



# TOWN OF ST. GEORGE

## MAP 3: HIGH VALUE BIRD HABITATS

This map is non-regulatory and is intended for planning purposes only.

- Shorebird Feeding & Roosting Areas**
- Coastal Wildlife Concentration Areas data was used as a starting point by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. Extensive field surveys began in 1993 to present further refined feeding and roosting areas and identify new areas. Areas include feeding sites and roosting sites.
- Tidal Waterfowl & Wading Bird Habitat**
- Areas rated as high or moderate value by Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife regional staff using statewide digital National Wetlands Inventory data, Coastal Marine Geologic Environments data, eelgrass beds as mapped by Maine's Department of Marine Resources, and aerial imagery. Habitat types include eelgrass beds, mussel bars/beds, emergent wetlands, and mudflats.
- Inland Waterfowl & Wading Bird Habitat**
- This is a Significant Wildlife Habitat defined under Maine's Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA). IWWHs with a high or moderate rating meet the Significant Wildlife Habitat definition and are protected under NRPA. Low-rated IWWHs are NOT included in this layer because they do not meet the definition and are not protected under NRPA. Data updated in 2008.
- Seabird Nesting Islands**
- In the mid-1990's, biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Department of Inland Fish & Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy, and Maine Coast Heritage Trust compiled a list of 677 islands where seabirds were historically or currently present and developed criteria for Nationally Significant Seabird Islands.
- Roseate Tern Nesting Areas**
- Roseate tern nesting areas in Maine are mapped as Essential Habitat by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. These areas are currently or historically provide physical or biological features essential to the conservation of an endangered or threatened species in Maine and which may require special management considerations.
- Bald Eagle Nest Sites**
- Data provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Gulf of Maine Coastal Program. Bald eagle nest sites in Maine are mapped as Essential Habitat by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. These areas are currently or historically provide physical or biological features essential to the conservation of an endangered or threatened species in Maine and which may require special management considerations.