

## **Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge**

Alabama shares this refuge with neighboring Mississippi. Grand Bay's 10,188 acres straddle the state line and are located along the Gulf Coast. Along with Bon Secour NWR and Mississippi's Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, Grand Bay NWR is part of the federal Gulf Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The refuge was established in 1992 to protect one of the largest remaining expanses of wet pine savanna habitat. It is a patchwork of wet pine savanna, maritime forest, tidal wetlands, salt marshes bays, and bayous. Protected species that inhabit the refuge include the threatened [gopher tortoise](#), the endangered [red-cockaded woodpecker](#), and the endangered brown pelican.