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Oil Pollution and Seabirds off Newfoundland and Labrador

Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve

- During the breeding season, “the Cape” is home to 24,000 Northern gannets, 20,000 black-legged kittiwakes, 20,000 common murres, and 2,000 thick-billed murres. Also, more than 100 pairs of razorbills and 60 pairs of black guillemots nest there. Double-crested and great cormorants and Northern fulmars also nest on the Cape.

- Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve covers 64 km², of which 54 km² is a marine reserve.

- The waters offshore are an important wintering site for thousands of sea ducks, including harlequin, common eider, scoter and long-tailed ducks.

- Cape St. Mary's has the largest known wintering Harlequin Duck population in Eastern Canada.



Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve. Photo credit: Fyzee Shuhood, Department of Environment and Conservation

Gannets and chicks at Cape St. Mary's Photo credit: Fyzee Shuhood, Department of Environment and Conservation





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Oiled thick-billed murre on Point Lance beach. Photo credit: Tony Power, Department of Environment and Conservation.



Oiled seabirds found near Cape St. Mary's November 2004. Photo credit: Tony Power, Department of Environment and Conservation

- Cape St. Mary's is the most accessible seabird colony in eastern North America.
- Approximately 20,000 people experience Cape St. Mary's beauty each year.



View of Cape St. Mary's from ocean.

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Puffins at the Witless Bay Ecological Reserve. Photo credit: Fyzee Shuhood, Department of Environment and Conservation.



Oiled murre, Cape St. Mary's area. Photo credit: Tony Power, Department of Environment and Conservation



Oiled murrelets, 2004 mystery spill near Cape St. Mary's. Photo credit: Tony Power, Department of Environment and Conservation.



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Oiled seabirds collected from beach. Photo credit: Tony Power, Department of Environment and Conservation.

Oiled murre that has been scavenged. Photo credit: Tony Power, Department of Environment and Conservation.

