

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Nestucca Bay

National Wildlife Refuge



Oregon Silverspot Butterfly, Peter Peursall/USFWS

Background: Coastal Prairie, Brent Lawrence/USFWS

About the Refuge

A mosaic of habitats support diverse wildlife from migratory waterfowl and songbirds to deer, bobcats and bears that remain year-round.



Roy Lowe/USFWS

Semidi Islands Cackling Geese



Lila Bowen/USFWS

Early Blue Violet



Stan van de Wetering

Coho Salmon

Across the salt marshes, mudflats, pastures, prairie, woodlands, and freshwater bogs, the Refuge provides habitat for an array of notable wildlife. Six subspecies of “white-cheeked” geese winter within pastures cooperatively managed with our local dairy industry, including almost the entire population of Semidi Islands Aleutian Cackling Geese.

Restored coastal prairie habitat supports the threatened Oregon Silverspot Butterfly and its host plant the early blue violet. Restored tidal marshes provide protection for the threatened coho salmon along with forage and shelter for shorebirds and waterfowl.

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