



# ARCTIC TRUTH

Celebrating 50 Years of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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Each week leading up to the **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on December 6, 2010, we will be sending you an Arctic Truth newsletter highlighting an **Arctic Hero**, an **Arctic bird** that migrates from the Refuge to other states in the U.S., and other news about why the Arctic Refuge deserves the strongest possible protections.



## Arctic Hero

**Senator Joe Lieberman** (I) of Connecticut has long been a champion of preserving the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. From his initial Senate campaign, where it was a defining issue, through today, he has worked tirelessly to prevent drilling in the Arctic Refuge. Further, Senator Lieberman has introduced legislation (S. 231) that would designate the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge, also known as the 1002 area, as wilderness. This bill would protect the wildlife and people that rely on this pristine region. Senator Lieberman has simultaneously pushed for legislation that would provide long-term solutions to our energy crisis and make Arctic drilling obsolete, including development and implementation of new, cleaner energy technologies.

## Arctic Bird

The **Snow Bunting** is named for its natural tendency to live in cold, arctic areas. Nesting in deep crevices or cracks between rocks, the Snow Bunting breeds during the summer months in the Arctic Refuge and parts of Northern Canada, migrating to areas like Vermont during winter months. The male birds migrate to the Refuge a month before the females to prepare for mating season. They live in temperatures as cold as  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ !



## Arctic Action

Yesterday, 57 members of the U.S. Congress sent a letter to President Obama urging him to do all he can to give the Arctic Refuge the strongest possible protections. Representative Ed Markey (D-MA), who led the letter, said "The BP Deepwater Horizon spill of nearly 5 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico this summer was one of the worst environmental disasters in our nation's history. The BP spill is a stark reminder that when it comes to oil drilling there is no such thing as 'immaculate extraction.' On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Arctic Refuge, the time has come to grant this unique and pristine American treasure the strong protections that it deserves." Please join this broad base of support for protecting the Arctic Refuge by **cosponsoring H.R. 39/S. 231** to designate the Refuge's Coastal Plain as wilderness.



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