



US Fish & Wildlife Service

# Litchfield

Wetland Management District | Minnesota



A UNIT OF THE  
National Wildlife  
Refuge System

## National Wildlife Refuge Week: October 9-15, 2016



### History

Celebrated during the second week of October since 1996, Refuge Week highlights the National Wildlife Refuge System – the network of lands and waters that protect wildlife and their habitats. This year also marks 100 years of the Migratory Bird Treaty which has been essential in conserving, protecting, and managing migratory birds and their habitats.



### Litchfield Wetland Management District

There is habitat scattered all around you! You can witness migratory birds flying south during their fall migration. Our Waterfowl Production Areas provide wetlands and grassland habitat for rest stops as birds move south. Visit our office to enjoy our boardwalk to a large wetland that often holds several wildlife species and to learn more about what we do.

There are many recreational opportunities on our Waterfowl Production Areas including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, and photography.

### Why do Refuges matter?

- National Wildlife Refuges enrich human lives through conservation, recreation and education
- They provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators
- Natural land protects against erosion and flooding & purify our air and water
- Refuges support over 35,000 jobs nationwide

