

Our Inaugural Issue of Digital *Refuge Update*

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We were excited to welcome thousands of readers to the first issue of the digital, quarterly *Refuge Update* newsletter. It was distributed in mid-October.

The Refuge System launched its weekly online stories in mid-July, and they have been hugely popular. But we know that not everyone comes to our [website](#) every week. So we created the digital *Refuge Update* to bring some of the best stories directly to readers.

We picked the stories for the newsletter to show the extraordinary work that national wildlife refuges do for natural resource conservation. The stories illustrate the breadth of the Refuge System. Some are just plain fun – like “[Try Not To Laugh](#).” We will have an equally varied mix of stories in each *Refuge Update* issue.

Many of the stories also have educational value beyond their online lives. Take for example “[A Beginner's Guide to the National Wildlife Refuge System](#).” While you might know a lot about national wildlife refuges, the story can be a great tool to share with schools and others in your community that don't know nearly enough about us.

People and organizations are free to download any of the stories for use on websites and blogs. We hope that thousands of people will share them on websites and in social media.

Anyone interested in the digital newsletter should send their email addresses to RefugeUpdate@fws.gov. We hope to be sharing stories from your communities.