

Five Refuges on *USA Today* 10-Best Birding List

Five national wildlife refuges earned places on a “10 best” list for bird-watching in Readers Choice awards announced in mid-November by *USA Today*. They are:

- Bosque del Apache Refuge, NM (which readers ranked No. 3);
- Aransas Refuge, TX (No. 5);
- Sanibel Island, FL (No. 6), home of J.N. “Ding” Darling Refuge; and
- Laguna Atascosa and Santa Ana Refuges, in Lower Rio Grande Valley, TX (No. 9).

Two other refuges – while not named per se – are in areas that earned top marks for birding: Ottawa Refuge, OH, next to Magee Marsh Wildlife Area (No.1), and Cape May Refuge, NJ, whose area ranked No. 8.

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