

**ARE YOU AN AVID BIRDER?  
DO YOU ENJOY EARLY MORNINGS ON THE WATER?  
THIS OPPORTUNITY IS FOR YOU!**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is looking for a dedicated volunteer to conduct Marshbird Callback Surveys on Martin National Wildlife Refuge. Marsh and wading bird species include rails and bitterns, some of which are species of regional and national management concern. Martin National Wildlife Refuge is located on Smith Island and provides excellent habitat for these migratory birds. These surveys will be used to determine species presence, abundance and distribution, and will aid in monitoring wetland habitat changes over time.

The Marshbird Callback Survey involves visiting established points (utilizing a motor boat and GPS unit) through wetland habitat during the early morning hours, and recording all the target avian species heard during fixed time periods of silence and broadcastings of selected species calls at each point.

WHAT: Marshbird Callback Surveys  
WHEN: 6 days between May and July (weather dependant)  
TIME: ½ hour before sunrise; concluded 4 hours after sunrise  
WHERE: Martin National Wildlife Refuge (Smith Island)

Housing, motor boat, equipment, training and funding for the Smith Island Ferry (leaves from Crisfield) will be provided by the Refuge.



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