

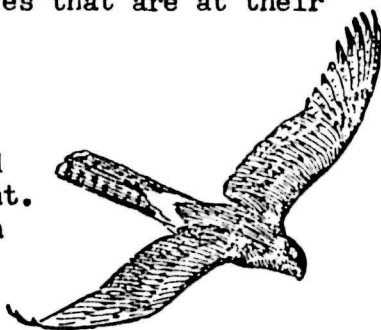


## BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

### CALENDAR OF NATURE EVENTS

This calendar of the seasonal progression of the most interesting natural occurrences is meant to aid you in planning visits to Bombay Hook Refuge. The Tour Route, open through daylight hours, will provide an easy means of viewing the following--free of mosquitoes and greenhead flies that are at their worst June 15 to September 15.

January: Red-tailed, marsh and rough-legged hawks abundant. White-tailed deer herds in fields at dusk.



February: Large flocks of pintails arrive during first mild weather. Bald eagles begin incubation.

March: Spring peak of migrant Canada geese and ducks. Woodchucks and turtles emerge from hibernation. Ospreys return to nest. Woodcock courtship flights occur. Alders and red maples flower.



April: Early spring songbird migration. Leopard and chorus frogs in full voice. Purple martins return. Spring wild flowers in the woodlands.



May: largest variety of wading birds present. Peak concentrations of shorebirds. Swamp chorus of bullfrogs and green frogs. Warbler migration peaks. Snapping turtles laying eggs. Spring wild flowers abundant. Tulip tree in blossom.

June: Duck broods appear. Terrapins laying eggs on dikes. First fawns seen. Water lilies in bloom.

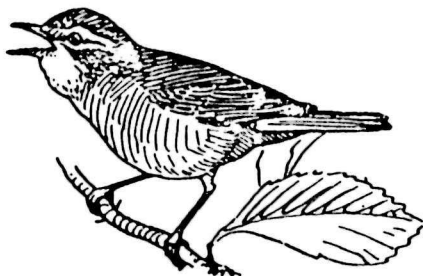


July: First shorebird migrants returning southward late in month. Many duck broods present in the impoundments.

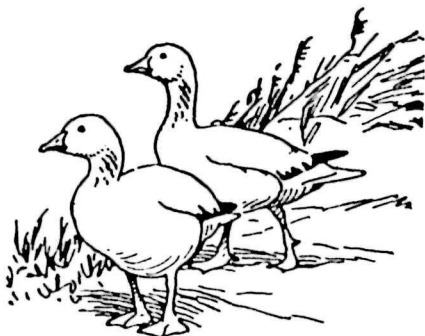


August: Large concentrations of wading birds, herons, egrets, glossy ibises present. Shorebird populations increasing. Cardinal flower, rose mallow and meadow beauties in flower.

September: Late migrating shorebirds and songbirds present. Tickseed sunflower, goldenrods and joe-pye-weeds in blossom.

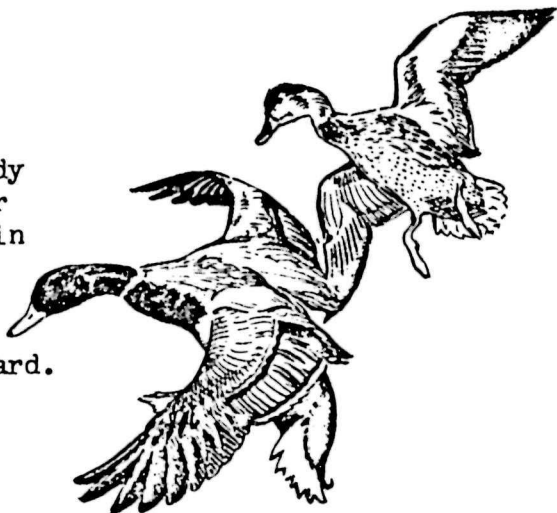


October: Best month for  
avocets. Canada  
geese arriving.  
Bur marigold in  
blossom in fresh  
water pools.



November: Fall peak of  
migrant Canada  
geese, snow geese  
and ducks.

December: Numerous hardy  
waterfowl and other  
birds usually remain  
all winter but the  
first heavy freeze  
speeds the less  
hardy birds southward.



The refuge is open to visitors through daylight hours.  
Further information is available from the Refuge Manager,  
RFD 31, Box 147, Smyrna, Delaware 19977, and the tele-  
phone number is (302) 653-9345.

