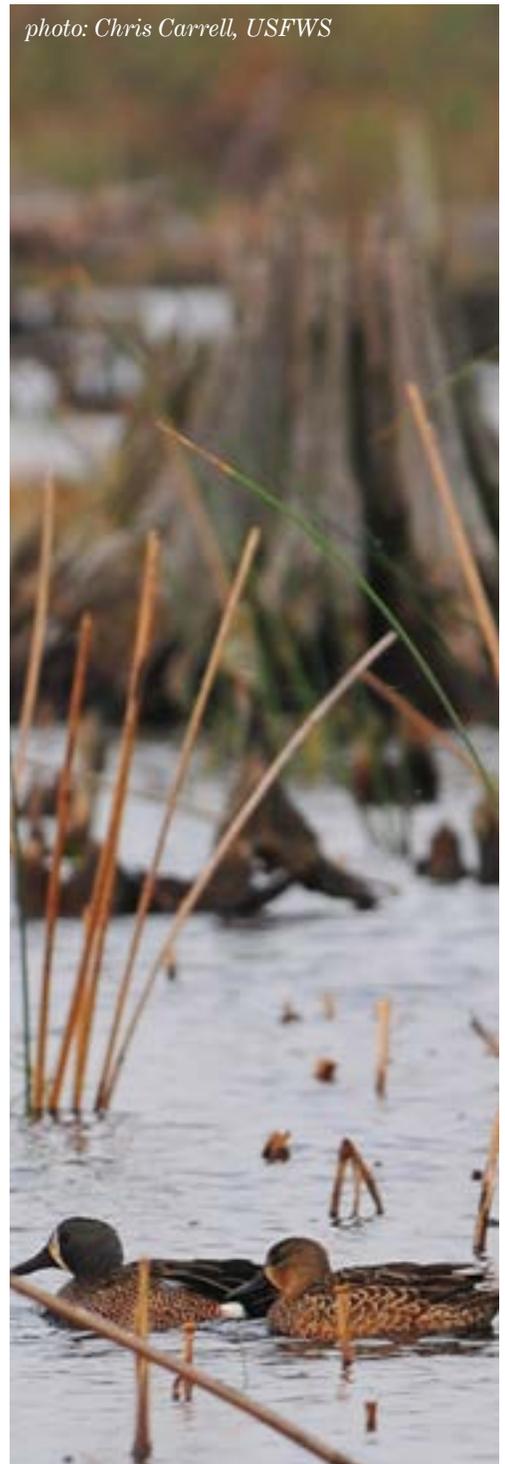


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Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)						New World Vultures (Cathartidae)					
___ American Wigeon	U	U	C		M	___ Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	A
___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck ^	C	C	O	O	M	___ Black Vulture	C	C	C	C	A
___ Blue-winged Teal	C	R	C	C	M	Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies (Accipitridae)					
___ Bufflehead	U		O	C	M	___ Bald Eagle*	C	C	C	C	A
___ Canada Goose	R	R	R	R	M	___ Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U		A
___ Canvasback	R	R	C		M,O	___ Cooper's Hawk*	U	U	U	U	A
___ Common Goldeneye				O	M,O	___ Mississippi Kite	C	C	U		A
___ Gadwall	U		U	C	M	___ Northern Harrier	C		C	C	A
___ Greater Scaup				R	M,O	___ Osprey*	U	U	U	U	A
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	O		O	O	M	___ Red-shouldered Hawk	C	C	C	C	A
___ Green-winged Teal	O		U	C	M	___ Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	A
___ Hooded Merganser*	O	R	O	C	M	___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	U	A
___ Lesser Scaup	U		U	C	M,O	___ Swallow-tailed Kite*	U	U			A
___ Mallard	U		U	C	M	Falcons (Falconidae)					
___ Mottled Duck	C	C	C	C	M	___ American Kestrel*	C		C	C	A
___ Northern Pintail	U		U	C	M	___ Merlin	U		U	U	A
___ Northern Shoveler	O		O	C	M	___ Peregrine Falcon*			R	R	A
___ Red-breasted Merganser	O		O	C	M,O	Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)					
___ Redhead				C	M,O	___ Clapper Rail ^	C	C	C	C	M
___ Ring-necked Duck	R		R	C	M,O	___ King Rail	C	C	C	C	M
___ Ruddy Duck	R		R	C	M,O	___ Virginia Rail	C	C	C	C	M
___ Snow Goose	U		U	O	M	___ Sora	C		C	C	M
___ Wood Duck	O	O	O	O	M	___ Black Rail*				C	M
Loons (Gaviidae)						___ Yellow Rail*				C	M
___ Common Loon	O		O	C	M,O	___ Purple Gallinule ^	R	R			M
Grebes (Podicipedae)						___ American Coot	O	O	C	C	M
___ Eared Grebe	R	R	C		M,O	___ Common Moorhen	C	C	C	C	M
___ Pied-billed Grebe	C	R	C	C	M,O	Plovers (Charadriidae)					
___ Horned Grebe	O		R	C	M,O	___ Black-bellied Plover	O		O	R	M
Pelicans (Pelicanidae)						___ Wilson's Plover ^*	R			M	
___ American White Pelican	C	C	C		M,O	___ Semipalmated Plover	O		O	R	M
___ Brown Pelican*	C	C	C	C	O	___ Killdeer	C	C	C	C	F
Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)						Stilts (Recurvirostridae)					
___ Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	C	O	___ Black-necked Stilt	C	C	C	U	M
Darters (Anhinga)						Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies (Scolopacidae)					
___ Anhinga	C	C	C	C	O	___ American Woodcock*	O		O	O	M,F
___ Frigatebirds (Fregatidae)						___ Dunlin	U		U	U	M
___ Magnificent Frigatebird	O	O	O	O	A	___ Greater Yellowlegs	C		U	U	M
Bitterns, Herons, and Allies (Ardeidae)						___ Least Sandpiper	U		U	U	M
___ American Bittern*	R	R	R		M	___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U		U	U	M
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	O	U	R	R	M	___ Long-billed Dowitcher	O		O	R	M
___ Cattle Egret	U	U	U	U	M	___ Pectoral Sandpiper	O		O		M
___ Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C	M	___ Red Knot ^*	R		R		M
___ Great Egret	C	C	C	C	M	___ Ruddy Turnstone ^	R		R	R	M
___ Green Heron	R	C	R	R	M	___ Sanderling	R		O	O	M
___ Least Bittern*	O	U	O		M	___ Semipalmated Sandpiper*	O		O		M
___ Little Blue Heron	U	C	U	U	M	___ Short-billed Dowitcher	O		O	R	M
___ Reddish Egret*	R	R	R	R	M	___ Solitary Sandpiper*	O		O		M
___ Snowy Egret	C	C	C	C	M	___ Spotted Sandpiper	U		U	U	M
___ Tricolored Heron	U	C	U	U	M	___ Stilt Sandpiper ^	R		R		M
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	O	C	O		M	___ Western Sandpiper	U		U	U	M
Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)						___ Willet	R		C	C	M
___ White Ibis	C	C	C	C	M	___ Wilson's Snipe ^	U		U	C	M,F
___ Glossy Ibis*	U	U	U	C	M	Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)					
___ White-faced Ibis	U	U	U	U	M	___ Bonaparte's Gull	O		O	O	A
___ Roseate Spoonbill*		O	O	U	M	___ Laughing Gull	C	C	C	C	A,M
						___ Ring-billed Gull	U	R	U	C	A,F
						___ Herring Gull	O	R	U	U	A
						___ Least Tern*	O	C	O		A

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___ Gull-billed Tern*	R	R	R	R	A,M	Jays and Crows (Corvidae)					
___ Caspian Tern*	U	U	U	U	A	___ Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	f
___ Black Tern	O		U	U	A,M	___ American Crow	C	C	C	C	f
___ Common Tern	R		R	R	A	___ Fish Crow	C	C	C	C	f,M
___ Forster's Tern	C	C	C	C	M,A	Larks (Alaudidae)					
___ Royal Tern	U	C	C	C	A	___ Horned Lark				R	F
___ Sandwich Tern ^	R	R	R	R	M,A	Swallows (Hirundinidae)					
___ Black Skimmer*	R	R	R	R	M,A	___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U		f
Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)						___ Purple Martin	C	C	U		f,A
___ Rock Pigeon	O	O	O	O	F	___ Tree Swallow	C		C	C	A
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	C	U	U	F	___ Bank Swallow	U		U		A
___ White-winged Dove ^			O	O	F	___ Barn Swallow	C	C	C		A
___ Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	F	___ Cliff Swallow	O		O		A
___ Common Ground-Dove*	R	R	R	R	F	Chickadees and Titmice (Paridae)					
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)						___ Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C	f
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		f	___ Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C	f
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	R	R	R		f	Nuthatches (Sittidae)					
Typical Owls (Strigidae)						___ Red-breasted Nuthatch		R	R		f
___ Eastern Screech-Owl	U	U	U	U	f	___ Brown-headed Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C	f
___ Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C	f	Wrens (Troglodytidae)					
___ Barred Owl	C	C	C	C	f	___ House Wren	U		U	C	f
Barn Owls (Tytonidae)						___ Winter Wren	O		O	R	f
___ Barn Owl	U	U	U	U	F	___ Sedge Wren*	U		U	U	M
Goatsuckers (Caprimulgidae)						___ Marsh Wren	U		C	C	M
___ Common Nighthawk	C	C	C		f,F	___ Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C	f
___ Chuck-will's-widow*	U	U	U		f	Kinglets (Regulidae)					
Swifts (Apodidae)						___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C	f
___ Chimney Swift	C	C	C		A	Gnatchatchers (Sylviidae)					
Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)						___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C	C	f
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		f	Thrushes (Turdidae)					
___ Rufous Hummingbird				R	f	___ American Robin	U	U	C		f,F
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)						___ Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	C	f,F
___ Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	C	M	___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		f
Woodpeckers and Allies (Picidae)						___ Hermit Thrush	U		U	U	f
___ Red-Headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	f	___ Swainson's Thrush	U		U		f
___ Red-Bellied Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	f	___ Veery	O		O		f
___ Northern Flicker	U	U	U	U	f	___ Wood Thrush*	C	C	C		f
___ Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U	U	f	Mockingbirds and Thrashers (Mimidae)					
___ Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	f	___ Brown Thrasher	C	C	C	C	f
___ Downy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	f	___ Gray Catbird	U		C	C	f
___ Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	f	___ Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C	f
Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)						Starlings (Sturnidae)					
___ Acadian Flycatcher	U	U	U		f	___ European Starling	C	C	C	C	F
___ Alder Flycatcher				O	M	Pipits (Motacillidae)					
___ Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		f	___ American Pipit	O		O	U	F
___ Eastern Phoebe	C		C	C	f	Waxwings (Bombycillidae)					
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		f	___ Cedar Waxwing	C		U	C	f
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	U		f	Wood-Warblers					
___ Least Flycatcher			O		f	___ American Redstart*	U	U	U		f
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher*			R		f	___ Bay-breasted Warbler	O		O		f
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			R		f	___ Black-and-white Warbler	O		O		f
Shrikes (Laniidae)						___ Blackburnian Warbler	O		O		f
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	O	O	O	O	F	___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	R		R		f
___ Vireos (Vireonidae)						___ Black-throated					
___ White-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	C	f	___ Green Warbler	U		U		f
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	C	C	C		f						
___ Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	C	f						
___ Philadelphia Vireo	R		U		f						
___ Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		f						

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___ Blue-winged Warbler*	U		U		f
___ Canada Warbler ^*	R		O		f
___ Cerulean Warbler*	R		R		f
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	R		R		f
___ Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	C	M
___ Golden-winged Warbler*	R		R		M
___ Hooded Warbler	U	U	U		M
___ Kentucky Warbler*	U	U	U		f
___ Louisiana Waterthrush*	R		R		M
___ Magnolia Warbler	U		U		f
___ Nashville Warbler	U		U		M
___ Northern Parula	C	C	C		f
___ Northern Waterthrush	O		U		S
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	C	s
___ Ovenbird	U		U		s
___ Palm Warbler	U		C	C	F,f
___ Pine Warbler	C	C	C	C	f
___ Prairie Warbler*	R		R		M
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	C	C	U		M
___ Swainson's Warbler*	O	U	O		M
___ Tennessee Warbler	U		U		f
___ Wilson's Warbler	O		O	R	M
___ Worm-eating Warbler*	O	R	O		f,M
___ Yellow Warbler		O		U	M
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	U	C	U		M
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	C	f,M
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	O	O	O	R	f,M

Tanagers (Thraupidae)

___ Summer Tanager	U	U	U		f
___ Scarlet Tanager	R		R		f

Emberizids (Emberizidae)

___ Bachman's Sparrow*	U	U	U	U	f
___ Chipping Sparrow	U		U	C	f
___ Dark-eyed Junco	U		U	C	F
___ Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	C	f
___ Field Sparrow	O		O	U	F
___ Fox Sparrow				R	f
___ Grasshopper Sparrow*	O		O	U	F
___ Henslow's Sparrow*	O		O	O	F
___ Lark Sparrow ^*	O		O	U	F
___ Le Conte's Sparrow*	O		O	U	F
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U		C	C	M
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow*	O		O	U	M
___ Savannah Sparrow	C		C	C	F,M
___ Seaside Sparrow*	U	U	U	U	M
___ Song Sparrow	U		U	C	M
___ Swamp Sparrow	C		C	C	M
___ Vesper Sparrow	O		O	U	F
___ White-crowned Sparrow	O		O	U	f
___ White-throated Sparrow	U		U	C	f

Cardinals, Saltators, and Allies (Cardinalidae)

___ Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	f
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U		U		f
___ Blue Grosbeak	U		U		f
___ Indigo Bunting	U	C	U		f
___ Painted Bunting*	O	U	O		f
___ Dickcissel*	R	R	R		F

Blackbirds (Icteridae)

___ Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	C	M
___ Eastern Meadowlark	C	C	C	C	F
___ Rusty Blackbird*	O		O	U	M
___ Brewer's Blackbird	O		O	U	F

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___ Common Grackle	C	C	C	C	f
___ Boat-tailed Grackle	C	C	C	C	M
___ Bronzed Cowbird ^		U			M,f,F
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	C	F,f,M
___ Orchard Oriole*	U	U	O		f
___ Baltimore Oriole		U		U	f

Frigilline and Cardueline

Finches and Allies (Fringillidae)

___ House Finch	U	U	U	U	f,F
___ Pine Siskin				R	f
___ American Goldfinch	U		U	C	f,F
___ Purple Finch	O		O	O	f

Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

___ House Sparrow	U	U	U	U	f,F
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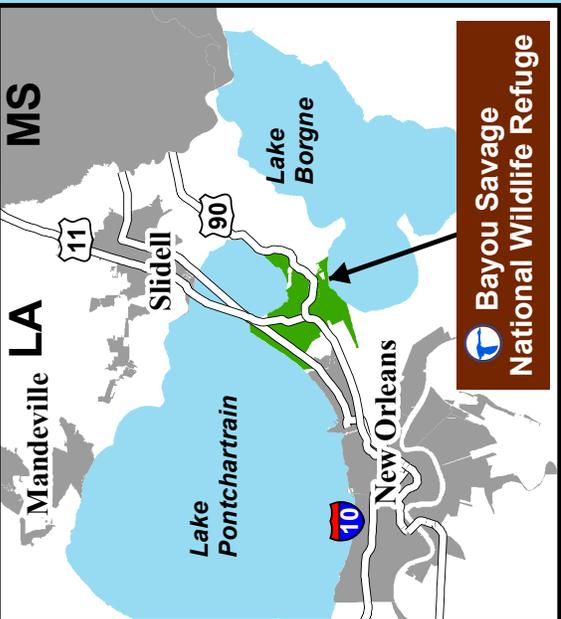
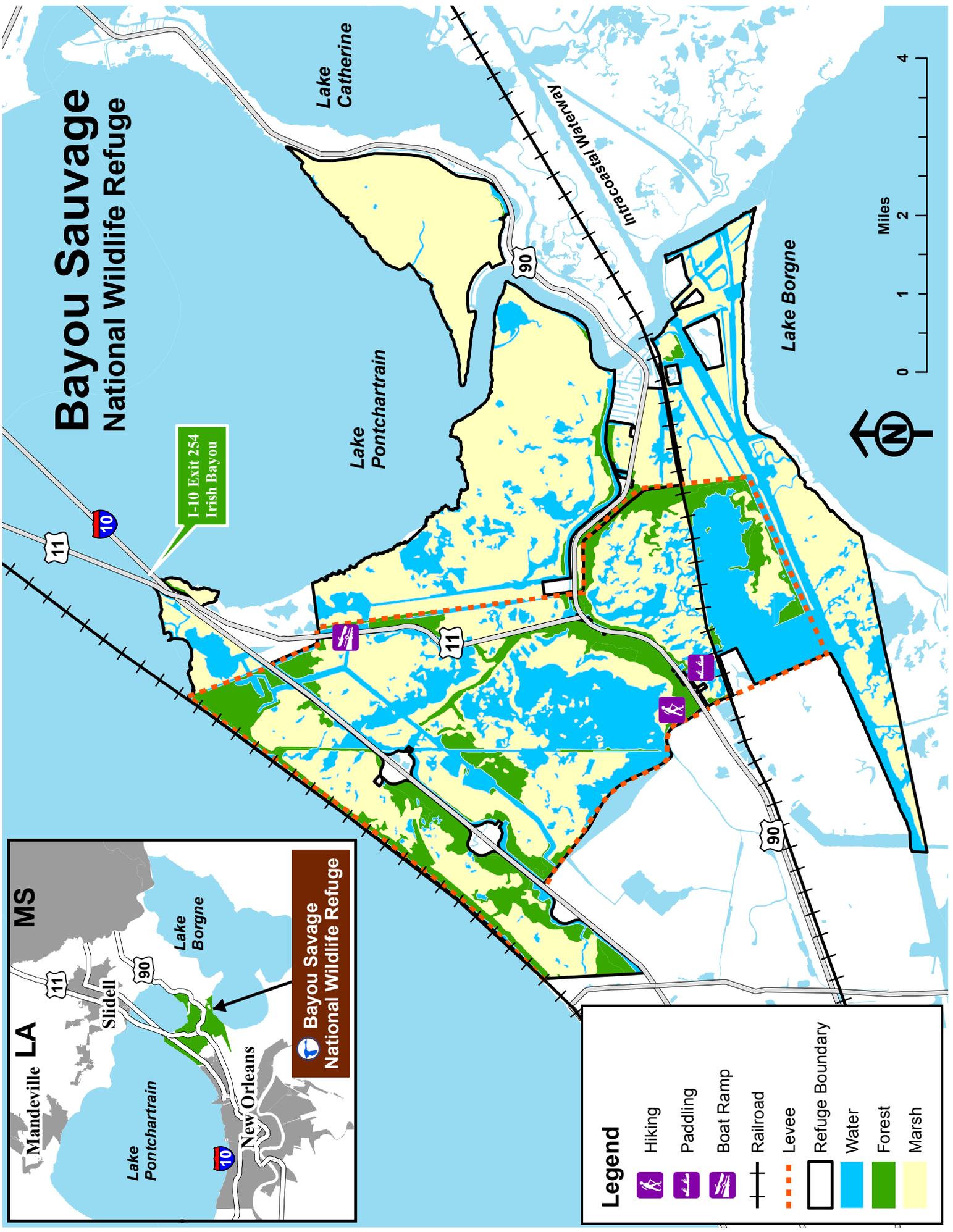
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Responsible birders should abide by the American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics. More information can be found at <http://www.aba.org>

1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.
2. Respect the law, and the rights of others.
3. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.
4. Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.

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I-10 Exit 254
Irish Bayou

Lake Catherine

Lake Pontchartrain

Lake Borgne

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Miles

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Legend

- Hiking
- Paddling
- Boat Ramp
- Railroad
- Levee
- Refuge Boundary
- Water
- Forest
- Marsh