Teras Chenier Plain National Wildlife Refuge Complex

his collection of National Wildlife Refuges includes Anahuac, McFaddin, Texas Point, and Moody. These coastal refuges harbor much of the coastal migratory bird habitat along the upper Texas coast.

LOCATION: Anahuac NWR is located on the far eastern edge of Galveston Bay in Chambers County, just north of the Bolivar Peninsula. The refuges McFaddin and Texas Point are located on the very southeast corner of the Texas coast in Jefferson County. Moody NWR is in Chambers county, between Smith Point, and Anahuac NWR.

SIZE: Anahuac – 13,895 ha (34,309 acres); McFaddin – 22,753 ha (56,180 acres); Texas Point - 3,626 ha (8,952 acres); Moody – 1,424 ha (3,517 acres).

HABITAT: These refuges offer a wide variety of habitats, from coastal wetlands, coastal prairie, croplands,

bayous, wood riparian zones, and small coastal woodlots. The woodland areas are especially important for migrant songbirds, since these limited woodlots are islands in a sea of marshes and prairie.

BIRDS: This complex of refuges includes some of the most important bird habitat on the Gulf Coast. The array of habitats is suitable for all migratory birds, including waterfowl, raptors, shorebirds, colonial waterbirds and song birds. Large numbers of waterfowl winter on these refuges. Migratory shorebirds and

neotropical warblers find ample habitat for resting and refueling in the woodlots and on the mudflats that are widespread. Threatened and endangered species utilizing Refuge Complex habitats include the Piping Plover,

Brown Pelican, Peregrine Falcon and Bald Eagle.

CONSERVATION: The greatest threats to these Refuges are land subsidence, saltwater intru-

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sion, spread of exotic plants, and erosion. The US Fish and Wildlife Service works actively to counter these effects, as well as taking an active role in land conservation, such as water management, prescribed burning, exotic plant control, and prairie restoration.

