

The Brothers Islands Wildlife Management Area



The Brothers are two small barren islands located off the coast of Yarmouth County near Lower West Pubnico. The islands are owned by the Province. One has an area of 0.4 hectares; the other is 0.5 hectares in size. The islands are important nesting habitat for colonial nesting birds including endangered roseate terns. In recent years the Brothers Islands have been the largest and most productive roseate tern colony in Canada.

The Brothers Islands became a wildlife management area on March 30, 2007. The wildlife management area includes the islands, and the water within a 250 metre radius circle around the centre of each island. Wildlife habitat within the wildlife management area may not be altered without written authorization of the Director of Wildlife. To prevent disturbance of breeding birds, access to the islands is not permitted between March 31 and September 1, without written authorization of the Director of Wildlife. Between March 31 and September 1, it is forbidden to disturb any wildlife in the wildlife management area, or to hunt or discharge a firearm. Camping, fires, and operating a vehicle within the wildlife management area is not allowed any time of the year.