



THE ROOKERY



Fall 2024

Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge
Swanton, Vermont
Youth Newsletter

Fall is a beautiful time to explore the Refuge!

Check out the changing colors and enjoy migrating birds in a less buggy atmosphere. Borrow a backpack with supplies from Headquarters to enhance your exploration.

You'll notice a new boardwalk being built on the south side of the Steven J. Young Marsh trail and a small addition to the one on the Discovery Trail making it more accessible to wheelchairs.

Join us for the BIG SIT on Saturday, October 12th as we try to identify as many birds as we can from the observation platform. Last year, 32 species were sighted!

Best ways to see wildlife



WALK LIKE A FOX

“City walking” (heel to toe) is loud and sends sound waves through the air.

This scares creatures.

Slow down and soften your steps and you may notice more wildlife.



PUT ON DEER EARS

Cup your hands around your ears to increase your ability to hear the sounds of wildlife around you.



USE EAGLE EYES

Use wide angle vision to see more wildlife.

Take your time and look carefully sweeping from one side to the other and back again.

Leaf Identification



Red Oak



Birch



Quaking Aspen



Sugar Maple



White Ash



White Oak



Red Maple



Shagbark Hickory



**Silver Maple
(silver on back)**

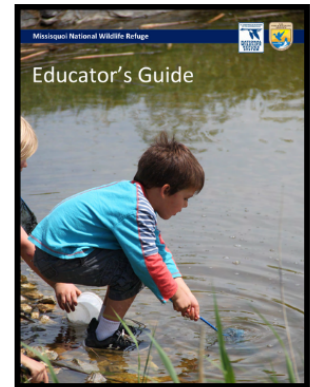


American Beech



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GIFT SHOP
The Refuge Gift Shop is open most weekdays from 9-2. T-shirts, Caps, Pins, Books and more!



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Available on the MNWR website



**"There is no Wi-Fi in the forest,
but I promise you will find a better connection."
-Ralph Smart**

