

Shell Keys

National Wildlife Refuge

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Refuge Facts

- Established: 1907.
- Acres: five-seven.
- Located in Iberia Parish, LA.
- Location: The refuge is located in the offshore waters to the west of the Atchafalaya River Delta, south of Marsh Island Wildlife Management Area.

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Big Branch, Bogue Chitto, Breton, Delta, Shell Keys, Bayou Sauvage and Atchafalaya NWR's are administered under the Southeast Louisiana Complex with a total budget for FY02 budget of \$1,219,000.

Natural History

Refuge is composed of a few small shell spits or islands that are continually being built up and then eroded and moved by storm events. Concentrations of shorebirds and colonial sea birds.

Refuge Objectives

By executive order, the refuge was "... reserved and set apart as a reserve and breeding ground for native birds."

Questions and Answers

Where is the refuge and how can I access it?

The refuge is south of Marsh Island and is accessible only by boat.

What is available at the refuge?

The refuge is a bird sanctuary and is closed to all public use.