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#### **Abstract**

This report provides results from the 2011 International Census of Piping Plovers (*Charadrius melodus*). Distribution and abundance data for wintering and breeding Piping Plovers are summarized in tabular format. An appendix provides census data for every site surveyed in every state, province, and island. The 2011 winter census resulted in the observation of 3,973 Piping Plovers. Expanded coverage outside of the United States led to the discovery of more than 1,000 Piping Plovers wintering in the Bahamas. The breeding census detected 2,771 birds in Atlantic Canada and the Plains, Prairies, and Great Lakes regions of the United States and Canada. Combining the census count with the U.S. Atlantic "window census" provides a total minimum estimate of 5,723 breeding birds for the species.

### Introduction

The Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) is one of the most imperiled shorebirds in the United States and Canada (Brown and others, 2001; Elliott-Smith and Haig, 2004) and is federally listed in both countries. Every 5 years since 1991, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) coordinates an International Piping Plover Census to provide a comprehensive view of abundance and distribution that assists in evaluating the effectiveness of recovery efforts. In 2011, for the fifth time in 20 years, a comprehensive inventory of Piping Plovers was conducted across their winter and breeding range in the United States, Canada, France (islands near Canada), Mexico, and the Caribbean.

## **Methods**

The 2011 International Piping Plover Census was conducted using similar and compatible methods to those used during 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006 (Haig and Plissner,

1993; Plissner and Haig, 2000; Haig and others, 2005). The census was led by a census coordinator (Elise Elliott-Smith, U.S. Geological Survey). Individual surveys were organized with the assistance of state, provincial, island, and regional coordinators.

The winter census was conducted prior to the breeding census in order to count only those birds capable of being present in the subsequent breeding census. January 24 through February 6, 2011 was designated as the time period for the winter census. The breeding census was conducted from June 4 through June 17. We attempted to conduct the census during a short time interval to minimize recounting of birds resulting from their movement between sites. Specific dates were selected based on similarity to previous census dates. An additional factor when in coastal areas was selection of winter census dates that would coincide with a period of daytime high tides, particularly on the Texas coast. Some data collected outside the designated winter census time interval were accepted to document use in regions where Piping Plovers are rare. Likewise, we accepted some data outside the breeding census window. Flooding of interior breeding sites and access roads required that some surveys be conducted after the census window, when water levels receded.

Generally, the census was conducted by covering all habitat at each site with a single pass in a single day and recording the total number of adult plovers seen. Pairs were noted and enumerated for the breeding census whenever two birds were seen together. Most surveys were conducted on foot and guidance was given to surveyors to increase the likelihood of Piping Plover detection. Participants were advised to conduct surveys when weather was favorable because visibility and detectability may be limited during high winds, rain, and fog. At tidally influenced sites, surveyors generally were advised to survey at high tide when birds are concentrated and habitat is easier to cover. A subset of breeding sites were surveyed twice to allow for estimates of detection probability by studies using data reported herein.

Types of data collected during the 2011 International Piping Plover Census were similar to data collected in prior census years. Information recorded included the number of birds, location, weather, tidal stage, approximate length of shoreline covered, presence or absence of leg-bands and any band combinations, and surveyor information. Additionally, this year we collected data on potential disturbance to birds or habitat and the vulnerability of winter sites to sea-level rise.

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This inventory is referred to as a "census" because of the breadth of habitat that is covered across the species range, which is as complete as possible. However, we recognize that it is impossible to count every plover because of imperfect coverage and imperfect detection during surveys. Although double-counting plovers is possible, the constrained census window is intended to minimize this source of uncertainty. As indicated in the individual areas summaries presented in appendix I, incomplete coverage and imperfect detection are likely more common. As a result, the census totals reported herein most likely represent minimum population estimates. As in prior years, we attempted to cover as much known and potential Piping Plover habitat as possible throughout the species winter and breeding range. Surveying winter habitat outside the United States is a particular challenge and, although coverage improved in 2011, it was still incomplete. Given 2006 results, which suggested the Bahamas could be an important wintering area, we expanded our surveys in this island group. Breeding census counts are always higher than winter counts, likely because of improved coverage and detection. However, identifying all suitable breeding habitat in the interior is difficult during extreme wet and dry years. Extensive flooding and use of non-traditional breeding habitat (for example, gravel roads adjacent to sites) in 2011 made it impossible to obtain a thorough count of birds in the Plains and Prairie region; thus, counts in this report are likely underestimates of true population size. In future surveys, more work needs to be done to improve coverage and account for

imperfect detection so that counts from breeding surveys can be used to estimate population size more reliably.

Unlike prior years, none of the U.S. Atlantic States participated in the 2011 census. The U.S. Atlantic breeding population is estimated annually from a "window census" conducted near the timeframe of the census. This survey differs from the census in that the focus is estimating pairs rather than making a count of individuals, and although some data reflect a single count, multiple visits are made to some sites. Thus, we present pair counts from the 2011 "window census" (A. Hecht, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, written commun., 2012) and double the total pair count to obtain a total adult count for the region. Because detection probability is not accounted for, when combining U.S. Atlantic States window data with our results, this provides a likely minimum estimate for the Atlantic Coast population and for the entire species.

## **Results**

A total of 3,973 Piping Plovers were seen during the 2011 winter census (table 1). The Bahamas was identified as an important wintering area, ranking second only to Texas in number of Piping Plovers. Preliminary genetic analyses by Dr. Susan Haig and observations of banded birds (during the census and as reported by C. Gratto-Trevor, oral comm.,

**Table 1.** Distribution and abundance of wintering Piping Plovers, 2011.

[Sites surveyed, kilometers surveyed, and Participants: Numbers reported serve as minimum estimates. Not all censusers included this information. na, not applicable]

State/Country	Number of Piping Plovers	Percentage of all birds censused	Sites surveyed	Kilometers surveyed	Participants	Coordinator
Virginia	1	<0.1	22	177	20	R. Boettcher
North Carolina	43	1.1	36	405	41	S. Schweitzer
South Carolina	86	2.2	36	144	50	M. Bimbi, F. Sanders
Georgia	63	1.6	17	136	50	B. Winn, T. Keyes
Florida	306	7.7	201	1,299	291	P. Kelly, B. Brooks
Atlantic <sup>1</sup>	83	2.1	91	630	na	M. Knight
Gulf¹	223	5.6	110	669	na	
Alabama	38	1.0	6	12	3	R. Clay
Mississippi	88	2.2	18	146	21	N. Winstead
Louisiana	86	2.2	16	119	11	M. Seymour
Texas	2,145	54.0	88	1,600	68	D. Anderson, R. Cobb, L. Gallo, M. Zdravkovic
Mexico	30	0.8	5	175	2	A. Banda, G. Garcia
Bahamas	1,066	26.8	203	678	29	P. Moore, E. Elliott-Smith
Cuba	19	0.5	10	45	3	P. Rodriguez
Puerto Rico	2	< 0.1	6	13	4	A. Pérez
GRAND TOTAL	3,973	100	664	4,949	593	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Regional subtotals within Florida.

2013) indicate that Piping Plovers wintering in the Bahamas may be primarily from the Atlantic Coast breeding population. The Bahamas count (1,066) was 32 percent of the Atlantic breeding count (3,362). This number likely does not represent the exact percentage of Atlantic birds wintering in the Bahamas, but it does suggest the relative importance of the Bahamas to the breeding population. Likewise, the Texas coast is very important to Prairie Canada breeders (Gratto-Trevor and others, 2012), but further research is needed to fully understand population connectivity and the importance of specific wintering sites.

In total, 2,771 Piping Plovers were counted during the breeding census in the Plains/Prairies, Atlantic Canada, and Great Lakes (table 2). As in prior years, the breeding census was conducted in the interior United States and Canada, the Great Lakes region, and Atlantic Canada. The U.S. Atlantic region did not officially participate, but their "window census" resulted in the detection of 1,476 pairs. Doubling the U.S. Atlantic pair count and combining with the census count results in an overall species count of at least 5,723 Piping Plovers during the breeding season.

Table 2. Census effort and coverage for the 2011 International Piping Plover breeding census.

[Sites surveyed, Kilometers surveyed, and Participants: Numbers reported serve as minimum estimates. Not all censusers included this information. na, not applicable; nr, information was not reported]

State/Province	Adults	Census (percent)	Region (percent)	Breeding pairs	Sites surveyed	Linear kilometers surveyed	Partici- pants	Coordinator
Northern Great Plains/Prairies	2,249	39.3	na	706	772	3,853	340	
Prairie Canada	1,012	17.7	45.0	288	385	2,750	180	
Alberta	244	4.3	10.8	91	70	252	31	D. Prescott
Saskatchewan	764	13.3	34.0	195	278	2,473	131	M. Ranalli, J. Rumancik
Manitoba	2	0.0	0.1	1	33	15	16	K. Porteous
Ontario (Lake of the Woods)	2	0.0	0.1	1	4	10	2	L. Heyens, B. Campbell
U.S. Northern Great Plains	1,237	21.6	55.0	418	387	1,103	160	
Minnesota	2	0.0	0.1	1	4	6	2	K. Haws
Montana	91	1.6	4.0	35	59	32	17	K. Brennan, F. Prellwitz
Montana (Missouri River) <sup>1</sup>	2	na	na	1	3	<1	na	
North Dakota	623	10.9	27.7	255	178	295	43	K. Brennan
North Dakota (Missouri River)1	31	na	na	18	25	2	na	
South Dakota	151	2.6	6.7	21	45	113	16	N. Gates
South Dakota (Missouri River) <sup>1</sup>	151	na	na	20	20	112	na	
Nebraska	350	6.1	15.6	97	86	632	44	J. Jorgenson
Nebraska (Missouri River)	2	na	na	1	1	<1	na	
Missouri River (MT, ND, SD, NE)1	186	3.3	8.3	40	49	114	36	G. Pavelka, G. Borman
Iowa <sup>2</sup>	na	na	na	na	0	0	0	D. Howell
Kansas <sup>2</sup>	na	na	na	na	0	0	0	D. Mulhern
Colorado	20	0.3	0.9	9	15	25	2	D. Nelson, P. Plage
Great Lakes	112	2.0	na	43	130	550	96	
Canada (Ontario)	14	0.2	12.5	6	58	207	50	S. Mackenzie
United States	98	1.7	87.5	37	72	343	46	
Michigan	90	1.6	80.4	33	56	283	32	V. Cavalieri
Wisconsin	8	0.1	7.1	4	8	35	8	V Cavalieri
MN/IL/IN/OH/PA/NY	0	0.0	0.0	0	8	25	6	V. Cavelieri, K. Haws
Atlantic	3,362	40.8	na	1,576	859	1,947	319	
St. Pierre and Miquelon (France)	4	0.1	0.1	1	4	19	4	R. Etcheberry
Atlantic Canada	406	7.1	12.1	165	387	1,093	158	
Newfoundland	51	0.9	1.5	22	100	126	29	K. Baker
Quebec	66	1.2	2.0	22	17	131	31	F. Shaffer
Prince Edward Island	67	1.2	2.0	28	82	189	18	J. Rock
New Brunswick	130	2.3	3.9	54	61	263	41	J. Rock
Nova Scotia	92	1.6	2.7	39	127	384	39	S. Abbott, K. Potter

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Table 2. Census effort and coverage for the 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census.—Continued

[Sites surveyed, Kilometers surveyed, and Participants: Numbers reported serve as minimum estimates. Not all censusers included this information. na, not applicable; nr, information was not reported]

State/Province	Adults	Census (percent)	Region (percent)	Breeding pairs	Sites surveyed	Linear kilometers surveyed	Partici- pants	Coordinator
U.S. Atlantic <sup>3</sup>	2,952	51.6	87.8	1,476	nr	nr	nr	
Maine <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	33	nr	nr	nr	L. Zitske
New Hampshire <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	4	nr	nr	nr	B.Clifford
Massachusetts <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	630	nr	nr	nr	S. Melvin
Rhode Island <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	86	nr	nr	nr	E. King, C. Wiitala
Connecticut <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	26	nr	nr	nr	J. Victoria
New York <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	318	nr	nr	nr	F. Hamilton
New Jersey <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	97	nr	nr	nr	T. Pover
Delaware <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	8	nr	nr	nr	M. Bailey
Maryland <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	36	nr	nr	nr	T. Pearl
Virginia <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	179	nr	nr	nr	R. Boettcher
North Carolina <sup>3</sup>	nr	na	na	59	nr	nr	nr	S. Schweitzer
Totals								
U.S.	4,287	74.9	na	1,931	459	1,446	206	
Canada	1,432	25.0	na	459	830	4,050	388	
France	4	0.1	na	1	4	19	4	
Grand total	5,723	na	na	2,391	1,932	5,515	598	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Regional subtotals within a given State. Missouri River results by State are included in State results.

Overall winter numbers were similar to 2006, but our data from Louisiana is incomplete because of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. This spill occurred in spring and summer of 2010, affecting the entire northern Gulf of Mexico coastline and in particular the Louisiana Mississippi River Delta (Mendelssohn and others, 2012). Through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) process, some Piping Plover habitat was closed to the public but subject to special studies to determine oil spill impacts. Data collected as part of the NRDA process include counts of Piping Plovers, but these data have not yet been released. At some time, we should be able to fill in the data gaps, which could add 200 or more Piping Plovers to the winter count (based on prior census results). Coverage was fairly comprehensive elsewhere in the United States. Although the survey effort in the Bahamas represents an increase over previous efforts, some habitat remains to be surveyed. Other gaps in coverage include parts of Mexico, Cuba, and elsewhere in the northern Caribbean.

The 2011 breeding census count was substantially lower than the last census in 2006 when the overall count was 8,092 (5,723 in 2011) with more than 4,500 birds seen in the northern Great Plains and Prairie region (2,249 in 2011;

Elliott-Smith and others, 2009). This apparent decrease could be real, or it could be an artifact of extreme flooding in the Prairie and Plains region during 2011, which rendered much traditional habitat unsuitable. Some birds were observed using non-traditional habitat, such as flooded agricultural fields and gravel roads adjacent to traditional sites. It remains unknown what proportion of plovers use such sites, or other areas, during extreme wet and dry years.

During the winter census, potential disturbance to birds included people (46 percent of sites), off-leash dogs (23 percent), fishing (14 percent), vehicles (14 percent) and other activities (9 percent). Habitat disturbance included vehicle ruts (14 percent), invasive species (10 percent), hardened shoreline (10 percent), dredged material (7 percent), oil (3 percent), geotubes (1 percent), and other habitat disturbances (9 percent). Many winter sites may be vulnerable to sea-level rise, given that 71 percent of sites were rated "flat or gently sloping" and 29 percent have habitat only at low or mid tides.

During the breeding census, we collected disturbance data pertaining only to habitat. This included vehicle ruts (12 percent of sites), cattle tramping (7 percent), housing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Iowa and Kansas did not participate in the 2011 Census due to high water levels and lack of habitat. One nest and a few adults were observed in Iowa later in the season after water receded.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The U.S. Atlantic did not participate in the 2011 Census. U.S. Atlantic breeding pair estimates were obtained from the 2011 Atlantic Window Census, which focuses on estimating breeding pairs. The total for U.S. Atlantic adults presented here was obtained by doubling the estimated number of pairs, and thus does not include any unpaired adults present at the time of the survey.

development (5 percent), invasive species (2 percent), industry (2 percent), and dredged material (1 percent). Most disturbances fell into the "other" category (19 percent), with comments suggesting impacts from human recreation, dogs, ATVs, garbage, encroaching vegetation, erosion, etc., all of which were exacerbated in some instances by flood conditions.

## **Summary**

This report presents the results of 2011 International Piping Plover Census. The winter census, conducted from January 24 to February 6, detected 3,973 Piping Plovers. The breeding census, conducted from June 4 to 17, detected 5,723 Piping Plovers including those counted during the U.S. Atlantic "window census."

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## **Appendix 1**

#### State/Provincial Summaries

Following are detailed accounts of the 2011 International Piping Plover Census for each state, province, island or island group. Accounts include a narrative prepared by the state, provincial, island, regional, or census coordinator assessing the success of the census in their area. At the bottom of each narrative is a small table with Piping Plover numbers for each census year. Each narrative is followed by a map of sites surveyed and a detailed table which includes information on each and every site surveyed during the census. Winter Census results are presented first, followed by results from each population censused on the breeding grounds. Furthermore, presentation of results generally starts with the northeast most state/province and ends in the southwest.

We conducted a detectability study during the 2011 Breeding Census and this information is also included in the state/provincial accounts. For provinces and states that participated in the detectability study there is a table at the end of the narrative with the name of each site included in the detectability study and a tally of how many birds were counted during the first and second surveys. It should be noted that for states/provinces that participated in the detectability study, the "high count" for each site is included in the detailed site tables following each map.

## **Key to 2011 Database Variables**

Results tabulated in this report represent data collected during the 2011 census. Listed below are explanations for the variables presented.

#### **Universal Variables:**

Map # – Reference for associated map

**Km** – Kilometers surveyed

**Site Description** – Habitat description where surveying occurred (see "Other Variables")

**Disturbance Concerns** – Description of potential disturbance concerns where birds were observed (see "other Variables"). We note "none" for no disturbance; if questions were skipped we note "n.r." (none reported).

**Prior Years Censused & Years Seen** – If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold and underlined years indicate plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. Years with no emphasis indicate that no plovers were observed at that site during that Census year.

Owner – Site ownership (see "Site Ownership Variables"). If left blank we note "n.r." (none reported).

**PIPL** – Piping Plover

**SNPL** – Snowy Plover

**WIPL** – Wilson's Plover

Window Habitat Variables

### **Other Variables:**

Winter Habitat Variables				
Water Body:	:			
I	Ocean			
II.	Protected Bay, Harbor, Cove,			
	Lagoon			
III.	Gulf of Mexico			
IV.	Ocean Inlet			
V.	Other			
<b>Shoreline:</b>				
A.	Mainland			
B.	Barrier Island			
C.	Spoil Island			
D.	Bar			
E.	Other Island			
F.	Washover Area			
G.	Other			

Water Body:  I Ocean II. Protected Bay, Harbor, Cove, Lagoon, Sound III. River
I Ocean II. Protected Bay, Harbor, Cove, Lagoon, Sound
II. Protected Bay, Harbor, Cove, Lagoon, Sound
Lagoon, Sound
IV. Alkali Lake/Pond
V. Natural Freshwater Lake
VI. Reservoir
VII. Industrial Pond
VIII. Sandpit
IX. Other
Shoreline:
A. Mainland (of coast, lake, river)
B. Barrier Beach
C. Barrier Island
D. Protected Shore
F. Man Made Bar/Island
G. Dry Lakebed
H. Agricultural Field
I. Other
Disturbance /Concern Variables
A. Agricultural Activities (incl.
cattle trampling, etc.)
D. Dogs
G. Flat or Gently Sloping
H. Human activity
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L. Habitat Only at Low/Mid Tides
N. Industry
V. Vehicles/Vehicle Ruts
W. High Water/Flooding
P. Pollutants/Oil
S. Shoreline
Stabilization/Dredging/Geotubes
B. Airboats
F. Fishing
U. Urbanization/Housing and
Development Development
O. Other
Ownership:
f. Federal
s(p). State/Provincial
m. Municipal
p. Private
c. County
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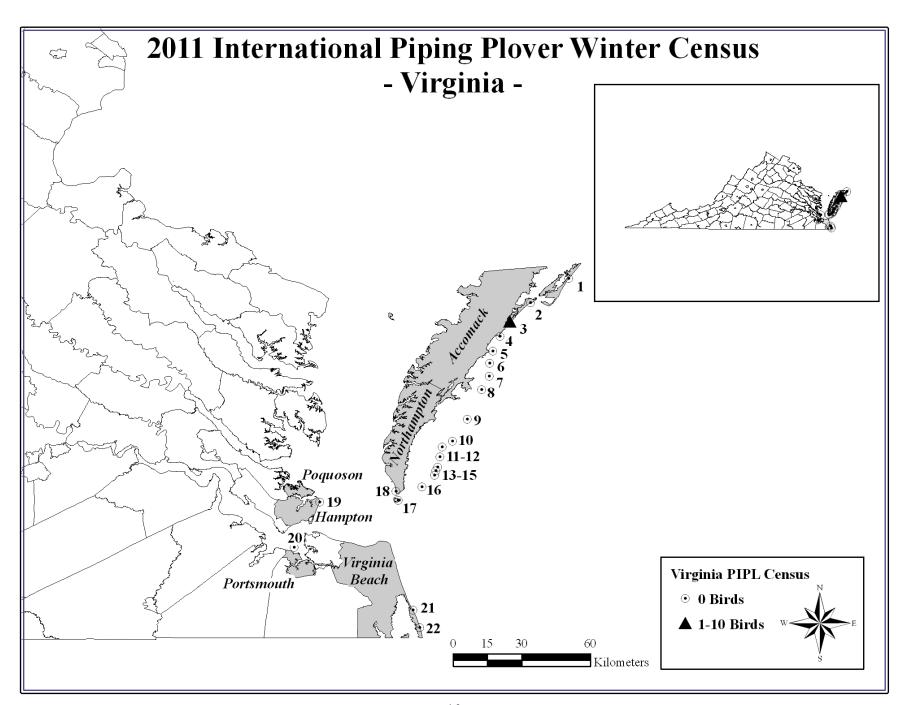
## The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Virginia

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The 2011 Census was only the second time Virginia participated in the International Winter Census because the state is not generally considered to be part of the species' winter range. During the 2011 Census, 20 observers surveyed a total of 22 sites, all of which encompass the same locations covered during annual breeding surveys. As during the 2006 Census, this year's effort yielded only one Piping Plover, once again confirming that Virginia beaches are not used extensively by Piping Plovers in the winter. Similar to the 2006 Census, the single observation occurred on one of Virginia's northern barrier islands; however, not as far north as the 2006 sighting.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

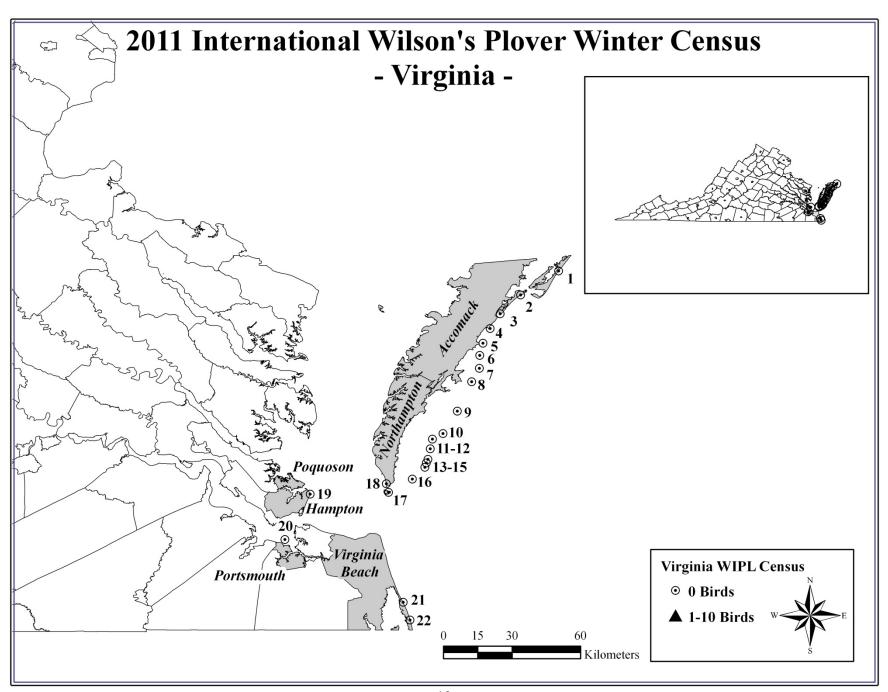
Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping				1	1
Plover	1		1	1	1
Snowy				no	no
Plover	_	_	_	n.a.	n.a.
Wilson's				0	0
Plover	_	-	_	U	U



The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Virginia

COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR NSUSEI PIPL S	& YE		OWNER
Accomack	Assateague Island, Chincoteague NWR portion	1	1/27/11	0	26.9	I II B F	HVFG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Accomack	Assawoman Island	3	1/25/11	1	3.7	IBF	H F G	-	-	-	06	f
Accomack	Dawson Shoals	7	2/4/11	0	0.8	I G F	G	-	-	-	06	p
Accomack	Metompkin Island	4	2/6/11	0	11.0	I II IV B F	G	-	-	-	06	f, p
Accomack	North Cedar Island (Cedar Sandbar)	5	1/29/11	0	3.4	I II B F	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Accomack	Parramore Island	8	2/4/11	0	15.0	I II IV B F	none	-	-	-	06	p
Accomack	South Cedar Island	6	2/4/11	0	10.5	I II IV B F	H G	-	-	-	06	f, p
Accomack	Wallops Island	2	1/25/11	0	5.8	I IV B	G	-	-	-	06	f
Hampton	Grandview Beach	19	1/31/11	0	4.2	I II A	S G	-	-	-	06	m
Northampton	Cobb Island	10	1/25/11	0	6.0	I II IV B F	G	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Fisherman Island	17	1/28/11	0	9.2	I II IV B F	G	-	-	-	06	f
Northampton	Hog Island	9	2/4/11	0	14.6	I II IV B F	none	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Little Cobb Island	11	1/25/11	0	1.3	I II IV B F	none	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Myrtle Island	15	1/30/11	0	4.0	I II IV B F	G	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Ship Shoal Island	13	1/30/11	0	4.9	I II IV B F	G	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Shmyrtle Shoal	14	1/30/11	0	0.5	IV E F	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Northampton	Smith Island	16	2/4/11	0	12.5	I II IV B D F	none	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Wise Point Beach (S tip of Delmarva Penninsula)	18	1/28/11	0	2.9	II IV A	S	-	-	-	-	f, s(p), p
Northampton	Wreck Island	12	1/25/11	0	6.0	I II IV B F	none	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Portsmouth	Craney Island	20	1/27/11	0	18.5	I II A C	HVSI	-	-	-	06	f
Virginia Beach	Back Bay NWR	21	2/4/11	0	6.4	I A	ΗV	-	-	-	06	f
Virginia Beach	False Cape State Park	22	2/4/11	0	9.7	I A	ΗVG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Total				1	177.7							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Piping Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.



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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS	_	SUSED WIPL S		ARS	OWNER
Accomack	Assateague Island, Chincoteague NWR portion	1	1/27/11	0	26.9	I II B F	HVFG	-	-	-	06	f
Accomack	Assawoman Island	3	1/25/11	0	3.7	IBF	H F G	_	_	_	06	f
Accomack	Dawson Shoals	7	2/4/11	0	0.8	I G F	G	_	_	_	06	p
Accomack	Metompkin Island	4	2/6/11	0	11.0	I II IV B F	G	_	_	_	06	f, p
Accomack	North Cedar Island (Cedar Sandbar)	5	1/29/11	0	3.4	IIIBF	G	_	_	_	06	s(p)
Accomack	Parramore Island	8	2/4/11	0	15.0	I II IV B F	none	_	_	_	06	p
Accomack	South Cedar Island	6	2/4/11	0	10.5	I II IV B F	НG	_	-	_	06	f, p
Accomack	Wallops Island	2	1/25/11	0	5.8	I IV B	G	_	_	_	06	f
Hampton	Grandview Beach	19	1/31/11	0	4.2	I II A	S G	_	-	_	06	m
Northampton	Cobb Island	10	1/25/11	0	6.0	I II IV B F	G	_	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Fisherman Island	17	1/28/11	0	9.2	I II IV B F	G	_	-	-	06	f
Northampton	Hog Island	9	2/4/11	0	14.6	I II IV B F	none	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Little Cobb Island	11	1/25/11	0	1.3	I II IV B F	none	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Myrtle Island	15	1/30/11	0	4.0	I II IV B F	G	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Ship Shoal Island	13	1/30/11	0	4.9	I II IV B F	G	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Shmyrtle Shoal	14	1/30/11	0	0.5	IV E F	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Northampton	Smith Island	16	2/4/11	0	12.5	I II IV B D F	none	-	-	-	06	p
Northampton	Wise Point Beach (S tip of Delmarva Penninsula)	18	1/28/11	0	2.9	II IV A	S	-	-	-	-	f, s(p), p
Northampton	Wreck Island	12	1/25/11	0	6.0	I II IV B F	none	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Portsmouth	Craney Island	20	1/27/11	0	18.5	I II A C	HVSI	-	-	-	06	f
Virginia Beach	Back Bay NWR	21	2/4/11	0	6.4	I A	ΗV	-	-	-	06	f
Virginia Beach	False Cape State Park	22	2/4/11	0	9.7	I A	ΗVG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Total				0	177.7							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

# The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in North Carolina

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The 2011 International Piping Plover Census in North Carolina was largely complete with most known sites and suitable habitats surveyed. Thirty people covered almost all suitable habitats and slightly more habitat than in 2006. This year's count of 43 birds is lower than the number of Piping Plovers counted in 1996, 2001, and 2006, but higher than the 1991 count. We censused a greater length of shoreline (over 400 km) this year and had more participants.

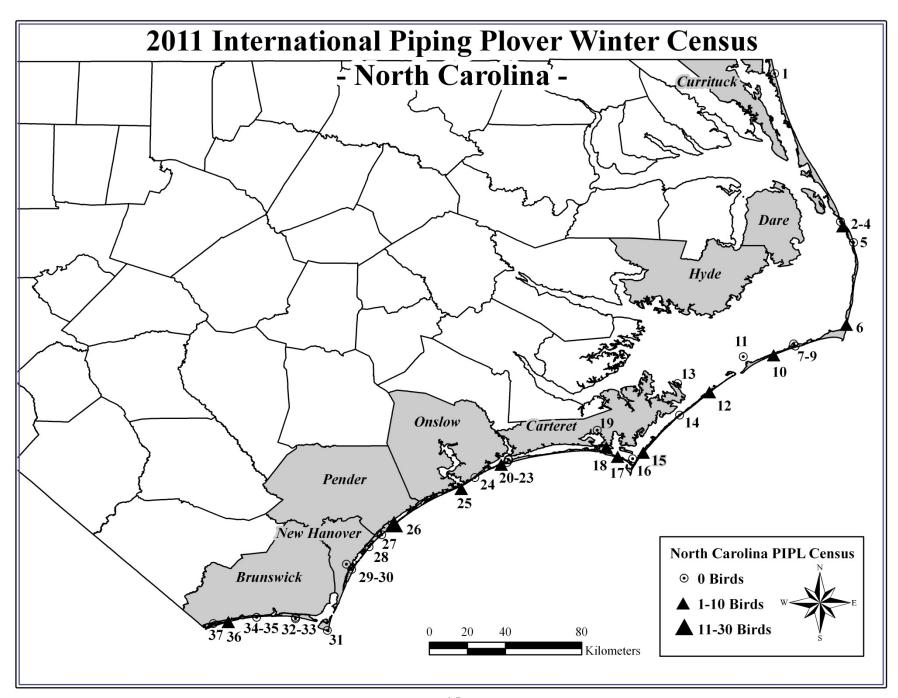
We had several days with high winds, rain, and snow during the census window; however, we censused all but two sites within the time frame. Winter storms and snow reduce the number of plovers in North Carolina and these weather events may have brought about the lower number of plovers in 2011. We tried to avoid counting during high winds and rain, but a couple of sites were surveyed during these conditions so it is possible that birds were not detected at these sites. Browns Island, a small barrier island just north of Onslow Beach, was not surveyed during the census window because the Marine Corps Base would not grant access to the restricted area.

Approximately 6 km along the east end of Cedar Island were not censused because they were inaccessible by foot and waterfowl hunters were hunting in the area. We consider the east end of Cedar Island suitable habitat although we do not have many records of Piping Plovers using it. Piping Plovers may use narrow sand and mudflats behind barrier islands or other inaccessible areas within the sounds. Many kilometers of narrow, developed, ocean-facing beach were not surveyed because we rarely see Piping Plovers in these areas and do not consider them to be suitable habitat. Human activities and stronger wind and wave impacts in these areas likely render them unsuitable for Piping Plovers. We did not survey all natural and dredge-material islands near Ocracoke Inlet, including North Rock, Shell Castle, Beacon, and Casey Islands.

During the census for Piping Plovers, we also recorded all Wilson's and Snowy Plovers detected. Only two Wilson's Plovers were detected, and both of them were on the east end of Ocean Isle Beach. No Snowy Plovers were detected. The North Carolina coast is not a common wintering area for either of these plover species.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

Compania	on or c	CHISUS	· uiiibci	2001         2006         20           87         84         4		
Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	
Piping	21	50	97	0.1	43	
Plover	21	30	0/	04	43	
Snowy				no	no	
Plover	-	-	1	II.a.	n.a.	
Wilson's				1	2	
Plover	_	_	_	1		



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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR SUSEI PIPL	) & YE		OWNER
Brunswick	Bald Head Island to S. End of Ft. Fisher	31	2/3/11	0	27.3	I II IV B	V S G	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), m
Brunswick	Fort Caswell; E end Oak Island	32	2/3/11	0	3.5	I IV B	Н	91	96	01	06	m
Brunswick	Holden Beach; E end (Lockwood Folly's Inlet)	34	2/3/11	0	4.0	I IV B	HDVOG	91	96	01	06	m, p
Brunswick	Holden Beach; W end (Shallotte Inlet)	35	2/3/11	0	4.8	I IV B	H G	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	m, p
Brunswick	Long Beach; W end Oak Island	33	2/3/11	0	3.2	I IV B D	H D	91	96	01	06	m
Brunswick	Ocean Isle Beach East and West Ends	36	2/3/11	1	8.8	I IV B	Н	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Brunswick	Sunset Beach and Bird Island	37	2/6/11	0	6.4	I IV B	H D G	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Carteret	Cape Lookout NS; Morgan Island & Sandbag Island	16	2/1/11	0	4.0	V C	none	91	96	01	06	f
Carteret	Cape Lookout NS - North Core Banks	12	1/28/11	6	37.0	I IV B	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f
Carteret	Cape Lookout NS - Shackleford Banks	17	1/24/11	7	14.5	I II IV B	O	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f
Carteret	Cape Lookout NS - South Core Banks	15	1/24/11	2	37.0	I II IV B	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Carteret	Cedar Island	13	1/24/11	0	4.0	VE	H V A G	91	96	01	06	f
Carteret	Dump Island and New Dump Island	14	2/1/11	0	3.5	V C	none	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Carteret	Ft. Macon SP	19	1/24/11	0	1.6	I IV B	G	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Carteret	Rachel Carson Estuarine Research Reserve (Bird Shoal)	18	1/24/11	3	2.6	IV C E	none	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Carteret/Onslow	Bogue Inlet Shoals	20	2/3/11	0	2.0	IV D G	G	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Currituck	Currituck National Wildlife Refuge	1	1/24/11	0	17.7	I G	HVGL	91	96	01	06	f
Dare	Cape Hatteras NS; Rodanthe to Buxton	2	1/26/11	0	37.0	IΒ	V G L	-	-	-	06	f
Dare	Cape Hatteras NS; Bodie Island	3	1/27/11	0	9.1	I IV V B F	H D V F G	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f
Dare	Cape Hatteras NS; Cape Point to Hatteras Inlet	7	1/27/11	0	27.4	I IV V B	HVDGL	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f
Dare	Clam Shoal	6	1/27/11	3	8.0	V G	H G L	-	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Dare	Oregon Inlet and multiple islands	4	1/28/11	1	11.0	V C	U	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Dare	Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge	5	1/27/11	0	19.3	IV V B	O G	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Dare/Hyde	DOT Island, Ferry Channel Island, and Cora June Island	8	1/27/11	0	13.0	V C	none	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Hyde	Cape Hatteras NS; Ocracoke Island	10	1/28/11	6	27.4	I IV V B	H V G	91	96	01	06	f
Hyde	Ocracoke Inlet; Big Foot Island	11	1/27/11	0	3.2	VC	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
New Hanover	Carolina Beach State Park	30	2/6/11	0	8.0	I IV B	HDVF	91	96	01	06	s(p)
New Hanover	Figure Eight Island and Wrightsville Beach	28	2/3/11	0	4.8	I II IV B	G	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	m, p
New Hanover	Masonboro Inlet <sup>4</sup>	29	2/9/11	0	11.8	I II IV B D	H G	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Onslow	Bogue Inlet Islands, Dudley Island <sup>4</sup>	21	2/23/11	0	1.6	IV G	G	91	96	01	06	unk

The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in North Carolina (Continued)

				TOTAL		SITE	DISTURBANCE			YEAR			
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS	CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>			OWNER		
Onslow	East Bear Island	23	2/3/11	2	3.2	I IV B	G	91	96	01	06	s(p)	
Onslow	N Topsail Beach; New River Inlet	25	2/6/11	1	0.8	IV B F	HVSG	91	96	01	06	m	
Onslow	Onslow Beach, Camp Lejeune (U.S. Marine Corps Base)	24	2/4/11	0	12.9	I IV B F	V G	-	-	01	06	f	
Onslow	West Bear Island	22	2/4/11	0	7.2	I IV B	G	91	96	01	06	s(p)	
Pender	Hutaff Island and Rich Inlet Shoals <sup>4</sup>	27	2/7/11	0	6.6	I IV B D	H G	$91^{2}$	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p	
Pender	Lea Island; S Topsail Beach and Inlet	26	2/3/11	11	11.1	I IV B D	V S G	91 <sup>3</sup>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	m, p	
Total				43	405.3								

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Piping Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

<sup>2</sup> Only a portion of this site was surveyed in 1991 but this included Figure Eight Island and PIPL were seen there in 1991.

<sup>3</sup> S Topsail Beach was covered in 1991 and this was where PIPL were seen in 2011.

<sup>4</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.



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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR ISUSED WIPL	& YE		OWNER
Brunswick	Bald Head Island to S. End of Ft. Fisher	31	2/3/11	0	27.3	I II IV B	VSG	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Brunswick	Fort Caswell; E end Oak Island	32	2/3/11	0	3.5	I IV B	Н	-	-	-	06	m
Brunswick	Holden Beach; E end (Lockwood Folly's Inlet)	34	2/3/11	0	4.0	I IV B	HDVOG	-	-	-	06	m, p
Brunswick	Holden Beach; W end (Shallotte Inlet)	35	2/3/11	0	4.8	I IV B	H G	-	-	-	06	m, p
Brunswick	Long Beach; W end Oak Island	33	2/3/11	0	3.2	I IV B D	H D	-	-	-	06	m
Brunswick	Ocean Isle Beach East and West Ends	36	2/3/11	2	8.8	I IV B	Н	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Brunswick	Sunset Beach and Bird Island	37	2/6/11	0	6.4	I IV B	H D G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Carteret	Cape Lookout NS; Morgan Island & Sandbag Island	16	2/1/11	0	4.0	V C	none	-	-	-	06	f
Carteret	Cape Lookout NS - North Core Banks	12	1/28/11	0	37.0	I IV B	G	-	-	-	06	f
Carteret	Cape Lookout NS - Shackleford Banks	17	1/24/11	0	14.5	I II IV B	O	-	_	-	06	f
Carteret	Cape Lookout NS - South Core Banks	15	1/24/11	0	37.0	I II IV B	G	-	-	-	06	f
Carteret	Cedar Island	13	1/24/11	0	4.0	VΕ	HVAG	-	-	-	06	f
Carteret	Dump Island and New Dump Island	14	2/1/11	0	3.5	V C	none	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Carteret	Ft. Macon SP	19	1/24/11	0	1.6	I IV B	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Carteret	Rachel Carson Estuarine Research Reserve (Bird Shoal)	18	1/24/11	0	2.6	IV C E	none	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Carteret/Onslow	Bogue Inlet Shoals	20	2/3/11	0	2.0	IV D G	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Currituck	Currituck National Wildlife Refuge	1	1/24/11	0	17.7	I G	H V G L	-	-	-	06	f
Dare	Cape Hatteras NS; Rodanthe to Buxton	2	1/26/11	0	37.0	IΒ	VGL	-	-	-	06	f
Dare	Cape Hatteras NS; Bodie Island	3	1/27/11	0	9.1	I IV V B F	HDVFG	-	-	-	06	f
Dare	Cape Hatteras NS; Cape Point to Hatteras Inlet	7	1/27/11	0	27.4	I IV V B	HVDGL	-	-	-	06	f
Dare	Clam Shoal	6	1/27/11	0	8.0	V G	HGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Dare	Oregon Inlet and multiple islands	4	1/28/11	0	11.0	V C	U	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Dare	Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge	5	1/27/11	0	19.3	IV V B	O G	-	-	-	06	f
Dare/Hyde	DOT Island, Ferry Channel Island, and Cora June Island	8	1/27/11	0	13.0	V C	none	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Hyde	Cape Hatteras NS; Ocracoke Island	10	1/28/11	0	27.4	I IV V B	H V G	-	-	-	06	f
Hyde	Ocracoke Inlet; Big Foot Island	11	1/27/11	0	3.2	VC	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
New Hanover	Carolina Beach State Park	30	2/6/11	0	8.0	I IV B	HDVF	-	-	-	06	s(p)
New Hanover	Figure Eight Island and Wrightsville Beach	28	2/3/11	0	4.8	I II IV B	G	-	-	-	06	m, p
New Hanover	Masonboro Inlet <sup>2</sup>	29	2/9/11	0	11.8	I II IV B D	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Onslow	Bogue Inlet Islands, Dudley Island <sup>2</sup>	21	2/23/11	0	1.6	IV G	G	-	-	-	06	unk

The 2011 International Wilson's Plover Winter Census in North Carolina (Continued)

				TOTAL		SITE	DISTURBANCE	PRIOR YEARS E CENSUSED & YEARS				
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS	_	WIPL			OWNER
Onslow	East Bear Island	23	2/3/11	0	3.2	I IV B	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Onslow	N Topsail Beach; New River Inlet	25	2/6/11	0	0.8	IV B F	HVSG	-	-	-	06	m
Onslow	Onslow Beach, Camp Lejeune (U.S. Marine Corps Base)	24	2/4/11	0	12.9	I IV B F	V G	-	-	-	06	f
Onslow	West Bear Island	22	2/4/11	0	7.2	I IV B	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Pender	Hutaff Island and Rich Inlet Shoals <sup>2</sup>	27	2/7/11	0	6.6	I IV B D	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p), p
Pender	Lea Island; S Topsail Beach and Inlet	26	2/3/11	0	11.1	I IV B D	V S G	-	-	-	06	m, p
Total				2	405.3							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>2</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

# The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in South Carolina

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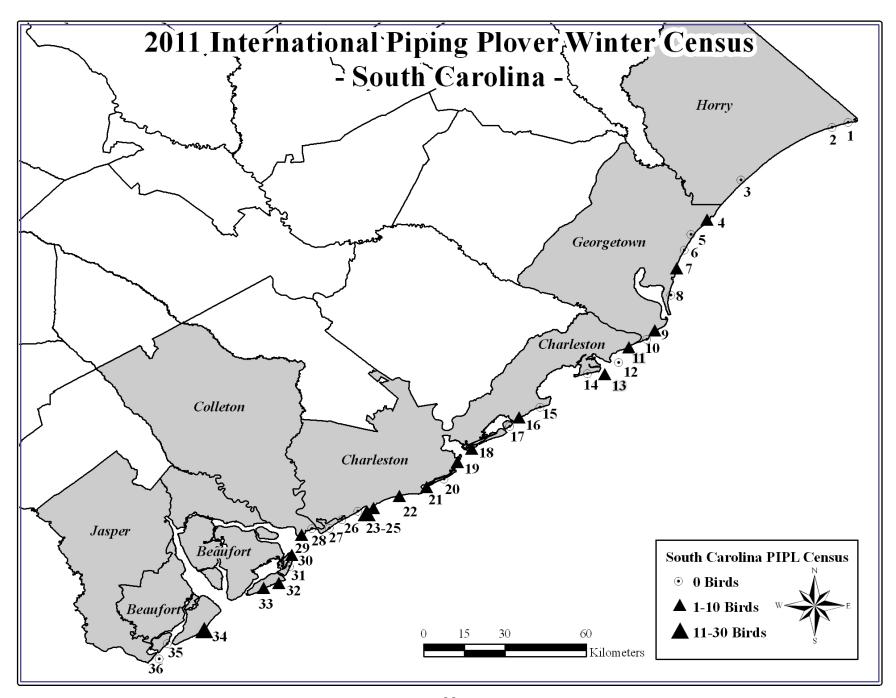
Thirty-six sites were surveyed during the 2011 International Census in South Carolina. We intended to survey all 42 sites surveyed during the 2006 Census, but the weather, boat-only access, and limited surveyors in the southern part of the state prevented complete coverage. Total shoreline surveyed was also down from 2006 (256.6 km in 2006 compared to 144.4 in 2011). Of the few sites missed in 2011, only one site had any Piping Plovers in 2006. Bay Point had one Piping Plover in 2006 and five Piping Plovers were seen there during an unofficial survey in very early March 2011. Little Capers Island also likely had plovers but was missed. Of the 37 sites surveyed during the 2011 Census, Piping Plovers were observed at 18.

In total, 86 Piping Plovers were counted during the 2011 Census between 24 January and 6 February. The top 3 sites for Piping Plovers during the 2011 Census were Hilton Head Island (N=12), Deveaux Bank (N=12) 11), and Harbor Island (N = 10). Both the 2001 Census and the 1996 Census detected 78 birds, and the 2006 Census detected 100 birds. The 2011 Census count was likely low due to inclement weather which reduced coverage and likely impaired detectability. Several surveyors thought they detected fewer birds than would have been counted at their sites under more favorable conditions. Furthermore, intensive survey work completed in South Carolina (S. Maddock unpublished data) suggest that the International Piping Plover Winter Census results are likely an underestimate of our winter population.

Summarized by M. Bimbi

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

Comparis	oui oi v	Clisus	· · u III DCI	. 3	
Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping Plover	51	78	78	100	86
Snowy Plover	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1
Wilson's Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	30	7



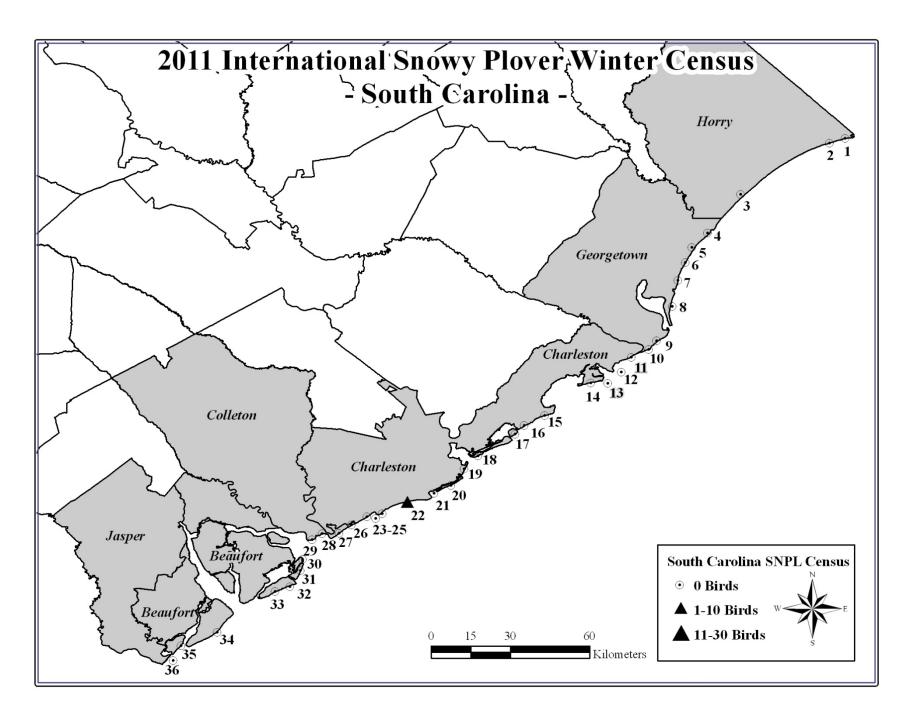
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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR NSUSEI PIPL S	) & YE		OWNER
Beaufort	Daufuskie Island	35	1/26/11	0	1.6	I IV E	G	-	-	01	06	p
Beaufort	Fripp Island	32	1/24/11	4	1.6	I II B	S G	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
Beaufort	Harbor Island	30	1/24/11	10	1.6	ΙE	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Beaufort	Hilton Head Island	34	2/3/11	12	4.8	IΒ	S G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Beaufort	Hunting Island	31	1/24/11	0	1.6	I IV E	S G	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Beaufort	Pritchards Island	33	1/29/11	3	0.4	I IV B	G	91	<u>96</u>	-	06	s(p)
Charleston	Bird Key Stono	21	1/24/11	4	0.8	IV B	G L	91	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Charleston	Botany Bay Island and Plantation	25	1/27/11	0	6.0	I IV A	G	91	96	-	06	s(p), p
Charleston	Bull Island (Cape Romain NWR)	15	1/28/11	0	0.5	IΒ	G	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	f
Charleston	Cape Island	12	1/27/11	0	2.0	I IV B	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f
Charleston	Capers Island	16	1/28/11	1	3.0	IV B	G	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Charleston	Deveaux Bank	24	2/3/11	11	4.8	I II IV D E	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Charleston	Dewees Island	17	1/28/11	0	4.3	I IV B	G	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Charleston	Edingsville	26	1/30/11	0	1.0	I A	H G	91	96	-	06	p
Charleston	Edisto Beach State Park	27	2/3/11	0	3.2	I IV B	H S G	-	96	-	06	s(p), p
Charleston	Folly Beach	20	1/30/11	0	4.0	I IV B	HDSGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p, c
Charleston	Kiawah Island	22	1/24/11	8	17.7	I II IV B	G	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Charleston	Lighthouse Island	13	1/27/11	7	4.0	I IV B	n.r.	91	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Charleston	Morris Island	19	1/30/11	2	1.6	I IV D E	H D G L	-	-	-	06	m, p
Charleston	Murphy Island	11	2/1/11	5	0.8	I B D	G	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Charleston	Raccoon Key <sup>2</sup>	14	1/23/11	0	7.0	I IV B	G	91	-	<u>01</u>	06	f
Charleston	Seabrook Island	23	1/24/11	1	5.6	I IV B	HDSGL	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	p
Charleston	Sullivan's Island	18	2/4/11	2	9.0	I IV B	H D G	91	96	-	<u>06</u>	p
Colleton	Otter Island	29	1/24/11	4	6.4	ΙE	G	-	96	<u>01</u>	-	s(p)
Colleton	Pine Island	28	1/24/11	0	3.2	ΙE	G	-	-	01	-	s(p)
Georgetown	Cedar Island	10	1/27/11	0	3.1	IΒ	none	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Georgetown	Debidue Beach <sup>2</sup>	7	2/9/11	6	6.3	IV B	G	-	-	01	06	p
Georgetown	Huntington Beach	4	2/6/11	1	4.8	I IV B D	H D G	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Georgetown	Litchfield Beach	5	1/24/11	0	6.3	IΒ	G	91	-	01	06	m, p
Georgetown	North Island	8	1/25/11	2	0.1	I B	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Georgetown	Pawleys Island	6	1/24/11	0	6.0	I IV B	G	-	-	01	06	m, p
Georgetown	South Island, Sand Island	9	2/6/11	3	9.8	IΒ	G	91	96	01	06	s(p)

The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in South Carolina (Continued)

COUNTY	SITE NAME	TOTAL SITE DISTURBANCE MAP# DATE ADULTS KM DESCRIPTION / CONCERNS							PRIOR NSUSEI PIPL S		OWNER	
Horry	Cherry Grove <sup>2</sup>	2	2/10/11	0	4.0	I A B	H D G	-	-	-	06	m, p
Horry	Myrtle Beach State Park	3	2/6/11	0	1.6	I B	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Horry	Waites Island <sup>2</sup>	1	2/10/11	0	4.0	I B	G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p
Jasper	Tomkins Island	36	1/28/11	0	1.6	IV C	Н	-	-	-	06	f
Total				86	144.4							

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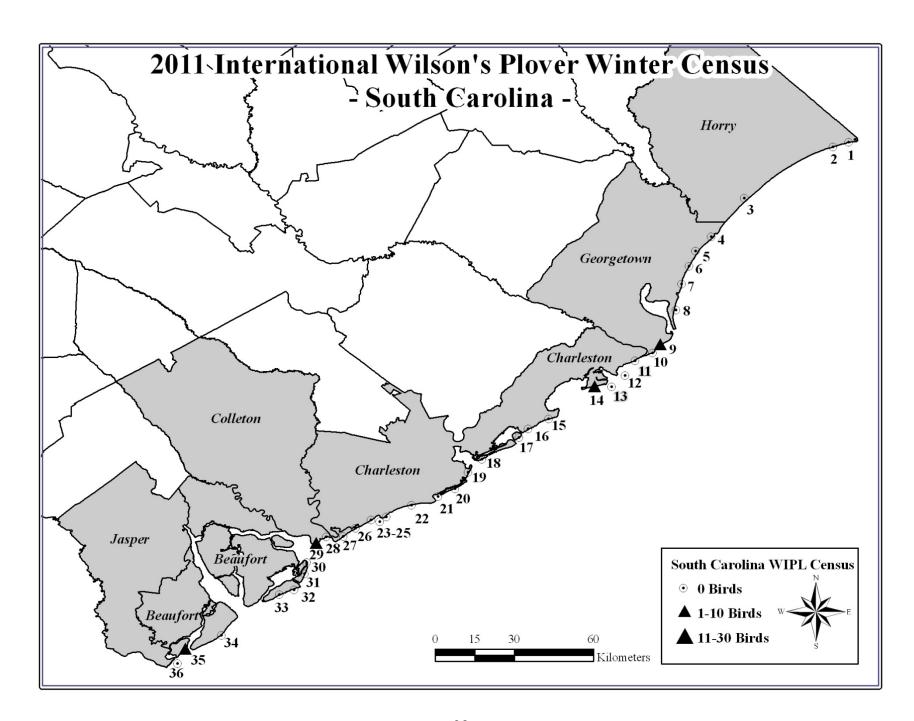
The 2011 International Snowy Plover Winter Census in South Carolina

COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS			YEARS ) & YE SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Beaufort	Daufuskie Island	35	1/26/11	0	1.6	I IV E	G	-	-	-	-	p
Beaufort	Fripp Island	32	1/24/11	0	1.6	I II B	S G	-	-	-	-	p
Beaufort	Harbor Island	30	1/24/11	0	1.6	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	p
Beaufort	Hilton Head Island	34	2/3/11	0	4.8	IΒ	S G	-	-	-	-	p
Beaufort	Hunting Island	31	1/24/11	0	1.6	I IV E	S G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Beaufort	Pritchards Island	33	1/29/11	0	0.4	I IV B	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Charleston	Bird Key Stono	21	1/24/11	0	0.8	IV B	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Charleston	Botany Bay Island and Plantation	25	1/27/11	0	6.0	I IV A	G	-	-	-	-	s(p), p
Charleston	Bull Island (Cape Romain NWR)	15	1/28/11	0	0.5	IΒ	G	-	-	-	-	f
Charleston	Cape Island	12	1/27/11	0	2.0	I IV B	n.r.	-	-	-	-	f
Charleston	Capers Island	16	1/28/11	0	3.0	IV B	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Charleston	Deveaux Bank	24	2/3/11	0	4.8	I II IV D E	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Charleston	Dewees Island	17	1/28/11	0	4.3	I IV B	G	-	-	-	-	p
Charleston	Edingsville	26	1/30/11	0	1.0	I A	H G	-	-	-	-	p
Charleston	Edisto Beach State Park	27	2/3/11	0	3.2	I IV B	H S G	-	-	-	-	s(p), p
Charleston	Folly Beach	20	1/30/11	0	4.0	I IV B	HDSGL	-	-	-	-	p, c
Charleston	Kiawah Island	22	1/24/11	1	17.7	I II IV B	G	-	-	-	-	p
Charleston	Lighthouse Island	13	1/27/11	0	4.0	I IV B	n.r.	-	-	-	-	f
Charleston	Morris Island	19	1/30/11	0	1.6	I IV D E	H D G L	-	-	-	-	m, p
Charleston	Murphy Island	11	2/1/11	0	0.8	IBD	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Charleston	Raccoon Key <sup>2</sup>	14	1/23/11	0	7.0	I IV B	G	-	-	-	-	f
Charleston	Seabrook Island	23	1/24/11	0	5.6	I IV B	HDSGL	-	-	-	-	p
Charleston	Sullivan's Island	18	2/4/11	0	9.0	I IV B	H D G	-	-	-	-	p
Colleton	Otter Island	29	1/24/11	0	6.4	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
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Georgetown	Debidue Beach <sup>2</sup>	7	2/9/11	0	6.3	IV B	G	-	-	-	-	р
Georgetown	Huntington Beach	4	2/6/11	0	4.8	I IV B D	H D G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Georgetown	Litchfield Beach	5	1/24/11	0	6.3	IΒ	G	-	-	-	-	m, p
Georgetown	North Island	8	1/25/11	0	0.1	IΒ	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Georgetown	Pawleys Island	6	1/24/11	0	6.0	I IV B	G	-	-	-	-	m, p
Georgetown	South Island, Sand Island	9	2/6/11	0	9.8	IΒ	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)

The 2011 International Snowy Plover Winter Census in South Carolina (Continued)

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Horry	Myrtle Beach State Park	3	2/6/11	0	1.6	I B	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Horry	Waites Island <sup>2</sup>	1	2/10/11	0	4.0	I B	G	-	-	-	-	p
Jasper	Tomkins Island	36	1/28/11	0	1.6	IV C	Н	-	-	-	-	f
Total				1	144.4							

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Beaufort	Fripp Island	32	1/24/11	0	1.6	I II B	S G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p
Beaufort	Harbor Island	30	1/24/11	0	1.6	ΙE	G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p
Beaufort	Hilton Head Island	34	2/3/11	0	4.8	IΒ	S G	-	-	-	06	p
Beaufort	Hunting Island	31	1/24/11	0	1.6	I IV E	S G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
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Charleston	Cape Island	12	1/27/11	0	2.0	I IV B	n.r.	-	-	-	06	f
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Charleston	Folly Beach	20	1/30/11	0	4.0	I IV B	HDSGL	-	-	-	06	p, c
Charleston	Kiawah Island	22	1/24/11	0	17.7	I II IV B	G	-	-	-	06	p
Charleston	Lighthouse Island	13	1/27/11	0	4.0	I IV B	n.r.	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Charleston	Morris Island	19	1/30/11	0	1.6	I IV D E	H D G L	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	m, p
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Charleston	Raccoon Key <sup>2</sup>	14	1/23/11	3	7.0	I IV B	G	-	-	-	06	f
Charleston	Seabrook Island	23	1/24/11	0	5.6	I IV B	HDSGL	-	-	-	06	p
Charleston	Sullivan's Island	18	2/4/11	0	9.0	I IV B	H D G	-	-	-	06	p
Colleton	Otter Island	29	1/24/11	1	6.4	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
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Georgetown	Debidue Beach <sup>2</sup>	7	2/9/11	0	6.3	IV B	G	-	-	-	06	p
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Georgetown	Litchfield Beach	5	1/24/11	0	6.3	IΒ	G	-	-	-	06	m, p
Georgetown	North Island	8	1/25/11	0	0.1	IΒ	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Georgetown	Pawleys Island	6	1/24/11	0	6.0	I IV B	G	-	-	-	06	m, p
Georgetown	South Island, Sand Island	9	2/6/11	2	9.8	IΒ	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)

The 2011 International Wilson's Plover Winter Census in South Carolina (Continued)

			PRIOR YEARS DISTURBANCE CENSUSED & YEARS									
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS	WIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>			OWNER	
Horry	Cherry Grove <sup>2</sup>	2	2/10/11	0	4.0	I A B	H D G	-	-	-	06	m, p
Horry	Myrtle Beach State Park	3	2/6/11	0	1.6	IΒ	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Horry	Waites Island <sup>2</sup>	1	2/10/11	0	4.0	IΒ	G	-	-	-	06	p
Jasper	Tomkins Island	36	1/28/11	0	1.6	IV C	Н	-	-	-	06	f
Total				7	144.4							

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# The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Georgia

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The 2011 Piping Plover Survey in Georgia went off smoothly. We were able to visit all sites on January 24th except for Wolf Island and Queens Island, which due to rough seas had to be visited on January 27th. In total, we visited 17 sites and counted 63 Piping Plovers.

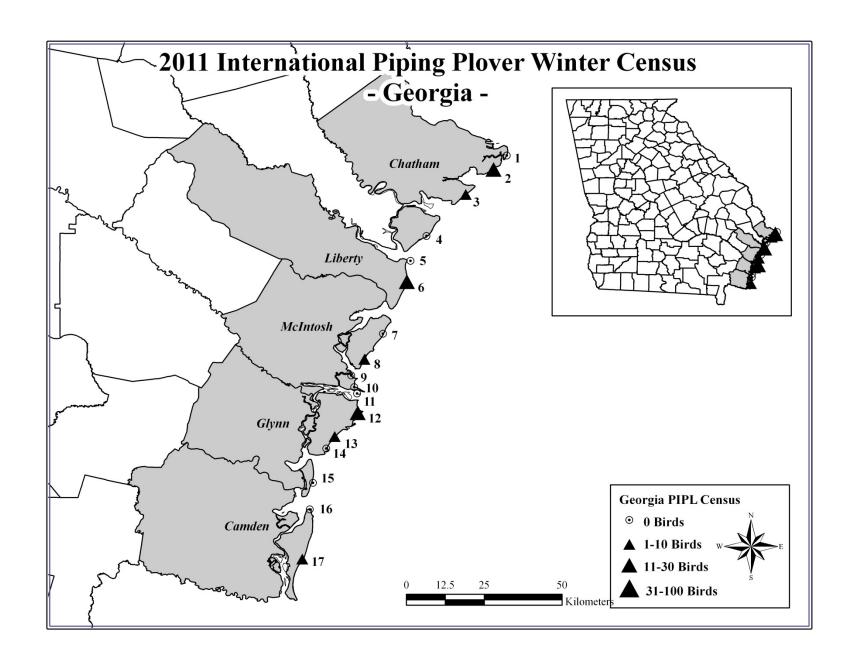
Although coverage was similar to 2006, Piping Plover numbers were much lower in 2011. Observation conditions were not likely to blame with partly cloudy skies, temperatures in the 50's, and winds 10-15 knots from the northeast. Several of our more accessible sites (Tybee Island, St Simons and Jekyll Islands) noted potential disturbance by walkers and un-leashed dogs, but these were the minority of sites. One factor which may have affected Piping Plover numbers in Georgia during the 2010-2011 winter was a two-week extreme cold spell in December.

## **Comparison of Census Numbers**

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Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping Plover	37	124	111	212	63
Snowy Plover	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Wilson's Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	2	31

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> at time of Census Brad Winn was a project manager for Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

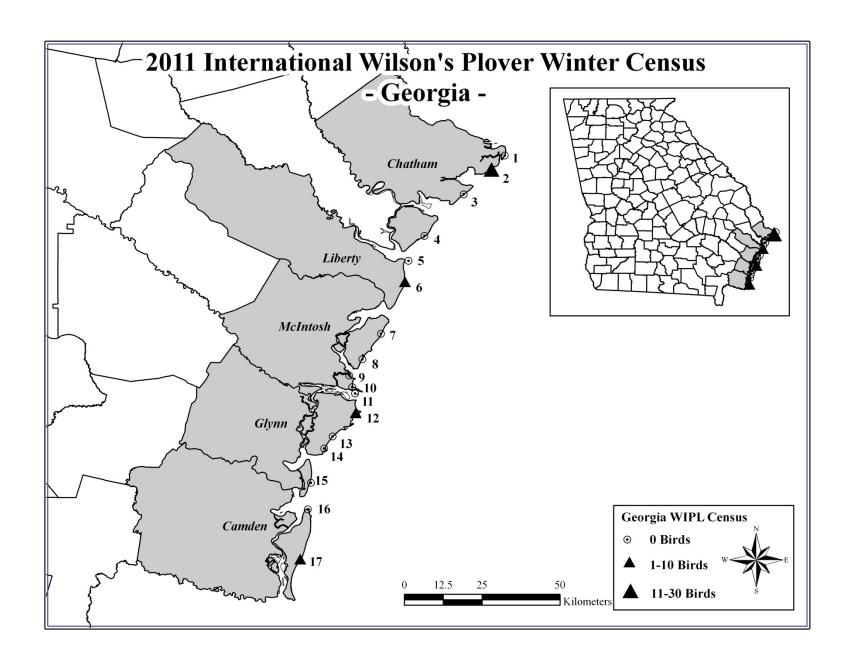
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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS	PRIOR YEARS CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER		
Camden	Cumberland Island National Seashore	17	1/24/11	5	29.0	IΒ	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Camden	Little Cumberland Island	16	1/24/11	0	6.8	I IV B	H D G	91	<u>96</u>	01	-	p
Chatham	Little Tybee Island	2	1/24/11	15	n.r.	IΒ	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Chatham	Ossabaw Island	4	1/24/11	0	18.1	I IV B	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Chatham	Tybee Island	1	1/24/11	0	6.4	I II B	H S G	91	96	01	-	p
Chatham	Wassaw NWR	3	1/24/11	2	10.5	I IV B	G	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Glynn	Jekyll Island	15	1/24/11	0	9.4	I B	H D G	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Glynn	Little Egg Island sandbar	11	1/24/11	0	2.8	I D	G	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Glynn	Little St. Simons Island	12	1/24/11	20	11.3	IΒ	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Glynn	Sea Island	13	1/24/11	1	5.6	IΒ	H S G	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
Glynn	St. Simons Island	14	1/24/11	0	2.5	IΒ	H D G	-	-	01	-	s(p)
Liberty	St. Catherine's Island	6	1/24/11	18	13.3	I II IV B	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Liberty	St. Catherine's Island sandbar	5	1/24/11	0	3.2	I D	G	-	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
McIntosh	Blackbeard Island NWR	7	1/24/11	0	11.3	IΒ	G	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	f
McIntosh	North Wolf NWR and Queens	9	1/27/11	0	3.2	I IV B	none	-	<u>96</u>	01	-	f, p
McIntosh	Sapelo Island	8	1/24/11	2	10.0	I IV B	HGL	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
McIntosh	Wolf Island NWR	10	1/24/11	0	4.0	IΒ	none	-	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Total				63	135.5							

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Camden	Cumberland Island National Seashore	17	1/24/11	6	29.0	IΒ	G	-	-	-	06	f
Camden	Little Cumberland Island	16	1/24/11	0	6.8	I IV B	H D G	-	-	-	-	p
Chatham	Little Tybee Island	2	1/24/11	13	n.r.	IΒ	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Chatham	Ossabaw Island	4	1/24/11	0	18.1	I IV B	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Chatham	Tybee Island	1	1/24/11	0	6.4	I II B	H S G	-	-	-	-	p
Chatham	Wassaw NWR	3	1/24/11	0	10.5	I IV B	G	-	-	-	06	f
Glynn	Jekyll Island	15	1/24/11	0	9.4	IΒ	H D G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Glynn	Little Egg Island sandbar	11	1/24/11	0	2.8	I D	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Glynn	Little St. Simons Island	12	1/24/11	4	11.3	IΒ	G	-	-	-	06	p
Glynn	Sea Island	13	1/24/11	0	5.6	IΒ	H S G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p
Glynn	St. Simons Island	14	1/24/11	0	2.5	IΒ	H D G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Liberty	St. Catherine's Island	6	1/24/11	8	13.3	I II IV B	G	-	-	-	06	p
Liberty	St. Catherine's Island sandbar	5	1/24/11	0	3.2	I D	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
McIntosh	Blackbeard Island NWR	7	1/24/11	0	11.3	IΒ	G	-	-	-	06	f
McIntosh	North Wolf NWR and Queens	9	1/27/11	0	3.2	I IV B	none	-	-	-	-	f, p
McIntosh	Sapelo Island	8	1/24/11	0	10.0	I IV B	HGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
McIntosh	Wolf Island NWR	10	1/24/11	0	4.0	IΒ	none	-	-	-	06	f
Total				31	135.5							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

# The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Florida

The 2011 Census was coordinated by three individuals from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who split the Florida coast into three Census regions. The first region, northwest Florida, spans the beaches from the Alabama border to the east end of Jefferson County. The second region, north Florida, includes Gulf coast counties southeast of the panhandle region to the south end of Manatee County and from the Georgia border to south end of Brevard County. The third region, southern Florida, includes all the remaining counties in Florida south to Key West National Wildlife Refuge. The total number of Piping Plovers estimated during the 2011 Census of Florida was 306, with 223 reported on the Gulf of Mexico coast and 83 on the Atlantic Coast. Additionally, 495 Snowy Plovers and 305 Wilson's Plovers were sighted on Florida beaches during the 2011 Census. The Florida Piping Plover total was lower than any prior Census, yet the 2011 Snowy Plover total is the highest Census count. Surveyors covered a total of 1298 km (807 miles).

#### **Comparison of Census Numbers**

Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping Plover	551	375	416	454 <sup>*</sup>	306
Snowy Plover	n.r.	n.r.	311	312	495
Wilson's Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	394	292

<sup>\*</sup>Datasheets from two sites were lost; surveyors estimated that they saw 40 Piping Plovers and this number is included in the 2006 total. We have no data on Wilson's or Snowy Plovers for either site.

### **Northwest Florida (panhandle)**

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In the nine coastal counties located in northwest Florida along the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf), 36 Federal and State biologists and avid birders in the private sector (some associated with local Audubon Chapters) surveyed along approximately 363 km (226 miles) of shoreline (Gulf of Mexico beaches and bayside shorelines). Surveyors focused on mainland, peninsular, and island beaches. Surveys were conducted on Gulf beach fronts, bayside habitats, coastal dune inlets, and barrier island inlets.

Surveys conducted between January 24 and February 6, 2011, documented a total of 83 Piping Plovers in 5 out of 9 counties. Three hundred and thirteen (313) Snowy Plovers were documented in 7 of 9 counties. Results from different survey days on Dog Island and John S. Phipps Preserve, lands in close proximity in Franklin County, are possibly documenting all or some of the same 17 Snowy Plovers, thereby inflating the total numbers. Bay and Gulf Counties reported two Wilson's Plover each.

Surveys occurred during all tidal ranges, with most between low to mid-tide levels. Temperatures ranged between 38 and 68 degrees Fahrenheit with wind speeds less than 1 and up to 15 miles per hour. Most skies were overcast or cloudy with a few sunny days. In the 2006 Census, grave attempts were made for a comprehensive survey effort which succeeded in covering 592 km (368 miles). The 2011 Census covered only 61 percent of habitat compared to the 2006 Census. Optimal areas with

historic use by Piping Plovers were the primary focus and most were covered to our knowledge. Inaccessible (shallow) bayside and marsh flats within all the northwest Florida bays and bayous remain the unknown locations that need surveys. These areas are difficult to survey due to shallow waters as well as limited accessibility from land.

#### North Florida

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One hundred and fifty-six participants including Federal, State, and County agencies, Audubon Chapters, and other volunteers conducted surveys on 71 survey routes covering approximately 383 km (238 miles) of coastal beaches, inlets and waterways between (1/28/2011 and 2/6/2011). One hundred and nine Piping Plovers, 67 Snowy Plovers, and 168 Wilson's Plovers were observed in North Peninsula Florida.

Thirty-one routes were surveyed between in 7 counties on the northern Gulf Coast of peninsula Florida from Taylor south through Manatee County covering 129 km (80 miles) of coastline. Eighty-four Piping Plovers were recorded during these surveys at eight locations: Cedar Key, North Anclote Bar, Anclote Key, Three Rooker Bar, Honeymoon Island, Caladesi Island, Madeira Beach and Shell Key. These Gulf Coast surveys were conducted between (1/28/2011 and 2/4-6/2011) and weather does not appear to be a factor in the low number of Piping Plover observations.

On the northern Atlantic Coast of peninsula Florida, forty routes in 7 counties from Nassau south to Brevard County were surveyed covering close to 258 km (158 miles) of coastal beaches and inlets. An additional 48 km (30 miles) of the ICW and other coastal waterways primarily in Volusia were surveyed by boat. Twenty-five Piping Plovers were documented during these surveys at three locations:

Little Talbot Island, Matanzas Inlet and Ponce Inlet. Almost all of the North Atlantic Coast of Florida was surveyed simultaneously on 2/4/2011 and the weather does not appear to have been a factor in the low number of Piping Plover observations.

All sites that were surveyed in 2006 were surveyed in 2011 except for one of the Bird Islands in Nassau Sound, Duval County on the Atlantic Coast and Florida Barge Canals in Citrus County and Brasher Park/Green Key/Gulf Harbors Beach/Sand Bay Salt Springs State Park (3.9 km) in Pasco County on the Gulf Coast.

The Piping Plover numbers documented in North Peninsula Florida in 2011 as compared to 2006 is lower (109 birds in 2011 compared to 225 in 2006). However, the cause for the drop in numbers is unclear.

#### South Florida

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One hundred and fifty participants including Federal, State, and County agencies, Audubon Chapters, and other volunteers surveyed 82 sites along approximately 428 km (266 miles) of shoreline in 11 south Florida coastal counties from Sarasota County south to Collier County on the Gulf Coast and Indian River County south to Monroe County along the Atlantic Coast. A total of 114 Piping Plovers (56 Gulf and 58 Atlantic) were censused in south Florida between January 24 and February 6, 2011. Additionally, 115 Snowy Plovers (all but one on the Gulf Coast) and 120 Wilson's Plovers (103 on the Gulf Coast and 17 on the Atlantic Coast) were observed. With

growing concerns over the decline in numbers of Red Knots, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) requested that the number of knots observed during the census also be recorded. Beaches are generally narrow in Florida, allowing the observers to visually search both lower and upper beach habitat for birds.

The total number of Piping Plovers censused in south Florida along the Gulf Coast this year (56) was comparable to numbers recorded in 1991 (67). lower than those recorded in 1996 (76) and 2006 (74), and up from 2001 (50). In 1991, Piping Plovers were located at the Charlotte Beach State Recreation Area, Marco Island, North Captiva Island, Fort Myers Beach, and Midnight Pass. In 1996, they were observed at Sand Dollar and Big Marco Pass Critical Wildlife Area, Big Marco Pass Shoals, and Fort Myers Beach. In 2001, they were only observed at Little Estero Lagoon and Marco Island/Big Marco Pass Shoals. In 2006, they were recorded along the Charlotte County Barrier Islands, Little Estero Lagoon Critical Wildlife Area, North Captiva Island, Cayo Costa Island, Marco Island/Big Marco Pass Shoals, and Keywadeen Island. This year they were recorded at Venice Beach, Marco Island, Kice Island, Cayo Costa Island, North Captiva Island, Bunche Beach, and Little Estero Lagoon Critical Wildlife Area. Concentrations of Piping Plovers along the Gulf Coast included 19 at Marco Island, 15 at Bunche Beach, and 9 at Little Estero Lagoon Critical Wildlife Area.

The total number of Piping Plovers censused in south Florida along the Atlantic Coast (58) was higher than the 1991 (46), 1996 (15), and 2006 (44) census results, and lower than the 2001 results (67). In 1991, Piping Plovers were located at St. Lucie Inlet, Carl Ross Key, Boca Grande Key, and Ohio Key. In 1996, they were recorded at St. Lucie Inlet, Boca Grande, and Ohio Key. In 2001, they were observed at St. Lucie Inlet Sailfish Point, Crandon Park, and Woman Key. In 2006, they were only recorded at Boca Grande Key and Crandon Park.

This year, they were recorded along the Indian River County beaches south of the Barber Bridge, St. Lucie Inlet sandbars, Crandon Park, Boca Grande Key, and the Sandy Keys. The observation of the Piping Plover along the Indian River County beaches is particularly noteworthy, as the species was thought to historically occur in this county, but the date of last observation is unknown. A total of 37 of the 58 Piping Plovers observed on the Atlantic Coast were located at Crandon Park and 14 on Boca Grande Key.

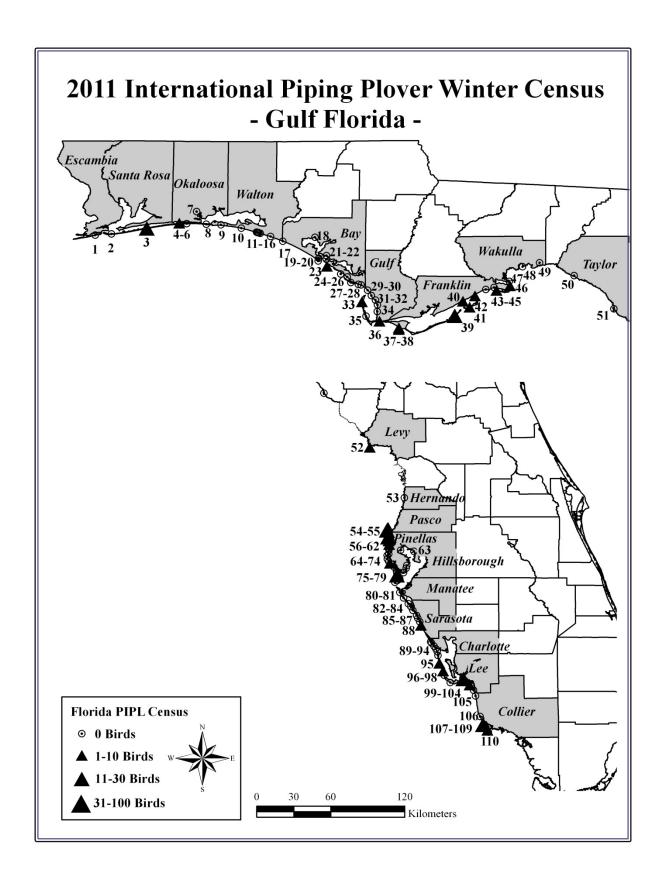
Census coverage in suitable habitat in south Florida was relatively comprehensive this vear and covered most of the south Florida coastline, but there were some areas where surveys were not conducted that should be included in the 2016 census. Surveys were not conducted from St. Lucie Inlet State Park south to Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge or at Jonathan Dickinson State Park in Martin County because habitat was thought to be marginal; however, there was an unconfirmed historical report of a Piping Plover using inland habitat at Jonathan Dickinson. No one was able to survey Lower Matecumbe, Pavilion Key, or the Marquesas Keys in Monroe County or other areas in the Everglades this year due to personnel time constraints and accessibility.

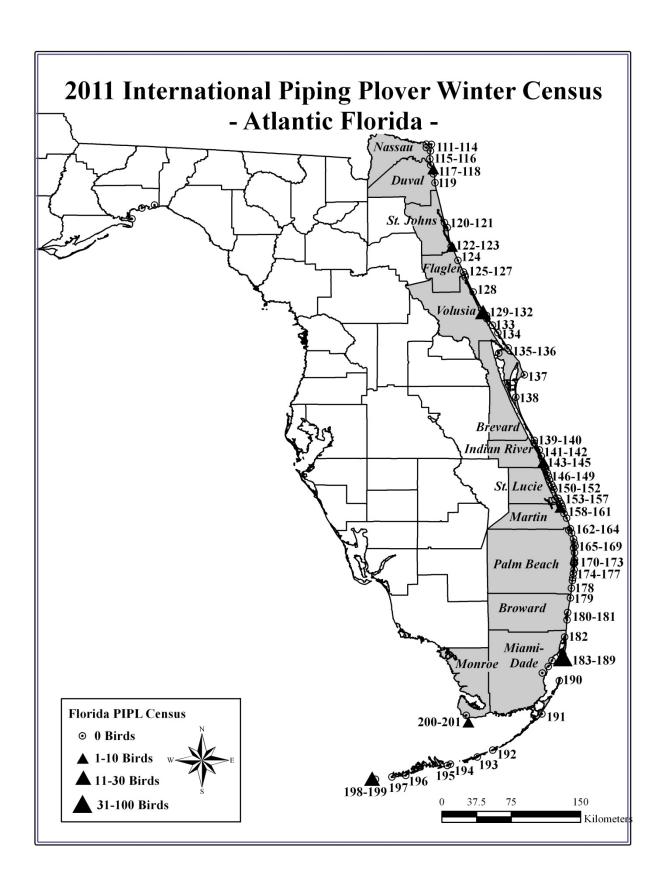
Along the Gulf Coast, areas that were not censused this year that should be surveyed in 2016 include suitable habitat in the Ten Thousand Islands area and Big Marco Pass Shoals in Collier County; Skimmer Island, San Carlos Bay Flats, and Big Hickory Island in Lee County; and Lemon Bay in Charlotte County. Other areas that are not as high of a priority but could be censused in 2016 include Barefoot Beach, Clam Pass County Park, and Naples Pier in Collier County; Casperson and Manasota Beaches in Sarasota County; and Charlotte Harbor (east) in Charlotte County. Additionally,

Little Sarasota Bay and suitable habitat within the Intercoastal Waterway in Sarasota County should be included in future censuses. Aerial photographs should be assessed to identify tidal preserve areas and un-vegetated flats that may provide suitable habitat not specifically associated with coastal beaches.

Census coverage in south Florida was comparable to 2006, but weather conditions were better this year. The results from this year's census were most likely not significantly affected by weather conditions in south Florida. Although weather conditions during the census in 2006 were suboptimal, the total number of Piping Plovers observed in 2006 was the same as this year. Whether this indicates a decline in the total number of Piping Plovers wintering in south Florida or is the result of some other factor is unknown.

Because accessibility seems to be a primary limitation in surveying several important areas of Florida, especially in the southwest corner of the state in and around the Everglades area and along numerous chains of offshore islands, it may be worth considering the feasibility of using other survey methods, such as aerial surveys.





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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR NSUSEI PIPL :	) & YE		OWNER
Bay	Bonfire Beach	27	1/27/11	0	2.6	III A	H D S G	-	-	-	06	p
Bay	Camp Helen State Park	17	1/27/11	0	0.7	I II III IV A	HDFVOG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Bay	Crooked Island East	26	1/27/11	0	9.7	III B F	V G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f
Bay	Crooked Island West	24	1/27/11	0	8.9	III B F	V O G	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f
Bay	Grand Lagoon - Bay Point, Alligator Point	20	1/24/11	0	0.4	II A D	HDGL	<u>91</u>	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Bay	Marifarms North	18	1/28/11	0	5.4	II V G	S	-	-	01	06	s(p), p
Bay	Mexico Beach <sup>7</sup>	28	2/24/11	0	2.6	III A	H G	<u>91</u>	<b>96</b> <sup>2</sup>	01	06	m, c
Bay	Shell Island	23	1/27/11	9	15.2	III B F	V G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f, s(p)
Bay	St. Andrew Bay - Davis Pt. to Redfish Pt.	22	1/27/11	0	1.6	II A D	L	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	f
Bay	St. Andrews State Recreation Area	19	1/27/11	0	3.3	II III A	HDSVOGL	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Bay	Tyndall AFB (Buck Beach)	25	1/27/11	0	4.8	II A	GL	-	-	-	06	f
Bay	West Beach Drive	21	2/1/11	0	4.0	II A	HGL	-	-	01	06	m, p
Brevard	Cape Canaveral Air Force Station	137	2/4/11	0	21.0	IΒ	H F G	91	96	01	06	f
Brevard	Merritt Island NWR (Shiloh Impoundments)	136	1/28/11	0	10.5	V G	G	-	-	-	-	f
Brevard	Patrick Air Force Base	138	2/4/11	0	9.2	IΒ	HDFOG	-	-	-	06	f
Brevard	South Canaveral National Seashore	135	2/4/11	0	20.1	IΒ	ΗG	91	96	01	06	f
Broward	Broward County Northern Link to Hillsboro Inlet	179	2/1/11	0	6.8	IΒ	H S	91	-	-	06	m, p
Broward	Hugh Taylor Birch State Park	180	1/31/11	0	1.6	I II V	HDVFSIUL	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Broward	John U. Lloyd Beach S.P.	181	1/29/11	0	4.0	I II IV B	ΗL	91	-	01	06	s(p)
Charlotte	Barrier Island (Don Pedro)	91	1/29/11	0	3.2	III B	n.r.	91	-	-	06	р
Charlotte	Barrier Island (Knight Island)	90	1/30/11	0	3.2	II III IV V B F	FSVO	91	_	01	<u>06</u>	m
Charlotte	Barrier Island (Little Gasparilla Island)	92	1/29/11	0	3.2	III B	H D G	91	_	-	06	р
Charlotte	Gasparilla Island	93	2/4/11	0	4.8	III B	H D G	91	_	_	06	f, p
Charlotte	Stump Pass Beach	89	1/30/11	0	2.1	II III V B	H S G	91	96	_	_	s(p)
Collier	Big Marco Pass Shoal	107	2/1/11	19	4.0	III B	HD	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Collier	Cape Romano	108	1/25/11	0	3.4	III B D	HDFG	_	_	_	06	s(p), p
Collier	Caxambas Island	109	1/31/11	0	0.3	III D	НDG	_	-	_	06	s(p)
Collier	Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park	105	2/2/11	0	0.8	III B	H G	_	-	_	06	s(p)
Collier	Keewaydin Island	106	1/31/11	0	12.1	III B	HDFSOG	_	_	_	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Collier	Kice Island	110	1/31/11	5	4.0	III B D	HDFOG	_	_	_	-	s(p)
Duval	Little Talbot Island State Park	117	2/4/11	6	6.5	I IV B	H G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Duval	Mayport Jetty South to County Line	119	2/4/11	0	16.0	I B	G	91	96	01	06	f, s(p), m, c

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS	CEN		) & YE SEEN <sup>1</sup>	ARS	OWNER
Duval	Ward's Bank (Huguenot Park)	118	2/4/11	0	6.4	I II IV A	V G	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p)
Escambia	Fort Pickens Gulf Islands N.S.	2	1/29/11	0	24.1	II III B	H V G	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f
Escambia	Perdido Key Gulf Islands N.S.	1	2/2/11	0	26.1	II B C	HVG	<u></u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	f
Escambia	Santa Rosa Gulf Islands N.S.	3	1/27/11	19	25.6	III B	HDVG	_	96	01	<u>06</u>	f
Flagler	Flagler Beach and ICW (Pier to Gamble Rogers MSRA)	125	2/4/11	0	4.9	IVBG	H G	91	96	-	-	m, c
Flagler	Flagler Beach Pier to Marineland	124	2/4/11	0	22.3	IΒ	H G	-	-	-	-	m, c
Flagler	Gamble Rogers Memorial SRA	126	2/4/11	0	3.4	I II V B	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Franklin	Bald Pt. State Park	46	2/5/11	3	1.5	II III A	H G	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Franklin	Carrabelle Beach	40	2/1/11	1	2.2	II A	H D F G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	c
Franklin	Dog Island	41	1/28/11	1	13.7	III V B	H F O G	<u>91</u>	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Franklin	Flagg Island (Off St. Vincent Refuge)	38	2/5/11	1	2.3	III G	H O G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Franklin	FSU Marine Lab	43	2/1/11	0	1.6	III A	H D G	-	-	01	06	p
Franklin	John S. Phipps Reserve (West end of Peninsula)	45	1/29/11	8	3.2	II III G	G	<u>91</u> <sup>3</sup>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Franklin	Lanark Reef	42	1/28/11	4	1.6	III V B	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Franklin	St. George Island State Park	39	2/4/11	17	18.0	II III B	HVO	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Franklin	St. Vincent Island	37	2/1/11	8	19.8	II III B D	G	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	f
Franklin	Turkey Point to St. Teresa Beach	44	2/1/11	0	8.8	II A	HDVFG	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p, c
Gulf	Highland View (Scamp St. to Port St. Joe)	31	2/2/11	0	1.6	II A G	SL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Gulf	Indian Pass to Cape San Blas and Stump Hole	36	2/2/11	5	11.6	III A	H D V G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	m, c
Gulf	NE St. Joe Bay Shoreline	32	2/3/11	0	3.2	II A	G	91	96	01	-	s(p)
Gulf	Simmons Bayou	34	2/3/11	0	0.5	II A	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Gulf	St. Joe Beach (County Line to Pine St.)	29	2/24/11	0	4.0	III A	H G	-	-	-	06	m, c
Gulf	St. Joe Peninsula SP (Northern Portion)	33	2/3/11	4	17.3	II III G	HVO	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Gulf	St. Joe Peninsula SP (Southern Portion)	35	1/31/11	0	9.5	III G	H D G L	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	m, c
Gulf	Windmark Beach (Pine St. to N Signal Ln Pier)	30	1/28/11	0	4.7	II A	H G L	91	96	01	06	p
Hernando	Pine Island	53	1/28/11	0	0.8	II III B	H G	-	-	-	-	c
Hillsborough	Cypress Point Park	63	2/5/11	0	1.0	II A	H O G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Hillsborough	Egmont Key NWR & State Park	79	2/4/11	0	4.8	II III B	G	91	96	01	06	f
Indian River	Indian River Co. Beaches	143	2/3/11	1	10.2	IΒ	HDFSOG	91	96	-	06	m, p
Indian River	Pelican Island NWR	140	2/1/11	0	21.7	II V B C D E G	HFSVIOG	91	96	-	-	f
Indian River	Round Island Conservation Area	144	2/2/11	0	1.6	V G	H D O G	91	-	-	06	f, c
Indian River	Round Island Park	145	2/3/11	0	0.7	IΒ	H F G	91	96		06	p, c

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS		PIPL	SEEN.		OWNER
Indian River	Sebastian Inlet State Park to Wabasso Beach Park	139	2/1/11	0	9.7	IΒ	HDFOG	91	96	-	06	f, s(p), m
Indian River	Tracking Station Access to Barber Bridge	142	2/3/11	0	2.6	IΒ	HDSUO	91	96	-	06	m, p
Indian River	Tracking Station Park N to Wabasso Beach	114	2/3/11	0	10.3	IΒ	H D S G	91	96	-	06	s(p), m, p, c
Lee	Bonita Beach	104	2/4/11	0	6.9	III	H F G	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
Lee	Bunche Beach	99	1/29/11	15	2.4	II V A	HFGL	91	96	01	-	f, m, c
Lee	Captiva Island	97	2/1/11	0	7.7	I III A B	H F G	91	-	-	06	m, c
Lee	Cayo Costa	95	1/26/11	4	11.7	II III B G	H G	91	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Lee	Estero Island (R1)	100	1/28/11	0	4.7	II III B C	HDOGL	-	96	01	06	m, p, c
Lee	Estero Island (R2)	101	1/24/11	0	4.3	II III B F	HDVFOG	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	m, p, c
Lee	Estero Island (R3)	102	2/5/11	9	2.4	II III B	H G	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), m, p, c
Lee	Gasparilla Island	94	2/4/11	0	11.3	III B	H D G	-	-	-	06	f, s(p), p
Lee	Lovers Key State Park	103	2/5/11	0	4.0	III B	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lee	N. Captiva Island	96	1/27/11	2	3.4	II III B	HDVFOGL	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Lee	Sanibel Island	98	2/1/11	0	20.0	I III A B D F	HDFOG	91	96	01	06	s(p), m
Levy	Cedar Key Area	52	1/24/11	5	12.9	III D	F G	91	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Manatee	Anna Maria Island	80	1/30/11	0	10.0	IΒ	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	n.r.
Manatee	Longboat Key (formerly "Beer Can Island")	81	1/30/11	0	7.3	IΒ	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	06	n.r.
Martin	Hobe Sound NWR	160	1/31/11	0	5.6	IΒ	H F S G	91	96	01	06	f
Martin	Hutchinson Island, Alex's Beach to Stuart Beach	154	1/31/11	0	2.9	IΒ	H F O G	91	96	-	06	s(p)
Martin	Hutchinson Island, Bathtub Beach to St. Lucie Inlet	156	1/31/11	0	2.7	I IV B	HFGL	<u>91</u>	96	-	06	p
Martin	Hutchinson Island, St. Lucie Line S to Alex's Beach	157	2/1/11	0	2.8	IΒ	H F O G	91	96	-	06	s(p)
Martin	Hutchinson Island, Stuart Beach to Bathtub Beach	155	1/31/11	0	3.4	IΒ	ΗF	91	96	-	06	s(p)
Martin	Jupiter Island Beaches	161	1/31/11	0	7.6	IΒ	HDFVSG	91	96	-	-	m
Martin	St. Lucie Inlet sandbars	158	1/31/11	4	3.2	II D	HDOSG	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Martin	St. Lucie Inlet State Park	159	1/31/11	0	9.0	I IV B	D V G	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Martin	W shore of Indian River Near Jensen Beach	153	2/1/11	0	0.4	II A D	H G L	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Miami-Dade	Bill Baggs State Park lighthouse to Crandon Park	185	1/27/11	0	3.9	IΒ	ΗV	-	-	01	06	s(p), m
Miami-Dade	Biscayne National Park	190	2/4/11	0	9.7	I II IV B D	HFGL	-	96	-	06	f
Miami-Dade	Crandon Park Beach	186	1/27/11	37	2.8	IBD	HVGL	91	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	c

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS	CEN	SUSEI PIPL :		ARS	OWNER
Miami-Dade	Cutler Wetlands	189	2/3/11	0	0.5	V A	H D V		11111	-		p
Miami-Dade	Deering Estate and Chicken Key	188	2/2/11	0	3.1	II A C G	HDFOGL				06	s(p), c
Miami-Dade	Matheson Hammock	187	2/4/11	0	1.2	II A G	HDOGL	_	_	_	06	s(p), c c
Miami-Dade	Oleta River State Park	182	2/4/11	0	0.3	II A	G	_	-	_	-	
Miami-Dade	Rickenbacker Causeway Shoreline	183	1/28/11	0	1.7	II E	HDFSIG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
	-						HSI	- 01	-			c
Miami-Dade	Virginia Key Critical Wildlife Area Bahia Honda State Park	184 195	1/28/11 1/24/11	0	2.6 4.8	II B I G	H F O G	91 91	96 96	01 01	06 06	m
Monroe								91		01		s(p)
Monroe	Boca Chica Beach	196	1/27/11	0	1.3	I E	HDVSG	-	96	- 01	06	s(p)
Monroe	Boca Grande Key	199	1/25/11	14	1.2	V E G	HDGL	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f
Monroe	Curry Hammock State Park	193	1/24/11	0	0.4	I G	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Monroe	Fort Taylor Historic State Park	197	2/1/11	0	0.8	I III E	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Monroe	John D. Pennekamp state Park/ Carysfort Yacht Club	191	2/3/11	0	1.0	I II A	H G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Monroe	Lake Ingraham	200	1/29/11	0	1.6	II	GL	91	96	-	-	f
Monroe	Long Key State Park	192	1/24/11	0	1.6	I G	H G L	-	96	-	06	s(p)
Monroe	Ohio Key	194	1/27/11	0	0.5	I E G	H D G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	f
Monroe	Sandy Key to Carl Ross Key	201	2/6/11	2	1.5	II E	G	<u>91</u>	96	-	-	f
Monroe	Woman Key	198	1/25/11	0	1.3	ΙE	H D G L	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	f
Nassau	Amelia Island State Park	116	2/4/11	0	2.8	I IV B	G	91	-	01	06	s(p)
Nassau	Bell River Spoil Island	113	2/6/11	0	0.4	V C	OG	-	-	-	-	p
Nassau	Fort Clinch State Park	112	2/4/11	0	6.4	I II IV B	HS	91	-	01	06	s(p)
Nassau	Little Tiger Island	111	2/6/11	0	2.4	VE	O	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	р
Nassau	North Fernandina Beach	114	4/4/11	0	11.0	ΙB	H S G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Nassau	South Fernandina Beach	115	2/4/11	0	7.4	IΒ	Н	_	_	_	_	р
Okaloosa	Eglin AFB (E restricted beach), Santa Rosa Island	6	1/27/11	0	9.7	III B	H V G	91	96	01	06	f
Okaloosa	Eglin AFB (Public Beach), Okaloosa Island	8	1/27/11	0	7.4	I IV B	HVSG	91	96	01	06	f
Okaloosa	Henderson Beach State Park	9	1/28/11	0	2.2	III A	HDVOGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Okaloosa	Okaloosa Holding Ponds	7	1/25/11	0	4.5	V A	n.r.	-	-	_	_	n.r.
Okaloosa/ Santa Rosa	Eglin AFB (W restricted beach), Santa Rosa Island	4	1/27/11	0	9.7	III B	V G	91	96	01	06	f
Okaloosa/	Eglin AFB (N restricted beach)	5	2/2/11	3	22.7	II III B	GL	91	_	<u>01</u>	06	f
Santa Rosa	_8 × 2 (1.12001140000000000000000000000000000000	5	_, _, 11	٥	,		~ <del>~</del>	, .		<u>VI</u>	30	•
Palm Beach	Boynton Inlet to Gulfstream Park	175	2/1/11	0	4.8	I IV A	H S O G	_	_	_	06	m, p, c

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Palm Beach	Gulfstream Park to N. Delray Beach	176	2/2/11	0	6.4	I B	HOG	_	-	-	06	s(p), m
Palm Beach	Highland Beach	178	2/3/11	0	13.4	I IV B	HDVSI	_	_	_	06	m, p, c
Palm Beach	Ibis Isle Restoration Area	171	2/3/11	0	0.6	II B	GL	_	_	_	_	s(p)
Palm Beach	Juno Beach Park to MacArthur State Park	165	2/3/11	0	6.5	IΒ	ΗF	_	_	_	06	c
Palm Beach	Jupiter Beach to Juno Beach Park	164	2/3/11	0	5.8	I IV B	HDFS	_	_	_	06	c
Palm Beach	Jupiter Sound, Jupiter inlet, Loxahatchee River	163	2/3/11	0	7.4	II IV V A B D	HDSUGL	91	_	_	06	s(p)
Palm Beach	Lantana Park to Boynton Inlet	174	2/1/11	0	4.3	I IV F	G	_	_	_	06	c
Palm Beach	MacArthur Beach State Park	166	2/4/11	0	2.4	I II B	HDFG	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Palm Beach	MacArthur Beach State Park to Palm Beach Shores	167	2/3/11	0	4.6	I IV B	HVF	-	-	-	06	m, p
Palm Beach	N. Delray Beach to Atlantic Dunes Park	177	2/5/11	0	0.8	n.r.	H D G	-	96	-	06	n.r.
Palm Beach	Palm Beach Shores to Southern Blvd	169	2/3/11	0	11.9	I IV B	H D S G	-	-	-	-	s(p), m
Palm Beach	Peanut Island	168	1/31/11	0	1.6	V B	H G	-	-	-	-	m
Palm Beach	Sloan's Curve to Lantana Beach	172	2/3/11	0	6.4	IΒ	HVS	-	-	-	06	s(p), m, p, c
Palm Beach	Snook Islands Natural Area to Lake Worth Lagoon	173	2/6/11	0	2.0	II A G	SGL	-	-	-	-	m
Palm Beach	Southern Blvd to Sloan's Curve	170	2/3/11	0	3.3	I A	H G	-	-	-	06	m, p
Palm Beach/ Martin	Jupiter Island - Jupiter Inlet through Blowing Rocks Preserve	162	1/31/11	0	3.2	I IV B	H D V F	-	96	-	06	c
Pasco	Anclote Key sandbar	54	2/4/11	4	2.7	III D	H G	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Pasco/Pinellas	Anclote Key State Park	55	2/4/11	27	8.0	III B	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Pinellas	Belleair Causeway Bridge	64	2/4/11	0	4.8	II A B	HFGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	Caladesi Island State Park	59	2/4/11	2	4.0	II III B	HOG	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	-	s(p)
Pinellas	Clearwater Beach	60	2/4/11	0	4.4	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Courtney Campbell Causeway, Clearwater, Public Beach	62	2/4/11	0	29.0	II V G	HDFVG	<u>91</u> <sup>4</sup>	-	-	-	m
Pinellas	Dunedin Causeway (to Honeymoon Island)	58	2/4/11	0	1.6	II G	H G	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	c
Pinellas	Ft. DeSoto County Park, E beach	77	2/4/11	0	4.0	V B	V G	<u>91</u> 5	96	-	06	c
Pinellas	Ft. DeSoto County Park, NW Beach	76	2/6/11	0	4.5	III B	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Ft. DeSoto County Park, South tip	78	2/1/11	0	1.1	n.r.	n.r.	91	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	Honeymoon Island SRA	57	2/4/11	2	6.4	III B	H S G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Pinellas	Indian Rocks Beach	65	2/5/11	0	3.7	n.r.	n.r.	<u>91</u> 6	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Lassing Park	71	1/26/11	0	0.7	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	Madeira Beach	68	1/27/11	4	5.1	III A	HVFG	-	-	-	06	m

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Pinellas	Pass-a-Grille Beach	74	2/5/11	0	2.7	III B	H G	-	-	-	-	m
Pinellas	Pinellas Point	73	1/30/11	0	1.6	V A	OGL	-	-	-	-	m
Pinellas	Redington Beach/North Redington Beach	67	2/6/11	0	4.4	III B	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Pinellas	Sandy Park to Bellair Beach Morgan Dr. Park	61	2/5/11	0	3.4	n.r.	n.r.	<u>91</u> 6	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Shell Key	75	2/6/11	11	2.4	II B	HGL	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	c
Pinellas	St. Pete Beach	72	2/4/11	0	3.4	n. r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	St. Petersburg- North shore park area	69	1/30/11	0	0.8	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Three Rooker Bar	56	2/4/11	29	3.2	III B	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Pinellas	Treasure Island	70	2/6/11	0	6.4	III A G	HUG	-	-	-	06	m
Pinellas	Walsingham Road South to Park Blvd	66	2/4/11	0	3.0	III B	H F G	-	-	-	06	m
Sarasota	Caspersen Beach (Venice Beach)	88	2/5/11	2	6.1	III A	H S	91	-	-	06	s(p), m, p, c
Sarasota	Lido Beach	83	1/29/11	0	4.0	III B	H S O G	91	-	-	06	c
Sarasota	North Casey Key	86	2/5/11	0	4.8	III B	H D S G	-	96	-	06	n.r.
Sarasota	Siesta Key, N end to Point of Rocks	84	2/5/11	0	4.7	III B	H D V G	-	-	-	06	c
Sarasota	Siesta Key, Turtle Beach to Point of Rocks	85	2/6/11	0	3.1	II III B F	H D G	-	-	-	06	s(p), c
Sarasota	South Casey Key	87	2/5/11	0	5.0	III B	HDSOG	-	96	-	06	p, c
Sarasota	South Longboat Key	82	2/5/11	0	4.8	III B	HSUO	-	-	-	06	p
St. Johns	Anastasia State Recreation Area	121	2/4/11	0	7.9	I IV B	H O G	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
St. Johns	Rattlesnake Island	122	2/4/11	0	1.0	IV E	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
St. Johns	St. Augustine Beach (Matanzas Inlet)	123	2/4/11	4	25.7	IIIIVVABCD	HDVFSUG	-	96	-	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), m, c
St. Johns	Vilano Point to North Beach	120	2/4/11	0	25.7	IΒ	D G	-	96	01	06	f, c
St. Lucie	Avalon State Park	146	2/3/11	0	2.4	IΒ	Н	91	96	01	06	s(p)
St. Lucie	Fort Pierce Inlet State Park	148	2/3/11	0	1.4	I IV B	H F G	91	96	01	06	s(p)
St. Lucie	Fort Pierce Inlet State Park to Avalon State Park	147	1/28/11	0	6.4	IΒ	H G	91	96	01	06	p, c
St. Lucie	S Hutchinson Island	149	1/31/11	0	24.5	IΒ	HDF	91	96	-	06	m, p, c
St. Lucie	South Hutchinson Island- Little Mud Creek N to Frederick Douglass Park	151	1/31/11	0	3.7	IΒ	H D F	91	96	-	06	m, p, c
St. Lucie	South Hutchinson Island- Little Mud Creek S to the narrows	152	1/31/11	0	6.4	I B	H D F	91	96	-	06	m, p, c
St. Lucie	South Hutchinson Island-Fredrick Douglass Park to Inlet	150	1/31/11	0	6.4	IΒ	H D F	91	96	-	06	m, p, c
Taylor	Hagen's Cove	51	2/4/11	0	0.7	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	01	06	n.r.

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Taylor	Hickory Mound Impoundment	50	2/4/11	0	5.0	III V G	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Volusia	Disappearing Island	129	2/4/11	15	3.0	IV V C D	HDFOG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Volusia	Indian River Lagoon Park	132	2/4/11	0	13.7	II A B C	G	-	-	-	-	m
Volusia	Intercoastal Waterway (Other islands)	130	2/4/11	0	19.3	VBCDE	SI	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Volusia	Mosquito Lagoon	133	2/4/11	0	9.3	II B C	none	-	-	-	-	f, s(p)
Volusia	New Smyrna Beach	131	2/4/11	0	15.0	IIIIVVBDFG	HDVFSIOG	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p, c
Volusia	North Canaveral National Seashore	134	2/4/11	0	18.5	IΒ	G	91	96	01	06	f
Volusia	North Peninsula SRA, Intracoastal Waterways	127	2/4/11	0	4.0	V B G	НВО	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Volusia	Volusia/Flagler County Line to North Side of Ponce De Leon Inlet	128	2/4/11	0	51.3	I II IV A B C D	HVSG	-	96	01	06	s(p), m, p, c
Wakulla	St. Marks - Oyster Bay	48	2/1/11	0	23.3	II A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Wakulla	St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Impoundments	49	2/1/11	0	7.5	II A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Wakulla	Mashes Is County Park	47	2/1/11	0	4.1	II A	H D G	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Walton	Deer Lake State Park	16	1/28/11	0	1.0	III V A	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Walton	Grayton Beach State Park-Little Redfish Lake	15	1/28/11	0	0.8	III V A	HDVOG	91	-	01	06	c
Walton	Grayton Beach State Park-Main Park Access	11	1/28/11	0	1.8	III V A	HDVOG	91	-	01	06	s(p)
Walton	Grayton Beach State Park-Pine Street Access	13	1/28/11	0	0.7	III V A	HVOG	91	-	01	06	s(p)
Walton	Topsail Hill Preserve State Park	10	1/28/11	0	6.0	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Walton	Walton County Public Beach-Gulf Breeze	14	1/28/11	0	0.4	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	-	06	c
Walton	Walton County Public Beach-Town of Grayton	12	1/28/11	0	0.5	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	-	06	c
Total				306	1297.5							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Piping Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

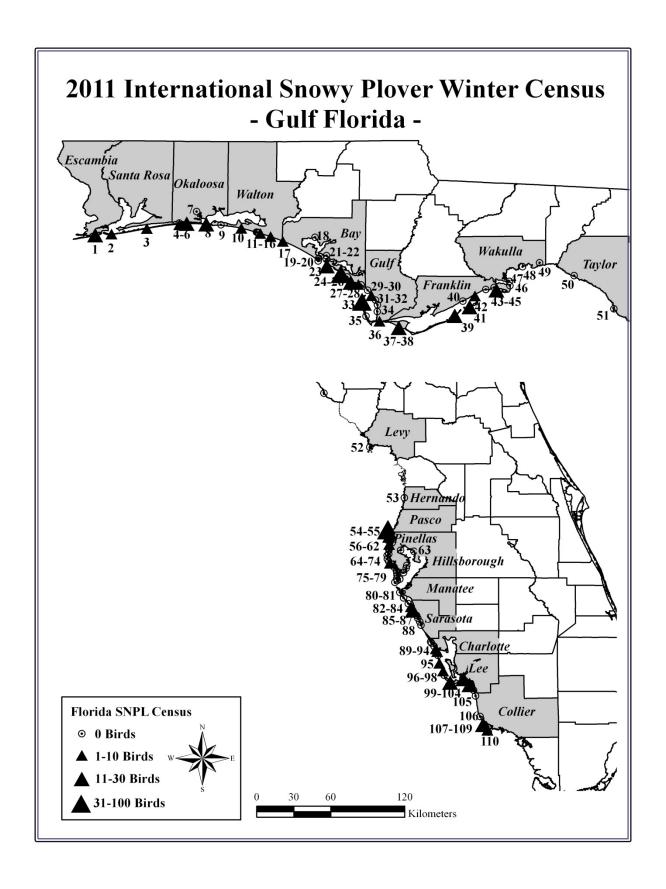
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> More area on Mexico Beach was surveyed during the 1996 Census than in 2011. In 1996, one PIPL was seen, but its specific location was not given. We do not know for certain whether the single PIPL was seen within the span of the 2011 survey route.

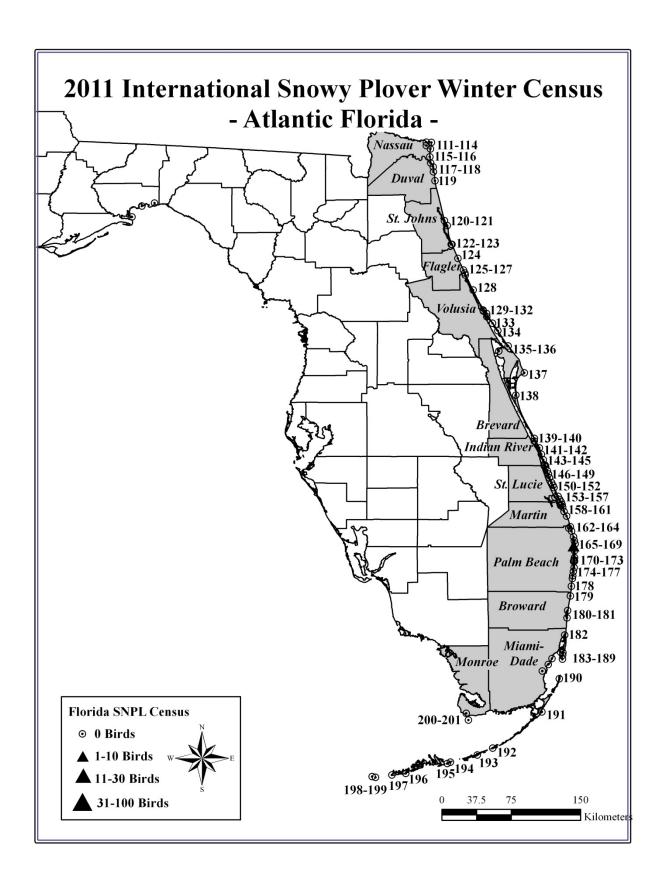
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In 1991, 1 PIPL was observed on Alligator Point (which included Phipps Reserve), but its specific location was not given. We do not know for certain whether the single PIPL was seen within the span of the 2011 survey route.

No official census, but 6 PIPL were seen here on 12/22/1990.
 The 1991 datasheet and map indicate that 2 PIPL were seen here on 12/1/1990.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In 1991, 10 PIPL were seen on "Sand Key", a route which overlaps with this 2011 site. Specific locations of the PIPL were not given. We do not know for certain whether the PIPL were seen within the span of the 2011 survey route

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.





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Bay	Bonfire Beach	27	1/27/11	4	2.6	III A	H D S G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p
Bay	Camp Helen State Park	17	1/27/11	9	0.7	I II III IV A	HDFVOG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Bay	Crooked Island East	26	1/27/11	27	9.7	III B F	V G	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Bay	Crooked Island West	24	1/27/11	31	8.9	III B F	V O G	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Bay	Grand Lagoon - Bay Point, Alligator Point	20	1/24/11	0	0.4	II A D	HDGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Bay	Marifarms North	18	1/28/11	0	5.4	II V G	S	-	-	01	06	s(p), p
Bay	Mexico Beach <sup>2</sup>	28	2/24/11	0	2.6	III A	H G	-	-	01	06	m, c
Bay	Shell Island	23	1/27/11	23	15.2	III B F	V G	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p)
Bay	St. Andrew Bay - Davis Pt. to Redfish Pt.	22	1/27/11	0	1.6	II A D	L	-	-	01	06	f
Bay	St. Andrews State Recreation Area	19	1/27/11	0	3.3	II III A	HDSVOGL	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Bay	Tyndall AFB (Buck Beach)	25	1/27/11	0	4.8	II A	GL	-	-	-	06	f
Bay	West Beach Drive	21	2/1/11	0	4.0	II A	H G L	-	-	01	06	m, p
Brevard	Cape Canaveral Air Force Station	137	2/4/11	0	21.0	IΒ	H F G	-	-	01	06	f
Brevard	Merritt Island NWR (Shiloh Impoundments)	136	1/28/11	0	10.5	V G	G	-	-	-	-	f
Brevard	Patrick Air Force Base	138	2/4/11	0	9.2	IΒ	HDFOG	-	-	-	06	f
Brevard	South Canaveral National Seashore	135	2/4/11	0	20.1	IΒ	H G	-	-	01	06	f
Broward	Broward County Northern Link to Hillsboro Inlet	179	2/1/11	0	6.8	IΒ	H S	-	-	-	06	m, p
Broward	Hugh Taylor Birch State Park	180	1/31/11	0	1.6	I II V	HDVFSIUL	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Broward	John U. Lloyd Beach S.P.	181	1/29/11	0	4.0	I II IV B	ΗL	_	-	01	06	s(p)
Charlotte	Barrier Island (Don Pedro)	91	1/29/11	0	3.2	III B	n.r.	_	-	-	06	р
Charlotte	Barrier Island (Knight Island)	90	1/30/11	0	3.2	II III IV V B F	FSVO	_	_	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	m
Charlotte	Barrier Island (Little Gasparilla Island)	92	1/29/11	5	3.2	III B	H D G	_	_	_	06	р
Charlotte	Gasparilla Island	93	2/4/11	7	4.8	III B	H D G	_	_	_	<u>06</u>	f, p
Charlotte	Stump Pass Beach	89	1/30/11	0	2.1	II III V B	H S G	_	_	_	_	s(p)
Collier	Big Marco Pass Shoal	107	2/1/11	19	4.0	III B	НD	_	_	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Collier	Cape Romano	108	1/25/11	0	3.4	III B D	HDFG	_	_	_	06	s(p), p
Collier	Caxambas Island	109	1/31/11	0	0.3	III D	H D G	-	_	_	06	s(p)
Collier	Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park	105	2/2/11	0	0.8	III B	H G	-	_	_	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Collier	Keewaydin Island	106	1/31/11	0	12.1	III B	HDFSOG	_	_	_	06	s(p), p
Collier	Kice Island	110	1/31/11	1	4.0	III B D	HDFOG	_	_	_	-	s(p)
Duval	Little Talbot Island State Park	117	2/4/11	0	6.5	I IV B	H G	_	_	01	06	s(p)
Duval	Mayport Jetty South to County Line	119	2/4/11	0	16.0	I B	G	-	-	01	06	f, s(p), m, c

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Duval	Ward's Bank (Huguenot Park)	118	2/4/11	0	6.4	I II IV A	V G		SNLL	01	06	f, s(p)
Escambia	Fort Pickens Gulf Islands N.S.		1/29/11		24.1	II III B	H V G	-	-			1, s(p)
Escambia	Perdido Key Gulf Islands N.S.	2 1	2/2/11	2 13	26.1	II B C	нvG нvG	-	-	<u>01</u> <u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Escambia	Santa Rosa Gulf Islands N.S.	3	1/27/11	6	25.6	III B	H D V G	-	-	<u>01</u> 01	<u>06</u> <u>06</u>	f
	Flagler Beach and ICW (Pier to Gamble Rogers	125	2/4/11	0	4.9	IVBG	H G	-	-	01		_
Flagler	MSRA)							-	-	-	-	m, c
Flagler	Flagler Beach Pier to Marineland	124	2/4/11	0	22.3	IΒ	H G	-	-	-	-	m, c
Flagler	Gamble Rogers Memorial SRA	126	2/4/11	0	3.4	I II V B	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Franklin	Bald Pt. State Park	46	2/5/11	0	1.5	II III A	H G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Franklin	Carrabelle Beach	40	2/1/11	0	2.2	II A	H D F G	-	-	01	06	c
Franklin	Dog Island	41	1/28/11	17	13.7	III V B	H F O G	-	-	01	06	s(p), p
Franklin	Flagg Island (Off St. Vincent Refuge)	38	2/5/11	3	2.3	III G	H O G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Franklin	FSU Marine Lab	43	2/1/11	0	1.6	III A	H D G	-	-	01	06	p
Franklin	John S. Phipps Reserve (West end of Peninsula)	45	1/29/11	17	3.2	II III G	G	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	p
Franklin	Lanark Reef	42	1/28/11	1	1.6	III V B	G	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Franklin	St. George Island State Park	39	2/4/11	27	18.0	II III B	ΗVΟ	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Franklin	St. Vincent Island	37	2/1/11	20	19.8	II III B D	G	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Franklin	Turkey Point to St. Teresa Beach	44	2/1/11	0	8.8	II A	HDVFG	-	-	01	06	p, c
Gulf	Highland View (Scamp St. to Port St. Joe)	31	2/2/11	0	1.6	II A G	SL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Gulf	Indian Pass to Cape San Blas and Stump Hole	36	2/2/11	1	11.6	III A	H D V G	-	-	01	06	m, c
Gulf	NE St. Joe Bay Shoreline	32	2/3/11	0	3.2	II A	G	-	-	01	-	s(p)
Gulf	Simmons Bayou	34	2/3/11	0	0.5	II A	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Gulf	St. Joe Beach (County Line to Pine St.)	29	2/24/11	0	4.0	III A	H G	-	-	-	06	m, c
Gulf	St. Joe Peninsula SP (Northern Portion)	33	2/3/11	51	17.3	II III G	ΗVΟ	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Gulf	St. Joe Peninsula SP (Southern Portion)	35	1/31/11	0	9.5	III G	HDGL	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	m, c
Gulf	Windmark Beach (Pine St. to N Signal Ln Pier)	30	1/28/11	10	4.7	II A	HGL	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Hernando	Pine Island	53	1/28/11	0	0.8	II III B	H G	-	-	-	-	c
Hillsborough	Cypress Point Park	63	2/5/11	0	1.0	II A	H O G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Hillsborough	Egmont Key NWR & State Park	79	2/4/11	0	4.8	II III B	G	-	-	01	06	f
Indian River	Indian River Co. Beaches	143	2/3/11	0	10.2	IΒ	HDFSOG	-	-	-	06	m, p
Indian River	Pelican Island NWR	140	2/1/11	0	21.7	II V B C D E G	HFSVIOG	-	-	-	-	f
Indian River	Round Island Conservation Area	144	2/2/11	0	1.6	V G	HDOG	-	-	-	06	f, c
Indian River	Round Island Park	145	2/3/11	0	0.7	IΒ	H F G	-	-	-	06	p, c

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS		SNPL	SEEN.	0.6	OWNER
Indian River	Sebastian Inlet State Park to Wabasso Beach Park	139	2/1/11	0	9.7	IΒ	HDFOG	-	-	-	06	f, s(p), m
Indian River	Tracking Station Access to Barber Bridge	142	2/3/11	0	2.6	IΒ	HDSUO	-	-	-	06	m, p
Indian River	Tracking Station Park N to Wabasso Beach	114	2/3/11	0	10.3	IB	H D S G	-	-	-	06	s(p), m, p, c
Lee	Bonita Beach	104	2/4/11	0	6.9	III	H F G	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
Lee	Bunche Beach	99	1/29/11	13	2.4	II V A	HFGL	-	-	01	-	f, m, c
Lee	Captiva Island	97	2/1/11	0	7.7	I III A B	H F G	-	-	-	06	m, c
Lee	Cayo Costa	95	1/26/11	10	11.7	II III B G	H G	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Lee	Estero Island (R1)	100	1/28/11	0	4.7	II III B C	HDOGL	-	-	01	06	m, p, c
Lee	Estero Island (R2)	101	1/24/11	0	4.3	II III B F	HDVFOG	-	-	01	06	m, p, c
Lee	Estero Island (R3)	102	2/5/11	16	2.4	II III B	H G	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), m, p, c
Lee	Gasparilla Island	94	2/4/11	0	11.3	III B	H D G	-	-	-	06	f, s(p), p
Lee	Lovers Key State Park	103	2/5/11	0	4.0	III B	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lee	N. Captiva Island	96	1/27/11	9	3.4	II III B	HDVFOGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Lee	Sanibel Island	98	2/1/11	16	20.0	I III A B D F	HDFOG	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), m
Levy	Cedar Key Area	52	1/24/11	0	12.9	III D	F G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Manatee	Anna Maria Island	80	1/30/11	0	10.0	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Manatee	Longboat Key (formerly "Beer Can Island")	81	1/30/11	0	7.3	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Martin	Hobe Sound NWR	160	1/31/11	0	5.6	IΒ	H F S G	-	-	01	06	f
Martin	Hutchinson Island, Alex's Beach to Stuart Beach	154	1/31/11	0	2.9	IΒ	H F O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Martin	Hutchinson Island, Bathtub Beach to St. Lucie Inlet	156	1/31/11	0	2.7	I IV B	HFGL	-	-	-	06	p
Martin	Hutchinson Island, St. Lucie Line S to Alex's Beach	157	2/1/11	0	2.8	IΒ	H F O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Martin	Hutchinson Island, Stuart Beach to Bathtub Beach	155	1/31/11	0	3.4	IΒ	ΗF	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Martin	Jupiter Island Beaches	161	1/31/11	0	7.6	IΒ	HDFVSG	-	-	-	-	m
Martin	St. Lucie Inlet sandbars	158	1/31/11	0	3.2	II D	HDOSG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Martin	St. Lucie Inlet State Park	159	1/31/11	0	9.0	I IV B	D V G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Martin	W shore of Indian River Near Jensen Beach	153	2/1/11	0	0.4	II A D	HGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Miami-Dade	Bill Baggs State Park lighthouse to Crandon Park	185	1/27/11	0	3.9	IΒ	ΗV	-	-	01	06	s(p), m
Miami-Dade	Biscayne National Park	190	2/4/11	0	9.7	I II IV B D	HFGL	-	-	-	06	f
Miami-Dade	Crandon Park Beach	186	1/27/11	0	2.8	IBD	HVGL	-	-	01	06	c

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Miami-Dade	Cutler Wetlands	189	2/3/11	0	0.5	V A	H D V	-	-	-	-	p
Miami-Dade	Deering Estate and Chicken Key	188	2/2/11	0	3.1	II A C G	HDFOGL	-	-	-	06	s(p), c
Miami-Dade	Matheson Hammock	187	2/4/11	0	1.2	II A G	HDOGL	-	-	-	06	c
Miami-Dade	Oleta River State Park	182	2/4/11	0	0.3	II A	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Miami-Dade	Rickenbacker Causeway Shoreline	183	1/28/11	0	1.7	II E	HDFSIG	-	-	01	06	c
Miami-Dade	Virginia Key Critical Wildlife Area	184	1/28/11	0	2.6	II B	HSI	91	96	01	06	m
Monroe	Bahia Honda State Park	195	1/24/11	0	4.8	I G	H F O G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Monroe	Boca Chica Beach	196	1/27/11	0	1.3	ΙE	HDVSG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Monroe	Boca Grande Key	199	1/25/11	0	1.2	V E G	HDGL	-	-	01	06	f
Monroe	Curry Hammock State Park	193	1/24/11	0	0.4	I G	HOG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Monroe	Fort Taylor Historic State Park	197	2/1/11	0	0.8	I III E	H G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Monroe	John D. Pennekamp state Park/ Carysfort Yacht Club	191	2/3/11	0	1.0	I II A	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Monroe	Lake Ingraham	200	1/29/11	0	1.6	II	GL	-	-	-	06	f
Monroe	Long Key State Park	192	1/24/11	0	1.6	I G	H G L	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Monroe	Ohio Key	194	1/27/11	0	0.5	I E G	H D G	-	-	-	-	f
Monroe	Sandy Key to Carl Ross Key	201	2/6/11	0	1.5	II E	G	-	-	-	06	f
Monroe	Woman Key	198	1/25/11	0	1.3	ΙE	HDGL	-	-	01	06	f
Nassau	Amelia Island State Park	116	2/4/11	0	2.8	I IV B	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Nassau	Bell River Spoil Island	113	2/6/11	0	0.4	V C	O G	-	-	01	06	p
Nassau	Fort Clinch State Park	112	2/4/11	0	6.4	I II IV B	HS	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Nassau	Little Tiger Island	111	2/6/11	0	2.4	VE	O	-	-	-	-	p
Nassau	North Fernandina Beach	114	4/4/11	0	11.0	IΒ	H S G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Nassau	South Fernandina Beach	115	2/4/11	0	7.4	IΒ	Н	-	-	01	06	p
Okaloosa	Eglin AFB (E restricted beach), Santa Rosa Island	6	1/27/11	13	9.7	III B	H V G	-	-	-	06	f
Okaloosa	Eglin AFB (Public Beach), Okaloosa Island	8	1/27/11	12	7.4	I IV B	HVSG	-	-	-	-	f
Okaloosa	Henderson Beach State Park	9	1/28/11	0	2.2	III A	HDVOGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Okaloosa	Okaloosa Holding Ponds	7	1/25/11	0	4.5	V A	n.r.	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	n.r.
Okaloosa/ Santa Rosa	Eglin AFB (W restricted beach), Santa Rosa Island	4	1/27/11	7	9.7	III B	V G	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	f
Okaloosa/ Santa Rosa	Eglin AFB (N restricted beach)	5	2/2/11	0	22.7	II III B	GL	-	-	-	-	f
Palm Beach	Boynton Inlet to Gulfstream Park	175	2/1/11	0	4.8	I IV A	HSOG	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	m, p, c

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Palm Beach	Gulfstream Park to N. Delray Beach	176	2/2/11	0	6.4	IΒ	H O G	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), m
Palm Beach	Highland Beach	178	2/3/11	0	13.4	I IV B	HDVSI	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
Palm Beach	Ibis Isle Restoration Area	171	2/3/11	0	0.6	II B	GL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Palm Beach	Juno Beach Park to MacArthur State Park	165	2/3/11	0	6.5	IΒ	ΗF	-	-	-	06	c
Palm Beach	Jupiter Beach to Juno Beach Park	164	2/3/11	0	5.8	I IV B	HDFS	-	-	-	-	c
Palm Beach	Jupiter Sound, Jupiter inlet, Loxahatchee River	163	2/3/11	0	7.4	II IV V A B D	HDSUGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Palm Beach	Lantana Park to Boynton Inlet	174	2/1/11	0	4.3	I IV F	G	-	-	-	06	c
Palm Beach	MacArthur Beach State Park	166	2/4/11	0	2.4	I II B	H D F G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Palm Beach	MacArthur Beach State Park to Palm Beach Shores	167	2/3/11	0	4.6	I IV B	ΗVF	-	-	-	06	m, p
Palm Beach	N. Delray Beach to Atlantic Dunes Park	177	2/5/11	0	0.8	n.r.	H D G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Palm Beach	Palm Beach Shores to Southern Blvd	169	2/3/11	0	11.9	I IV B	H D S G	-	-	-	-	s(p), m
Palm Beach	Peanut Island	168	1/31/11	1	1.6	V B	H G	-	-	-	-	m
Palm Beach	Sloan's Curve to Lantana Beach	172	2/3/11	0	6.4	IΒ	HVS	-	-	-	06	s(p), m, p, c
Palm Beach	Snook Islands Natural Area to Lake Worth Lagoon	173	2/6/11	0	2.0	II A G	SGL	-	-	-	-	m
Palm Beach	Southern Blvd to Sloan's Curve	170	2/3/11	0	3.3	I A	H G	-	-	-	06	m, p
Palm Beach/ Martin	Jupiter Island - Jupiter Inlet through Blowing Rocks Preserve	162	1/31/11	0	3.2	I IV B	HDVF	-	-	-	06	c
Pasco	Anclote Key sandbar	54	2/4/11	14	2.7	III D	H G	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Pasco/Pinellas	Anclote Key State Park	55	2/4/11	38	8.0	III B	G	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Pinellas	Belleair Causeway Bridge	64	2/4/11	0	4.8	II A B	HFGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	Caladesi Island State Park	59	2/4/11	6	4.0	II III B	H O G	-	-	<u>01</u>	-	s(p)
Pinellas	Clearwater Beach	60	2/4/11	0	4.4	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Courtney Campbell Causeway, Clearwater, Public Beach	62	2/4/11	0	29.0	II V G	HDFVG	-	-	-	-	m
Pinellas	Dunedin Causeway (to Honeymoon Island)	58	2/4/11	0	1.6	II G	H G	-	-	01	06	c
Pinellas	Ft. DeSoto County Park, E beach	77	2/4/11	0	4.0	V B	V G	-	-	-	06	c
Pinellas	Ft. DeSoto County Park, NW Beach	76	2/6/11	0	4.5	III B	n.r.	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Ft. DeSoto County Park, South tip	78	2/1/11	0	1.1	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	Honeymoon Island SRA	57	2/4/11	0	6.4	III B	H S G	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Pinellas	Indian Rocks Beach	65	2/5/11	0	3.7	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Lassing Park	71	1/26/11	0	0.7	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	Madeira Beach	68	1/27/11	7	5.1	III A	HVFG	-	-	-	06	m

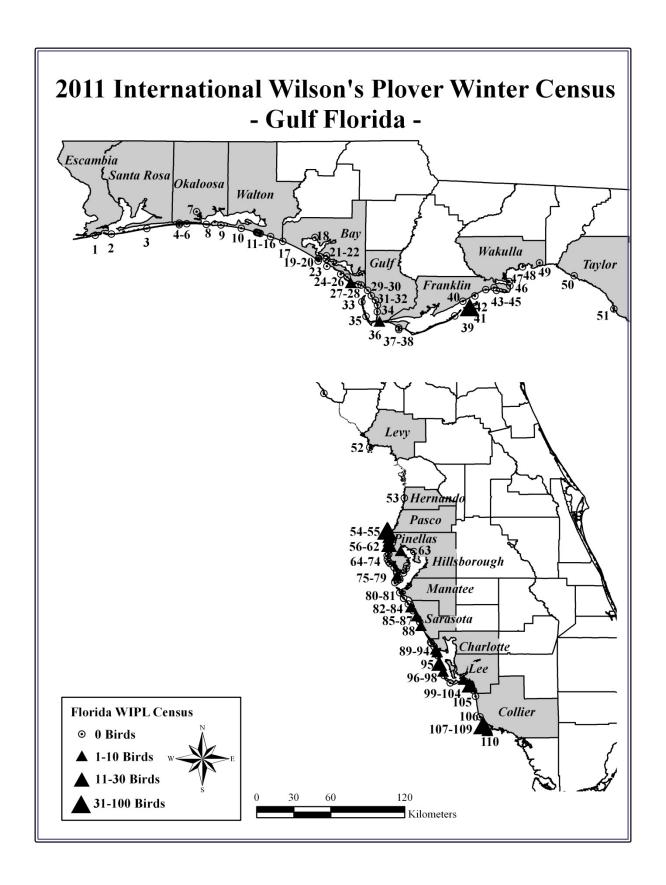
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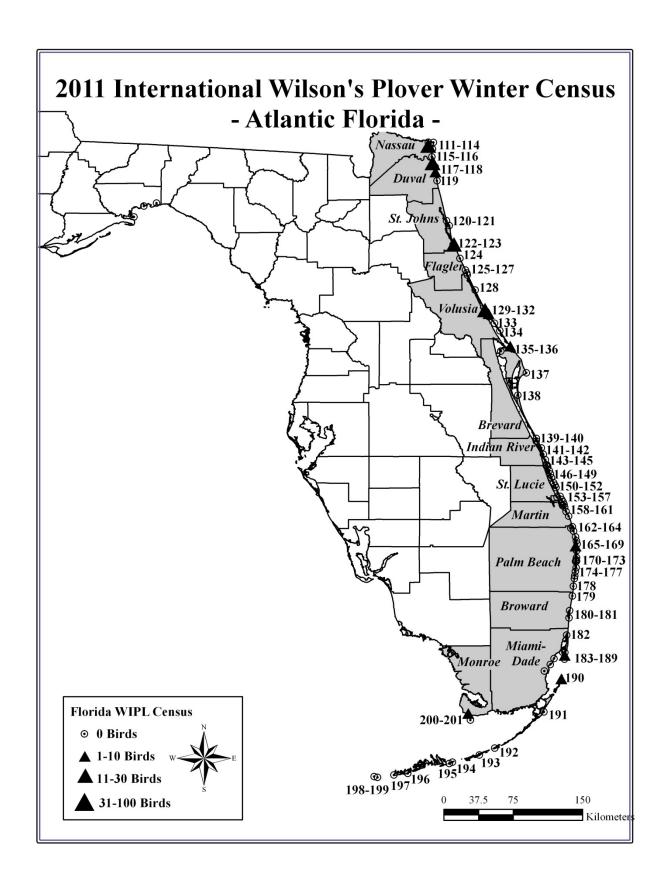
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Pinellas	Pass-a-Grille Beach	74	2/5/11	0	2.7	III B	H G	-	-	-	-	m
Pinellas	Pinellas Point	73	1/30/11	0	1.6	V A	OGL	-	-	-	-	m
Pinellas	Redington Beach/North Redington Beach	67	2/6/11	0	4.4	III B	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Pinellas	Sandy Park to Bellair Beach Morgan Dr. Park	61	2/5/11	0	3.4	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Shell Key	75	2/6/11	0	2.4	II B	HGL	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	c
Pinellas	St. Pete Beach	72	2/4/11	0	3.4	n. r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	St. Petersburg- North shore park area	69	1/30/11	0	0.8	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Three Rooker Bar	56	2/4/11	2	3.2	III B	G	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Pinellas	Treasure Island	70	2/6/11	0	6.4	III A G	H U G	-	-	-	06	m
Pinellas	Walsingham Road South to Park Blvd	66	2/4/11	0	3.0	III B	H F G	-	-	-	06	m
Sarasota	Caspersen Beach (Venice Beach)	88	2/5/11	0	6.1	III A	H S	-	-	-	06	s(p), m, p, c
Sarasota	Lido Beach	83	1/29/11	2	4.0	III B	H S O G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	c
Sarasota	North Casey Key	86	2/5/11	0	4.8	III B	H D S G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Sarasota	Siesta Key, N end to Point of Rocks	84	2/5/11	16	4.7	III B	H D V G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	c
Sarasota	Siesta Key, Turtle Beach to Point of Rocks	85	2/6/11	0	3.1	II III B F	H D G	-	-	-	06	s(p), c
Sarasota	South Casey Key	87	2/5/11	0	5.0	III B	HDSOG	-	-	-	06	p, c
Sarasota	South Longboat Key	82	2/5/11	0	4.8	III B	HSUO	-	-	-	06	p
St. Johns	Anastasia State Recreation Area	121	2/4/11	0	7.9	I IV B	H O G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
St. Johns	Rattlesnake Island	122	2/4/11	0	1.0	IV E	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
St. Johns	St. Augustine Beach (Matanzas Inlet)	123	2/4/11	0	25.7	IIIIVVABCD	HDVFSUG	-	-	-	06	f, s(p), m, c
St. Johns	Vilano Point to North Beach	120	2/4/11	0	25.7	IΒ	DG	-	-	01	06	f, c
St. Lucie	Avalon State Park	146	2/3/11	0	2.4	IΒ	Н	-	-	01	06	s(p)
St. Lucie	Fort Pierce Inlet State Park	148	2/3/11	0	1.4	I IV B	H F G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
St. Lucie	Fort Pierce Inlet State Park to Avalon State Park	147	1/28/11	0	6.4	IΒ	H G	-	-	01	06	p, c
St. Lucie	S Hutchinson Island	149	1/31/11	0	24.5	IΒ	HDF	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
St. Lucie	South Hutchinson Island- Little Mud Creek N to Frederick Douglass Park	151	1/31/11	0	3.7	IΒ	H D F	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
St. Lucie	South Hutchinson Island- Little Mud Creek S to the narrows	152	1/31/11	0	6.4	IΒ	H D F	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
St. Lucie	South Hutchinson Island-Fredrick Douglass Park to Inlet	150	1/31/11	0	6.4	IΒ	H D F	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
Taylor	Hagen's Cove	51	2/4/11	0	0.7	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	01	06	n.r.

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Taylor	Hickory Mound Impoundment	50	2/4/11	0	5.0	III V G	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Volusia	Disappearing Island	129	2/4/11	0	3.0	IV V C D	HDFOG	_	_	_	06	s(p)
Volusia	Indian River Lagoon Park	132	2/4/11	0	13.7	II A B C	G	_	_	_	_	m
Volusia	Intercoastal Waterway (Other islands)	130	2/4/11	0	19.3	VBCDE	SI	_	_	_	_	s(p)
Volusia	Mosquito Lagoon	133	2/4/11	0	9.3	II B C	none	_	_	_	_	f, s(p)
Volusia	New Smyrna Beach	131	2/4/11	0	15.0	IIIIVVBDFG	HDVFSIOG	_	_	01	06	s(p), p, c
Volusia	North Canaveral National Seashore	134	2/4/11	0	18.5	IΒ	G	_	_	01	06	f
Volusia	North Peninsula SRA, Intracoastal Waterways	127	2/4/11	0	4.0	V B G	НВО	_	_	_	_	s(p)
Volusia	Volusia/Flagler County Line to North Side of Ponce De Leon Inlet	128	2/4/11	0	51.3	I II IV A B C D	HVSG	-	-	01	06	s(p), m, p, c
Wakulla	St. Marks - Oyster Bay	48	2/1/11	0	23.3	II A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Wakulla	St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Impoundments	49	2/1/11	0	7.5	II A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Wakulla	Mashes Is County Park	47	2/1/11	0	4.1	II A	H D G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Walton	Deer Lake State Park	16	1/28/11	7	1.0	III V A	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Walton	Grayton Beach State Park-Little Redfish Lake	15	1/28/11	0	0.8	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	01	06	c
Walton	Grayton Beach State Park-Main Park Access	11	1/28/11	6	1.8	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Walton	Grayton Beach State Park-Pine Street Access	13	1/28/11	0	0.7	III V A	HVOG	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Walton	Topsail Hill Preserve State Park	10	1/28/11	6	6.0	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Walton	Walton County Public Beach-Gulf Breeze	14	1/28/11	0	0.4	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	-	06	c
Walton	Walton County Public Beach-Town of Grayton	12	1/28/11	0	0.5	III V A	H D V O G	-	-	-	06	c
Total				495	1297.5							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Snowy Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>2</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.





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Bay	Bonfire Beach	27	1/27/11	0	2.6	III A	H D S G	-	-	-	06	p
Bay	Camp Helen State Park	17	1/27/11	0	0.7	I II III IV A	HDFVOG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Bay	Crooked Island East	26	1/27/11	2	9.7	III B F	V G	-	-	-	06	f
Bay	Crooked Island West	24	1/27/11	0	8.9	III B F	V O G	-	-	-	06	f
Bay	Grand Lagoon - Bay Point, Alligator Point	20	1/24/11	0	0.4	II A D	HDGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Bay	Marifarms North	18	1/28/11	0	5.4	II V G	S	-	-	-	06	s(p), p
Bay	Mexico Beach <sup>2</sup>	28	2/24/11	0	2.6	III A	H G	-	-	-	06	m, c
Bay	Shell Island	23	1/27/11	0	15.2	III B F	V G	-	-	-	06	f, s(p)
Bay	St. Andrew Bay - Davis Pt. to Redfish Pt.	22	1/27/11	0	1.6	II A D	L	-	-	-	06	f
Bay	St. Andrews State Recreation Area	19	1/27/11	0	3.3	II III A	HDSVOGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Bay	Tyndall AFB (Buck Beach)	25	1/27/11	0	4.8	II A	G L	-	-	-	06	f
Bay	West Beach Drive	21	2/1/11	0	4.0	II A	H G L	-	-	-	06	m, p
Brevard	Cape Canaveral Air Force Station	137	2/4/11	0	21.0	IΒ	H F G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Brevard	Merritt Island NWR (Shiloh Impoundments)	136	1/28/11	0	10.5	V G	G	-	-	-	-	f
Brevard	Patrick Air Force Base	138	2/4/11	0	9.2	IΒ	HDFOG	-	-	-	06	f
Brevard	South Canaveral National Seashore	135	2/4/11	4	20.1	IΒ	НG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Broward	Broward County Northern Link to Hillsboro Inlet	179	2/1/11	0	6.8	IΒ	H S	-	-	-	06	m, p
Broward	Hugh Taylor Birch State Park	180	1/31/11	0	1.6	I II V	HDVFSIUL	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Broward	John U. Lloyd Beach S.P.	181	1/29/11	0	4.0	I II IV B	ΗL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Charlotte	Barrier Island (Don Pedro)	91	1/29/11	0	3.2	III B	n.r.	-	-	-	06	р
Charlotte	Barrier Island (Knight Island)	90	1/30/11	0	3.2	II III IV V B F	FSVO	-	_	-	<u>06</u>	m
Charlotte	Barrier Island (Little Gasparilla Island)	92	1/29/11	1	3.2	III B	H D G	-	-	-	06	р
Charlotte	Gasparilla Island	93	2/4/11	6	4.8	III B	H D G	_	_	_	<u>06</u>	f, p
Charlotte	Stump Pass Beach	89	1/30/11	0	2.1	II III V B	H S G	-	_	-	_	s(p)
Collier	Big Marco Pass Shoal	107	2/1/11	48	4.0	III B	HD	-	_	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Collier	Cape Romano	108	1/25/11	0	3.4	III B D	HDFG	-	_	-	06	s(p), p
Collier	Caxambas Island	109	1/31/11	0	0.3	III D	H D G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Collier	Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park	105	2/2/11	0	0.8	III B	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Collier	Keewaydin Island	106	1/31/11	0	12.1	III B	HDFSOG	_	_	_	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Collier	Kice Island	110	1/31/11	2	4.0	III B D	HDFOG	_	_	_	-	s(p)
Duval	Little Talbot Island State Park	117	2/4/11	0	6.5	I IV B	H G	_	_	_	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Duval	Mayport Jetty South to County Line	119	2/4/11	0	16.0	I B	G	-	-	-	06	f, s(p), m, c

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Duval	Ward's Bank (Huguenot Park)	118	2/4/11	7	6.4	I II IV A	V G		- ·	-	06	f, s(p)
Escambia	Fort Pickens Gulf Islands N.S.	2	1/29/11	0	24.1	II III B	H V G	_	_	_	06	f
Escambia	Perdido Key Gulf Islands N.S.	1	2/2/11	0	26.1	II B C	HVG	_	_	_	06	f
Escambia	Santa Rosa Gulf Islands N.S.	3	1/27/11	0	25.6	III B	H D V G	_	_	_	06	f
Flagler	Flagler Beach and ICW (Pier to Gamble Rogers MSRA)	125	2/4/11	0	4.9	IVBG	H G	-	-	-	-	m, c
Flagler	Flagler Beach Pier to Marineland	124	2/4/11	0	22.3	IΒ	НG	-	-	-	-	m, c
Flagler	Gamble Rogers Memorial SRA	126	2/4/11	0	3.4	I II V B	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Franklin	Bald Pt. State Park	46	2/5/11	0	1.5	II III A	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Franklin	Carrabelle Beach	40	2/1/11	0	2.2	II A	H D F G	-	-	-	06	c
Franklin	Dog Island	41	1/28/11	0	13.7	III V B	H F O G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Franklin	Flagg Island (Off St. Vincent Refuge)	38	2/5/11	0	2.3	III G	H O G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Franklin	FSU Marine Lab	43	2/1/11	0	1.6	III A	H D G	-	-	-	06	p
Franklin	John S. Phipps Reserve (West end of Peninsula)	45	1/29/11	0	3.2	II III G	G	-	-	-	06	p
Franklin	Lanark Reef	42	1/28/11	0	1.6	III V B	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Franklin	St. George Island State Park	39	2/4/11	0	18.0	II III B	ΗVΟ	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Franklin	St. Vincent Island	37	2/1/11	0	19.8	II III B D	G	-	-	-	06	f
Franklin	Turkey Point to St. Teresa Beach	44	2/1/11	0	8.8	II A	HDVFG	-	-	-	06	p, c
Gulf	Highland View (Scamp St. to Port St. Joe)	31	2/2/11	0	1.6	II A G	SL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Gulf	Indian Pass to Cape San Blas and Stump Hole	36	2/2/11	2	11.6	III A	H D V G	-	-	-	06	m, c
Gulf	NE St. Joe Bay Shoreline	32	2/3/11	0	3.2	II A	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Gulf	Simmons Bayou	34	2/3/11	0	0.5	II A	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Gulf	St. Joe Beach (County Line to Pine St.)	29	2/24/11	0	4.0	III A	H G	-	-	-	06	m, c
Gulf	St. Joe Peninsula SP (Northern Portion)	33	2/3/11	0	17.3	II III G	HVO	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Gulf	St. Joe Peninsula SP (Southern Portion)	35	1/31/11	0	9.5	III G	HDGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	m, c
Gulf	Windmark Beach (Pine St. to N Signal Ln Pier)	30	1/28/11	0	4.7	II A	HGL	-	-	-	06	p
Hernando	Pine Island	53	1/28/11	0	0.8	II III B	H G	-	-	-	-	c
Hillsborough	Cypress Point Park	63	2/5/11	0	1.0	II A	H O G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Hillsborough	Egmont Key NWR & State Park	79	2/4/11	0	4.8	II III B	G	-	-	-	06	f
Indian River	Indian River Co. Beaches	143	2/3/11	0	10.2	I B	HDFSOG	-	-	-	06	m, p
Indian River	Pelican Island NWR	140	2/1/11	0	21.7	II V B C D E G	HFSVIOG	-	-	-	-	f
Indian River	Round Island Conservation Area	144	2/2/11	0	1.6	V G	HDOG	-	-	-	06	f, c
Indian River	Round Island Park	145	2/3/11	0	0.7	IΒ	H F G	-	-	-	06	p, c

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Indian River	Sebastian Inlet State Park to Wabasso Beach Park	139	2/1/11	0	9.7	IΒ	H D F O G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f, s(p),
Indian River	Tracking Station Access to Barber Bridge	142	2/3/11	0	2.6	IΒ	HDSUO	-	-	-	06	m, p
Indian River	Tracking Station Park N to Wabasso Beach	114	2/3/11	0	10.3	IΒ	H D S G	-	-	-	06	s(p), m, p, c
Lee	Bonita Beach	104	2/4/11	0	6.9	III	H F G	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
Lee	Bunche Beach	99	1/29/11	4	2.4	II V A	HFGL	-	-	-	-	f, m, c
Lee	Captiva Island	97	2/1/11	0	7.7	I III A B	H F G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	m, c
Lee	Cayo Costa	95	1/26/11	13	11.7	II III B G	НG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Lee	Estero Island (R1)	100	1/28/11	0	4.7	II III B C	HDOGL	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
Lee	Estero Island (R2)	101	1/24/11	0	4.3	II III B F	HDVFOG	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
Lee	Estero Island (R3)	102	2/5/11	24	2.4	II III B	H G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p), m, p, c
Lee	Gasparilla Island	94	2/4/11	0	11.3	III B	H D G	-	-	-	06	f, s(p), p
Lee	Lovers Key State Park	103	2/5/11	0	4.0	III B	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lee	N. Captiva Island	96	1/27/11	1	3.4	II III B	HDVFOGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lee	Sanibel Island	98	2/1/11	0	20.0	I III A B D F	HDFOG	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Levy	Cedar Key Area	52	1/24/11	0	12.9	III D	F G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Manatee	Anna Maria Island	80	1/30/11	0	10.0	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Manatee	Longboat Key (formerly "Beer Can Island")	81	1/30/11	0	7.3	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Martin	Hobe Sound NWR	160	1/31/11	0	5.6	IΒ	HFSG	-	-	-	06	f
Martin	Hutchinson Island, Alex's Beach to Stuart Beach	154	1/31/11	0	2.9	IΒ	H F O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Martin	Hutchinson Island, Bathtub Beach to St. Lucie Inlet	156	1/31/11	0	2.7	I IV B	HFGL	-	-	-	06	p
Martin	Hutchinson Island, St. Lucie Line S to Alex's Beach	157	2/1/11	0	2.8	IΒ	H F O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Martin	Hutchinson Island, Stuart Beach to Bathtub Beach	155	1/31/11	0	3.4	IΒ	ΗF	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Martin	Jupiter Island Beaches	161	1/31/11	0	7.6	IΒ	HDFVSG	-	-	-	-	m
Martin	St. Lucie Inlet sandbars	158	1/31/11	0	3.2	II D	HDOSG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Martin	St. Lucie Inlet State Park	159	1/31/11	0	9.0	I IV B	D V G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Martin	W shore of Indian River Near Jensen Beach	153	2/1/11	0	0.4	II A D	HGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Miami-Dade	Bill Baggs State Park lighthouse to Crandon Park	185	1/27/11	0	3.9	IΒ	ΗV	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Miami-Dade	Biscayne National Park	190	2/4/11	1	9.7	I II IV B D	HFGL	-	-	-	06	f
Miami-Dade	Crandon Park Beach	186	1/27/11	6	2.8	IBD	HVGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	c

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Miami-Dade	Cutler Wetlands	189	2/3/11	0	0.5	V A	H D V	-	-	-	-	p
Miami-Dade	Deering Estate and Chicken Key	188	2/2/11	0	3.1	II A C G	HDFOGL	-	-	-	06	s(p), c
Miami-Dade	Matheson Hammock	187	2/4/11	0	1.2	II A G	HDOGL	-	-	-	06	c
Miami-Dade	Oleta River State Park	182	2/4/11	0	0.3	II A	G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Miami-Dade	Rickenbacker Causeway Shoreline	183	1/28/11	0	1.7	II E	HDFSIG	-	-	01	06	c
Miami-Dade	Virginia Key Critical Wildlife Area	184	1/28/11	0	2.6	II B	HSI	91	96	01	06	m
Monroe	Bahia Honda State Park	195	1/24/11	0	4.8	I G	H F O G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Monroe	Boca Chica Beach	196	1/27/11	0	1.3	ΙE	HDVSG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Monroe	Boca Grande Key	199	1/25/11	0	1.2	V E G	HDGL	-	-	-	06	f
Monroe	Curry Hammock State Park	193	1/24/11	0	0.4	I G	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Monroe	Fort Taylor Historic State Park	197	2/1/11	0	0.8	I III E	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Monroe	John D. Pennekamp state Park/ Carysfort Yacht Club	191	2/3/11	0	1.0	I II A	H G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Monroe	Lake Ingraham	200	1/29/11	5	1.6	II	GL	-	-	-	-	f
Monroe	Long Key State Park	192	1/24/11	0	1.6	I G	HGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Monroe	Ohio Key	194	1/27/11	0	0.5	I E G	H D G	-	-	-	06	f
Monroe	Sandy Key to Carl Ross Key	201	2/6/11	0	1.5	II E	G	-	-	-	-	f
Monroe	Woman Key	198	1/25/11	0	1.3	ΙE	H D G L	-	-	-	06	f
Nassau	Amelia Island State Park	116	2/4/11	16	2.8	I IV B	G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Nassau	Bell River Spoil Island	113	2/6/11	13	0.4	V C	O G	-	-	-	-	p
Nassau	Fort Clinch State Park	112	2/4/11	0	6.4	I II IV B	H S	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Nassau	Little Tiger Island	111	2/6/11	0	2.4	VE	O	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p
Nassau	North Fernandina Beach	114	4/4/11	0	11.0	IΒ	H S G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Nassau	South Fernandina Beach	115	2/4/11	0	7.4	IΒ	Н	-	-	-	-	p
Okaloosa	Eglin AFB (E restricted beach), Santa Rosa Island	6	1/27/11	0	9.7	III B	H V G	-	-	-	06	f
Okaloosa	Eglin AFB (Public Beach), Okaloosa Island	8	1/27/11	0	7.4	I IV B	H V S G	-	-	-	06	f
Okaloosa	Henderson Beach State Park	9	1/28/11	0	2.2	III A	HDVOGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Okaloosa	Okaloosa Holding Ponds	7	1/25/11	0	4.5	V A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Okaloosa/ Santa Rosa	Eglin AFB (W restricted beach), Santa Rosa Island	4	1/27/11	0	9.7	III B	V G	-	-	-	06	f
Okaloosa/ Santa Rosa	Eglin AFB (N restricted beach)	5	2/2/11	0	22.7	II III B	GL	-	-	-	06	f
Palm Beach	Boynton Inlet to Gulfstream Park	175	2/1/11	0	4.8	I IV A	H S O G	-	-	-	06	m, p, c

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Palm Beach	Gulfstream Park to N. Delray Beach	176	2/2/11	0	6.4	IΒ	HOG	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Palm Beach	Highland Beach	178	2/3/11	0	13.4	I IV B	HDVSI	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
Palm Beach	Ibis Isle Restoration Area	171	2/3/11	0	0.6	II B	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Palm Beach	Juno Beach Park to MacArthur State Park	165	2/3/11	0	6.5	IΒ	ΗF	-	-	-	06	c
Palm Beach	Jupiter Beach to Juno Beach Park	164	2/3/11	0	5.8	I IV B	HDFS	-	-	-	06	c
Palm Beach	Jupiter Sound, Jupiter inlet, Loxahatchee River	163	2/3/11	0	7.4	II IV V A B D	HDSUGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Palm Beach	Lantana Park to Boynton Inlet	174	2/1/11	0	4.3	I IV F	G	-	-	-	06	c
Palm Beach	MacArthur Beach State Park	166	2/4/11	0	2.4	I II B	H D F G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Palm Beach	MacArthur Beach State Park to Palm Beach Shores	167	2/3/11	0	4.6	I IV B	HVF	-	-	-	06	m, p
Palm Beach	N. Delray Beach to Atlantic Dunes Park	177	2/5/11	0	0.8	n.r.	H D G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Palm Beach	Palm Beach Shores to Southern Blvd	169	2/3/11	0	11.9	I IV B	H D S G	-	-	-	-	s(p), m
Palm Beach	Peanut Island	168	1/31/11	5	1.6	V B	H G	-	-	-	-	m
Palm Beach	Sloan's Curve to Lantana Beach	172	2/3/11	0	6.4	IΒ	HVS	-	-	-	06	s(p), m, p, c
Palm Beach	Snook Islands Natural Area to Lake Worth Lagoon	173	2/6/11	0	2.0	II A G	SGL	-	-	-	-	m
Palm Beach	Southern Blvd to Sloan's Curve	170	2/3/11	0	3.3	I A	H G	-	-	-	06	m, p
Palm Beach/ Martin	Jupiter Island - Jupiter Inlet through Blowing Rocks Preserve	162	1/31/11	0	3.2	I IV B	H D V F	-	-	-	06	c
Pasco	Anclote Key sandbar	54	2/4/11	3	2.7	III D	H G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Pasco/Pinellas	Anclote Key State Park	55	2/4/11	52	8.0	III B	G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Pinellas	Belleair Causeway Bridge	64	2/4/11	0	4.8	II A B	HFGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	Caladesi Island State Park	59	2/4/11	18	4.0	II III B	H O G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Pinellas	Clearwater Beach	60	2/4/11	0	4.4	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Courtney Campbell Causeway, Clearwater, Public Beach	62	2/4/11	2	29.0	II V G	HDFVG	-	-	-	-	m
Pinellas	Dunedin Causeway (to Honeymoon Island)	58	2/4/11	0	1.6	II G	H G	-	-	-	06	c
Pinellas	Ft. DeSoto County Park, E beach	77	2/4/11	0	4.0	V B	V G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	c
Pinellas	Ft. DeSoto County Park, NW Beach	76	2/6/11	0	4.5	III B	n.r.	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Pinellas	Ft. DeSoto County Park, South tip	78	2/1/11	0	1.1	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	Honeymoon Island SRA	57	2/4/11	7	6.4	III B	H S G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Pinellas	Indian Rocks Beach	65	2/5/11	0	3.7	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Lassing Park	71	1/26/11	0	0.7	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	Madeira Beach	68	1/27/11	0	5.1	III A	HVFG	-	-	-	06	m

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Pinellas	Pass-a-Grille Beach	74	2/5/11	0	2.7	III B	H G	-	-	-	-	m
Pinellas	Pinellas Point	73	1/30/11	0	1.6	V A	OGL	-	-	-	-	m
Pinellas	Redington Beach/North Redington Beach	67	2/6/11	0	4.4	III B	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Pinellas	Sandy Park to Bellair Beach Morgan Dr. Park	61	2/5/11	0	3.4	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Shell Key	75	2/6/11	4	2.4	II B	HGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	c
Pinellas	St. Pete Beach	72	2/4/11	0	3.4	n. r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Pinellas	St. Petersburg- North shore park area	69	1/30/11	0	0.8	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Pinellas	Three Rooker Bar	56	2/4/11	10	3.2	III B	G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Pinellas	Treasure Island	70	2/6/11	0	6.4	III A G	H U G	-	-	-	06	m
Pinellas	Walsingham Road South to Park Blvd	66	2/4/11	0	3.0	III B	H F G	-	-	-	06	m
Sarasota	Caspersen Beach (Venice Beach)	88	2/5/11	2	6.1	III A	H S	-	-	-	06	s(p), m, p, c
Sarasota	Lido Beach	83	1/29/11	1	4.0	III B	HSOG	-	-	-	06	c
Sarasota	North Casey Key	86	2/5/11	0	4.8	III B	H D S G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Sarasota	Siesta Key, N end to Point of Rocks	84	2/5/11	0	4.7	III B	H D V G	-	-	-	06	c
Sarasota	Siesta Key, Turtle Beach to Point of Rocks	85	2/6/11	1	3.1	II III B F	H D G	-	-	-	06	s(p), c
Sarasota	South Casey Key	87	2/5/11	0	5.0	III B	HDSOG	-	-	-	06	p, c
Sarasota	South Longboat Key	82	2/5/11	0	4.8	III B	HSUO	-	-	-	06	p
St. Johns	Anastasia State Recreation Area	121	2/4/11	0	7.9	I IV B	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
St. Johns	Rattlesnake Island	122	2/4/11	0	1.0	IV E	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
St. Johns	St. Augustine Beach (Matanzas Inlet)	123	2/4/11	13	25.7	IIIIVVABCD	HDVFSUG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), m, c
St. Johns	Vilano Point to North Beach	120	2/4/11	0	25.7	IΒ	D G	-	-	-	06	f, c
St. Lucie	Avalon State Park	146	2/3/11	0	2.4	IΒ	Н	-	-	-	06	s(p)
St. Lucie	Fort Pierce Inlet State Park	148	2/3/11	0	1.4	I IV B	H F G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
St. Lucie	Fort Pierce Inlet State Park to Avalon State Park	147	1/28/11	0	6.4	IΒ	H G	-	-	-	06	p, c
St. Lucie	S Hutchinson Island	149	1/31/11	0	24.5	IΒ	H D F	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
St. Lucie	South Hutchinson Island- Little Mud Creek N to Frederick Douglass Park	151	1/31/11	0	3.7	IΒ	H D F	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
St. Lucie	South Hutchinson Island- Little Mud Creek S to the narrows	152	1/31/11	0	6.4	IΒ	H D F	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
St. Lucie	South Hutchinson Island-Fredrick Douglass Park to Inlet	150	1/31/11	0	6.4	IΒ	H D F	-	-	-	06	m, p, c
Taylor	Hagen's Cove	51	2/4/11	0	0.7	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS	CENSUSED & YEARS WIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>			OWNER	
Taylor	Hickory Mound Impoundment	50	2/4/11	0	5.0	III V G	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Volusia	Disappearing Island	129	2/4/11	18	3.0	IV V C D	HDFOG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Volusia	Indian River Lagoon Park	132	2/4/11	0	13.7	II A B C	G	-	-	-	-	m
Volusia	Intercoastal Waterway (Other islands)	130	2/4/11	0	19.3	VBCDE	SI	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Volusia	Mosquito Lagoon	133	2/4/11	0	9.3	II B C	none	-	-	-	-	f, s(p)
Volusia	New Smyrna Beach	131	2/4/11	1	15.0	IIIIVVBDFG	HDVFSIOG	-	-	-	06	s(p), p, c
Volusia	North Canaveral National Seashore	134	2/4/11	0	18.5	IΒ	G	-	-	-	06	f
Volusia	North Peninsula SRA, Intracoastal Waterways	127	2/4/11	0	4.0	V B G	НВО	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Volusia	Volusia/Flagler County Line to North Side of Ponce De Leon Inlet	128	2/4/11	0	51.3	I II IV A B C D	HVSG	-	-	-	06	s(p), m, p, c
Wakulla	St. Marks - Oyster Bay	48	2/1/11	0	23.3	II A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Wakulla	St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Impoundments	49	2/1/11	0	7.5	II A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Wakulla	Mashes Is County Park	47	2/1/11	0	4.1	II A	H D G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Walton	Deer Lake State Park	16	1/28/11	0	1.0	III V A	H O G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Walton	Grayton Beach State Park-Little Redfish Lake	15	1/28/11	0	0.8	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	-	06	c
Walton	Grayton Beach State Park-Main Park Access	11	1/28/11	0	1.8	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Walton	Grayton Beach State Park-Pine Street Access	13	1/28/11	0	0.7	III V A	HVOG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Walton	Topsail Hill Preserve State Park	10	1/28/11	0	6.0	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Walton	Walton County Public Beach-Gulf Breeze	14	1/28/11	0	0.4	III V A	HDVOG	-	-	-	06	c
Walton	Walton County Public Beach-Town of Grayton	12	1/28/11	0	0.5	III V A	H D V O G	-	-	-	06	c
Total				292	1297.5							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>2</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Alabama

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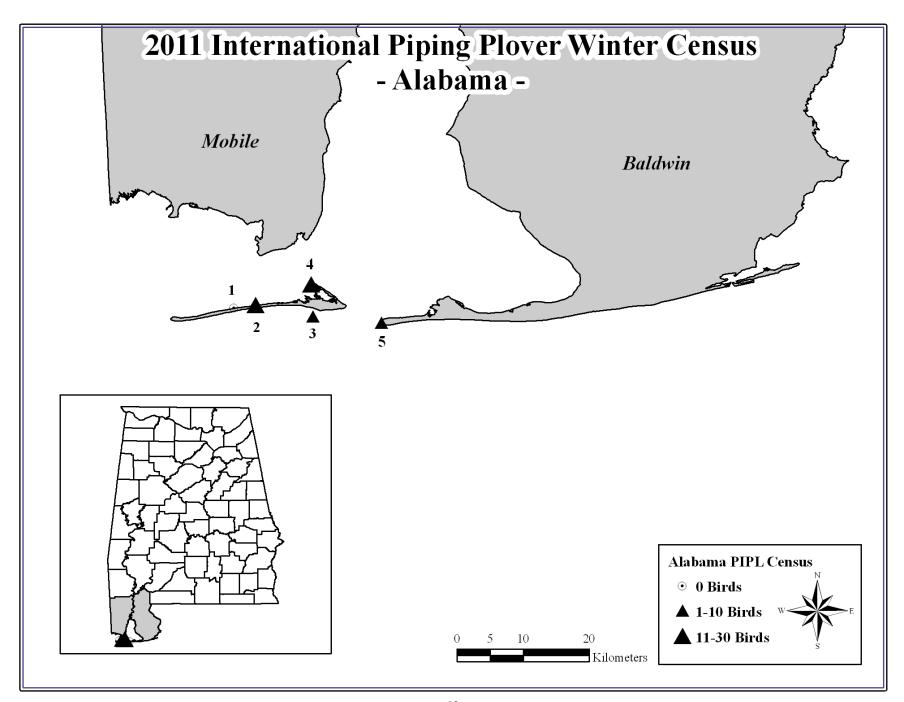
Three census participants in two parties surveyed the six most important wintering Piping Plover sites in Alabama on 5 February 2011. One site in Baldwin County (Ft. Morgan Historic State Park) and four sites in Mobile County were surveyed on foot. Sites in Mobile County included Pelican Island, Little Dauphin Island, Katrina Cut-East (Dauphin Island), and Katrina Cut-West (Dauphin Island). Additionally, the undeveloped north shore of the western end of Dauphin Island was surveyed by boat. In total, 12.2 km (7.6 miles) were surveyed on foot while 12.6 (7.8 miles) were surveyed from boat. Conditions were generally overcast with light winds and temperatures in the lower 40's (Fahrenheit).

A total of 38 Piping Plovers were sighted along with 27 Snowy Plovers. Over half (21) of the Piping Plovers were spotted on Little Dauphin Island. Only two sites (Katrina Cut-East, Dauphin Island West End) had zero Piping Plovers and two sites (Little Dauphin Island, Dauphin Island West End) were absent of Snowy Plovers. Four color-banded Piping Plovers were spotted, three on Little Dauphin Island and one at Ft. Morgan Historic State Park. During the 2006 census, 29 total Piping Plovers were counted on Pelican and Dauphin Islands.

Historically Little Dauphin Island and Pelican Island have been the two most important sites for concentrations of Piping Plovers and that trend should continue. Pelican Island is now a peninsula connected to Dauphin Island which increases foot traffic but likely has little impact to wintering birds. The tidally exposed flats at the north end of Little Dauphin Island appear more suitable for plovers than they have been in several years giving evidence to the ever changing conditions of barrier islands. Katrina Cut, the breach of Dauphin Island made by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, has favorable plover feeding habitat on its east and west sides. Lack of any impacts by tropical storms or hurricanes since 2005 has likely been a detriment to plover habitat. Without the overwash and flooding of barrier islands in Mobile County, vegetative succession advances and beaches rise resulting in a loss of tidal flats, tidal pools, and washover zones. Of note in 2011 was a project closing the Katrina Cut with a milelong wall of rip-rap. Any impacts to plovers are unknown. Also, initial observations of the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill of 2010 and subsequent cleanup operations on plovers appear negligible.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

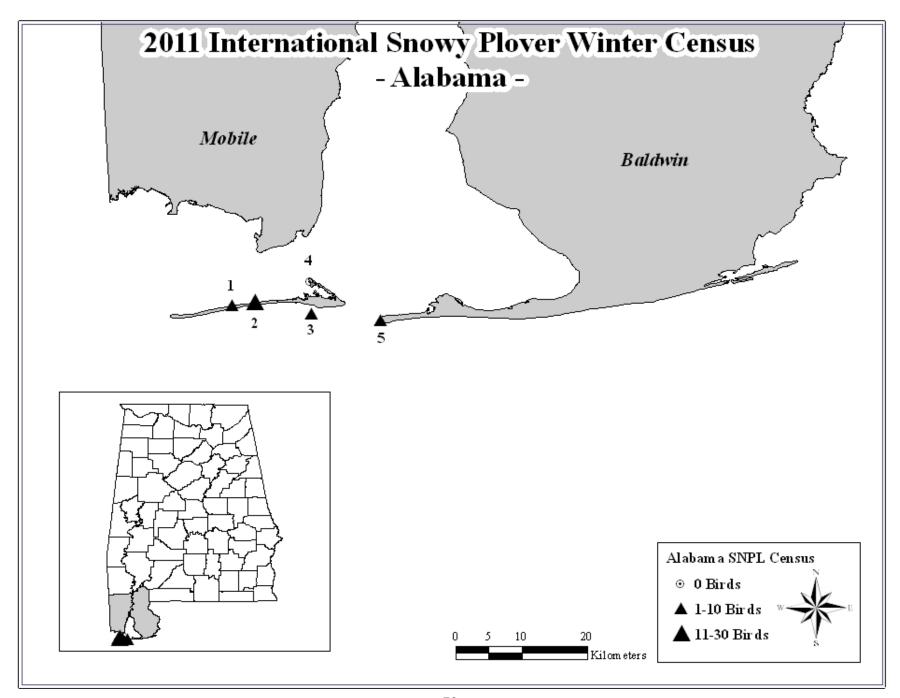
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Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping Plover	12	31	30	29	38
Snowy Plover	n.r.	n.r.	0	6	27
Wilson's Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	0	0



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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR ISUSEI PIPL S	) & YE		OWNER
Baldwin	Fort Morgan Historic State Park	5	2/5/11	1	3.2	III IV A	HDVPSGL	-	-	-	-	f, s(p)
Mobile	Katrina Cut - East	2	2/5/11	11	1.3	III IV V B	V S G L	-	-	-	-	m
Mobile	Katrina Cut - West	1	2/5/11	0	0.5	III IV V B	V S G	-	-	-	-	p
Mobile	Little Dauphin Island	4	2/5/11	21	0.5	IV V B	GL	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Mobile	Pelican Island (peninsula)	3	2/5/11	5	6.8	II III B	H D G	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
Total				38	12.3							

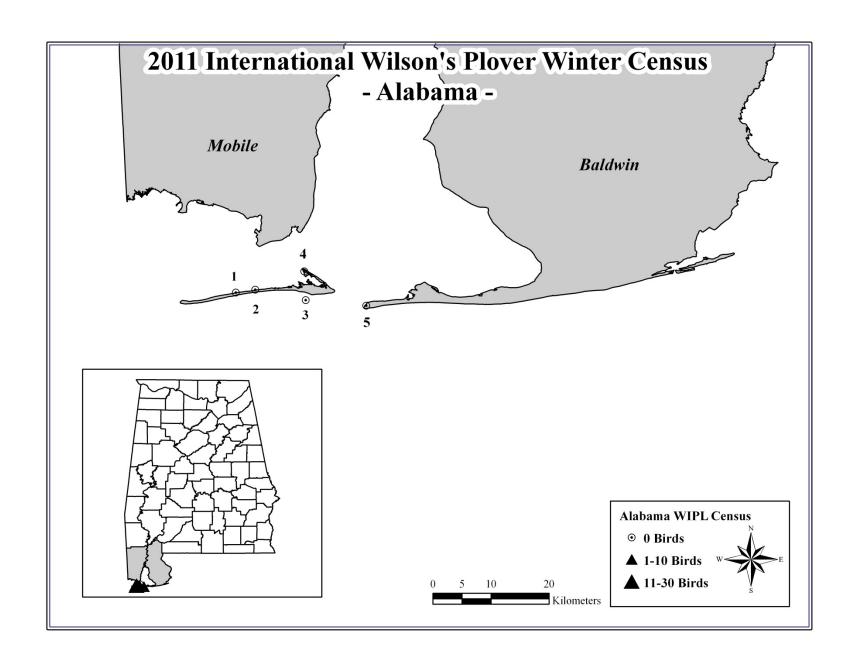
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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS		SNPL	SEEN.		OWNER
Baldwin	Fort Morgan Historic State Park	5	2/5/11	6	3.2	III IV A	HDVPSGL	-	-	-	-	f, s(p)
Mobile	Katrina Cut - East	2	2/5/11	11	1.3	III IV V B	V S G L	-	-	-	-	m
Mobile	Katrina Cut - West	1	2/5/11	4	0.5	III IV V B	V S G	-	-	-	-	p
Mobile	Little Dauphin Island	4	2/5/11	0	0.5	IV V B	GL	-	-	-	06	f
Mobile	Pelican Island (peninsula)	3	2/5/11	6	6.8	II III B	H D G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p
Total				27	12.3							

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS		WIPL	SEEN.		OWNER
Baldwin	Fort Morgan Historic State Park	5	2/5/11	0	3.2	III IV A	HDVPSGL	-	-	-	-	f, s (p)
Mobile	Katrina Cut - East	2	2/5/11	0	1.3	III IV V B	VSGL	-	-	-	-	m
Mobile	Katrina Cut - West	1	2/5/11	0	0.5	III IV V B	V S G	-	-	-	-	p
Mobile	Little Dauphin Island	4	2/5/11	0	0.5	IV V B	GL	-	-	-	06	f
Mobile	Pelican Island (peninsula)	3	2/5/11	0	6.8	II III B	H D G	-	-	-	06	p
Total				0	12.3							

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### The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Mississippi

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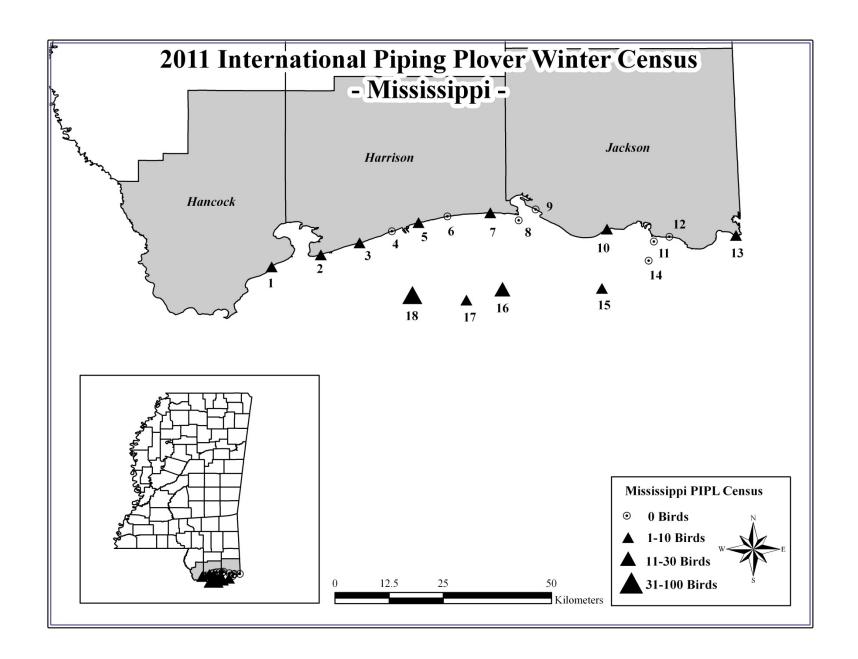
The Mississippi census was conducted February 8-11, 2011 with the help of 21 people. We would like to thank to the National Wildlife Federation, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Harrison County Sheriff's Office and Gulf Islands National Seashore for assisting with funding, boats and access. Surveyors included birders and biologists from the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service and Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

A total of 19 sites were surveyed during the Census and 88 Piping Plovers were observed. Island sites were surveyed on February 8th and mainland sites on February 9th. Island coverage was incomplete due to a shortage of boats and closures on parts of some islands, leaving several key sites un-surveyed. Important sites missed include most of East Ship and Deer Islands as well as all of Petit Bois Island (these sites had 7, 0, and 19 birds respectively during the 2006 Census). All key mainland sites were surveyed.

The main difference between this survey and prior ones was the presence of oil-spill clean-up crews, resulting in a large increase in numbers of people and vehicles on beaches. This was especially true on the islands where virtually no people or vehicles have been observed during past surveys. Some previously important sites had fewer or no birds possibly due to increased human disturbance; though some sites had birds in very close proximity to oil spill cleanup crews.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

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Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping	59	27	18	78	88
Plover	39	21	10	/ 8	00
Snowy	nr	nr	13	36	49
Plover	n.r.	n.r.	13	30	43
Wilson's	nr	nr	nr	0	6
Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	U	U



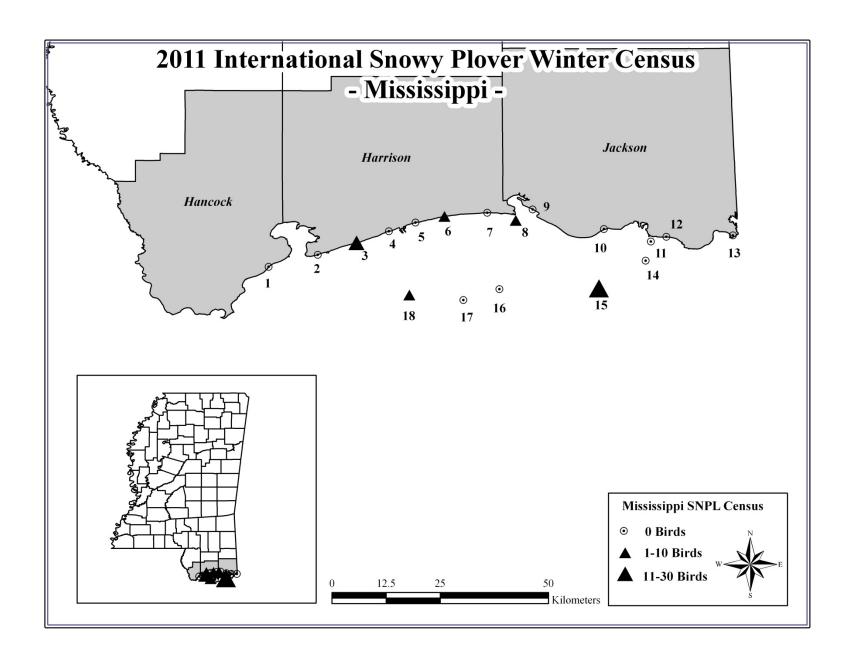
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				TOTAL		SITE	DISTURBANCE		PRIOR ISUSEI			
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS	CEI		SEEN <sup>1</sup>	ANS	OWNER
Hancock	Clermont Harbor (Lakeshore to Bay St. Louis Piers) <sup>3</sup>	1	2/9/11	6	12.9	II A	H D V	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Harrison	Beauvoir Road to Point Cadet <sup>3</sup>	7	2/9/11	1	8.1	II A	H D V	-	<b>96</b> <sup>2</sup>	01	-	s(p)
Harrison	Cat Island <sup>3</sup>	18	2/8/11	45	22.5	II III B	H V P	<u>91</u>	96	-	<u>06</u>	f, p
Harrison	Courthouse Road to Beauvoir Road <sup>3</sup>	6	2/9/11	0	7.7	II A	H D V	-	<b>96</b> <sup>2</sup>	01	06	s(p)
Harrison	Deer Island <sup>3</sup>	8	2/8/11	0	9.7	II E	HPS	<u>91</u>	96	-	06	s(p)
Harrison	East Ship Island <sup>3</sup>	16	2/8/11	11	1.6	II III B	HPS	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f
Harrison	Gulfport Harbor to Courthouse Road <sup>3</sup>	5	2/9/11	3	4.3	II A	HDV	91	<b>96</b> <sup>2</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Harrison	Long Beach Harbor to Gulfport Harbor <sup>3</sup>	4	2/9/11	0	4.3	II A	HDV	<u>91</u>	<b>96</b> <sup>2</sup>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Harrison	Pass Christian Harbor to Long Beach Harbor <sup>3</sup>	3	2/9/11	5	10.5	II A	HDV	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Harrison	Henderson Point to Pass Christian Harbor <sup>3</sup>	2	2/9/11	1	4.8	II A	HDV	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Harrison	West Ship Island <sup>3</sup>	17	2/8/11	7	9.7	II III B	HVSP	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	f
Jackson	Belle Fontaine Beach <sup>3</sup>	10	2/9/11	1	1.6	II A	HDV	91	96	01	06	p
Jackson	Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve <sup>3</sup>	13	2/11/11	1	n.r.	II A	n.r.	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, s(p)
Jackson	Horn Island <sup>3</sup>	15	2/8/11	7	38.6	II III B	HVP	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Jackson	Ocean Springs Beach <sup>3</sup>	9	2/9/11	0	3.5	II A	HDVL	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Jackson	Pascagoula Beach <sup>3</sup>	12	2/9/11	0	3.2	II A	HDVSL	91	96	-	06	m
Jackson	Round Island <sup>3</sup>	14	2/8/11	0	2.4	II E	n.r.	91	96	01	06	m
Jackson	Singing River Island <sup>3</sup>	11	2/8/11	0	n.r.	II E	L	-	96	01	06	m
Total				88	145.5							

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<sup>2</sup> 12 PIPL were seen at "Pt. Cadet to Long Beach Harbor" in 1996. Specific locations were unspecified and may have occurred along either "Beauvoir Road to Point Cadet," "Courthouse Road to Beauvoir Road," "Gulfport Harbor to Courthouse Road" or "Long Beach Harbor to Gulfport Harbor".

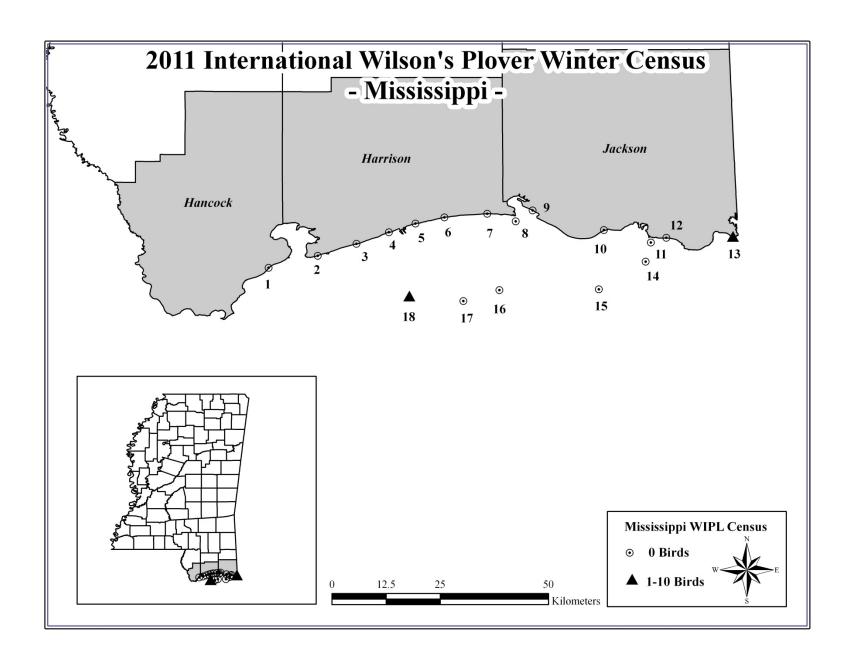
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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS		SNPL			OWNER
Hancock	Clermont Harbor (Lakeshore to Bay St. Louis Piers) <sup>3</sup>	1	2/9/11	0	12.9	II A	H D V	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Harrison	Beauvoir Road to Point Cadet <sup>3</sup>	7	2/9/11	0	8.1	II A	H D V	-	-	01	-	s(p)
Harrison	Cat Island <sup>3</sup>	18	2/8/11	4	22.5	II III B	H V P	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f, p
Harrison	Courthouse Road to Beauvoir Road <sup>3</sup>	6	2/9/11	4	7.7	II A	HDV	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Harrison	Deer Island <sup>3</sup>	8	2/8/11	4	9.7	II E	H P S	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Harrison	East Ship Island <sup>3</sup>	16	2/8/11	1	1.6	II III B	HPS	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	f
Harrison	Gulfport Harbor to Courthouse Road <sup>3</sup>	5	2/9/11	0	4.3	II A	HDV	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Harrison	Long Beach Harbor to Gulfport Harbor <sup>3</sup>	4	2/9/11	0	4.3	II A	H D V	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Harrison	Pass Christian Harbor to Long Beach Harbor <sup>3</sup>	3	2/9/11	10	10.5	II A	H D V	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Harrison	Henderson Point to Pass Christian Harbor <sup>3</sup>	2	2/9/11	0	4.8	II A	H D V	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Harrison	West Ship Island <sup>3</sup>	17	2/8/11	0	9.7	II III B	HVSP	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	f
Jackson	Belle Fontaine Beach <sup>3</sup>	10	2/9/11	0	1.6	II A	HDV	-	-	01	06	p
Jackson	Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve <sup>3</sup>	13	2/11/11	0	n.r.	II A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	f, s(p)
Jackson	Horn Island <sup>3</sup>	15	2/8/11	26	38.6	II III B	HVP	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Jackson	Ocean Springs Beach <sup>3</sup>	9	2/9/11	0	3.5	II A	HDVL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
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Jackson	Round Island <sup>3</sup>	14	2/8/11	0	2.4	II E	n.r.	-	-	01	06	m
Jackson	Singing River Island <sup>3</sup>	11	2/8/11	0	n.r.	II E	L	-	-	01	06	m
Total				49	145.5							

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Hancock	Clermont Harbor (Lakeshore to Bay St. Louis Piers) <sup>3</sup>	1	2/9/11	0	12.9	II A	H D V	-	-	-	06	s(p)
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Harrison	Cat Island <sup>3</sup>	18	2/8/11	1	22.5	II III B	H V P	-	-	-	06	f, p
Harrison	Courthouse Road to Beauvoir Road <sup>3</sup>	6	2/9/11	0	7.7	II A	HDV	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Harrison	Deer Island <sup>3</sup>	8	2/8/11	0	9.7	II E	HPS	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Harrison	East Ship Island <sup>3</sup>	16	2/8/11	0	1.6	II III B	H P S	-	-	-	06	f
Harrison	Gulfport Harbor to Courthouse Road <sup>3</sup>	5	2/9/11	0	4.3	II A	HDV	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Harrison	Long Beach Harbor to Gulfport Harbor <sup>3</sup>	4	2/9/11	0	4.3	II A	HDV	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Harrison	Pass Christian Harbor to Long Beach Harbor <sup>3</sup>	3	2/9/11	0	10.5	II A	HDV	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Harrison	Henderson Point to Pass Christian Harbor <sup>3</sup>	2	2/9/11	0	4.8	II A	HDV	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Harrison	West Ship Island <sup>3</sup>	17	2/8/11	0	9.7	II III B	HVSP	-	-	-	06	f
Jackson	Belle Fontaine Beach <sup>3</sup>	10	2/9/11	0	1.6	II A	HDV	-	-	-	06	p
Jackson	Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve <sup>3</sup>	13	2/11/11	5	n.r.	II A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	f, s(p)
Jackson	Horn Island <sup>3</sup>	15	2/8/11	0	38.6	II III B	HVP	-	-	-	06	f
Jackson	Ocean Springs Beach <sup>3</sup>	9	2/9/11	0	3.5	II A	HDVL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Jackson	Pascagoula Beach <sup>3</sup>	12	2/9/11	0	3.2	II A	HDVSL	-	-	-	06	m
Jackson	Round Island <sup>3</sup>	14	2/8/11	0	2.4	II E	n.r.	-	-	-	06	m
Jackson	Singing River Island <sup>3</sup>	11	2/8/11	0	n.r.	II E	L	-	-	-	06	m
Total				6	145.5							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>3</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Louisiana

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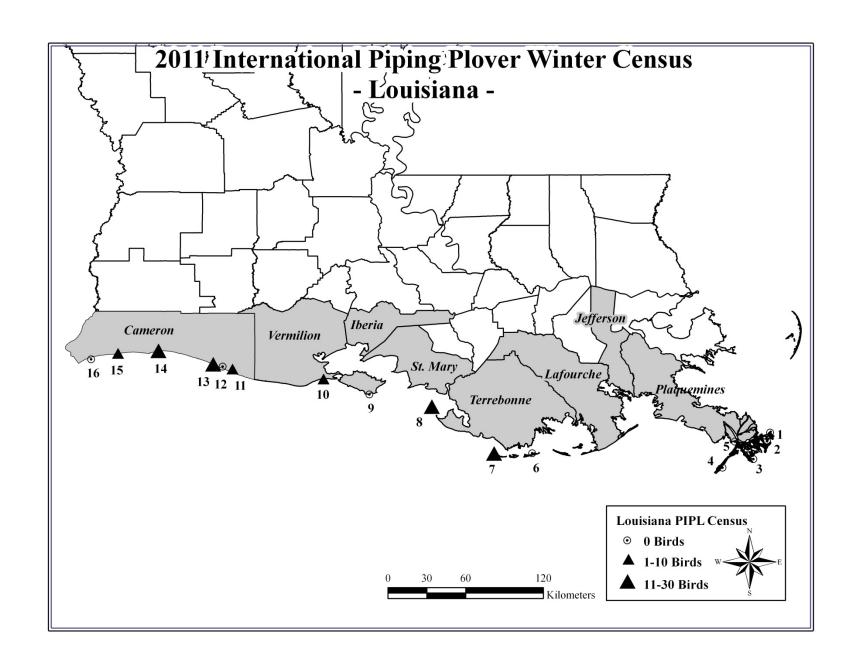
Eleven surveyors in seven parties spent approximately 27 total party hours surveying about 94 km at 13 sites along the Louisiana coast and counted 86 Piping Plovers. The number of sites surveyed was greatly reduced from 2006 (13 sites in 2011 compared to 33 sites in 2006) and Piping Plover numbers were much lower in 2011 compared to 2006 (86 vs. 226). Thirteen sites in the Southeastern portion of the state which held 143 Piping Plovers during the 2006 Census could not be surveyed in 2011. Elsewhere in the state, coverage was comparable to 2006 and numbers of Piping Plovers were similar (83 birds in 2006 vs. 86 in 2011).

The Louisiana coastal zone can be a challenge to survey but the greatest hindrance to surveys in 2011 was the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. In Louisiana, road access points to sites are few and far between and many sites must be surveyed by boat. Some areas simply could not be accessed for surveys (e.g., the Chandeleur Island chain) during the survey window. However, the oil spill produced unforeseen access issues for several sites, particularly those historically utilized by Piping Plovers (e.g., much of SE Louisiana). In the case of areas around the oil spill impact zone, NRDA operations or oil spill response operations precluded the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries's survey effort. At some time in the future, the data collected for NRDA will be released to both the LDWF and the USFWS's Field Office, and there will no longer be data gaps.

The 2011 survey effort would not have been possible without the assistance of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and its many collaborators who provided surveyor time, boats, 4-wheel drive trucks and ATVs. In particular, we would like to thank the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Audubon Society, Louisiana State University, LSU Museum of Natural Science, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program, Louisiana Bird Resource Center, and private citizens.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

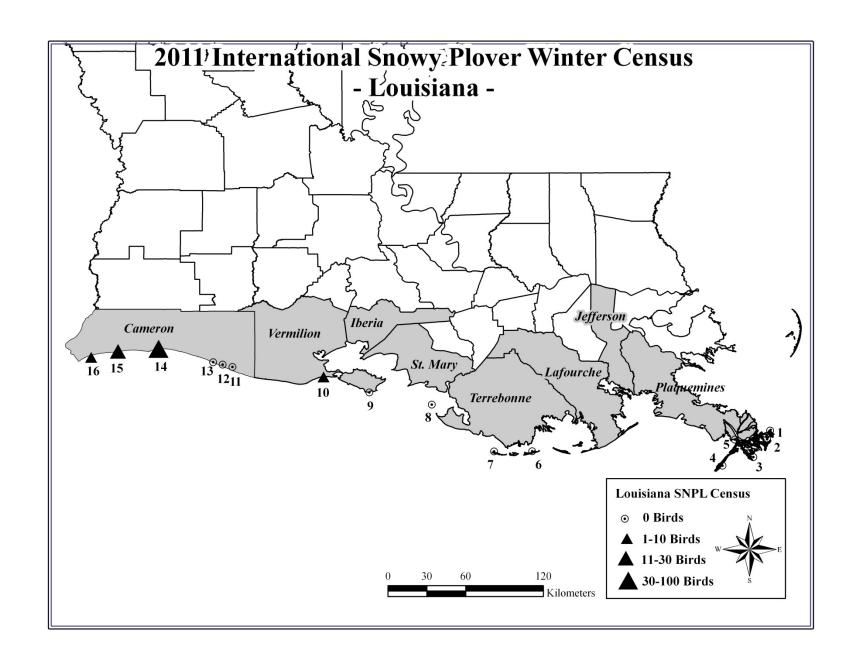
Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping	750	420	511	226	86
Plover	750	120	311	220	00
Snowy	n r	n r	36	207	74
Plover	n.r.	n.r.	30	207	/4
Wilson's	nr	nr	nr	63	2
Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	03	3



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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR SUSEI PIPL	) & YE		OWNER
Cameron	Beach Prong to 3 miles west	13	2/2/11	19	4.8	III A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Cameron	Rockefeller Refuge, west	11	1/25/11	7	8.2	III A G	GL	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Cameron	Rockefeller Refuge, west (Price Lake Levee-Beach Prong)	12	1/26/11	0	6.6	III A G	GL	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Cameron	Rutherford	14	1/25/11	13	17.5	n.r.	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Cameron	Smith Bayou to West Jetty	15	2/2/11	7	37	n.r.	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	n.r.
Cameron	Texas Point Quad	16	1/29/11	0	5.3	III A	V G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Iberia	Marsh Island Refuge	9	2/5/11	0	7.2	n.r.	n.r.	91	96	-	06	n.r.
Plaquemines	East Bird Islands Garden Island Bay	3	2/6/11	0	1.6	III B F	P G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Plaquemines	Southeast Pass	2	2/5/11	0	0.4	III D	P G	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Plaquemines	Southwest Pass	4	2/6/11	0	0.8	III E	P G	-	-	-	-	p
Plaquemines	South Pass, Cowhorn Island	5	2/6/11	0	0.8	III E	P G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Plaquemines	Pass A L'outre	1	2/5/11	0	0.8	III D	P G	-	96	01	06	s(p)
St. Mary	Atchafalaya Delta	8	2/9/11	15	6.2	III C	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Terrebonne	Raccoon Island (Last Island)	7	2/12/11	20	4.8	III B	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Terrebonne	Trinity Island/East Island	6	2/12/11	0	12.1	n.r.	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Vermillion	Audubon Rainey Sanctuary/Chenier au Tigre Quad²	10	2/9/11	5	4.8	III A G	G	-	-	-	-	p
Total				86	118.8							

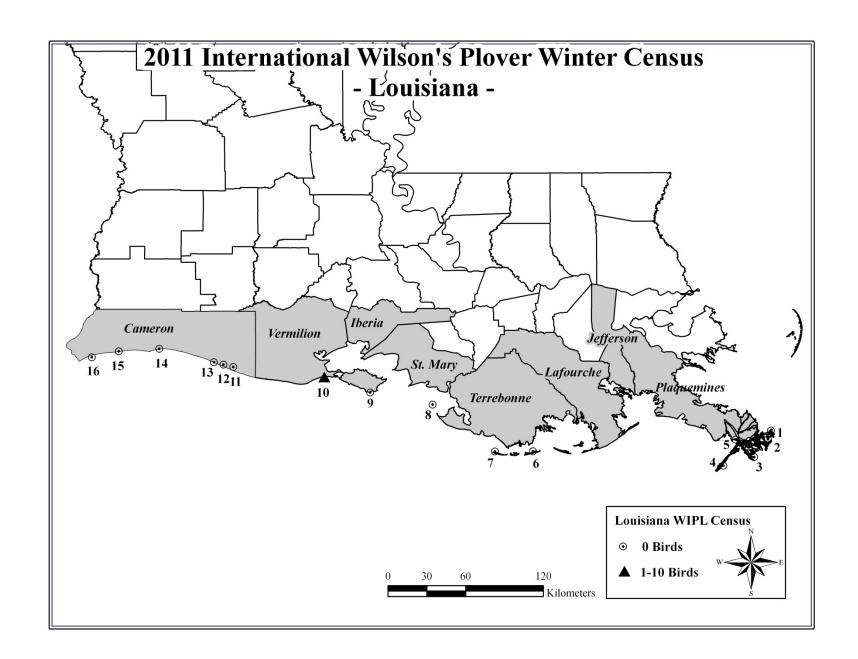
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The 2011 International Snowy Plover Winter Census in Louisiana

COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR NSUSEI SNPL		EARS	OWNER
Cameron	Beach Prong to 3 miles west	13	2/2/11	0	4.8	III A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Cameron	Rockefeller Refuge, west	11	1/25/11	0	8.2	III A G	GL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Cameron	Rockefeller Refuge, west (Price Lake Levee-Beach Prong)	12	1/26/11	0	6.6	III A G	GL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Cameron	Rutherford	14	1/25/11	54	17.5	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Cameron	Smith Bayou to West Jetty	15	2/2/11	14	37	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Cameron	Texas Point Quad	16	1/29/11	1	5.3	III A	V G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Iberia	Marsh Island Refuge	9	2/5/11	0	7.2	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Plaquemines	East Bird Islands Garden Island Bay	3	2/6/11	0	1.6	III B F	P G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Plaquemines	Southeast Pass	2	2/5/11	0	0.4	III D	P G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Plaquemines	Southwest Pass	4	2/6/11	0	0.8	III E	P G	-	-	-	-	p
Plaquemines	South Pass, Cowhorn Island	5	2/6/11	0	0.8	III E	P G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Plaquemines	Pass A L'outre	1	2/5/11	0	0.8	III D	P G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
St. Mary	Atchafalaya Delta	8	2/9/11	0	6.2	III C	n.r.	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Terrebonne	Raccoon Island (Last Island)	7	2/12/11	0	4.8	III B	n.r.	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Terrebonne	Trinity Island/East Island	6	2/12/11	0	12.1	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Vermillion	Audubon Rainey Sanctuary/Chenier au Tigre Quad²	10	2/9/11	5	4.8	III A G	G	-	-	-	-	p
Total				74	118.8							

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The 2011 International Wilson's Plover Winter Census in Louisiana

				TOTAL		SITE	DISTURBANCE		PRIOR ISUSEI			
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS		WIPL			OWNER
Cameron	Beach Prong to 3 miles west	13	2/2/11	0	4.8	III A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Cameron	Rockefeller Refuge, west	11	1/25/11	0	8.2	III A G	GL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Cameron	Rockefeller Refuge, west (Price Lake Levee-Beach Prong)	12	1/26/11	0	6.6	III A G	GL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Cameron	Rutherford	14	1/25/11	0	17.5	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Cameron	Smith Bayou to West Jetty	15	2/2/11	0	37	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Cameron	Texas Point Quad	16	1/29/11	0	5.3	III A	V G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Iberia	Marsh Island Refuge	9	2/5/11	0	7.2	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Plaquemines	East Bird Islands Garden Island Bay	3	2/6/11	0	7.2	III B F	P G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Plaquemines	Southeast Pass	2	2/5/11	0	1.6	III D	P G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Plaquemines	Southwest Pass	4	2/6/11	0	0.8	III E	P G	-	-	-	-	p
Plaquemines	South Pass, Cowhorn Island	5	2/6/11	0	0.4	III E	P G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Plaquemines	Pass A L'outre	1	2/5/11	0	0.8	III D	P G	-	-	-	06	s(p)
St. Mary	Atchafalaya Delta	8	2/9/11	0	0.8	III C	n.r.	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Terrebonne	Raccoon Island (Last Island)	7	2/12/11	0	6.2	III B	n.r.	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Terrebonne	Trinity Island/East Island	6	2/12/11	0	12.1	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Vermillion	Audubon Rainey Sanctuary/Chenier au Tigre Quad²	10	2/9/11	3	4.8	III A G	G	-	-	-	-	p
Total				3	118.							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>2</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

# The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Texas

As in 2001 and 2006, the Texas coast was split into three Census regions. The upper Texas coast covers habitat from the Louisiana border to Matagorda County. The central Texas coast includes Calhoun to Kenedy Counties. The third region, lower Texas, includes the remaining two counties, Willacy and Cameron. The total number of Piping Plovers estimated during the 2011 Census of Texas was 2,145. Additionally, 4,981 Snowy Plovers and 37 Wilson's Plovers were sighted on Texas beaches during the 2011 Census.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping Plover	1,904	1,333	1,042	2,090	2,145
Snowy Plover	n.r.	n.r.	690	1,340	4,981
Wilson's Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	85	37

#### **Upper Texas**

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Between January 24 and February 27, 2011, 19 people participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> International Piping Plover Winter Census along the upper Texas Coast. The upper Texas coast region encompasses five bay systems: East Galveston Bay, West Galveston Bay, Chocolate Bay, Christmas Bay and Matagorda Bay.

The upper Texas coast experienced unusually cold temperatures and windy conditions caused by a series of low pressures beginning late January and lasting through mid-February. There was great concern that surveys would overly stress the plovers. Subsequently, we requested an extension of time to complete surveys. These conditions caused low tides for most of the survey period and exposed many tidal flats that are not normally seen.

Survey efforts by 19 participants spanned 408 km (253.5 miles) of the upper coast including bay shorelines, margins of bay spoil islands and beaches along the Gulf of Mexico. Surveyors conducted the census by foot, all terrain vehicle, boat and airboat. The low tides made surveying effort extremely challenging to get around in the bays. Due to the increased exposed tidal flats, portions of the bays were not surveyed.

A total of 254 Piping Plovers were seen during the 2011 Census in north Texas. The 2011 survey results were down significantly from previous census year totals. Due to the inclement weather experienced along the upper Texas coast during the survey, we are not sure if the low count numbers reflect a decrease in overall population, if the birds moved further south, or if the birds were able to find locations not normally surveyed and were just missed during the count. Pedestrians, vehicle traffic, and dogs were observed at some of the sites during the Census. We were unable to survey a few sites (Lavaca Bay, Carancahua, Tres Palacios (Oyster Lake area), West Matagorda Pensiula beach side, and Pelican Island; West and East Galveston Bay sandbar and placement areas could have been surveyed more thoroughly).

The lack of good quality beach habitat limits Piping Ploves along the upper Texas coast. From Texas Point NWR through a good portion of Galveston Island, the beaches are eroding due to increased storm intensity, frequency, development and human disturbance (vehicle traffic). The Service is working with partners to cost share the re-nourishment of beach along the upper portions of the Texas coast. The City of Galveston re-nourishes the beaches in front of the seawall which may not allow for adequate prey sources for the plovers. Additionally, the Texas General land Office is looking to mine sand from San Luis Pass. This area has provided habitat for many shorebirds.

#### **Central Texas**

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Piping Plovers, Snowy Plovers, and Wilson's Plovers were counted on areas of suitable habitat within the central Texas coast between January 25<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, for the 5<sup>th</sup> International Piping Plover Winter Census. The central Texas coast, for purposes of this international effort, extends from Calhoun County in the north to Kenedy County in the south. Four main bay systems including San Antonio, Aransas, and Corpus Christi bays, and the Upper Laguna Madre, as well as numerous secondary and tertiary bay systems, make up this part of the Texas coast.

A total of 850 Piping Plovers, 1,522 Snowy Plovers, and 8 Wilson's Plovers were reported within the central Texas coast during the 2011 census. The 2011 Piping Plover numbers were similar to the 933 seen in 1991 when an airboat was used to survey the entire bay shoreline of the Texas barrier islands. The 1996 (n = 611) and 2001 (n = 277) Piping Plovers numbers were much lower than the counts from 1991, 2006, and this year. The 2011 number of 850 Piping Plovers is approximately 230 birds less than what was reported from the central coast in

2006 (n = 1,080). One of the biggest differences in numbers was seen in the Espiritu Santo Bay system, west of Matagorda Island, where 427 Piping Plovers were counted in 2006 versus 132 seen in 2011. Snowy Plover numbers were the highest documented to date from any of the international wintering plover census efforts in this region. The number of Wilson's Plovers found during this census was negligible.

For the 2011 census, approximately 834.23 km (518.37 miles) were surveyed, including bay shorelines, islands within the bay systems, seasonally-exposed mud/sand flats within the bays, and the Gulf of Mexico beach. These areas were surveyed with the help of 31 participants over a 3-week period. The 2-week prescribed time frame for the census was exceeded because of unfavorable weather conditions that prohibited boat surveys, and in some cases precluded even vehicle and foot travel. Surveys were conducted using boats, trucks, foot travel, all-terrain vehicles, and one airboat.

Surveys for the three species were conducted at all sites known to be important Piping Plover habitat on the central Texas coast. Due to the immense effort, this census concentrated on those areas known to support Piping Plovers and Snowy Plovers were likely missed at some mainland sites. Participants surveyed all habitats within a given bay system in a one-day period to minimize double-counting. However. because some plover habitat sites in one bay system may occur in close proximity to sites in the adjoining system there was potential for some birds being either double-counted or missed completely. Weather conditions that were unsuitable for surveys further complicated scheduling and increased this potential overlap.

The largest areas excluded from the 2011 effort based on a lack of previous Piping Plover occurrence were the mainland shorelines surrounding Nueces Bay and Baffin Bay, and the Laguna Madre shoreline of Corpus Christi (known as Flour Bluff). In 2011, shallow water affected the ability to survey portions of bayside San Jose and Matagorda Islands, and some parts of the mud/sand flats between Padre Island National Seashore (PINS) and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW). Boat access to Nighthawk Bay flats, a known high use area for Piping Plovers, was also difficult and no plovers were seen on the day that area was surveyed. However, concentrations of Piping and Snowy Plovers have been documented using this area on a regular basis during the entire fall and winter of 2010/2011 (Tara Imlay, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, pers. comm. 2011).

A few new areas were surveyed during the 2011 census including the bay shore of southern North Padre Island (between the Land Cut and Mansfield Channel), the island (Decros Point) and surrounding shoals and flats just north of Matagorda Island, and the northern bay shoreline of San Jose Island. Extremely shallow water and abysmal conditions (high wind and turbid water) precluded observations of much of the south shoreline of North Padre Island yet 175 Piping Plovers and 36 Snowy Plovers were found at this site. The Gulf beach opposite this shoreline was surveyed by vehicle and adjacent to the north shore of Mansfield Channel yielded 114 Snowy Plovers observations. Decros Point's southern end was surveyed more comprehensively than prior efforts but no plovers were located. The northern bay shore of San Jose Island was surveyed by boat this year for the first time since 1991, but only 6 Piping Plovers and 6 Snowy Plovers were observed.

As was true in the 2006 census, the vast majority of Piping Plovers were located within the bay systems on barrier island bay shorelines and seasonally-exposed mud/sand flats. Bay water levels were very low during all of the 2011 census period making bay habitats available to foraging birds most of the time. Although 259.10 km (161 miles) of Gulf beach

shoreline were surveyed, only 119 plovers (14 Piping Plovers and 105 Snowy Plovers) were found on the beach this year. Thirty-five Piping Plovers were also found on mainland bay shorelines at 4 sites; all of which have past records of Piping Plover occurrence. With very few exceptions, Piping Plovers were found in groups and not as individuals. Piping Plovers did occur in small groups at a number of sites, but were also found in several large aggregations where as many as 231 were together on one emergent mud flat.

The reasons for lower Piping Plover numbers in 2011 than 2006 are unknown. The survey effort in 2011 was as intensive as in 2006 and even covered new, previously unsurveyed sites. The lower number of Piping Plovers may have been partially attributable to unsuccessful survey results on days when winds associated with cold fronts inundated habitat that surveyors did visit, while simultaneously exposing other suitable habitat not surveyed on those days.

The one-day census provides only a snap-shot of any given area and has the potential to cause an underestimate of populations. In the future, more intense annual surveys of the most important sites (as defined by census and other survey data showing consistent use by larger groups of birds) might help to provide better population estimates. In the Texas central coast region, the results of the 5 international censuses, in conjunction with other information that has been compiled over time, has produced a fairly consistent picture of the significant Piping Plover sites that should receive this focused attention.

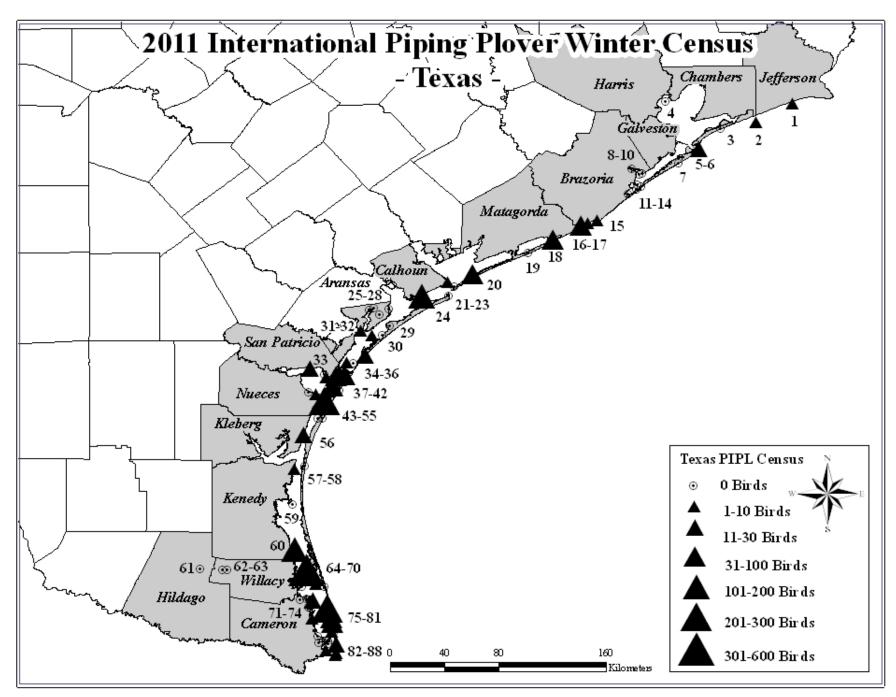
#### **Lower Texas**

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Biologists from Conservian/Coastal Bird Conservation conducted a late winter, nonbreeding survey of the Lower Laguna Madre Region of Texas from January 17 to February 15. A total of 1,047 Piping Plovers were observed during the survey period. All Piping Plovers with the exception of 21 birds were documented between January 27 and January 30, 2011. This total is higher than the 2001 or 2006 Census. The largest contiguous group of 557 Piping Plovers was documented on January 30 on South Padre Island at the Mansfield Channel (9 additional birds were seen just southwest of the channel).

During the 2011 late winter survey we also documented 3,295 Snowy Plovers and 8 Wilson's Plovers. All but 241 of the Snowy Plovers were located on South Padre Island during the same four day period. While the Census is intended to be a count of wintering birds we found multiple Snowy Plover pairs defending territories at the inland lake sites in mid-February. This indicates that a January/February census window is likely too late to reflect exclusively wintering Snowy Plover populations in the Lower Laguna Madre Region of Texas.

We used multiple survey teams working simultaneously to cover all known and potential winter Piping Plover habitat in the region during good survey conditions. Surveys were conducted on foot but ATVs and airboats were used to access remote areas. Unlike more northerly locations in Texas, we were able to survey during mild weather with low winds and temperatures in the 60's.



The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Texas

COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR ISUSEI PIPL	OWNER		
Aransas	Aransas Bay, Goose Island <sup>33</sup>	31	1/1/11	4	0.8	II D E	HFGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Aransas	Burgentine Lake (Aransas NWR; W Blackjack) <sup>33</sup>	26	2/7/11	0	3.8	II A	G	-	-	-	06	f
Aransas	E Blackjack (Aransas NWR Complex) <sup>33</sup>	28	2/7/11	0	5.3	II A	H G	<u>91</u>	96	01	-	f
Aransas	Fulton to Ingleside Point (Mainland)	37	1/25/11	0	42.6	II A	G	<u>91</u>	<b>96</b> <sup>2</sup>	01	06	s(p), p
Aransas	N San Jose Island, Bayside (Big Island to Cedar Bayou)	32	1/28/11	6	22.5	II B	HGL	<b>91</b> <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	s(p), p
Aransas	San Jose Island (Gulf Side)	34	1/26/11	14	64.4	III B	n.r.	<u>91</u> <sup>4</sup>	<b>96</b> <sup>5</sup>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Aransas	San Jose Island bayside (N Pass)	36	1/28/11	0	2.0	II B	n.r.	<u>91</u> 6	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Aransas	Tatton Unit (Aransas NWR) <sup>33</sup>	25	2/7/11	0	3.7	II A	G	91	-	-	06	f
Brazoria	Alligator Point <sup>33</sup>	9	2/11/11	0	4.8	II C D	SGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Brazoria	Chocolate Bayou <sup>33</sup>	8	2/11/11	0	4.8	II C D	SGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Brazoria	Christmas/Drum Bay <sup>32, 33</sup>	14	2/15/11	0	26.6	II III IV A D E F	G	-	-	-	-	f, s(p)
Brazoria	Cold Pass	13	1/27/11	0	3.2	II G	BFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p), c
Brazoria	Sargent Beach (East)	16	1/28/11	10	6.4	III A	none	<b>91</b> <sup>7</sup>	96	<u>01</u>	-	s(p)
Brazoria	Sargent Beach (West)	17	1/27/11	38	4.2	III IV A D E F	B G	<b>91</b> <sup>7</sup>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Brazoria	West Bay Bird Island	12	1/27/11	0	1.1	II B E	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Brazoria	West Bay Mooring Area BU Site <sup>33</sup>	10	2/11/11	0	4.8	II C D	SGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Brazoria	Wolf Island	15	1/28/11	7	6.4	III B	none	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Calhoun	Cedar Bayou, Matagorda Island NWR (Gulf Beach Route) <sup>33</sup>	30	2/7/11	0	13.6	I II B	G	<u>91</u>	<b>96</b> <sup>5</sup>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Calhoun	Decros Point including Pass Cavallo and Sundown Island <sup>33</sup>	22	2/14/11	0	45.2	II III IV B F	HBSG	<u>91</u> 8	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Calhoun	Matagorda Island Inner Levee System <sup>33</sup>	29	2/7/11	0	15.7	II B	G	-	96	-	06	f
Calhoun	Matagorda Island NWR Beach (J-Hook) <sup>33</sup>	23	2/7/11	0	11.4	I II A	G	<b>91</b> <sup>9</sup>	<b>96</b> <sup>5</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	f
Calhoun	Matagorda Island NWR Gulf Beach <sup>33</sup>	27	2/7/11	0	33.0	IΒ	G	<u>91</u> 9	<b>96</b> <sup>5</sup>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Calhoun	Port O'Conner Shoreline	21	2/1/11	6	2.0	V A	SGL	91	-	01	<u>06</u>	m
Calhoun	Welder Flats, Shoalwater Bay, The Lagoon- Dewberry Island <sup>33</sup>	24	2/8/11	132	85.3	II A E G	HBFGL	91	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Cameron	Bahia Grande	83	2/3/11	0	30.6	V G	HFS	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	f
Cameron	Boca Chica Beach <sup>33</sup>	87	1/18/11	1	4.7	III V A	HDVFG	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Cameron	Brazos Island Beach & Flats <sup>33</sup>	85	1/21/11	29	8.7	III V A	HDVFG	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f, s(p)
Cameron	Brownsville Ship Channel Spoil Cells <sup>33</sup>	84	1/23/11	0	4.5	III V B	VFG	91	96	-	06	s(p), m
Cameron	Buena Vista Ranch	74	2/6/11	0	9.7	II A	V A G	<b>91</b> <sup>10</sup>	96	01	06	p
Cameron	Intracoastal Spoil Islands <sup>33</sup>	73	3/2/11	18	11.9	II C	F	-	-	-	-	s(p)

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS						
Cameron	Laguna Atascosa NWR Bayside Drive (Pelican Lake, Plover Point, Moranco Blanco) <sup>33</sup>	76	1/19/11	3	14.3	II A	F G	<u>91</u>	96	01	-	f f	
Cameron	Long Island Village/ Outdoor Resorts <sup>33</sup>	82	2/8/11	0	4.5	II V G	HVSUG	-	-	-	-	p	
Cameron	Mouth of the Rio Grande <sup>33</sup>	88	1/18/11	8	3.2	III A	V G	_	-	_	_	f	
Cameron	Port Isabel - Hwy 100	81	1/24/11	0	14.5	II A	HFSUG	-	<u>96</u>	-	-	m, p	
Cameron	South Bay & Boca Chica Flats <sup>33</sup>	86	1/17/11	1	25.3	II V A F	V G	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f	
Cameron	South Padre Island Beach (North of Access 5)	70	1/25/11	0	43.5	I III B	HDVF	91	96	01	-	f, s(p), p	
Cameron	South Padre Island Beach (South of Access 5)	80	1/25/11	0	10.6	I III B	HDVFSUG	-	-	-	-	m	
Cameron	South Padre Island, lower middle of Laguna Madre Side	77	1/26/11	51	7.7	I III B	H D V G	-	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>11</sup>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p	
Cameron	South Padre Island, middle of Laguna Madre Side	75	1/27/11	217	15.3	I III B	H D V G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p	
Cameron	South Padre Island, S end Laguna Madre Side (Isla Blanca to N of Convention Ctr)	79	1/24/11	6	9.2	II B	HDVFUG	<u>91</u>	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>11</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	p	
Cameron	South Padre Island, S end Laguna Madre Side (just N of Convention Ctr)	78	1/25/11	51	5.2	I III B	H D V G	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, s(p), p	
Cameron	Unit 4, Laguna Atascosa NWR <sup>33</sup>	68	3/2/11	0	12.9	II A	G	91	<u>96</u>	01	-	f	
Cameron	Unit 5 (Horse Island Cove), Laguna Atascosa NWR	72	2/6/11	0	8.9	II A	G	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	f	
Cameron	Unit 8 (Cayo Flats), Laguna Atascosa NWR	71	2/5/11	0	9.7	V A	G	-	-	-	-	f	
Chambers/ Jefferson	McFaddin NWR to High Island	1	1/31/11	3	51.5	III A	GL	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, s(p)	
Galveston	Big Reef; Galveston Island	6	1/27/11	30	4.0	III B	HDVGL	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)	
Galveston	Bolivar Flats <sup>32</sup>	5	1/28/11	0	3.2	II III B	H D V G	<b>91</b> <sup>12</sup>	<b>96</b> <sup>13</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p	
Galveston	Galvston Island, E. Beach to end of Seawall	7	1/27/11	0	16.5	III B	HDVFSGL	<b>91</b> <sup>14</sup>	96	01	<u>06</u> 15	s(p)	
Galveston	High Island to Bolivar Flats <sup>32</sup>	3	1/28/11	0	43.5	III B	HDVFG	<u>91</u>	<b>96</b> <sup>13</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	f, m	
Galveston	Rollover Pass Flats <sup>32</sup>	2	1/28/11	7	1.6	II D	H F G	91	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)	
Galveston	San Luis Pass; Galveston Island	11	1/27/11	0	2.9		H G	<b>91</b> <sup>14</sup>	<u>96</u> 16	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u> 17	s(p)	
Harris	Atkinson Island Cells 5 & 6 <sup>32, 33</sup>	4	2/11/11	0	1.9	II C	SG	-	96	-	-	s(p)	
Hidalgo	East Lake (La Sal Del Rey) <sup>33</sup>	61	2/14/11	0	5.0	V G	none	-	-	-	-	f	
Kenedy	South end 9-Mile Hole <sup>33</sup>	59	2/16/11	0	6.0	II G	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)	
Kenedy	Upper Laguna Madre, Flats at Land Cut, E & W of GIWW	57	1/27/11	1	49.6	II A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	-	01	06	s(p)	
Kenedy/ Kleberg	Padre Island National Seashore (Bird Island basin to landcut)	56	1/27/11	15	64.4	II F	G	<b>91</b> <sup>18</sup>	96	01	<u>06</u>	f	

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											PRIOR YEARS					
~~		TOTAL SITE DISTURBANCE						CEN	SUSEE		ARS					
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS	10	PIPL S			OWNER				
Kenedy/ Kleberg	Padre Island National Seashore, Gulf Beach	58	1/27/11	0	48.3	III B	HVSG	<b>91</b> <sup>19</sup>	<u>96</u> <sup>20</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	f				
Kenedy/ Willacy	Bayshore flat on S end of N Padre Island (S of Land cut and N of Mansfield Channel in LLM) <sup>33</sup>	60	2/16/11	175	34.6	II B D	G L	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	-	-	s(p)				
Kenedy/ Willacy	Padre Island National Seashore/ 9-Mile Hole SE <sup>33</sup>	64	2/16/11	0	54.7	III B	G	<u>91</u>	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>20</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	f, s(p)				
Kleberg	Nighthawk Bay	54	1/27/11	0	n.r.	II B	GL	91	<b>96</b> <sup>21</sup>	01	06	f, s(p)				
Kleberg/ Nueces	Packery to PINS	55	1/27/11	0	22.5	III B	H D V F G	<b>91</b> <sup>19</sup>	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>20</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)				
Kleberg/ Nueces	Upper Laguna Madre (islands S of JFK Causeway to Bird Island Basin)	53	1/27/11	0	1.9	II C	n.r.	<u>91</u> <sup>22</sup>	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>23</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)				
Matagorda	East Matagorda Bay <sup>33</sup>	18	2/25/11	70	85.3	II B	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)				
Matagorda	East Matagorda Peninsula <sup>32, 33</sup>	19	2/18/11	0	20.9	III A D F	V G	<b>91</b> <sup>24</sup>	96	01	06	s(p)				
Matagorda	Matagorda Peninsula, Bayside and Colorado River Delta <sup>33</sup>	20	2/15/11	89	140.0	II B G	GL	<u>91</u> <sup>25</sup>	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)				
Nueces	Mollie Beattie	52	1/27/11	0	4.8	II B	G	-	96	01	06	s(p)				
Nueces	Mollie Beattie (North End)	50	1/26/11	0	2.8	II B G	V G	-	96	01	-	s(p), p				
Nueces	Mustang Island - Bay shoreline N end to Wilson's Cut and Shamrock Island	42	1/26/11	47	70.8	II B	PSGL	<u>91</u> <sup>26</sup>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p				
Nueces	Mustang Island - Charlie's Pasture	41	1/26/11	89	5.8	II B	n.r.	-	-	-	-	m				
Nueces	Mustang Island - Port A to Packery (gulf side)	44	1/26/11	0	29.0	III B	H D V G	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)				
Nueces	Mustang Island State Park (S Bayside and Fish Pass)	47	1/26/11	0	1.6	II B	HVFPG	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)				
Nueces	Oso Bay - NAS CC	46	1/26/11	8	n.r.	II A	HFGL	<u>91</u>	<b>96</b> <sup>27</sup>	-	06	f				
Nueces	Packery Channel Park	49	1/26/11	7	1.6	II B	HVFG	-	-	01	06	s(p)				
Nueces	Pelican Island	40	1/26/11	56	n.r.	II C D E	SGL	<u>91</u>	-	-	<u>06</u>	p				
Nueces	Redfish Bay (N of causeway)	35	1/28/11	2	45.1	II A B C D E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u> <sup>2</sup>	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)				
Nueces	Redfish Bay (S of causeway including Harbor Island)	39	1/26/11	8	28.6	II A C E	HBFGL	<u>91</u>	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)				
Nueces	S side of JFK Causeway and Laguna Madre Shoreline	51	1/26/11	22	3.0	II A	HVFG	<u>91</u> <sup>28</sup>	-	-	06	s(p)				
Nueces	Upper Laguna Madre/S end of Corpus Christi Bay (islands and flats)	48	1/26/11	233	11.9	II C G	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)				
Nueces	Ward Island	45	1/26/11	0	2.0	II A	I G	91	-	01	06	s(p)				
Nueces	Wilson's Cut/Croaker Hole	43	1/28/11	0	1.6	II B	V	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)				
San Patricio	La Quinta Channel Islands	38	1/26/11	5	25.7	II C	H S G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p				

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				TOTAL		SITE	DISTURBANCE	CENSUSED & YEARS				
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS		PIPL S	SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
San Patricio	Sunset Lake	33	1/28/11	14	0.1	II D	HDFIGL	<b>91</b> <sup>29</sup>	96	01	06	m
Willacy	East Lake <sup>33</sup>	63	2/14/11	0	5.6	V G	S	91	-	01	-	f
Willacy	East Lake (La Sal Vieja) <sup>33</sup>	62	2/15/11	0	12.9	V G	ΑI	-	-	01	-	f
Willacy	Mansfield Channel Spoil Islands <sup>33</sup>	65	3/2/11	0	3.7	II C	F	91	-	-	-	s(p)
Willacy	South Padre Island, N end flats by Port Mansfield Channel	66	1/30/11	566	0.5	I III B	H D V G	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p
Willacy	South Padre Island, S of Mansfield Channel	67	1/29/11	87	11.1	I III B	H D V G	<u>91</u>	96	01	<b>06</b> <sup>30</sup>	f, s(p), p
Willacy	South Padre Island, upper middle of Laguna Madre Side	69	1/28/11	9	4.8	I III B	H D V G	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u><b>06</b></u> <sup>31</sup>	f, s(p), p
Total				2145	1600.0	)						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Piping Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Redfish Bay/ Harbor Island/ Ingleside Cove" in '96. The survey route and locations of the PIPL are unknown and may have occurred in an area along this 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>This site was surveyed within two separate sites in '91: "Matagorda Island, Aransas" and "St. Joseph Island Bay". The specific locations of the PIPL seen at these sites in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This site was surveyed within two separate sites in '91: "Matagorda Island, Beach" and "St. Joseph Island Beach". The specific locations of the PIPL seen at these sites in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Matagorda Island Gulf Beach" in '96. The specific locations of the 7 PIPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "St Joseph Island Bay" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

This stretch was surveyed as a part of "Sargent Beach" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> This site was surveyed within two separate sites in '91: "Matagorda Peninsula South Bay" and "Matagorda Peninsula South Beach". The specific locations of the PIPL seen at these sites in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Matagorda Island, Beach" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

This site was surveyed as a part of "Laguna Madre West" in '91. No plovers were seen in the span of this 2011 survey route during the '91 census; however, 46 PIPL were seen in the area on January 6, 1991 (outside of the census window).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "W side S. Padre I., boat ramp to N End Hwy 100" in '96. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

This site was surveyed as a part of "Bolivar Flats" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>13</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Bolivar Peninsula" in '96. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>14</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Big Reef-San Luis" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>15</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Galveston Island Beaches; E beach to end of seawall" in '06. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '06 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "San Luis Pass tidal delta" in '96. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "San Luis Pass; Galveston Island" in '06. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '06 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>18</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Padre Island Bayside" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Padre Island Beach" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

This site was surveyed as a part of "Padre Island NS Beach" in '96. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>22</sup> This site was surveyed within two separate sites in '91: "Padre Island Bayside" and "South Bird Island". The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>23</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Mudflat N boundary Padre Island NS" in '96. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>24</sup> This site may have been surveyed as a part of "Matagorda Peninsula North Beach" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>25</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Matagorda Peninsula South Bay" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>26</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Mustang Island Bay" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>27</sup> In '96, 3 PIPL were seen along the route "Oso Bay" but no map was provided. The survey route and locations of the PIPL are unknown and may have occurred in an area along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>28</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Flour Bluff" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>29</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Indian Point" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

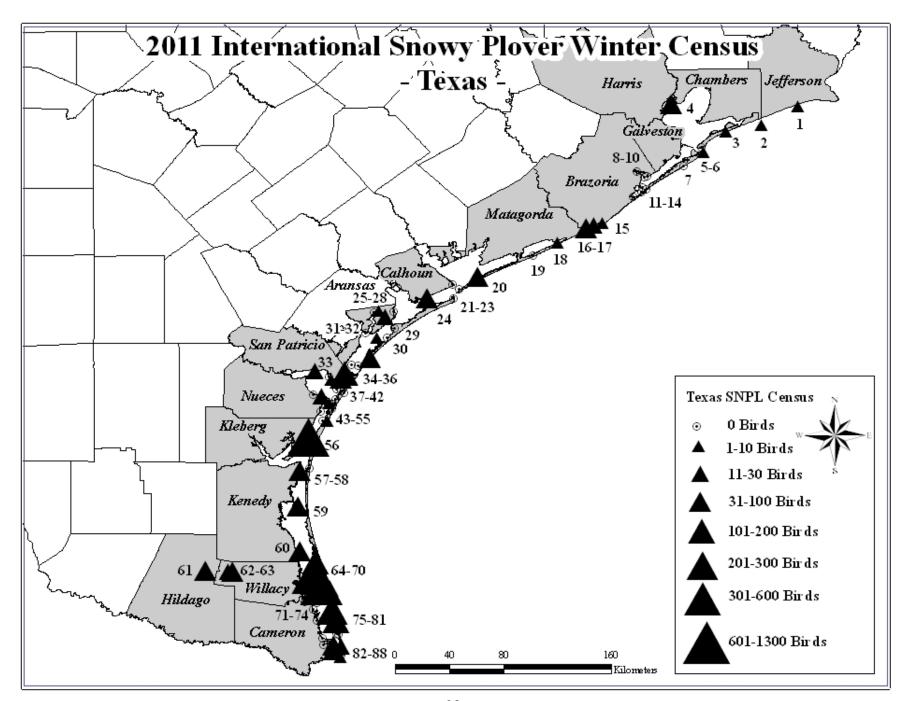
<sup>30</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "South Padre Island, N end flats by Port Mansfield Channel" in '06. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '06 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>31</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "South Padre Island, Laguna Madre Side" in '06. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '06 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>32</sup> Specific survey route for this site is unknown - map illegible. Notations for sightings in prior Census years are based on an estimation of the 2011 survey route.

<sup>33</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Upper Laguna Madre: Bird I. Basin to JFK Causeway" in '96. The specific locations of PIPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.



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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR ISUSEI SNPL	OWNER		
Aransas	Aransas Bay, Goose Island <sup>33</sup>	31	1/1/11	0	0.8	II D E	HFGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Aransas	Burgentine Lake (Aransas NWR; W Blackjack) <sup>33</sup>	26	2/7/11	1	3.8	II A	G	-	-	-	06	f
Aransas	E Blackjack (Aransas NWR Complex) <sup>33</sup>	28	2/7/11	0	5.3	II A	H G	91	96	01	-	f
Aransas	Fulton to Ingleside Point (Mainland)	37	1/25/11	0	42.6	II A	G	<u>91</u>	<b>96</b> <sup>2</sup>	01	06	s(p), p
Aransas	N San Jose Island, Bayside (Big Island to Cedar Bayou)	32	1/28/11	6	22.5	II B	HGL	<b>91</b> <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	s(p), p
Aransas	San Jose Island (Gulf Side)	34	1/26/11	95	64.4	III B	n.r.	<u>91</u> <sup>4</sup>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Aransas	San Jose Island bayside (N Pass)	36	1/28/11	0	2.0	II B	n.r.	<b>91</b> <sup>5</sup>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u> 6	06	s(p)
Aransas	Tatton Unit (Aransas NWR) <sup>33</sup>	25	2/7/11	0	3.7	II A	G	91	-	-	06	f
Brazoria	Alligator Point <sup>33</sup>	9	2/11/11	0	4.8	II C D	SGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Brazoria	Chocolate Bayou <sup>33</sup>	8	2/11/11	0	4.8	II C D	SGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Brazoria	Christmas/Drum Bay <sup>32, 33</sup>	14	2/15/11	0	26.6	II III IV A D E F	G	-	-	-	-	f, s(p)
Brazoria	Cold Pass	13	1/27/11	0	3.2	II G	BFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p), c
Brazoria	Sargent Beach (East)	16	1/28/11	18	6.4	III A	none	91	96	<u>01</u>	-	s(p)
Brazoria	Sargent Beach (West)	17	1/27/11	32	4.2	III IV A D E F	B G	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Brazoria	West Bay Bird Island	12	1/27/11	0	1.1	II B E	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Brazoria	West Bay Mooring Area BU Site <sup>33</sup>	10	2/11/11	0	4.8	II C D	SGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Brazoria	Wolf Island	15	1/28/11	1	6.4	III B	none	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Calhoun	Cedar Bayou, Matagorda Island NWR (Gulf Beach Route) <sup>33</sup>	30	2/7/11	0	13.6	I II B	G	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Calhoun	Decros Point including Pass Cavallo and Sundown Island <sup>33</sup>	22	2/14/11	0	45.2	II III IV B F	H B S G	<b>91</b> <sup>7</sup>	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Calhoun	Matagorda Island Inner Levee System <sup>33</sup>	29	2/7/11	0	15.7	II B	G	-	96	-	06	f
Calhoun	Matagorda Island NWR Beach (J-Hook) <sup>33</sup>	23	2/7/11	0	11.4	I II A	G	<u>91</u> 8	96	01	<u>06</u>	f
Calhoun	Matagorda Island NWR Gulf Beach <sup>33</sup>	27	2/7/11	28	33.0	IΒ	G	<u>91</u> 8	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Calhoun	Port O'Conner Shoreline	21	2/1/11	0	2.0	V A	SGL	91	-	01	06	m
Calhoun	Welder Flats, Shoalwater Bay, The Lagoon- Dewberry Island <sup>33</sup>	24	2/8/11	91	85.3	II A E G	HBFGL	91	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Cameron	Bahia Grande	83	2/3/11	0	30.6	V G	HFS	-	<b>96</b> <sup>9</sup>	01	06	f
Cameron	Boca Chica Beach <sup>33</sup>	87	1/18/11	0	4.7	III V A	HDVFG	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Cameron	Brazos Island Beach & Flats <sup>33</sup>	85	1/21/11	16	8.7	III V A	HDVFG	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, s(p)
Cameron	Brownsville Ship Channel Spoil Cells <sup>33</sup>	84	1/23/11	49	4.5	III V B	VFG	91	96	-	06	s(p), m
Cameron	Buena Vista Ranch	74	2/6/11	0	9.7	II A	V A G	<b>91</b> <sup>10</sup>	96	01	06	p
Cameron	Intracoastal Spoil Islands <sup>33</sup>	73	3/2/11	0	11.9	II C	F	-	-	-	-	s(p)

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Cameron	Laguna Atascosa NWR Bayside Drive (Pelican Lake, Plover Point, Moranco Blanco) <sup>33</sup>	76	1/19/11	0	14.3	II A	F G	<u>91</u>	SNPL 96	01	-	f
Cameron	Long Island Village/ Outdoor Resorts <sup>33</sup>	82	2/8/11	0	4.5	II V G	HVSUG	-	-	-	-	р
Cameron	Mouth of the Rio Grande <sup>33</sup>	88	1/18/11	6	3.2	III A	V G	-	-	-	-	f
Cameron	Port Isabel - Hwy 100	81	1/24/11	0	14.5	II A	HFSUG	-	96	-	-	m, p
Cameron	South Bay & Boca Chica Flats <sup>33</sup>	86	1/17/11	23	25.3	II V A F	V G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	f
Cameron	South Padre Island Beach (North of Access 5)	70	1/25/11	12	43.5	I III B	HDVF	<u>91</u>	96	01	-	f, s(p), p
Cameron	South Padre Island Beach (South of Access 5)	80	1/25/11	0	10.6	I III B	HDVFSUG	-	-	-	-	m
Cameron	South Padre Island, lower middle of Laguna Madre Side	77	1/26/11	116	7.7	I III B	H D V G	-	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>11</sup>	<u>01</u>	06	f, s(p), p
Cameron	South Padre Island, middle of Laguna Madre Side	75	1/27/11	296	15.3	I III B	H D V G	<u>91</u>	<b>96</b> <sup>12</sup>	01	<u><b>06</b></u> <sup>13</sup>	f, s(p), p
Cameron	South Padre Island, S end Laguna Madre Side (Isla Blanca to N of Convention Ctr)	79	1/24/11	0	9.2	II B	HDVFUG	91	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>11</sup>	01	06	p
Cameron	South Padre Island, S end Laguna Madre Side (just N of Convention Ctr)	78	1/25/11	26	5.2	I III B	H D V G	-	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>11</sup>	01	06	f, s(p), p
Cameron	Unit 4, Laguna Atascosa NWR <sup>33</sup>	68	3/2/11	1	12.9	II A	G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	-	f
Cameron	Unit 5 (Horse Island Cove), Laguna Atascosa NWR	72	2/6/11	0	8.9	II A	G	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	f
Cameron	Unit 8 (Cayo Flats), Laguna Atascosa NWR	71	2/5/11	0	9.7	V A	G	-	-	-	-	f
Chambers/ Jefferson	McFaddin NWR to High Island	1	1/31/11	4	51.5	III A	GL	91	96	<u><b>01</b></u> <sup>14</sup>	06	f, s(p)
Galveston	Big Reef; Galveston Island	6	1/27/11	6	4.0	III B	HDVGL	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Galveston	Bolivar Flats <sup>32</sup>	5	1/28/11	0	3.2	II III B	H D V G	<b>91</b> <sup>15</sup>	<b>96</b> <sup>16</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Galveston	Galvston Island, E. Beach to end of Seawall	7	1/27/11	0	16.5	III B	HDVFSGL	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Galveston	High Island to Bolivar Flats <sup>32</sup>	3	1/28/11	1	43.5	III B	HDVFG	<u>91</u>	<b>96</b> <sup>16</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	f, m
Galveston	Rollover Pass Flats <sup>32</sup>	2	1/28/11	6	1.6	II D	H F G	91	-	-	06	s(p)
Galveston	San Luis Pass; Galveston Island	11	1/27/11	0	2.9		H G	91	96	01	<u>06</u> 17	s(p)
Harris	Atkinson Island Cells 5 & 6 <sup>32, 33</sup>	4	2/11/11	38	1.9	II C	SG	-	<b>96</b> <sup>18</sup>	-	-	s(p)
Hidalgo	East Lake (La Sal Del Rey) <sup>33</sup>	61	2/14/11	94	5.0	V G	none	-	-	-	-	f
Kenedy	South end 9-Mile Hole <sup>33</sup>	59	2/16/11	67	6.0	II G	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Kenedy	Upper Laguna Madre, Flats at Land Cut, E & W of GIWW	57	1/27/11	66	49.6	II A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	-	01	06	s(p)
Kenedy/ Kleberg	Padre Island National Seashore (Bird Island basin to landcut)	56	1/27/11	767	64.4	II F	G	<b>91</b> <sup>19</sup>	96	01	<u>06</u>	f

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Kenedy/	Padre Island National Seashore, Gulf Beach	58	1/27/11	0	48.3	III B	H V S G	<b>91</b> <sup>20</sup>		01	06	f			
Kleberg	That is an a substitute of the	20	1,2,,11	· ·	.0.5	D	11 , 5 0			<u> </u>	00	•			
Kenedy/ Willacy	Bayshore flat on S end of N Padre Island (S of Land cut and N of Mansfield Channel in LLM) <sup>33</sup>	60	2/16/11	36	34.6	II B D	GL	<u>91</u>	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>22</sup>	-	-	s(p)			
Kenedy/ Willacy	Padre Island National Seashore/ 9-Mile Hole SE <sup>33</sup>	64	2/16/11	114	54.7	III B	G	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, s(p)			
Kleberg	Nighthawk Bay	54	1/27/11	0	n.r.	II B	GL	91	96	01	06	f, s(p)			
Kleberg/ Nueces	Packery to PINS	55	1/27/11	10	22.5	III B	H D V F G	<u>91</u> <sup>20</sup>	<b>96</b> <sup>21</sup>	01	06	s(p)			
Kleberg/ Nueces	Upper Laguna Madre (islands S of JFK Causeway to Bird Island Basin)	53	1/27/11	0	1.9	II C	n.r.	<u>91</u> <sup>23</sup>	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>24</sup>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)			
Matagorda	East Matagorda Bay <sup>33</sup>	18	2/25/11	3	85.3	II B	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)			
Matagorda	East Matagorda Peninsula <sup>32, 33</sup>	19	2/18/11	0	20.9	III A D F	V G	<b>91</b> <sup>25</sup>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)			
Matagorda	Matagorda Peninsula, Bayside and Colorado River Delta <sup>33</sup>	20	2/15/11	56	140.0	II B G	GL	<u>91</u> <sup>26</sup>	-	-	06	s(p)			
Nueces	Mollie Beattie	52	1/27/11	0	4.8	II B	G	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)			
Nueces	Mollie Beattie (North End)	50	1/26/11	0	2.8	II B G	V G	-	96	01	-	s(p), p			
Nueces	Mustang Island - Bay shoreline N end to Wilson's Cut and Shamrock Island	42	1/26/11	0	70.8	II B	P S G L	<u>91</u> <sup>27</sup>	96	01	06	s(p), p			
Nueces	Mustang Island - Charlie's Pasture	41	1/26/11	26	5.8	II B	n.r.	-	-	-	-	m			
Nueces	Mustang Island - Port A to Packery (gulf side)	44	1/26/11	0	29.0	III B	H D V G	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)			
Nueces	Mustang Island State Park (S Bayside and Fish Pass)	47	1/26/11	0	1.6	II B	HVFPG	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)			
Nueces	Oso Bay - NAS CC	46	1/26/11	12	n.r.	II A	HFGL	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u> <sup>28</sup>	06	f			
Nueces	Packery Channel Park	49	1/26/11	0	1.6	II B	HVFG	-	-	01	06	s(p)			
Nueces	Pelican Island	40	1/26/11	60	n.r.	II C D E	SGL	<u>91</u>	-	-	<u>06</u>	p			
Nueces	Redfish Bay (N of causeway)	35	1/28/11	0	45.1	II A B C D E	n.r.	91	<b>96</b> <sup>2</sup>	-	06	s(p)			
Nueces	Redfish Bay (S of causeway including Harbor Island)	39	1/26/11	112	28.6	II A C E	HBFGL	<u>91</u>	<u><b>96</b></u> <sup>2</sup>	01	06	s(p)			
Nueces	S side of JFK Causeway and Laguna Madre Shoreline	51	1/26/11	0	3.0	II A	HVFG	91	-	-	06	s(p)			
Nueces	Upper Laguna Madre/S end of Corpus Christi Bay (islands and flats)	48	1/26/11	3	11.9	II C G	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)			
Nueces	Ward Island	45	1/26/11	0	2.0	II A	I G	91	-	<u>01</u> <sup>28</sup>	06	s(p)			
Nueces	Wilson's Cut/Croaker Hole	43	1/28/11	0	1.6	II B	V	-	-	01	06	s(p)			
San Patricio	La Quinta Channel Islands	38	1/26/11	3	25.7	II C	H S G	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p			

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San Patricio	Sunset Lake	33	1/28/11	24	0.1	II D	HDFIGL	<b>91</b> <sup>30</sup>	96	01	06	m
Willacy	East Lake <sup>33</sup>	63	2/14/11	33	5.6	V G	S	<u>91</u>	-	<u>01</u>	-	f
Willacy	East Lake (La Sal Vieja) <sup>33</sup>	62	2/15/11	19	12.9	V G	ΑI	-	-	01	-	f
Willacy	Mansfield Channel Spoil Islands <sup>33</sup>	65	3/2/11	0	3.7	II C	F	<u>91</u>	-	-	-	s(p)
Willacy	South Padre Island, N end flats by Port Mansfield Channel	66	1/30/11	198	0.5	I III B	H D V G	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p
Willacy	South Padre Island, S of Mansfield Channel	67	1/29/11	1284	11.1	I III B	HDVG	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u> <sup>31</sup>	f, s(p), p
Willacy	South Padre Island, upper middle of Laguna Madre Side	69	1/28/11	1122	4.8	I III B	H D V G	91	96	01	<u><b>06</b></u> <sup>31</sup>	f, s(p), p
Total				4981	1600.0	)						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Snowy Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Redfish Bay/ Harbor Island/ Ingleside Cove" in '96. The survey route and locations of the SNPL are unknown and may have occurred in an area along this 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>This site was surveyed within two separate sites in '91: "Matagorda Island, Aransas" and "St. Joseph Island Bay". The specific locations of the SNPL seen at these sites in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This site was surveyed within two separate sites in '91: "Matagorda Island, Beach" and "St. Joseph Island Beach". The specific locations of the SNPL seen at these sites in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "St Joseph Island Bay" in '91. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This stretch was surveyed in '01 as "San Jose Island bayside, south/Harbor Island (CTX1)". The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '01 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This site was surveyed within two separate sites in '91: "Matagorda Peninsula South Bay" and "Matagorda Peninsula South Beach". The specific locations of the SNPL seen at these sites in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Matagorda Island, Beach" in '91. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "San Martin Lake & Bahia Grande area" in '96. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Laguna Madre West" in '91. No plovers were seen in the span of this 2011 survey route during the '91 census; however, 65 SNPL were seen in the area on January 6, 1991 (outside of the Census window).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "W side S. Padre I., boat ramp to N End Hwy 100" in '96. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

This site was surveyed as a part of "S. Padre Island" in '96. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>13</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "South Padre Island, Laguna Madre Side" in '06. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '06 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "McFaddin NWR; Sabine Pass to High Island" in '01. The specific location of the SNPL is unknown and may have occurred in an area along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>15</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Bolivar Flats" in '91. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Bolivar Peninsula" in '96. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Big Reef-San Luis" in '91. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> This site may have been surveyed as a part of "Port of Houston Bayport Demo. Marsh" in '96. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Padre Island Bayside" in '91. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Padre Island Beach" in '91. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Padre Island NS Beach" in '96. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

This site was surveyed as a part of "Southern Landcut, E" in '96. The specific locations of the SNPL are unknown and may have occurred along this 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> This site was surveyed within two separate sites in '91: "Padre Island Bayside" and "South Bird Island". The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Mudflat N boundary Padre Island NS" in '96. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> This site may have been surveyed as a part of "Matagorda Peninsula North Beach" in '91. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Matagorda Peninsula South Bay" in '91. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

This site was surveyed as a part of "Mustang Island Bay" in '91. The specific locations of the SNPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

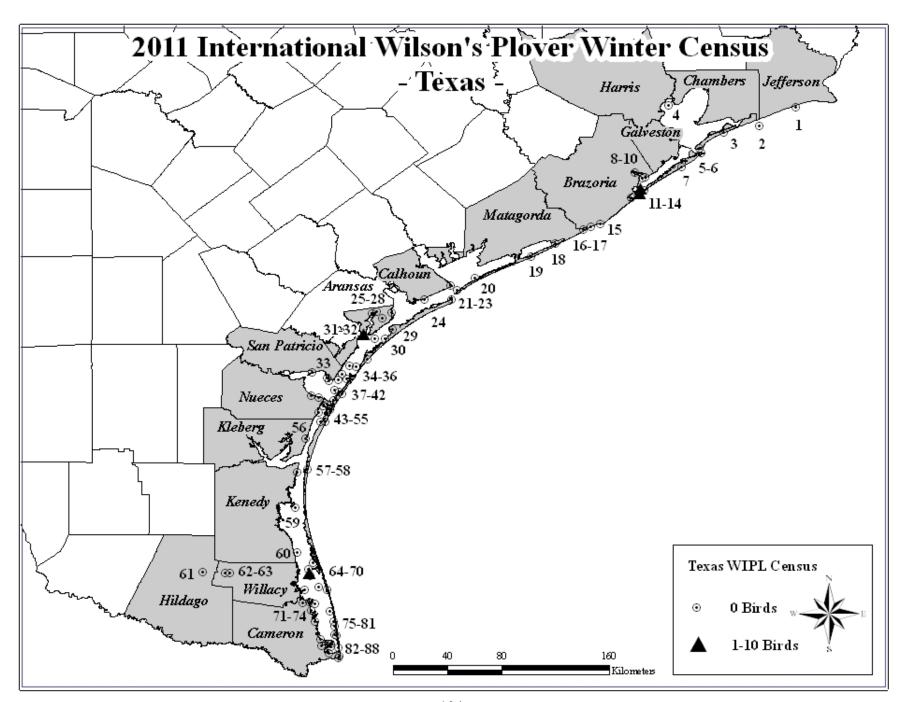
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "Ward Island (CTX21)" in '01. The specific locations of the SNPL are unknown and may have occurred along this 2011 survey route.

This site was surveyed as a part of "Indian Point" in '91. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '91 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> This site was surveyed as a part of "South Padre Island, N end flats by Port Mansfield Channel" in '06. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in '06 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Specific survey route for this site is unknown - map illegible. Notations for sightings in prior Census years are based on an estimation of the 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.



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Aransas	Aransas Bay, Goose Island <sup>4</sup>	31	1/1/11	7	0.8	II D E	HFGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Aransas	Burgentine Lake (Aransas NWR; W Blackjack) <sup>4</sup>	26	2/7/11	0	3.8	II A	G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Aransas	E Blackjack (Aransas NWR Complex) <sup>4</sup>	28	2/7/11	0	5.3	II A	H G	-	-	01	-	f
Aransas	Fulton to Ingleside Point (Mainland)	37	1/25/11	1	42.6	II A	G	-	-	01	06	s(p), p
Aransas	N San Jose Island, Bayside (Big Island to Cedar Bayou)	32	1/28/11	0	22.5	II B	HGL	-	-	-	-	s(p), p
Aransas	San Jose Island (Gulf Side)	34	1/26/11	0	64.4	III B	n.r.	-	-	01	06	p
Aransas	San Jose Island bayside (N Pass)	36	1/28/11	0	2.0	II B	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Aransas	Tatton Unit (Aransas NWR) <sup>4</sup>	25	2/7/11	0	3.7	II A	G	-	-	-	06	f
Brazoria	Alligator Point <sup>4</sup>	9	2/11/11	0	4.8	II C D	SGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Brazoria	Chocolate Bayou <sup>4</sup>	8	2/11/11	0	4.8	II C D	SGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Brazoria	Christmas/Drum Bay <sup>3, 4</sup>	14	2/15/11	0	26.6	II III IV A D E F	G	-	-	-	-	f, s(p)
Brazoria	Cold Pass	13	1/27/11	9	3.2	II G	BFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p), c
Brazoria	Sargent Beach (East)	16	1/28/11	0	6.4	III A	none	-	-	01	-	s(p)
Brazoria	Sargent Beach (West)	17	1/27/11	0	4.2	III IV A D E F	BG	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Brazoria	West Bay Bird Island	12	1/27/11	10	1.1	II B E	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Brazoria	West Bay Mooring Area BU Site <sup>4</sup>	10	2/11/11	0	4.8	II C D	SGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Brazoria	Wolf Island	15	1/28/11	0	6.4	III B	none	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Calhoun	Cedar Bayou, Matagorda Island NWR (Gulf Beach Route) <sup>4</sup>	30	2/7/11	0	13.6	I II B	G	-	-	01	06	f
Calhoun	Decros Point including Pass Cavallo and Sundown Island <sup>4</sup>	22	2/14/11	0	45.2	II III IV B F	HBSG	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Calhoun	Matagorda Island Inner Levee System <sup>4</sup>	29	2/7/11	0	15.7	II B	G	-	-	-	06	f
Calhoun	Matagorda Island NWR Beach (J-Hook) <sup>4</sup>	23	2/7/11	0	11.4	I II A	G	-	-	01	06	f
Calhoun	Matagorda Island NWR Gulf Beach <sup>4</sup>	27	2/7/11	0	33.0	IΒ	G	-	-	01	06	f
Calhoun	Port O'Conner Shoreline	21	2/1/11	0	2.0	V A	SGL	-	-	01	06	m
Calhoun	Welder Flats, Shoalwater Bay, The Lagoon- Dewberry Island <sup>4</sup>	24	2/8/11	0	85.3	II A E G	HBFGL	-	-	01	06	p
Cameron	Bahia Grande	83	2/3/11	0	30.6	V G	HFS	-	-	01	06	f
Cameron	Boca Chica Beach <sup>4</sup>	87	1/18/11	0	4.7	III V A	HDVFG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Cameron	Brazos Island Beach & Flats <sup>4</sup>	85	1/21/11	0	8.7	III V A	HDVFG	-	-	01	06	f, s(p)
Cameron	Brownsville Ship Channel Spoil Cells <sup>4</sup>	84	1/23/11	0	4.5	III V B	VFG	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Cameron	Buena Vista Ranch	74	2/6/11	0	9.7	II A	V A G	-	-	01	06	p
Cameron	Intracoastal Spoil Islands <sup>4</sup>	73	3/2/11	2	11.9	II C	F	-	-	-	-	s(p)

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		ISUSEI	YEAR ) & YE SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Cameron	Laguna Atascosa NWR Bayside Drive (Pelican Lake, Plover Point, Moranco Blanco) <sup>4</sup>	76	1/19/11	0	14.3	II A	F G	-	-	01	-	f
Cameron	Long Island Village/ Outdoor Resorts <sup>4</sup>	82	2/8/11	0	4.5	II V G	HVSUG	-	-	-	-	p
Cameron	Mouth of the Rio Grande <sup>4</sup>	88	1/18/11	0	3.2	III A	V G	-	-	-	-	f
Cameron	Port Isabel - Hwy 100	81	1/24/11	0	14.5	II A	HFSUG	-	-	-	-	m, p
Cameron	South Bay & Boca Chica Flats <sup>4</sup>	86	1/17/11	0	25.3	II V A F	V G	-	-	01	06	f
Cameron	South Padre Island Beach (North of Access 5)	70	1/25/11	0	43.5	I III B	HDVF	-	-	01	-	f, s(p), p
Cameron	South Padre Island Beach (South of Access 5)	80	1/25/11	0	10.6	I III B	$H\ D\ V\ F\ S\ U\ G$	-	-	-	-	m
Cameron	South Padre Island, lower middle of Laguna Madre Side	77	1/26/11	0	7.7	I III B	H D V G	-	-	01	06	f, s(p), p
Cameron	South Padre Island, middle of Laguna Madre Side	75	1/27/11	0	15.3	I III B	H D V G	-	-	01	06	f, s(p), p
Cameron	South Padre Island, S end Laguna Madre Side (Isla Blanca to N of Convention Ctr)	79	1/24/11	0	9.2	II B	HDVFUG	-	-	01	06	p
Cameron	South Padre Island, S end Laguna Madre Side (just N of Convention Ctr)	78	1/25/11	0	5.2	I III B	H D V G	-	-	01	06	f, s(p), p
Cameron	Unit 4, Laguna Atascosa NWR <sup>4</sup>	68	3/2/11	0	12.9	II A	G	-	-	01	-	f
Cameron	Unit 5 (Horse Island Cove), Laguna Atascosa NWR	72	2/6/11	0	8.9	II A	G	-	-	01	06	f
Cameron	Unit 8 (Cayo Flats), Laguna Atascosa NWR	71	2/5/11	0	9.7	V A	G	-	-	-	-	f
Chambers/ Jefferson	McFaddin NWR to High Island	1	1/31/11	1	51.5	III A	GL	-	-	01	06	f, s(p)
Galveston	Big Reef; Galveston Island	6	1/27/11	0	4.0	III B	HDVGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Galveston	Bolivar Flats <sup>3</sup>	5	1/28/11	0	3.2	II III B	H D V G	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Galveston	Galvston Island, E. Beach to end of Seawall	7	1/27/11	0	16.5	III B	HDVFSGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Galveston	High Island to Bolivar Flats <sup>3</sup>	3	1/28/11	0	43.5	III B	HDVFG	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	f, m
Galveston	Rollover Pass Flats <sup>3</sup>	2	1/28/11	0	1.6	II D	H F G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Galveston	San Luis Pass; Galveston Island	11	1/27/11	0	2.9		H G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Harris	Atkinson Island Cells 5 & 6 <sup>3,4</sup>	4	2/11/11	0	1.9	II C	S G	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Hidalgo	East Lake (La Sal Del Rey) <sup>4</sup>	61	2/14/11	0	5.0	V G	none	-	-	-	-	f
Kenedy	South end 9-Mile Hole <sup>4</sup>	59	2/16/11	0	6.0	II G	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Kenedy	Upper Laguna Madre, Flats at Land Cut, E & W of GIWW	57	1/27/11	0	49.6	II A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Kenedy/ Kleberg	Padre Island National Seashore (Bird Island basin to landcut)	56	1/27/11	0	64.4	II F	G	-	-	01	06	f

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Kenedy/ Kleberg	Padre Island National Seashore, Gulf Beach	58	1/27/11	0	48.3	III B	HVSG	-	-	01	06	f
Kenedy/ Willacy	Bayshore flat on S end of N Padre Island (S of Land cut and N of Mansfield Channel in LLM) <sup>4</sup>	60	2/16/11	0	34.6	II B D	GL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Kenedy/ Willacy	Padre Island National Seashore/ 9-Mile Hole SE <sup>4</sup>	64	2/16/11	0	54.7	III B	G	-	-	01	06	f, s(p)
Kleberg	Nighthawk Bay	54	1/27/11	0	n.r.	II B	GL	-	-	01	06	f, s(p)
Kleberg/ Nueces	Packery to PINS	55	1/27/11	0	22.5	III B	HDVFG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Kleberg/ Nueces	Upper Laguna Madre (islands S of JFK Causeway to Bird Island Basin)	53	1/27/11	0	1.9	II C	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Matagorda	East Matagorda Bay <sup>4</sup>	18	2/25/11	0	85.3	II B	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Matagorda	East Matagorda Peninsula <sup>3, 4</sup>	19	2/18/11	0	20.9	III A D F	V G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Matagorda	Matagorda Peninsula, Bayside and Colorado River Delta <sup>4</sup>	20	2/15/11	0	140.0	II B G	GL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Nueces	Mollie Beattie	52	1/27/11	0	4.8	II B	G	-	<u>96</u> <sup>2</sup>	01	06	s(p)
Nueces	Mollie Beattie (North End)	50	1/26/11	0	2.8	II B G	V G	-	<u>96</u> <sup>2</sup>	01	-	s(p), p
Nueces	Mustang Island - Bay shoreline N end to Wilson's Cut and Shamrock Island	42	1/26/11	0	70.8	II B	PSGL	-	-	01	06	s(p), p
Nueces	Mustang Island - Charlie's Pasture	41	1/26/11	1	5.8	II B	n.r.	-	-	-	-	m
Nueces	Mustang Island - Port A to Packery (gulf side)	44	1/26/11	0	29.0	III B	H D V G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Nueces	Mustang Island State Park (S Bayside and Fish Pass)	47	1/26/11	0	1.6	II B	HVFPG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Nueces	Oso Bay - NAS CC	46	1/26/11	0	n.r.	II A	HFGL	-	-	-	06	f
Nueces	Packery Channel Park	49	1/26/11	0	1.6	II B	HVFG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Nueces	Pelican Island	40	1/26/11	0	n.r.	II C D E	SGL	-	-	-	06	p
Nueces	Redfish Bay (N of causeway)	35	1/28/11	0	45.1	II A B C D E	n.r.	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Nueces	Redfish Bay (S of causeway including Harbor Island)	39	1/26/11	0	28.6	II A C E	HBFGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Nueces	S side of JFK Causeway and Laguna Madre Shoreline	51	1/26/11	0	3.0	II A	HVFG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Nueces	Upper Laguna Madre/S end of Corpus Christi Bay (islands and flats)	48	1/26/11	0	11.9	II C G	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Nueces	Ward Island	45	1/26/11	0	2.0	II A	I G	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Nueces	Wilson's Cut/Croaker Hole	43	1/28/11	0	1.6	II B	V	-	-	01	06	s(p)
San Patricio	La Quinta Channel Islands	38	1/26/11	0	25.7	II C	H S G	-	-	01	06	s(p), p

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS	CENSUSED & YEARS WIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>		ARS	OWNER	
San Patricio	Sunset Lake	33	1/28/11	0	0.1	II D	HDFIGL	-	-	01	06	m
Willacy	East Lake <sup>4</sup>	63	2/14/11	0	5.6	V G	S	-	-	01	-	f
Willacy	East Lake (La Sal Vieja) <sup>4</sup>	62	2/15/11	0	12.9	V G	ΑI	-	-	01	-	f
Willacy	Mansfield Channel Spoil Islands <sup>4</sup>	65	3/2/11	0	3.7	II C	F	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Willacy	South Padre Island, N end flats by Port Mansfield Channel	66	1/30/11	6	0.5	I III B	H D V G	-	-	01	06	f, s(p), p
Willacy	South Padre Island, S of Mansfield Channel	67	1/29/11	0	11.1	I III B	H D V G	-	-	01	06	f, s(p), p
Willacy	South Padre Island, upper middle of Laguna Madre Side	69	1/28/11	0	4.8	I III B	H D V G	-	-	01	06	f, s(p), p
Total				37	1600.0	1						

If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

This site was surveyed as a part of "Packery & Newport Pass" in '96. The specific locations of the WIPL seen in '96 are unknown and may have occurred along the 2011 survey route.

Specific survey route for this site is unknown - map illegible. Notations for sightings in prior Census years are based on an estimation of the 2011 survey route.

Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

# The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Mexico

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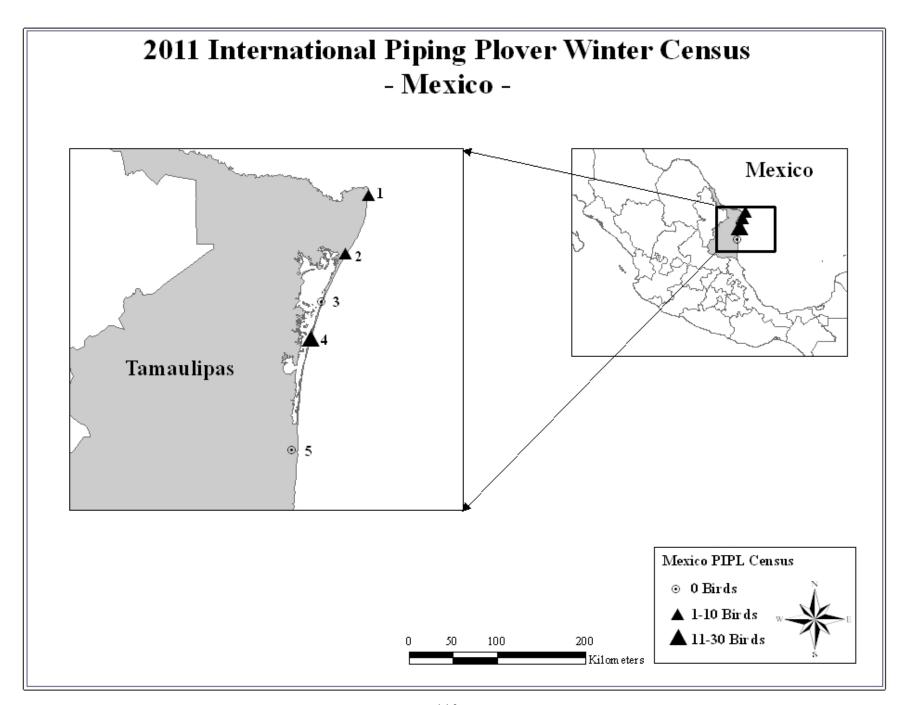
We surveyed three municipalities along the Tamaulipas coast: Soto La Marina, San Fernando and Matamoros. In total, we counted 82 individuals of the three species. Most abundant species was Snowy Plover (46), then Piping Plover (30) and Wilson's Plover (6). San Fernando held the biggest numbers (61 individuals), then Matamoros (21) and we recorded no plovers in Soto La Marina.

In Soto La Marina, numbers of plovers and shorebirds in general are small. Habitat is mostly beach and some seasonal mudflats (these were dry at the time of census).

San Fernando has been usually the most productive municipality in terms of numbers. Beach is the main type of habitat. This site formerly supported mudflats, sandflats, algal flats and others, but in recent years has experienced loss of habitat because of dredging in the surroundings.

Compared to 2006, we counted fewer Piping Plovers but surveyed more habitat. We were able to expand our surveys south to La Pesca (20 Piping Plovers seen) and Boca de Catan (no Piping Plovers). Whereas in 2006 we counted 19 Piping Plovers in Puerto El Mezquital al Sur we were unable to survey this portion in 2011. In Matamoros, we missed about 30 km because of open natural canals, the result of windy conditions.

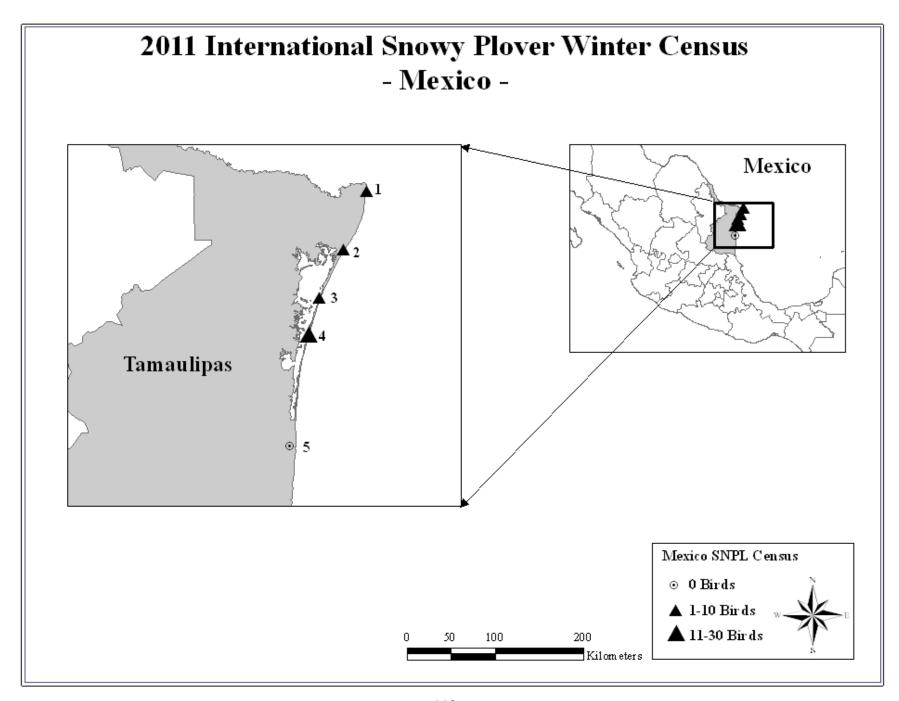
In future Census years, a much larger effort in Tamaulipas may be warranted. Given the number of Piping Plovers in the Lower Laguna Madre Region of Texas and results from prior incomplete surveys in Mexico (prior Census efforts; Mabee et al. 2001), the northern portion of Tamaulipas has the potential to support many Piping Plovers and Snowy Plovers. An international effort with biologists from Mexico, the U.S., and Canada including resources for multiple ATV's would likely be the most successful Census approach. However, given safety concerns in 2011 a comprehensive effort was impossible.



**The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Mexico** 

STATE	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS	PRIOR YEARS CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>				OWNER
Tamaulipas	Barra Boca Ciega	3	1/27/11	0	n.r.	III B 4 8	HFSIGL	91	<u>96</u>	-	<u>06</u>	f
Tamaulipas	Boca de Catan	4	1/26/11	20	70.0	III B 4	FAIGL	-	-	-	-	f
Tamaulipas	La Pesca	5	1/21/11	0	65.0	III B 4	HDVSUGL	-	-	-	-	f
Tamaulipas	Playa Bagdad <sup>2</sup>	1	2/8/11	5	23.0	III B 4	HFGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Tamaulipas	Puerto El Mezquital al Norte <sup>2</sup>	2	2/9/11	5	17.0	III B 4	DIGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Total				30	175.0							

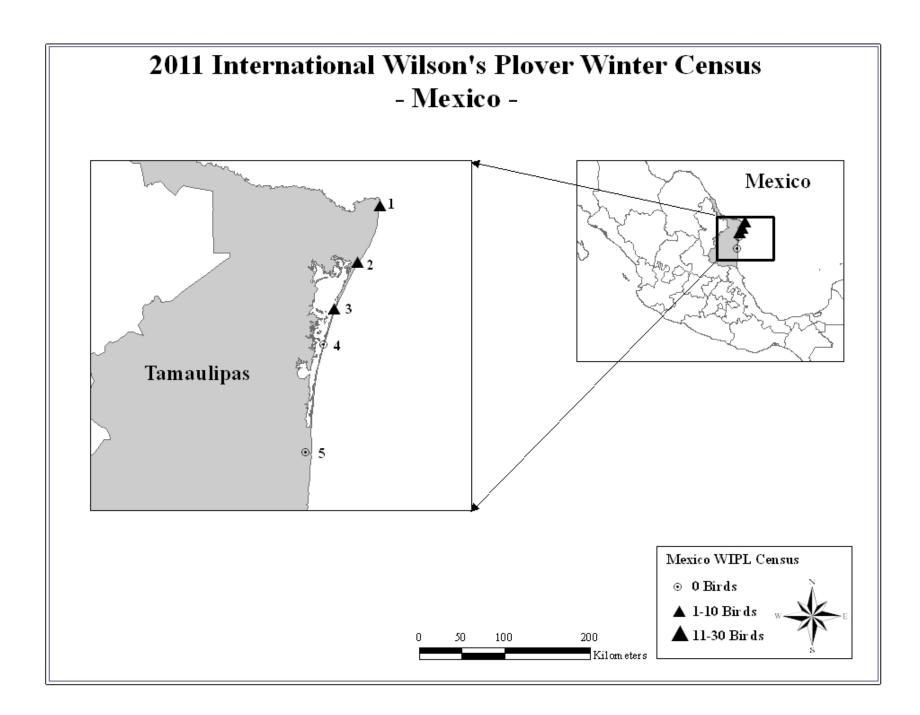
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Piping Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>2</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.



**The 2011 International Snowy Plover Winter Census in Mexico** 

STATE	SITE NAME	TOTAL SITE I MAP# DATE ADULTS KM DESCRIPTION (						CEN	RIOR SUSED SNPL S	& YE		OWNER
Tamaulipas	Barra Boca Ciega	3	1/27/11	2	n.r.	III B 4 8	HFSIGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Tamaulipas	Boca de Catan	4	1/26/11	4	70.0	III B 4	FAIGL	-	-	-	-	f
Tamaulipas	La Pesca	5	1/21/11	30	65.0	III B 4	HDVSUGL	-	-	-	-	f
Tamaulipas	Playa Bagdad <sup>2</sup>	1	2/8/11	10	23.0	III B 4	H F G L	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Tamaulipas	Puerto El Mezquital al Norte <sup>2</sup>	2	2/9/11	0	17.0	III B 4	DIGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Total				46	175.0							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Snowy Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>2</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.



The 2011 International Wilson's Plover Winter Census in Mexico

STATE	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	CEN	OWNER			
Tamaulipas	Barra Boca Ciega	3	1/27/11	2	n.r.	III B 4 8	HFSIGL	-	-	-	06	f
Tamaulipas	Boca de Catan	4	1/26/11	3	70.0	III B 4	FAIGL	-	-	-	-	f
Tamaulipas	La Pesca	5	1/21/11	0	65.0	III B 4	HDVSUGL	-	-	-	-	f
Tamaulipas	Playa Bagdad <sup>2</sup>	1	2/8/11	1	23.0	III B 4	H F G L	-	-	-	06	f
Tamaulipas	Puerto El Mezquital al Norte <sup>2</sup>	2	2/9/11	0	17.0	III B 4	DIGL	-	-	-	06	f
Total				6	175.0							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>2</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

# The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in The Bahamas

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The 2011 International Winter Census effort in The Bahamas was carried out between January 23 and February 6, 2011, at 198 sites. In addition, 5 sites were surveyed outside the census window but during winter (February). In total, 203 sites were surveyed by 29 observers. Coordination was a collective effort led by The Bahamas National Trust (BNT; Predensa Moore) and USGS FRESC (E. Elliott-Smith). Participants included local bird watchers, BNT Park Wardens, biologists from the USFWS, Canadian Wildlife Service, National Audubon, Bird Studies Canada, Massachusetts Audubon, Conservian, Conserve Wildlife Foundation (New Jersey), and volunteer bird watchers from the US. A total of 1,066 Piping Plovers were observed during the 203 site visits on 12 island groups.

Compared to previous Censuses, we greatly increased our survey effort in The Bahamas. Prior to 2006, reports from The Bahamas had been few and were incidental. Numbers from the early Census years were 35 birds observed in 2001, 25 in 1996, and 29 in 1991. The 2006 Census represented the first coordinated effort to survey Piping Plovers in The Bahamas. That effort resulted in the detection of 417 Piping Plovers and it was suspected to be an underestimate because not all potential habitat had been surveyed. We surveyed over five times the amount of shoreline in 2011 (678 km vs. 128 km in 2006). Hence, the 1,066 Piping Plovers observed in 2011 is substantially higher than previous counts but is almost certainly due to our increased effort and not reflective of an increase in the wintering population.

The number of sites surveyed and Bahamas coverage in general during the 2011 census far exceeded what had been previously surveyed. Locations such as the Berry Islands, Joulter Cays, Bimini Islands, San Salvador, Crooked and Acklins Islands had never been surveyed and other islands had greatly increased coverage in 2011 relative to 2006. Roughly 40% of the sites surveyed had Piping Plovers. Locations with high counts included 255 Piping Plovers near the southeast tip of Ambergris Cay, 44 at an unnamed sandbar south of Fish Cays, and 27 at a tidal flat on the northwest side of Chub Cay, all on the Berry Islands; 83 at the northern end of Andros and Blanket Sound, 100 in the Joulter Cays, all on North Andros; 46 at Manowar Cay on Exuma; 36 at Gold Rock Creek, 31 at East End Cays, and 20 between Pelican Point and Rocky Point Flats, all on Grand Bahama; 26 at Island Palm Shores on Abaco; 24 at Joe Sound Harbor on Long Island; and 21 at Water Cays on South Andros.

Overall, 2011 Census coverage was comprehensive on Grand Bahama, the Bimini Islands, New Providence, and San Salvador. Most potential habitat was surveyed on Eleuthera, Long Island and Great Exuma. Many sites were covered on Abaco but habitat remains to be explored particularly in cays to the northeast and flats off the west side of the island ("the Marls"). Surveys of the north Berry Islands were comprehensive but we were only able to survey about half the south Berry Islands and none of the central islands (a subsequent, more comprehensive survey of the southern and mid-Berry Islands resulted in similar numbers to the 2011 Census, suggesting that the 2011 census found most of the plover hot spots, but we have not directly compared the geographic extent or region of overlap for our respective survey efforts). Many sites were surveyed on North Andros during the 2011 Census but only a

portion of the Joulter Cays was surveyed. An expanded effort in the Joulter Cays during winter 2012 documented over 300 Piping Plovers. More than 100 Piping Plovers were seen in Central Andros during the same expedition (Matt Jeffery, unpublished data). Many sites on South Andros were surveyed in 2011 but the southern tip and southwest portion of the island look to have the most promissing habitat in aerial and satellite imagery, and we were not able to survey there (an incidental report of 21 Piping Plovers was provided by a birder who was bone fishing off the south side of the island). It is uncertain whether the west side of Andros would have habitat but it is largely unexplored. We were unable to coordinate surveys on most of the cays in the Exuma chain in 2011 and a 2012 expedition documented over 100 Piping Plovers on habitat that had not been surveyed in 2011 (Sidney Maddock, unpublished data). Although we visited Crooked and Acklins Islands in 2011 our visit was ill-timed and we were unable to access any habitat by boat due to a Ministry of Tourism fly fishing/boating workshop which involved all the local fishermen. Aerial photography of both Crooked and Acklins Islands suggest there is much promising habitat which we were unable to explore. Surveys were comprehensive on the populated portion of Great Inagua but we were unable to survey the remaining three-quarters (however local BNT warden and aerial photography do not suggest optimal plover habitat exists in those areas). We did not visit Cat Island in 2011 but no Piping Plovers were recorded there in 2006, so it is unlikely that our failure to survey there in 2011 missed many birds. We did receive some incidental sightings in 2006 from the Ragged Island chain but we were unable to survey there in 2011. Other islands that have never been surveyed include Mayaguana, Rum Cay, and Conception.

Surveyors noted that habitat management and control of feral animals may be required to protect plovers and their habitat on most of the islands. Invasive plant species Casuarina (*Casuarina equisetifolia*) and Scaevola (*Scaevola taccada*) are the primary threats to the Piping Plover high tide roosting habitats. They out-compete native vegetation which is better able to trap sand and

offers some beach protection during storm events. Hence, invasion by Casaurina and Scaevola leads to erosion and narrowing of beaches. They may also provide cover and perching habitat in proximity to tidal flats for shorebird predators such as Peregrine Falcons and Merlins (Predensa Moore, unpublished data). The removal and management of these plants is a very expensive and labor intensive prospect and the job is made more difficult due to the archipelagic nature of the Bahama Islands. Feral animals, both dogs and cats, appear to be a present across the islands even at some remote sites and how large of a threat they pose to wintering plovers is unknown. Sites located closer to urban areas may face habitat loss and disturbance from development and human use.

Outreach and education can contribute to improving plover awareness and habitat management. Through our many conversations, it was clear that people know very little about Piping Plovers but are interested to learn about plovers and the importance of habitats in The Bahamas. Most had no knowledge about shorebirds, yet they were familiar with more high profile species, like flamingo, or more visible coastal species, like herons, egrets, and Osprey. Outreach materials with pictures of Piping Plover (and other plovers) in non-breeding plumage, habitats, and maps showing breeding and wintering areas would be an asset for future surveys to provide to guides and coastal landowners. No doubt our Census effort raised awareness on some islands and on Abaco a local filmmaker accompanied the survey crew, producing a piece that appeared on local television.

Due to the convergence in some areas between bonefish and shorebird habitats, experienced bonefishing guides could be excellent resources for future surveys, conservation, and research efforts. Special shorebird identification and shorebird habitat training sessions for bonefishing guides would be a possible opportunity for enhancing awareness and engaging guides in conservation at high priority wintering areas. Encouraging guides to check on the status of known Piping Plover (and other shorebird) wintering sites could be worthwhile.

Subsequent to the 2011 Bahamas Census there has been much interest in additional explorations, outreach, and conservation efforts. Follow-up expanded surveys have been made in the Berry Islands, Joulter Cays, and Exuma Cays. Joulter Cays and the northern Berry Islands have been included as an Important Bird Area and National Audubon is working with BNT to formally protect this region. The 2006 and 2011 Censuses have been stepping stones bringing us closer to understanding Piping Plover distribution, habitat preferences, behavior, threats, and management challenges. Much work remains to be done in The Bahamas.

We wish to thank the USFWS for largely funding the Census effort in The Bahamas. The Canadian Wildlife Service and National Audubon also contributed substantially to the effort. Many others donated time and expertise to make this effort successful.

Summarized by E. Elliott-Smith with imput from surveyors, in particular P. Moore and S. Abbott

#### **Comparison of Census Numbers**

Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping Plover	29	25	35*	417	1,066
Snowy Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	13	38
Wilson's Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	218	446

\*No official survey was coordinated in 2001, but Piping Plovers were reported by local birders and through the National Audubon Society's Annual Christmas Bird Count.

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Between January 24-31, 2011, we (Ellen Jedrey and Gabrielle Gareau) surveyed the southern coastline of Grand Bahama from the west end (Old Bahama Bay) to the east end (including the Eastern Cays) for Piping Plovers, Wilson's Plovers and Snowy Plovers as part of the International Piping Plover Winter Census. In total, we surveyed 25 sites that covered approximately 179.3 km (111.4 mi) of shoreline, including some areas by foot/boat and that were not suitable habitat. Prescott Gay, of Bahamas National Trust, provided a tremendous amount of logistical support: local volunteers also provided support. On January 30, Edie Ray arrived, and the group travelled to Abaco on January 31. From February 1-5, our group surveyed 38 sites on Abaco Island, approximately 128 km (79 mi) of coastline (including some areas that were boated/ driven). We surveyed with Todd Pover, of Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey, and other volunteers (Woody Bracey in particular) while on Abaco. On February 6, we (Ellen Jedrey, Edie Ray, Gabrielle Gareau) travelled back to Grand Bahama to Great Sale Cay, which is included in the overall totals for Grand Bahama. We departed on February 7, 2011.

On Grand Bahama, we observed a total of 163 individual Piping Plovers, 1 Snowy Plover, and 86 Wilson's Plovers. The highest number of Piping Plovers observed at any site was 36 individuals observed at Gold Rock Creek and eastward (approximately 8.6 km). In addition, a total of 11 color-banded Piping Plovers were observed and reported.

Threats recorded on the great majority of beaches included presence of Casaurina, feral cat tracks, and feral dog tracks. Casaurina appears to have resulted in loss of a great deal of beach/berm habitat, and beaches were generally very narrow on Grand Bahama. In addition, coastal development and armoring (bulkheads, revetments, jetties) were also recorded at a number of sites, particularly around Freeport and adjacent areas east and west.

On Abaco, we observed a total of 76 Piping Plovers (not including one observed on Sandy Point west beach, which flew north and we couldn't be sure we didn't double count), 0 Snowy Plovers, and 66 Wilsons Plovers. The site with the single highest count of Piping Plovers (26) was Island Palms Shores on February 3, 2011.

Threats recorded included feral cat tracks (on almost all beaches) and development at many sites, particularly those that had the highest number of Piping Plovers/roosting tracks (i.e. Schooner Bay, Bahama Palms Shores, Island Palms Shores). In addition, feral dog tracks were recorded at a number of sites. Casaurina is present, and appears to be increasing on Abaco, however the problem appears not to be as severe compared to Grand Bahama.

Coverage was complete along the entire south side of Grand Bahama but there is likely good habitat in Abaco that remains to be surveyed. In general, our coverage of Grand Bahama was comprehensive and it is not likely that many birds were missed. The "Marls" region on the west side of Abaco presents a challenge to survey but it could be very suitable for Piping Plovers. Cays to the northwest of Abaco were not surveyed and are definitely worth exploring.

#### **Bimini Islands**

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The 2011 International Winter Census effort on the Bimini Islands was carried out over two days (February 4-5, 2011) at three sites by two observers. A total of 9 Piping Plovers were reported on the Bimini Islands. All potential shorebird habitat was surveyed on North and South Bimini and all the small Cays 45 km (28 miles) south to Ocean Cay.

Promising areas were surveyed at both high and low tides. All known sand flats habitat were located and surveyed. Substantial sand flats were found and appeared to be good habitat but shorebird numbers were low. Small flocks of Ruddy Turnstones, Blackbellied Plovers, Willets and Sanderlings were also observed.

Piping Plovers were observed on all three sites. Four Piping Plovers were reported at East Wells, North Bimini, described as remote habitat, sand spit associated with mangrove tidal creek. Four Piping Plovers were reported on South Cat Cay, described as natural and artificial habitat, sand shoreline associated with sand flats and armored wall (part of airport runway). One Piping Plover was reported on a small island just south of Ocean Cay called Brown Water Rocks, described as remote habitat, sand flat associated with small limestone island.

The Bimini Islands in general supported very low numbers of any type shorebirds. The beaches are very narrow. Coastlines have been impacted by development and growth of Casaurina.

#### **North Andros**

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The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census on North Andros was conducted from January 27 to February 2, 2011. Thirteen sites were visited, most of which were on the eastern, northern, and southern coastline of the island. The western coast is largely inaccessible. Piping Plovers were found at six sites and Wilson's Ployers were found at ten sites. In total, 217 Piping Plovers and 180 Wilson's Plovers were recorded. The majority of the Piping Plovers were found at two sites, the Joulter Cays off the northern end of Andros and Blanket Sound in the central eastern coast region. where 100 and 83 individuals were counted. respectively. The majority of Wilson's Ployers were found at four sites, Joulter Cays, Lowe Sound, southwest of Mastic Cay, and Plum Cay, with 54, 40, 26, and 21 individuals, respectively.

The Joulter Cays had the greatest number of both Piping and Wilson's Plovers. The Joulter Cays are a vast area of tidal flats and islands located off the northern end of Andros. They are remote and accessible only by boat. The survey team included five participants that spread out over the northern and southern regions of the Joulter Cays to cover as much of the area as possible. Even with this broad coverage, an estimated 30% of the suitable habitat was covered. The survey was complicated by a midday low tide, which reduced the total potential habitat that could be covered. A total of 100 Piping Plovers and 54 Wilson's plovers were recorded. It is

very likely that this site supports additional Piping and Wilson's Plovers.

Lowe Sound is located on the northern end of Andros. The area has large tidal flats and suitable high tide resting and roosting sites. A total of 14 Piping Plovers and 40 Wilson's Plovers were recorded.

Red Bays is located on the northwest end of Andros. This was the only site that was able to be surveyed on the western coastline of Andros. A road leads through the community of Red Bays to a boat launching site. The area south of the boat launching to Loggerhead Point site had no suitable habitat. The tidal flats north of the boat launching site were suitable for plovers; one Piping Plover and 13 Wilson's Plovers were recorded. Further exploration of the northwest region would likely result in additional plovers being discovered.

The area from Stafford Creek, north of Forfar Field Station, north to Mastic Bay appeared to have extensive tidal flats and suitable habitat. The area has suitable foraging habitat at low tide, but little, if any, suitable high tide resting or roosting habitats. The offshore cays were surveyed as well as the mainland shoreline. The mainland shoreline and the shoreline of the offshore cays were heavily vegetated with Casuarina and Scaevola. No Piping Plovers and only one Wilson's Plover were observed.

The region from Stafford Creek to Stanyard Creek (also spelled Staniard) supported the second highest concentration of Piping Plovers on northern Andros. This area includes Forfar Field Station and the associated Forfar flats, Blanket Sound and the associated flats, and Kamalame Cay. This area was covered thoroughly and observed through all tidal stages. Piping Plovers were observed on the tidal flats south of Forfar Field Station, north Blanket Sound, south Blanket Sound, and the sound

side of Kamalame Cay. It is likely that the plovers using these locations are the same local population. It appeared that Piping Plovers dispersed to the tidal flats south of Forfar Field Station and throughout Blanket Sound during low tides when flats in these areas were exposed and then concentrated on the flats at the southern end of Blanket Sound and the sound side of Kamalame Cay during higher tides. Piping Plovers were observed on the ocean beach of Kamalame Cay in 2010. Our survey team walked the entire length of the ocean and sound side shoreline of Kamalame Cay at the same time. While no Piping Plovers were observed on the ocean beach, the habitat appeared suitable as a high tide resting or roosting site. It is possible that the ocean beach is used at times when the sound side habitats are not accessible. A total of 83 Piping Plovers and 6 Wilson's Plovers were recorded.

Stanyard Creek flats and Stanyard Creek beach are located south of Blanket Sound and Kamalame Cay. The beach is narrow and is popular among local beachgoers. The tidal flats appeared to have suitable foraging habitat at low tide, but no resting or roosting habitat at high tide. Both sites were covered thoroughly and no Piping Plovers or Wilson's Plovers were observed.

The beach at Small Hope Bay was surveyed thoroughly. Piping Plovers were observed on the beach in this area in 2010, but no Piping Plovers were observed during the 2011 survey. Two Wilson's Plovers were observed near Small Hope Bay lodge.

Several sites that appeared to have suitable habitat between Fresh Creek and Cargill Creek were surveyed. These included the extensive flats south of AUTEC, near Plum Cay, and the extensive flats southwest of Mastic Cay. While the habitat appeared suitable for Piping Plovers, no Piping Plovers were observed. Wilson's Plovers were recorded on the tidal flats associated with Plum Cay and southwest of Mastic Cay; 24 and 26 individuals, respectively. The area is worthy of further exploration.

Cargill Creek is located in the southeastern area of North Andros. The tidal flats south of Cargill Creek have suitable foraging habitat during low tide and adequate resting and roosting habitat during high tide. Thirteen Piping Plovers and four Wilson's Plovers were recorded.

Bigwood Cay is a remote cay, accessible only by boat, located in the central region of Andros between north and south Andros. The area consists of a large cay (Bigwood Cay) and many smaller cays. The survey team covered the eastern and northern shorelines and the associated tidal flats. No Piping Plovers were observed on the eastern shoreline. All of the Piping Plovers recorded on Bigwood Cay were found on the tidal flats on northern shoreline. The survey covered as much of the area as possible, but more extensive exploration is needed. The survey team was not able to get to the western or southern areas of Bigwood Cay. both of which appear to have suitable habitat for Piping Plovers and Wilson's Plovers. Further exploration of Bigwood Cay and the associated tidal flats and cays is warranted.

Human disturbance appeared to be minimal at most sites where Piping Plovers were observed. Evidence of the presence of free-roaming dogs was observed on some beaches and tidal flats. Invasive Casuarina and Scaevola were present at every site that was surveyed. At some locations these plants dominated the shoreline vegetation and occurred to the mean high water line, greatly reducing or eliminating potential high tide resting and roosting area.

The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census on North Andros provided a more comprehensive survey of the island and associated flats than any prior effort. However, complete coverage of all potential habitats on North Andros was limited by accessibility to remote areas, boat transportation, funding, and time. A subsequent survey effort in 2012 (by

Audubon, USGS, and USFWS biologists) documented over 300 Piping Plovers in the Joulters and over 100 on North Andros. The area is worthy of additional exploration in the future.

#### Eleuthera

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The 2011 International Winter Census effort on Eleuthera was carried out between January 25 and January 31, 2011, at 23 sites by two observers. Seventeen Piping Plovers were reported on Eleuthera Island and 13 Piping Plovers were reported on Harbor Island (off northern Eleuthera). Observers drove a total distance of 970 km to access remote beaches and shorelines along all coasts from the north end of Eleuthera south to Rock Sound. Surveys were conducted on foot at all sites. Severe weather or unfavorable tides required repeat surveys at Spanish Wells, Current, and Savannah Sound.

Of the 23 sites surveyed, we recorded Piping Plover at only five locations. These included 5 at Spanish Wells, 1 at Man Island, 13 at Harbor Island (all North Eleuthera), 3 at James Point (Wreck) Beach, and 8 at Savannah Sound (both Atlantic Coast). Somewhat confusing this total were an additional 13 Piping Plovers recorded on the west side of Harbor Island following the east side beach survey and 8 Piping Plovers roosting on the Atlantic shore north of Grinder's Point the day preceding the second Savannah Sound survey. Due to the spatial and temporal proximity of these sightings and their precise duplication, observers assumed they represented the same populations in both circumstances.

Most Piping Plovers were observed on the north end of Eleuthera (19 birds). At Spanish Wells, despite initially recording 4 Piping Plover on the east end flats, adverse weather interrupted the survey. The repeat survey was performed on an ebbing tide,

finding 5 Piping Plover on the east end flats. No plovers were seen on the expansive exposed habitats within view of the island, including tidal flats adjoining both sides of Spanish Well's entrance channel and similar flats adjoining Gun Point across the inlet. Observers found an expansive sand spit adjoining the north inlet on Man Island, but reported only 1 Piping Plover and 1 Blackbellied Plover. At Harbor Island, 13 plovers were initially sighted on the Atlantic beach (Pink Sands) on the first of the ebb tide shortly after dawn. It is likely the ployers roosted on the high beach during the night and briefly lingered there before beach activities compelled them to shift to the harbor side to rest until the primary forage habitat (harbor side flats) became exposed. We were unable to survey the inter-tidal flats evident in Inner Sound north of the airport. This remote area requires a vessel to investigate, but appears highly favorable as shorebird foraging habitat.

We observed 11 Piping Plovers along the Atlantic beaches of Eleuthera's main island. but habitat there proved difficult to access and highly problematic to survey by foot due to steep slopes, very soft substrate, and a multitude of rocky points. Most of the lime rock, beach access, roads running east from the Queen's Highway were unmarked. unmaintained and in poor to bad condition. Generally, the Atlantic beaches became less sloping progressing south, but few shorebirds were present and no species were observed foraging in the intertidal zone. Piping Plovers were observed at three spots on the Atlantic Coast during the Census: James Point (Wreck) Beach (3 birds), Savannah Sound and Grinder's Point (we suspect the same 8 birds were sighted in both locations). At James Point (Wreck) Beach, a small flock of unidentified mixed shorebird species were found roosting on a derelict hulk of a wreck off the beach before being flushed but 3 Piping Plover were seen foraging in abundant Sargasso weed on the adjoining high beach. Prior to the Census

we received two reports of small numbers of Piping Plovers near Club Med Beach (Tippy's). Both were of non-foraging birds, and one observation was on a rocky point. Offshore rocks and rocky islets are common along Eleuthera's Atlantic shore and contribute to the difficulties of searching for Piping Plover along that coast.

No Piping Plovers were observed on Eleuthera's west shore (Bight of Eleuthera). In contrast to Atlantic beaches, the west shore offers gently sloping or near-flat beaches, but beaches are fewer in number and more widely separated along a predominantly rocky shoreline. Ten Bay Beach and Cocadimama Beach appeared to be most favorable for Piping Plover due their expansive low tide habitats, yet no Piping Plover were found at either beach. Ten Bay appeared to be a popular beach for recreationists but Cocadimama Beach had but one couple during our survey. Low numbers of shorebirds (Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Willets, Ruddy Turnstones, Killdeer, Sanderling, and America Oystercatchers) were observed most frequently on narrow, rocky shores near towns and harbors (most characterized by algal growth on the substrate not seen elsewhere on that coast).

We observed no Piping Plovers on southern Eleuthera, but our surveys were limited to Rock Sound proper which offered very limited intertidal habitat. Insight gained from local residents suggested that other potential sites in the region would be unfavorable for Piping Plover. Although access may be challenging, future surveys might investigate the series of small inlets and shallow bays along the island's southernmost shore (Deep, Rollins, Rock, Hartford's and John Millar's Creek).

In conclusion, Eleuthera appears to support only small numbers of wintering Piping Plovers. In many areas foraging habitat is limited and shorelines are predominantly rocky. Seemingly ideal foraging habitat in several locations (Upper Cove Beach at Current, Man Island spit, Cocodimama Beach, Windermere Island Beach) supported few or no Piping Plovers. Although dog tracks were found at all survey sites, cat tracks on others, and ATV tracks on Spanish Well's north

beach, it's not clear that these factors contributed to the paucity of plover sightings. At two sites Piping Plovers were observed in close proximity to human activity and in many locations Piping Plovers could avoid adverse disturbances by shifting to an adjoining beach or offshore roost site.

# **Berry Islands**

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Two biologists (from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and Bird Studies Canada (BSC)) conducted the census of Piping, Wilson's, and Snowy Plovers on the Berry Islands from January 23 to 27, 2011. The Berry Islands were surveyed for the first time in 2011 and proved to be exceptional. Surveyors found extensive, minimallydisturbed tidal flats with an abundance of shorebirds and waterbirds, including the largest single flock of Piping Plovers of all areas surveyed during the 2011 Census. Thirty Berry Island sites were surveyed by foot, power boat, and kayak for a total of 19.4 km covered, including the entire east coast of Great Harbour Cay, the western pocket beaches of Great Harbour Cay to Little Stirrup Cay, Ambergris Cay and other cays south of Great Harbour Cay, Haines Cay and small cays near Shelling Beach. The south and central Berry Islands were only partially surveyed due to limited time.

Bonefish boat charter captain Percy Darville and Inspector James Moss of the Royal Bahamas Police Force were pivotal to the successful census of the Berry Islands.

A total of 341 Piping Plovers and 40 Wilson's Plovers were seen on the Berry Islands. No Snowy Plovers were observed. The greatest concentration of Piping Plovers (255) seen anywhere in The Bahamas was among a mixed flock of roosting shorebirds on a small sand spit between East Caesar Cay Spit to SE tip Ambergris Cay. Rain and thunderstorms forced us to cancel a boat survey on one day, but weather did not appear to affect the survey results on other days. A subsequent visit was made in 2012, but fewer birds were detected perhaps due to less favorable tidal conditions.

In general, our coverage of the northern Berry Islands was very comprehensive. No Piping Plovers were observed on Great Harbour Cay. though we observed large tidal flats at Shelling Beach that appeared to be good foraging habitat (a few Piping Plovers were spotted there on a subsequent visit in 2012). This area is best surveyed at low, rising tide. We found 16 Wilson's Plovers along Great Harbour Cay's long, eastern sandy beach. Two small islands north of Great Harbour Cay (Big & Little Stirrup Cays) are owned by cruise ship companies and are regularly overwhelmed with boat tourists. We surveyed Little Stirup Cay, which is intensively developed, but found no Piping or Wilson's Plovers. We did not survey Big Stirrup Cay, but it is probably not suitable habitat for plovers due to development and disturbance. We do not recommend expending future survey effort at these sites.

Future censuses should focus efforts on the sandy cays and tidal flats south of Great Harbour Cay (Ambergris Cay and surrounding small cays) and the southern Berry islands, which are part of the northeast corner of the Great Bahama Bank and only accessible by boat. Large areas of flats are exposed at low tide making detectability and boat access challenging, thus we recommend engaging an experienced bonefishing guide, timing surveys to mid and rising tides, and targeting potential shorebird roost sites (e.g., spits, bars, beaches and

rocky areas adjacent to tidal flats). Tidal flat habitat appeared limited in the central Berry Islands, however, conditions could change and they should be surveyed, particularly the area near Comfort Cay. A rapid, one-day survey of the southern Berry Islands yielded 86 Piping Plovers, but time restrictions limited our survey effort.

We observed very little disturbance overall on the Berry Islands aside from dense stands of Casuarina backing beaches on numerous cays. In addition to habitat deterioration, we discovered that Casuarina may serve as predator perches near roosting and foraging habitat, as an unidentified falcon flushed roosting shorebird flocks twice during surveys. The islands and cays surveyed were relatively undeveloped and free of hard infrastructure on the coast. Residential houses were present along Great Harbour Cay's long sand beach, but there was little evidence of shoreline hardening. Great Harbour Cay residents with whom we spoke were unfamiliar with Piping Plover, but were very interested in the Census efforts.

General results from our surveys suggest that large tidal flats (muddy sand and sandy) as well as intertidal rocky sand habitats with tide pools and submerged aquatic vegetation seemed to support larger feeding flocks of Piping Plover than sandy beaches. Roosting flocks of Piping Plover tended to be closely associated with other shorebirds on open, dry sand, such as sand bars and sand spits. On at least one occasion we observed Piping Plovers roosting with other shorebirds on dark rock in the south Berry Islands. Wilson's Ployer tended to prefer sandy beaches with abundant, dark wrack or rocky intertidal habitat and rarely co-ocurred with Piping Plover (these general observations held true for our surveys on other islands).

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The census at Long Island was conducted 28-31 January by two biologists from Bahamas National Trust and Birds Studies Canada. We received assistance from two local volunteers. Olga Stokes. who assisted with most surveys, and Ruth Martonbourough who provided a car shuttle at Pinders. The census effort resulted in a total of 42 Piping Plovers and 6 Wilson's Plovers. No Snowy Plovers were observed. The largest flock of Piping Plovers observed was 24 birds that were seen foraging with other shorebirds on tidal flats of Joe Harbor Sound. A flock of 8 Piping Plovers were found foraging in rocky intertidal habitat with mats of aquatic vegetation at Duncanson's Point. Boat surveys of Conch, Dollar and Sandy Cays and surrounding tidal flats resulted in flocks of shorebirds but only two Piping Plovers. Sand beaches along the Atlantic Coast from Pinders to Salt Pond (6.5 km) and the alkali pond of Red Pond (1.1 km) were surveyed on foot and resulted in only one Piping Plover and one Wilson's Plover.

All sites on Long Island surveyed in 2006 were again surveyed in 2011. However, we were unable to confidently relocate the 2006 end point at Pinders so coverage of that region of the Atlantic Coast may have differed slightly. We also surveyed one new site at Diamond Salt Works, which had no suitable habitat.

## **South Andros and New Providence**

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The census at South Andros was conducted by three biologists from Bahamas National Trust, Bird Studies Canada, and the US Fish and Wildlife Sevice. In total, 70 Piping Plovers and 40 Wilson's Plovers were observed but no Snowy Plovers were seen. Thanks to additional surveyors and time, substantially more habitat was surveyed in 2011 (29.9 km) than in 2006 (3.6 km). Overall, the road-accessible east side of South Andros was surveyed comprehensively. Small flocks of Piping Plovers (4-16 birds) were observed at multiple sites on the east coast, often with other shorebirds.

Despite separate attempts over two days with different guides and boats, we were unable to survey the remote and roadless south or west shores and tidal flats of South Andros. Our attempts were thwarted by motor failure and shallow conditions of Little Creek which connects east and west shores via extensive wetlands. We also attempted to follow Grassy Creek to reach the western side, but rough ocean conditions forced us to return to Pleasant Bay. During

a visit to Water Cay on 6 February, John Cox found 21 Piping Plovers, highlighting the potentially suitable habitat that may have been missed in the southwest. Engaging an experienced guide with knowledge of tidal and water depth conditions (and a seaworthy boat) is critical for accessing potential habitat along remote southern and western shores.

The only evidence of vehicle disturbance on South Andros was tracks observed on the beach at Kemp's Bay. Other human-related disturbances (e.g., dogs off-leash and development) were limited to habitats around settlements. Pastor James Knowles assisted with logistics, including an unexpected shuttle after boat motor failure, and is a good contact in the area.

#### **New Providence**

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The census at New Providence was conducted by three biologists from Bahamas National Trust, Bird Studies Canada, and the US Fish and Wildlife Sevice. It was limited to one site, South Beach, which is an Important Bird Area and has the only habitat suitable for Piping Plovers on the island. Most other coastal sites are heavily developed. This site was surveyed in 2006 but more habitat was covered in 2011. A total of 11 Piping Plovers were found in a single flock, including five of six birds banded there in 2010. The resighting of these banded individuals suggests high site fidelity. Access to the site requires careful timing with tides. Future surveyors should consult first with Predensa Moore at BNT. No Wilson's or Snowy Plovers were observed on New Providence.

#### **Great Exuma**

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With a great deal of help from Bailey Smith and Lorraine Minns, I surveyed accessible beaches and flats at Great Exuma for Piping, Snowy, and Wilson's Plovers from January 27-29, 2011. I surveyed 15 different coastal areas and found good habitat for Plovers at 6 sites. All sites surveyed on Great Exuma during the 2006 Census were revisited. Snowy Plovers were found and photographed among the Piping Plovers at one of the sites. In total, I saw 91 Piping Ployers at 5 locations around Great Exuma. There was one additional account of 2 Piping Plovers on Bells Cay which brings the total to 93 Piping Plovers. I also counted 27 Wilson's Plovers at 5 locations and 2 Snowy Plovers at one site.

Within the Exumas there is likely quite a bit of suitable plover habitat that was not surveyed during the Census. In the winter of 2012, an excursion covering the Exuma Cays turned up a little over 100 Piping Plovers and none of the habitat covered had been surveyed as part of the 2011 Census (Sidney Maddock, unpublished data). There may be some additional habitat in the Cays not yet covered and there are a few potential sites on Great Exuma (Southwest Spur, Calvin Hill Spur, Brigantines Flats, and Cocoplum Beach) and Little Exuma (Southeast Beach and C-shaped Bay) that were not covered during the 2011 Census. Another potential site is Conception Island in Exuma Sound.

Sea level rise, development, and feral animals are some of the potential threats to plover habitat on Great Exuma. The mainland flats are bordered by sharp rock ledges, such that there would be no appropriate habitat at low tide at higher sea levels. The only flats where habitat may remain are on Sandy Cay, Moriah Harbour Cay, and Manowar Cay. Feral dogs are likely a more immediate threat. At several sights including Wolf Dame's Back Landing and all the mainland beaches dog prints were crisscrossing the area. Many other flats are adjacent to roads and housing or condominium developments that are mostly abandoned but may be restarted in the future. Other sites including Manowar Cay and Moriah Harbour Cay and the flats at Sea View Drive are open to development. Bailey and Lorraine and their family along with other local residents have been trying to protect Moriah Harbour as a national park and no take zone for several decades. While they have made progress, the areas are not protected currently.

# San Salvador, Crooked and Acklins Island

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We spent three days surveying San Salvador and counted 4 Piping Plovers, 26 Snowy Plovers, and 6 Wilson's Plovers. We surveyed a total of 6 sites and comprehensively covered all potential plover habitat on the island except one 0.4 mile section of beach, at the southern end of Sand Bay.

Our surveys of Crooked and Acklins Islands were not as successful as San Salvador surveys. In total we counted 4 Piping Plovers, 9 Snowy Plovers, and 4 Wilson's Plovers on Acklins Island and no plovers on Crooked Island. Low plover numbers could be due to our limited survey coverage. Aerial photography and views from the plane suggest that there is some promising habitat on both islands. However, these islands are large and road access to the coastline is limited. It was our intent to access habitat by boat but all boat drivers on the island were involved in a boating course during the week we were on the island and it was not possible to charter a boat. An expanded effort should be made to survey these two islands.

# **Great Inagua**

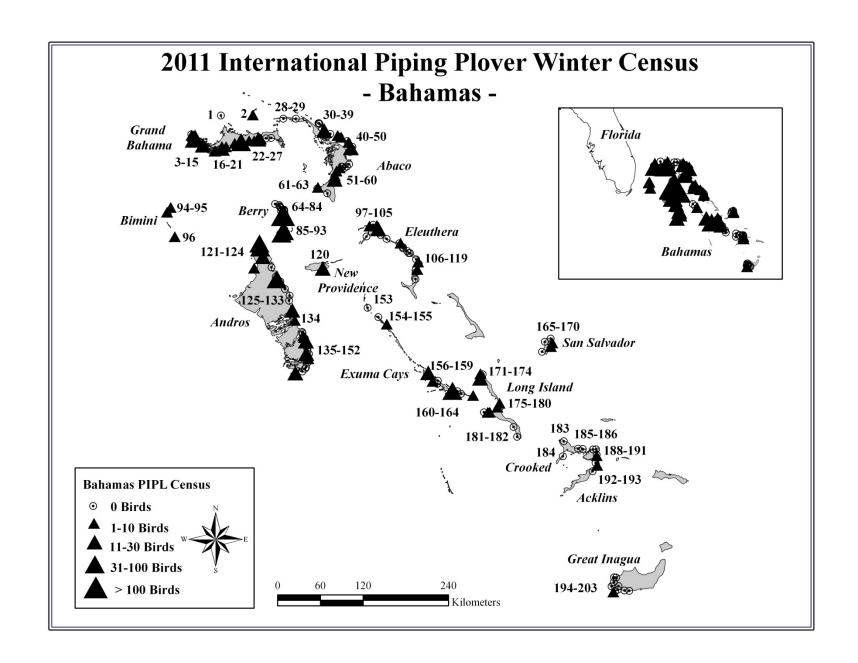
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Between January 28th and 31st, Caleb Spiegel (FWS) and BNT warden Henry Nixon comprehensively surveyed around 14.2 km of coastline and 1.2 km of impounded salt pond shoreline on foot. This distance, divided among nine coastal sites, and one inland impounded salt pond site makes up the majority of potential plover habitat on the populated western quarter of Great Inagua. The only area not comprehensively covered on the west end of Great Inagua included some of the old Morton impounded salt ponds, which do not seem like ideal Piping Plover habitat and would require many days to thoroughly survey. However, these ponds provide extensive habitat for other shorebird species (we noted over 1,600 Calidrid sandpipers,

mostly Semipalmated Sandpipers using the ponds, and extensive numbers of Lesser Yellowlegs). In addition, according to Henry Nixon, up to a dozen Snowy Plovers are regularly seen along the salt pond access roads, or in other salt pond habitat. Great Inagua is huge, and decent roads only exist on the populated quarter we surveyed. Habitat surveyed on Great Inagua was not as suitable for wintering Piping Plovers as habitat in many other parts of The Bahamas such as the Berry Islands or Andros Island. There were few extensive sand flats, steeper ocean drop offs, and strong wave action on north- and west-facing beaches.

Five Piping Plovers were seen on Great Inagua at a single site on the south end of the island, within 3 km of where the only two Piping Plovers were observed in 2006. A total of three Wilson's Plovers were counted on Great Inagua at two different sites on the south side of the island. The south side of western Great Inagua has the most extensive contiguous stretches of beach with adjacent tidal flats that are exposed at low tide, and minimal wave action. While no Snowy Plovers were seen during the survey, Henry Nixon reported seeing four of them on January 26 along the roads of the Morton Salt ponds (near Maroon Hill Pond).

Some plover habitat may have been missed on other parts of the island. However, Henry Nixon, a lifetime Inagua resident, did not know of any areas with potential high-quality plover habitat in the non-populated backcountry of the island and aerial imagery does not look as promising as other nearby islands (e.g., Crooked and Acklins Islands, Turks and Caicos). If the island is to be thoroughly surveyed, the census effort would need to be increased. An exploratory mission into the backcountry would require preplanning, including camping logistics for several days, a hardy 4x4 vehicle(s), and a safety backup plan. Depending on road conditions, a thorough survey of backcountry areas could take up to a week. Survey resources are probably best spent elsewhere if the aim is to locate large numbers of Piping Plovers.



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Abaco	Bahama Palm Shores to the Delphi Club	57	2/1/11	2	10.5	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Bahama Palms Shores North (Eight Mile Bay)	56	2/1/11	4	3.0	I A	DIG	-	-	-	-	f, p
Abaco	Cannon Bay and Point	37	2/5/11	0	3.2	II A	IGL	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Casaurina Bay, Town Beach, Casaurina Pt. W	55	2/1/11	0	1.6	II A	HDUG	-	-	-	-	m, p
Abaco	Casaurina Point	54	2/1/11	0	0.7	II A	HDUG	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Cherokee Sound	53	2/3/11	0	1.1	II A	G	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	Crossing Harbor	63	2/3/11	0	< 0.1	II A	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Crown Haven to S Coopers Town	29	2/4/11	0	36.4	I II A G	HDFPSIL	-	-	-	-	m, p
Abaco	Durkey Beach, Elbow Cay	47	1/31/11	0	0.4	IΒ	Н	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Elbow Cay, Southern Oceanside	48	1/31/11	0	1.4	IΒ	H D S	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Flats North of Sandy Point	61	2/3/11	3	0.2	II G	HFGL	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Great Guana Cay (Middle Oceanfront)	41	1/29/11	0	1.2	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	Great Guana Cay (Northern Oceanfront)	40	1/30/11	1	6.4	IΒ	V S G	-	-	-	-	m, p
Abaco	Great Guana Cay (Southern Oceanfront)	42	1/30/11	3	2.7	IΒ	H D	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	Green Turtle Cay	35	2/2/11	11	2.1	II B	H D F G	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u> <sup>2</sup>	f
Abaco	Island Palm Shores	60	2/3/11	26	2.1	IΒ	DVIG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Junk Beach, Tilloo Cay	50	2/4/11	0	0.8	IΒ	HDPI	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Little Harbor	51	2/3/11	0	0.2	II A	HUGL	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Manjack Cay, NE Beach	31	2/2/11	0	0.5	IΒ	HDIG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Manjack Cay, North Tip	30	2/2/11	0	1.9	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Manjack Cay, NW Cove	32	2/2/11	0	1.5	IΒ	GL	-	-	-	-	р
Abaco	Manjack Cay, SE Beach	33	2/2/11	0	1.9	IΒ	I	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Man-O-War Cay (North Tip)	43	2/3/11	0	1.1	IΒ	HSU	-	-	-	-	р
Abaco	Man-O-War Cay (Oceanfront)	44	2/3/11	5	3.0	IΒ	HSU	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	North End Beach, Elbow Cay	45	1/31/11	0	1.6	IΒ	H D	-	-	-	_	f
Abaco	Orphans, Smith and Water Cays (off Little Abaco)	28	2/4/11	0	13.6	II E	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Schooner Bay: Serenity Point S. to Island Palms near Crossing Rocks	59	2/3/11	7	4.0	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f, p
Abaco	Serenity Point	58	2/1/11	2	2.8	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f, p
Abaco	Small Beach on Green Turtle Cay	34	2/2/11	0	0.2	II B	G	-	-	-	_	f
Abaco	Tahiti Beach, Elbow Cay	49	1/31/11	0	0.7	II IV B F	H D G	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Treasure Cay Beach - East Half	38	2/5/11	0	2.8	II B	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	_	f
Abaco	Treasure Cay Beach - West Half	36	2/5/11	0	2.5	I II A	HDIUG	-	-	-	_	p, c

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS		PIPL S	SEEN'		OWNER
Abaco	West-Facing Beach S of Sandy Point	62	2/3/11	0	2.4	II A	HDVFSIUL	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Whale Cay	39	2/2/11	0	0.9	IΒ	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Abaco	White Sound, Elbow Cay	46	1/31/11	12	0.4	II B	BSG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Winding Bay	52	2/3/11	0	2.6	II A	HUG	-	-	-	-	p
Acklins	Beach N of Creek Point <sup>10</sup>	190	2/7/11	1	7.0	I A	H V S	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Beach S of Creek Point and N of Salt Pond <sup>10</sup>	192	2/8/11	3	4.8	I A	P G L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Florida <sup>10</sup>	193	2/8/11	0	1.5	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Small beach SE of Pinefield Settlement <sup>10</sup>	189	2/7/11	0	0.2	I A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Snug Corner Settlement (past cemetery) 10	191	2/7/11	0	0.3	IV A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Unnamed off-shore Cay (NE of Chester's Settlement)	187	2/6/11	0	0.4	ΙE	A G L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	W beach on Lady Slipper Cay (S of Atwood Harbour)	188	2/6/11	0	1.5	ΙE	HDUGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Ambergris Cay (E side)	83	1/24/11	0	0.3	ΙE	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Chub Cay - NW side tidal flat	91	1/27/11	27	0.9	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Cockroach Cay (NW side)	92	1/27/11	0	0.5	ΙE	I	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Cormorant Cay (Sapphire Cays)	86	1/27/11	0	0.1	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	East Caesar Cay Spit to SE tip Ambergris Cay	82	1/24/11	255	0.2	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Fanny Cay (East Side)	81	1/24/11	0	<1	ΙE	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - "Shelling Beach"	74	1/23/11	0	0.4	II G	H G L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - "Sugar Beach Caves"	66	1/23/11	0	0.9	ΙE	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (Just before point at mid-beach)	69	1/23/11	0	0.3	ΙE	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (Start at Purple/blue house w/ Pelican statues at edge of driveway)	67	1/23/11	0	1.0	IE	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (start at Yellow House - Northernmost house on beach)	65	1/23/11	0	1.6	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (Villa Allegria House)	68	1/23/11	0	2.2	ΙE	H D U	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - South Beach (Main crescent-shaped beach)	70	1/23/11	0	4.0	ΙE	HDIUG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay (SW Side)	72	1/24/11	0	0.1	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Haines Cay - entire E side of beach	75	1/25/11	0	3.5	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.

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Berry	Haines Cay - small beach on NW side (across flat	73	1/25/11	0	0.1	I E	IL	_	-	-	-	n.r.
	from Shelling Beach)											
Berry	Haines Cay (SW End)	76	1/24/11	0	0.0	ΙE	G L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Islet of N. Haines Cay & W. of Great Harbour Cay (across flat from Shelling Beach)	71	1/25/11	0	0.4	ΙE	I	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Little Cormorant Cay	87	1/27/11	0	0.3	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Little Stirrup Cay a.k.a. "Coco Cay" (S. end beaches)	64	1/24/11	0	1.0	ΙE	HSI	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Money Cay	84	1/24/11	0	0.1	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	S. side Sandy Cay (Sapphire Cay)	85	1/27/11	10	n.r.	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Sand Islet btwn Chub Cay & Fish Cays	90	1/27/11	0	0.0	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Spit off E. Caesar Cay	78	1/24/11	0	0.2	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Tidal Flat between Fanny & Caesar Cays (S of Berry Island)	80	1/24/11	0	0.0	ID	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Tidal Sandbar near Caesar Cay	79	1/24/11	0	0.0	I D	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Unnamed Sand Bar S. of Fish Cays	89	1/27/11	44	0.1	I D	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Unnamed Tiny Sand Bar btwn Fish Cays	88	1/27/11	0	0.0	I D	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Vigilant Cay (entire shoreline)	93	1/27/11	5	1.2	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Water Cay (W End)	77	1/24/11	0	0.0	ΙE	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Bimini	East Wells	95	2/5/11	4	35.4	IV V G	I	-	-	-	-	f
Bimini	Ocean Cay	96	2/4/11	1	6.4	I G	G	-	-	-	-	f
Bimini	South Cat Cay	94	2/4/11	4	62.8	II E G	S	-	-	-	-	f, p
Crooked	Beach E of Brown's Settlement	186	2/4/11	0	0.8	I A	P G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Crooked	Beach N of Majors, E of Bullet Hill Settlement	185	2/4/11	0	2.0	I II A	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Crooked	Beach NW of Seaview Settlement	183	2/5/11	0	2.0	I A	DIG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Crooked	Long Cay	184	2/5/11	0	14.0	I IV A	HIAL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Airport Beach / Govenors Harbor	108	1/27/11	0	3.2	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Atlantic Beach N of Grinder's Pt.	116	1/27/11	$0^3$	0.4	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Bottom Harbour	103	1/26/11	0	1.6	II E G	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Club Med / French Leave Beach	112	1/27/11	0	1.6	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Cocodimama Beach	109	1/31/11	0	0.8	II G	DIGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Gaulding Cay Beach	104	1/25/11	0	0.8	VE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Governor's Harbour	111	1/27/11	0	1.6	V G	HDVS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Hut Point Beach	110	1/27/11	0	0.8	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.

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Eleuthera	James Cistern Wharf off Queen's Highway	106	1/27/11	0	0.2	II A	HDVFS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Man Island Spit and Picnic Beach	100	1/29/11	1	0.2	II IV G	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Preacher's Cave Beach	99	1/25/11	0	0.8	IG	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Rock Sound	119	1/31/11	0	n.r.	II G	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Savannah Sound (W. Shore)	114	1/28/11	8	1.6	II G	HFGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Shore N of Barge Landing, N of Water Taxi Port (Three Islands)	101	1/30/11	0	3.2	II E	H F G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Spanish Wells	98	1/30/11	5	3.2	I IV D G	$H\ D\ V\ F\ S\ G\ L$	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Eleuthera	Surfer's Beach, Gregory Town	105	1/25/11	0	0.8	ΙE	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Tarpum Bay	117	1/27/11	0	0.8	V G	HDVS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Ten Bay Beach	113	1/31/11	0	1.6	II G	HDGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Upper Cove Beach (E of Current)	97	1/25/11	0	0.4	II V G	DGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Windermere Island	115	1/28/11	0	8.0	I II E	HDGL	-	-	-	-	p
Eleuthera	Winding Bay	118	1/31/11	0	3.2	II G	HDIUGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u> <sup>4</sup>	n.r.
Eleuthera	Wreck Beach/James Cistern	107	1/26/11	3	1.6	ΙE	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Exuma	Beaches E of Sea View Drive to Sunset Bluff	159	1/29/11	0	10.0	II A	HDFL	-	-	-	-	f, p
Exuma	Bell Island (all major beaches)	155	1/24/11	2	1.8	II E	L	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	East of 3 Sisters Rocks	158	1/28/11	0	0.2	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	Exuma Point	156	1/28/11	18	0.5	II A	HDIGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Exuma	Hawksbill Cay & Shroud Cay	153	1/29/11	0	9.0	I II IV A	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	-	06	f
Exuma	Leaf Cay/White Cay	164	1/28/11	4	2.9	ΙE	H G L	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Exuma	Little Exuma Beaches & Access Points	162	1/27/11	0	2.0	I A	HDIU	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	Manowar Cay	160	1/27/11	46	4.0	II E	HDVFI	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	Moriah Harbour Cay, Great Exuma	161	1/28/11	18	1.0	II E	H D G	-	-	-	$06^{5}$	f, p
Exuma	Sea Way Drive, Great Exuma	157	1/29/11	5	2.8	II A	HDIGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p
Exuma	Warderick Wells Cay (Career, Powerful, Causeway and Boo Boo Beaches)	154	1/29/11	0	0.5	II A	HGL	-	<u>96</u>	-	<u>06</u> <sup>6</sup>	f
Exuma	Wolf Dames Back Landing, Little Exuma	163	1/29/11	0	1.6	I A	DL	-	-	-	06	p
Grand Bahama	8 Mile Rock (including Lover's Beach)	11	1/27/11	0	5.4	I A	H S	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Bahama Beach/Bahama Bay (aka "Seward of Grand Bahama")	8	1/26/11	0	1.8	I A	SIGL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Barbary Beach (Discovery Bay Canal to White Beach)	19	1/25/11	3	12.5	I A	HDVSIL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f, p

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Grand Bahama	Bootle Bay (Blue Marlin Cove) S and E of inlet	7	1/26/11	8	6.5	I A	SI		-	<u>-</u>		f
	to Bahama Beach inlet	,							_	_		_
Grand Bahama	Discovery Beach (Freeport Bay Canal to Discovery Bay Canal)	18	1/24/11	19	5.7	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Grand Bahama	East End Cays (incldg Sweeting's, Lightbourne, Redshank, Cross, and unnamed Cays/flats)	6	1/30/11	31	60.0	I II IV V A E F	FIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Gold Rock Creek to High Rock	21	1/28/11	36	5.4	I A	HDSIG	-	-	<u>01</u>	-	f
Grand Bahama	Great Sale Cay	2	2/6/11	1	7.5	IEF	HDPIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	High Rock (Rocky Cliff to Oil Transfer Facility)	22	1/28/11	5	4.5	I A	HDVSIG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f, p
Grand Bahama	Holmes Rock (E to 8 Mile Rock)	10	1/27/11	14	3.4	I A	HIL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Island Seas - Silver Point Beach into Jetty	15	1/27/11	5	3.2	ΙA	HDSIG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f, p
Grand Bahama	Lucaya Beach	16	1/30/11	0	2.4	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Grand Bahama	Mangrove Cay	1	2/6/11	0	1.5	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	McLean's Town Cemetery	27	1/29/11	0	0.7	I II A	HDIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Old Bahama Bay - Ginn Sur Mer (Canal E to Bootle Bay/Blue Marlin Cove)	5	1/26/11	4	4.4	I A	DSIGL	-	-	-	-	f, p
Grand Bahama	Old Bahama Bay - Ginn Sur Mer (NW end, S to canal)	4	1/26/11	5	2.0	I A	DSPIU	-	-	-	-	f, p
Grand Bahama	Pelican Point - E of Rocky Point	25	1/29/11	3	5.7	ΙA	HDIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Pelican Point - Rocky Point Flats	24	1/29/11	20	3.2	I A	HDIG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Grand Bahama	Pinder's Point to Hunter's	12	1/27/11	0	4.7	ΙA	HDSPIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Rocky Creek and areas W of McLean's Town	26	1/30/11	0	11.6	I V A	FIGL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Running Mon	14	1/27/11	2	1.1	ΙA	H S G	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Seaward at Bahama Bay to Holmes Rock	9	1/27/11	0	5.8	I A	HDSIUGL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Taino Beach	17	2/3/11	0	1.6	ΙA	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Grand Bahama	West End, Old Bahama Bay (Small beach on NW side)	3	1/26/11	0	0.8	I A	HVSIUG	-	<u>96</u>	-	-	p
Grand Bahama	West of Pelican Point Flats to Oil Terminal	23	1/28/11	1	7.0	ΙA	HDSIG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Grand Bahama	White (aka "Nudie") Beach to Gold Rocks Inlet (W side)	20	1/28/11	6	7.8	I A	HSIG	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	f
Grand Bahama	Xanadu Beach and Bahama Princess Beach	13	1/27/11	0	4.5	I A	HSIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Great Inagua	Blackwood Beach (SW side of Island)	202	1/30/11	0	2.5	I A	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Great Inagua	Bluff Beach, East of Conch Shell Pt. (S. side of island to limestone outcrop on beach)	203	1/30/11	0	1.2	I A	HDL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Great Inagua	Craig's Bight East	201	1/29/11	0	3.6	ΙE	G L	-	-	-	06	n.r.

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Great Inagua	Craig's Bight West to Crossing	200	1/29/11	0	2.5	I E	DPG		-	-	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Great Inagua	Man of War Bay	196	1/29/11	0	1.0	I A	none	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	Maroon Hill Pond	198	1/31/11	0	1.2	V A	S G	_	_	_	-	p
Great Inagua	Red Pond West	194	1/29/11	0	0.5	I IV E	G L	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	The Tunnel Beach	197	1/29/11	0	0.8	I IV E	none	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	Vandaxville Beach to Lighthouse	199	1/28/11	5	4.5	IE	HDVPU	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	Well Road Beach	195	1/29/11	0	1.2	IE	none	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Harbour	Pink Sand Beach (E) and Harbor Side (W)	102	1/29/11	13	4.0	I II G	HDSGL	_	_	_	_	n.r.
Long Island	Atlantic Coast from Pinders to Salt Pond	175	1/31/11	1	6.5	IE	HI	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Long Island	Cape Santa Maria Dev., Hoosie Harbor	172	1/28/11	0	0.5	II E	H S G	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Long Island	Conch Cay (off Long Island)	178	1/30/11	1	1.8	IDE	G L	_	_	_	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Long Island	Cove near C.C. Monument, Newton Cay	171	1/28/11	7	0.7	II E	H G	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Long Island	Diamond Salt Works	181	1/29/11	0	0.2	V G	S G	_	_	_	-	n.r.
Long Island	Dollar Cay Tidal Flats	179	1/30/11	1	0.9	ID	G	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Long Island	Duncansons Point	177	1/30/11	8	2.0	ΙE	H V G	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Long Island	Gordon's	182	1/29/11	0	1.9	ΙE	I	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Long Island	Joe Sound Harbor	174	1/28/11	24	0.2	II E	GL	_	_	_	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Long Island	Newton Cay, W Side	173	1/28/11	0	0.6	II E	None	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Long Island	Red Pond	176	1/31/11	0	1.1	V G	H G	_	_	_	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Long Island	Sandy Cay North & Tidal Flats	180	1/30/11	0	0.9	IDE	G	_	_	_	06	n.r.
New	South Beach	120	2/5/11	11	3.2	II A	HIL	_	_	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Providence												
North Andros	Bigwood Cay	134	1/28/11	6	14.0	I II E	HFIGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	Joulter's Cays (North)	121	1/29/11	65	5.6	I E F G	GL	-	-	-	-	f
North Andros	Joulter's Cays (South)	122	1/29/11	35	n.r.	ΙE	HFIGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
North Andros	Kamalame Cay - Blanket Sound	127	2/1/11	83	3.7	I II B	H D G L	-	-	-	<u>06</u> 7	f
North Andros	Lowe's Sound Mangrove Flats	123	1/31/11	14	10.9	I A E G	HDFSIGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u> 8	f, m, p
North Andros	Mastic Bay and Rat Cay	125	1/31/11	0	7.5	I II D E	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
North Andros	N ForFar to Saddleback Cay	126	1/27/11	0	4.2	I A E	I G	-	-	<u>01</u>	-	n.r.
North Andros	Plum Cay	131	1/30/11	0	2.4	I II E	GL	-	-	-	-	f
North Andros	Red Bays	124	1/31/11	1	11.6	I II A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	Small Hope Bay	130	1/30/11	0	0.6	I A	HDSIGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	South of Cargill Creek	133	1/28/11	13	0.3	I A	HDFGL	-	-	-	-	f

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North Andros	Southwest of Mastic Cay	132	1/30/11	0	3.0	IIIDE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	Staniard Creek	129	1/27/11	0	4.1	I A	HDIUG	-	-	-	-	f
North Andros	Staniard Creek Flats	128	1/30/11	0	0.3	II A	DG	-	-	-	06	n.r.
San Salvadore	Bonefish Bay (Club Med Beach)	166	2/1/11	0	1.6	I A	HDVSU	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Dim Bay and Greens Bay to Crab Cay	168	1/31/11	0	2.7	I A	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	East Beach	167	2/2/11	4	3.5	I A	D G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Holiday Track Settlement (The Thumb)	169	2/1/11	1	3.0	I A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Rice Bay	165	2/2/11	0	0.5	I A	HVUL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Sandy Point	170	2/1/11	0	0.1	I A	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Congo Town	137	2/3/11	4	0.1	ΙE	I U G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	Deep Creek to Little Creek	144	2/3/11	0	2.8	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Driggs Hill (at cemetery)	135	2/3/11	0	0.1	ΙE	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Driggs Hill (Lighthouse Pt to Long Bay Settlement)	136	2/3/11	0	0.1	ΙE	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Kemps Bay	142	2/3/11	0	4.6	ΙE	DVSIU	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	Kemp's Bay Complex to Smith's Hill Settlement	140	2/1/11	13	3.7	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Mars Bay Settlement (North of Wharf)	147	2/1/11	7	0.4	II E	HFIUGL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	North of Hawks Nest (Hawksbill Creek)	149	2/2/11	0	0.6	ΙE	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Northern Deep Creek Settlement at Cemetery	143	2/3/11	0	0.1	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Old Pier S of Congo Town to the Bluff Settlement (Mt. Sinai Baptist Church)	138	2/3/11	9	2.7	ΙE	HDUG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Sand Bar (2 miles NE of Top Cay)	151	2/2/11	0	0.6	I D	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Sand Bar ~3km E of Little Creek <sup>11</sup>	146	2/4/11	0	0.4	I D	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	South of Hawks Nest to Snap Pt.	150	2/2/11	0	2.6	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	South of Mars Bay: Flats at S end of white gravel road	148	2/2/11	0	3.0	ΙE	HFGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u> 9	n.r.
South Andros	South Smith's Hill Settlement to North Kemp's Bay Settlement	141	2/1/11	0	1.0	ΙE	D G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	The Bluff Settlement	139	2/1/11	0	1.3	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Tidal Flat Slightly N of Pleasant Bay	145	2/3/11	16	0.5	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Water Cays <sup>10</sup>	152	2/6/11	21	0.4	II D	HFGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Total				1066	678.4							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Piping Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Exact locations of PIPLs were not specified in 2006 and may have occurred along any point ~1.2 km north of the 2011 Green Turtle Cay census route (2006 route covered more area).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 8 PIPL were see at this site, but they were believed to be the same 8 PIPL seen foraging in Savannah Sound on 1/28/2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Exact locations of PIPLs were not specified in 2006 and may have occurred along any point ~3 km north of the 2011 Winding Bay census route (2006 route covered more area).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 2 PIPL were seen in 2006 ~0.7 miles east of where the 2011 census ended. The 2011 survey was cut short due to dwindling light at the end of the day, so the complete area could not be covered.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In 2006, 3 PIPL were seen on Careen Beach and 2 were seen on Powerful Beach. The 2006 and 2011 survey routes were not specified, but by name only, I assume these were overlap.

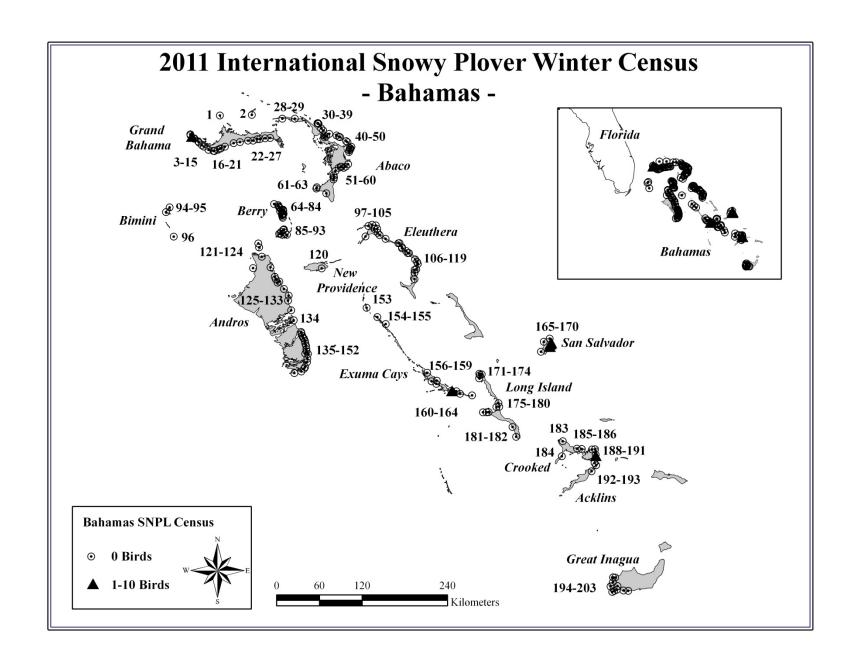
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 68 PIPL were seen in 2006 under the site name "Staniard Creek" which closely follows the 2011 "Kamalame Cay - Blanket Sound" route.

 $<sup>^8</sup>$  The 2006 survey route seemed to be a bit further east (by  $\sim$ 1.5 miles) from the 2011 survey route. It could be debatable whether or not these sites actually overlap. The specific locations of the PIPL seen in 2006 were not given.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 38 PIPL were seen ~0.25 miles from thus survey route (within the 2006 Mars Bay survey route).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 14 PIPL were seen, but they were believed to be the same PIPL as seen at Kemp's Bay Complex to Smith's Hill Settlement.



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Abaco	Bahama Palm Shores to the Delphi Club	57	2/1/11	0	10.5	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Bahama Palms Shores North (Eight Mile Bay)	56	2/1/11	0	3.0	I A	DIG	-	-	-	-	f, p
Abaco	Cannon Bay and Point	37	2/5/11	0	3.2	II A	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Casaurina Bay, Town Beach, Casaurina Pt. W	55	2/1/11	0	1.6	II A	HDUG	-	-	-	-	m, p
Abaco	Casaurina Point	54	2/1/11	0	0.7	II A	HDUG	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Cherokee Sound	53	2/3/11	0	1.1	II A	G	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	Crossing Harbor	63	2/3/11	0	< 0.1	II A	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Crown Haven to S Coopers Town	29	2/4/11	0	36.4	I II A G	HDFPSIL	-	-	-	-	m, p
Abaco	Durkey Beach, Elbow Cay	47	1/31/11	0	0.4	IΒ	Н	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Elbow Cay, Southern Oceanside	48	1/31/11	0	1.4	IΒ	H D S	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Flats North of Sandy Point	61	2/3/11	0	0.2	II G	HFGL	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Great Guana Cay (Middle Oceanfront)	41	1/29/11	0	1.2	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	Great Guana Cay (Northern Oceanfront)	40	1/30/11	0	6.4	IΒ	V S G	-	-	-	-	m, p
Abaco	Great Guana Cay (Southern Oceanfront)	42	1/30/11	0	2.7	IΒ	H D	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	Green Turtle Cay	35	2/2/11	0	2.1	II B	H D F G	-	-	-	06	f
Abaco	Island Palm Shores	60	2/3/11	0	2.1	IΒ	DVIG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Junk Beach, Tilloo Cay	50	2/4/11	0	0.8	IΒ	HDPI	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Little Harbor	51	2/3/11	0	0.2	II A	HUGL	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Manjack Cay, NE Beach	31	2/2/11	0	0.5	IΒ	HDIG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Manjack Cay, North Tip	30	2/2/11	0	1.9	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Manjack Cay, NW Cove	32	2/2/11	0	1.5	IΒ	GL	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Manjack Cay, SE Beach	33	2/2/11	0	1.9	IΒ	I	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Man-O-War Cay (North Tip)	43	2/3/11	0	1.1	IΒ	HSU	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Man-O-War Cay (Oceanfront)	44	2/3/11	0	3.0	IΒ	HSU	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	North End Beach, Elbow Cay	45	1/31/11	0	1.6	IΒ	H D	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Orphans, Smith and Water Cays (off Little Abaco)	28	2/4/11	0	13.6	II E	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Schooner Bay: Serenity Point S. to Island Palms near Crossing Rocks	59	2/3/11	0	4.0	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f, p
Abaco	Serenity Point	58	2/1/11	0	2.8	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f, p
Abaco	Small Beach on Green Turtle Cay	34	2/2/11	0	0.2	II B	G	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Tahiti Beach, Elbow Cay	49	1/31/11	0	0.7	II IV B F	H D G	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Treasure Cay Beach - East Half	38	2/5/11	0	2.8	II B	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Treasure Cay Beach - West Half	36	2/5/11	0	2.5	I II A	HDIUG	-	-	-	-	p, c

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Abaco	West-Facing Beach S of Sandy Point	62	2/3/11	0	2.4	II A	HDVFSIUL	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Whale Cay	39	2/2/11	0	0.9	IΒ	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Abaco	White Sound, Elbow Cay	46	1/31/11	0	0.4	II B	BSG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Winding Bay	52	2/3/11	0	2.6	II A	НUG	-	-	-	-	р
Acklins	Beach N of Creek Point <sup>3</sup>	190	2/7/11	9	7.0	ΙA	HVS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Beach S of Creek Point and N of Salt Pond <sup>3</sup>	192	2/8/11	0	4.8	ΙA	P G L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Florida <sup>3</sup>	193	2/8/11	0	1.5	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Small beach SE of Pinefield Settlement <sup>3</sup>	189	2/7/11	0	0.2	I A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Snug Corner Settlement (past cemetery) <sup>3</sup>	191	2/7/11	0	0.3	IV A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Unnamed off-shore Cay (NE of Chester's Settlement)	187	2/6/11	0	0.4	ΙE	AGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	W beach on Lady Slipper Cay (S of Atwood Harbour)	188	2/6/11	0	1.5	ΙE	HDUGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Ambergris Cay (E side)	83	1/24/11	0	0.3	ΙE	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Chub Cay - NW side tidal flat	91	1/27/11	0	0.9	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Cockroach Cay (NW side)	92	1/27/11	0	0.5	ΙE	I	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Cormorant Cay (Sapphire Cays)	86	1/27/11	0	0.1	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	East Caesar Cay Spit to SE tip Ambergris Cay	82	1/24/11	0	0.2	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Fanny Cay (East Side)	81	1/24/11	0	<1	ΙE	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - "Shelling Beach"	74	1/23/11	0	0.4	II G	H G L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - "Sugar Beach Caves"	66	1/23/11	0	0.9	ΙE	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (Just before point at mid-beach)	69	1/23/11	0	0.3	ΙE	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (Start at Purple/blue house w/ Pelican statues at edge of driveway)	67	1/23/11	0	1.0	ΙE	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (start at Yellow House - Northernmost house on beach)	65	1/23/11	0	1.6	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (Villa Allegria House)	68	1/23/11	0	2.2	ΙE	H D U	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - South Beach (Main crescent-shaped beach)	70	1/23/11	0	4.0	ΙE	HDIUG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay (SW Side)	72	1/24/11	0	0.1	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Haines Cay - entire E side of beach	75	1/25/11	0	3.5	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.

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Berry	Haines Cay - small beach on NW side (across flat from Shelling Beach)	73	1/25/11	0	0.1	ΙE	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Haines Cay (SW End)	76	1/24/11	0	0.0	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Islet of N. Haines Cay & W. of Great Harbour Cay (across flat from Shelling Beach)	71	1/25/11	0	0.4	ΙE	I	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Little Cormorant Cay	87	1/27/11	0	0.3	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Little Stirrup Cay a.k.a. "Coco Cay" (S. end beaches)	64	1/24/11	0	1.0	ΙE	HSI	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Money Cay	84	1/24/11	0	0.1	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	S. side Sandy Cay (Sapphire Cay)	85	1/27/11	0	n.r.	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Sand Islet btwn Chub Cay & Fish Cays	90	1/27/11	0	0.0	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Spit off E. Caesar Cay	78	1/24/11	0	0.2	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Tidal Flat between Fanny & Caesar Cays (S of Berry Island)	80	1/24/11	0	0.0	ID	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Tidal Sandbar near Caesar Cay	79	1/24/11	0	0.0	I D	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Unnamed Sand Bar S. of Fish Cays	89	1/27/11	0	0.1	I D	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Unnamed Tiny Sand Bar btwn Fish Cays	88	1/27/11	0	0.0	I D	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Vigilant Cay (entire shoreline)	93	1/27/11	0	1.2	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Water Cay (W End)	77	1/24/11	0	0.0	ΙE	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Bimini	East Wells	95	2/5/11	0	35.4	IV V G	I	-	-	-	-	f
Bimini	Ocean Cay	96	2/4/11	0	6.4	I G	G	-	-	-	-	f
Bimini	South Cat Cay	94	2/4/11	0	62.8	II E G	S	-	-	-	-	f, p
Crooked	Beach E of Brown's Settlement	186	2/4/11	0	0.8	I A	P G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Crooked	Beach N of Majors, E of Bullet Hill Settlement	185	2/4/11	0	2.0	I II A	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Crooked	Beach NW of Seaview Settlement	183	2/5/11	0	2.0	I A	DIG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Crooked	Long Cay	184	2/5/11	0	14.0	I IV A	HIAL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Airport Beach / Govenors Harbor	108	1/27/11	0	3.2	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Atlantic Beach N of Grinder's Pt.	116	1/27/11	0	0.4	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Bottom Harbour	103	1/26/11	0	1.6	II E G	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Club Med / French Leave Beach	112	1/27/11	0	1.6	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Cocodimama Beach	109	1/31/11	0	0.8	II G	DIGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Gaulding Cay Beach	104	1/25/11	0	0.8	VE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Governor's Harbour	111	1/27/11	0	1.6	V G	HDVS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Hut Point Beach	110	1/27/11	0	0.8	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.

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Eleuthera	James Cistern Wharf off Queen's Highway	106	1/27/11	0	0.2	II A	HDVFS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Man Island Spit and Picnic Beach	100	1/29/11	0	0.2	II IV G	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Preacher's Cave Beach	99	1/25/11	0	0.8	IG	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Rock Sound	119	1/31/11	0	n.r.	II G	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Savannah Sound (W. Shore)	114	1/28/11	0	1.6	II G	HFGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Shore N of Barge Landing, N of Water Taxi Port (Three Islands)	101	1/30/11	0	3.2	II E	H F G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Spanish Wells	98	1/30/11	0	3.2	I IV D G	$H\ D\ V\ F\ S\ G\ L$	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Eleuthera	Surfer's Beach, Gregory Town	105	1/25/11	0	0.8	ΙE	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Tarpum Bay	117	1/27/11	0	0.8	V G	HDVS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Ten Bay Beach	113	1/31/11	0	1.6	II G	HDGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Upper Cove Beach (E of Current)	97	1/25/11	0	0.4	II V G	DGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Windermere Island	115	1/28/11	0	8.0	I II E	HDGL	-	-	-	-	p
Eleuthera	Winding Bay	118	1/31/11	0	3.2	II G	HDIUGL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Eleuthera	Wreck Beach/James Cistern	107	1/26/11	0	1.6	ΙE	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Exuma	Beaches E of Sea View Drive to Sunset Bluff	159	1/29/11	0	10.0	II A	HDFL	-	-	-	-	f, p
Exuma	Bell Island (all major beaches)	155	1/24/11	0	1.8	II E	L	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	East of 3 Sisters Rocks	158	1/28/11	0	0.2	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	Exuma Point	156	1/28/11	0	0.5	II A	HDIGL	-	-	-	06	f
Exuma	Hawksbill Cay & Shroud Cay	153	1/29/11	0	9.0	I II IV A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	f
Exuma	Leaf Cay/White Cay	164	1/28/11	0	2.9	ΙE	HGL	-	-	-	06	f
Exuma	Little Exuma Beaches & Access Points	162	1/27/11	0	2.0	I A	HDIU	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	Manowar Cay	160	1/27/11	0	4.0	II E	HDVFI	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	Moriah Harbour Cay, Great Exuma	161	1/28/11	2	1.0	II E	H D G	-	-	-	06	f, p
Exuma	Sea Way Drive, Great Exuma	157	1/29/11	0	2.8	II A	HDIGL	-	-	-	06	p
Exuma	Warderick Wells Cay (Career, Powerful, Causeway and Boo Boo Beaches)	154	1/29/11	0	0.5	II A	HGL	-	-	-	06	f
Exuma	Wolf Dames Back Landing, Little Exuma	163	1/29/11	0	1.6	I A	DL	-	-	-	06	p
Grand Bahama	8 Mile Rock (including Lover's Beach)	11	1/27/11	0	5.4	I A	H S	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Bahama Beach/Bahama Bay (aka "Seward of Grand Bahama")	8	1/26/11	0	1.8	I A	SIGL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Barbary Beach (Discovery Bay Canal to White Beach)	19	1/25/11	0	12.5	I A	HDVSIL	-	-	-	06	f, p

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS	CEN	PRIOR SUSEE SNPL	& YE		OWNER
Grand Bahama	Bootle Bay (Blue Marlin Cove) S and E of inlet	7	1/26/11	0	6.5	I A	SI	-	-	-	-	f
	to Bahama Beach inlet											
Grand Bahama	Discovery Beach (Freeport Bay Canal to Discovery Bay Canal)	18	1/24/11	0	5.7	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	06	f
Grand Bahama	East End Cays (incldg Sweeting's, Lightbourne, Redshank, Cross, and unnamed Cays/flats)	6	1/30/11	0	60.0	IIIIVVAEF	FIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Gold Rock Creek to High Rock	21	1/28/11	0	5.4	I A	HDSIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Great Sale Cay	2	2/6/11	0	7.5	IEF	HDPIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	High Rock (Rocky Cliff to Oil Transfer Facility)	22	1/28/11	0	4.5	I A	HDVSIG	-	-	-	06	f, p
Grand Bahama	Holmes Rock (E to 8 Mile Rock)	10	1/27/11	0	3.4	I A	HIL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Island Seas - Silver Point Beach into Jetty	15	1/27/11	0	3.2	I A	HDSIG	-	-	-	06	f, p
Grand Bahama	Lucaya Beach	16	1/30/11	0	2.4	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Grand Bahama	Mangrove Cay	1	2/6/11	0	1.5	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	McLean's Town Cemetery	27	1/29/11	0	0.7	I II A	HDIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Old Bahama Bay - Ginn Sur Mer (Canal E to Bootle Bay/Blue Marlin Cove)	5	1/26/11	1	4.4	I A	DSIGL	-	-	-	-	f, p
Grand Bahama	•	4	1/26/11	0	2.0	I A	DSPIU	-	-	-	-	f, p
Grand Bahama	Pelican Point - E of Rocky Point	25	1/29/11	0	5.7	ΙA	HDIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Pelican Point - Rocky Point Flats	24	1/29/11	0	3.2	I A	HDIG	-	-	-	06	f
Grand Bahama	Pinder's Point to Hunter's	12	1/27/11	0	4.7	ΙA	HDSPIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Rocky Creek and areas W of McLean's Town	26	1/30/11	0	11.6	I V A	FIGL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Running Mon	14	1/27/11	0	1.1	ΙA	H S G	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Seaward at Bahama Bay to Holmes Rock	9	1/27/11	0	5.8	I A	HDSIUGL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Taino Beach	17	2/3/11	0	1.6	ΙA	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Grand Bahama	West End, Old Bahama Bay (Small beach on NW side)	3	1/26/11	0	0.8	I A	HVSIUG	-	-	-	-	p
Grand Bahama	West of Pelican Point Flats to Oil Terminal	23	1/28/11	0	7.0	ΙA	HDSIG	-	-	-	06	f
Grand Bahama	White (aka "Nudie") Beach to Gold Rocks Inlet (W side)	20	1/28/11	0	7.8	I A	HSIG	-	-	-	06	f
Grand Bahama	Xanadu Beach and Bahama Princess Beach	13	1/27/11	0	4.5	I A	HSIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Great Inagua	Blackwood Beach (SW side of Island)	202	1/30/11	0	2.5	I A	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Great Inagua	Bluff Beach, East of Conch Shell Pt. (S. side of island to limestone outcrop on beach)	203	1/30/11	0	1.2	I A	HDL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Great Inagua	Craig's Bight East	201	1/29/11	0	3.6	ΙE	G L	-	-	-	06	n.r.

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE		SUSEE SNPL		EARS	OWNER
Great Inagua	Craig's Bight West to Crossing	200	1/29/11	ADULTS 0	2.5	I E	/ CONCERNS DPG		SNPL	SEEN	06	
_	Man of War Bay	196	1/29/11	0	1.0	I A		-	-	-	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	Maroon Hill Pond		1/29/11		1.0	V A	none S G	-	-	-		n.r.
Great Inagua		198		0				-	-	-	-	p
Great Inagua	Red Pond West <sup>4</sup>	194	1/29/11	0	0.5	IIVE	GL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	The Tunnel Beach	197	1/29/11	0	0.8	IIVE	none	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	Vandaxville Beach to Lighthouse	199	1/28/11	0	4.5	ΙΕ	HDVPU	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	Well Road Beach	195	1/29/11	0	1.2	ΙE	none	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Harbour	Pink Sand Beach (E) and Harbor Side (W)	102	1/29/11	0	4.0	I II G	HDSGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Long Island	Atlantic Coast from Pinders to Salt Pond	175	1/31/11	0	6.5	ΙE	ΗI	-	-	-	<u>06</u> <sup>2</sup>	n.r.
Long Island	Cape Santa Maria Dev., Hoosie Harbor	172	1/28/11	0	0.5	II E	H S G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Conch Cay (off Long Island)	178	1/30/11	0	1.8	IDE	G L	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Cove near C.C. Monument, Newton Cay	171	1/28/11	0	0.7	II E	H G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Diamond Salt Works	181	1/29/11	0	0.2	V G	S G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Long Island	Dollar Cay Tidal Flats	179	1/30/11	0	0.9	I D	G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Duncansons Point	177	1/30/11	0	2.0	ΙE	H V G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Gordon's	182	1/29/11	0	1.9	ΙE	I	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Joe Sound Harbor	174	1/28/11	0	0.2	II E	GL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Newton Cay, W Side	173	1/28/11	0	0.6	II E	None	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Red Pond	176	1/31/11	0	1.1	V G	H G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Long Island	Sandy Cay North & Tidal Flats	180	1/30/11	0	0.9	IDE	G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
New	South Beach	120	2/5/11	0	3.2	II A	HIL	_	_	_	06	n.r.
Providence												
North Andros	Bigwood Cay	134	1/28/11	0	14.0	I II E	HFIGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	Joulter's Cays (North)	121	1/29/11	0	5.6	IEFG	GL	-	-	-	-	f
North Andros	Joulter's Cays (South)	122	1/29/11	0	n.r.	ΙE	HFIGL	-	-	-	06	f
North Andros	Kamalame Cay - Blanket Sound	127	2/1/11	0	3.7	I II B	HDGL	-	-	-	06	f
North Andros	Lowe's Sound Mangrove Flats	123	1/31/11	0	10.9	I A E G	HDFSIGL	-	-	-	06	f, m, p
North Andros	Mastic Bay and Rat Cay	125	1/31/11	0	7.5	IIIDE	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
North Andros	N ForFar to Saddleback Cay	126	1/27/11	0	4.2	IAE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	Plum Cay	131	1/30/11	0	2.4	IIIE	GL	-	-	_	_	f
North Andros	Red Bays	124	1/31/11	0	11.6	I II A	GL	-	-	_	_	n.r.
North Andros	Small Hope Bay	130	1/30/11	0	0.6	I A	HDSIGL	_	_	_	_	n.r.
North Andros	South of Cargill Creek	133	1/28/11	0	0.3	I A	HDFGL	_	_	_	_	f

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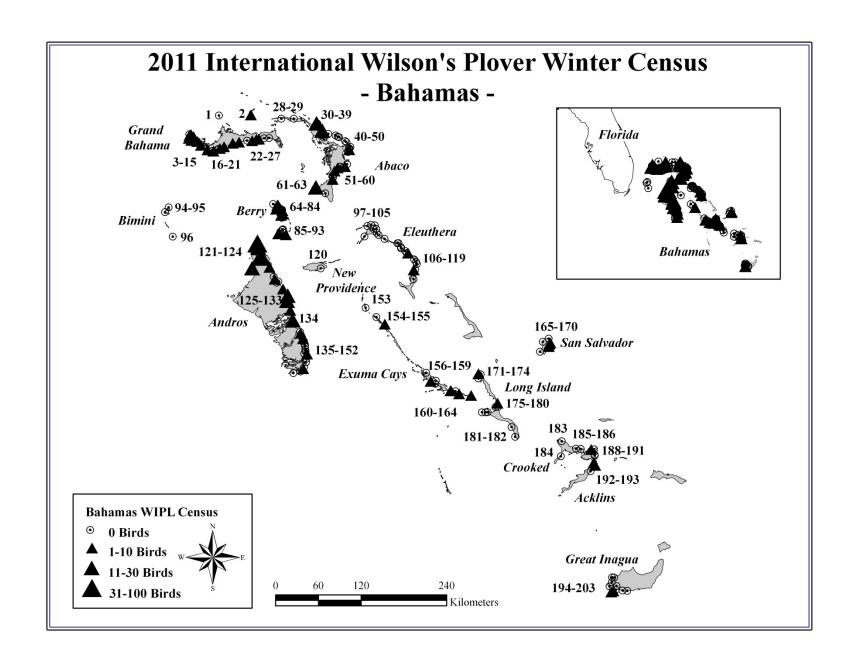
	TOTAL SITE DISTURBAN								PRIOR NSUSEI			
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS	CLI	SNPL			OWNER
North Andros	Southwest of Mastic Cay	132	1/30/11	0	3.0	I II D E	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	Staniard Creek	129	1/27/11	0	4.1	I A	HDIUG	-	-	-	06	f
North Andros	Staniard Creek Flats	128	1/30/11	0	0.3	II A	DG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Bonefish Bay (Club Med Beach)	166	2/1/11	0	1.6	I A	HDVSU	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Dim Bay and Greens Bay to Crab Cay	168	1/31/11	8	2.7	I A	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	East Beach	167	2/2/11	9	3.5	I A	D G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Holiday Track Settlement (The Thumb)	169	2/1/11	9	3.0	I A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Rice Bay	165	2/2/11	0	0.5	I A	HVUL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Sandy Point	170	2/1/11	0	0.1	I A	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Congo Town	137	2/3/11	0	0.1	ΙE	I U G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	Deep Creek to Little Creek	144	2/3/11	0	2.8	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Driggs Hill (at cemetery)	135	2/3/11	0	0.1	ΙE	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Driggs Hill (Lighthouse Pt to Long Bay Settlement)	136	2/3/11	0	0.1	ΙE	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Kemps Bay	142	2/3/11	0	4.6	ΙE	DVSIU	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	Kemp's Bay Complex to Smith's Hill Settlement	140	2/1/11	0	3.7	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Mars Bay Settlement (North of Wharf)	147	2/1/11	0	0.4	II E	HFIUGL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	North of Hawks Nest (Hawksbill Creek)	149	2/2/11	0	0.6	ΙE	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Northern Deep Creek Settlement at Cemetery	143	2/3/11	0	0.1	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Old Pier S of Congo Town to the Bluff Settlement (Mt. Sinai Baptist Church)	138	2/3/11	0	2.7	ΙE	HDUG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Sand Bar (2 miles NE of Top Cay)	151	2/2/11	0	0.6	I D	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Sand Bar ~3km E of Little Creek	146	2/4/11	0	0.4	I D	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	South of Hawks Nest to Snap Pt.	150	2/2/11	0	2.6	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	South of Mars Bay: Flats at S end of white gravel road	148	2/2/11	0	3.0	ΙE	HFGL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	South Smith's Hill Settlement to North Kemp's Bay Settlement	141	2/1/11	0	1.0	ΙE	D G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	The Bluff Settlement	139	2/1/11	0	1.3	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Tidal Flat Slightly N of Pleasant Bay	145	2/3/11	0	0.5	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Water Cays <sup>3</sup>	152	2/6/11	0	0.4	II D	HFGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Total				38	678.4							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Snowy Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

<sup>2</sup> The 2006 route extended further south and was longer than the 2011 route. The SNPL seen in 2006 were ∼0.15 km south of the starting location for the 2011 census.

<sup>3</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

<sup>4</sup> Four Snowy Plovers were observed near this site on 26 January (not part of the official Census but during the census period).



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Abaco	Bahama Palm Shores to the Delphi Club	57	2/1/11	3	10.5	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Bahama Palms Shores North (Eight Mile Bay)	56	2/1/11	3	3.0	I A	DIG	-	-	-	-	f, p
Abaco	Cannon Bay and Point	37	2/5/11	0	3.2	II A	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Casaurina Bay, Town Beach, Casaurina Pt. W	55	2/1/11	0	1.6	II A	H D U G	-	-	-	-	m, p
Abaco	Casaurina Point	54	2/1/11	0	0.7	II A	HDUG	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Cherokee Sound	53	2/3/11	0	1.1	II A	G	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	Crossing Harbor	63	2/3/11	0	< 0.1	II A	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Crown Haven to S Coopers Town	29	2/4/11	0	36.4	I II A G	HDFPSIL	-	-	-	-	m, p
Abaco	Durkey Beach, Elbow Cay	47	1/31/11	0	0.4	IΒ	Н	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Elbow Cay, Southern Oceanside	48	1/31/11	8	1.4	IΒ	H D S	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Flats North of Sandy Point	61	2/3/11	15	0.2	II G	HFGL	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Great Guana Cay (Middle Oceanfront)	41	1/29/11	0	1.2	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	Great Guana Cay (Northern Oceanfront)	40	1/30/11	0	6.4	IΒ	V S G	-	-	-	-	m, p
Abaco	Great Guana Cay (Southern Oceanfront)	42	1/30/11	0	2.7	IΒ	H D	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	Green Turtle Cay	35	2/2/11	11	2.1	II B	H D F G	-	-	-	<u>06</u> <sup>2</sup>	f
Abaco	Island Palm Shores	60	2/3/11	5	2.1	IΒ	DVIG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Junk Beach, Tilloo Cay	50	2/4/11	0	0.8	IΒ	HDPI	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Little Harbor	51	2/3/11	0	0.2	II A	HUGL	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Manjack Cay, NE Beach	31	2/2/11	0	0.5	IΒ	HDIG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Manjack Cay, North Tip	30	2/2/11	18	1.9	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Manjack Cay, NW Cove	32	2/2/11	2	1.5	IΒ	G L	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Manjack Cay, SE Beach	33	2/2/11	0	1.9	IΒ	I	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Man-O-War Cay (North Tip)	43	2/3/11	0	1.1	IΒ	HSU	-	-	-	-	p
Abaco	Man-O-War Cay (Oceanfront)	44	2/3/11	0	3.0	IΒ	HSU	-	-	-	-	m
Abaco	North End Beach, Elbow Cay	45	1/31/11	0	1.6	IΒ	H D	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Orphans, Smith and Water Cays (off Little Abaco)	28	2/4/11	0	13.6	II E	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Schooner Bay: Serenity Point S. to Island Palms near Crossing Rocks	59	2/3/11	0	4.0	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f, p
Abaco	Serenity Point	58	2/1/11	0	2.8	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f, p
Abaco	Small Beach on Green Turtle Cay	34	2/2/11	0	0.2	II B	G	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Tahiti Beach, Elbow Cay	49	1/31/11	0	0.7	II IV B F	H D G	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Treasure Cay Beach - East Half	38	2/5/11	0	2.8	II B	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Treasure Cay Beach - West Half	36	2/5/11	0	2.5	I II A	HDIUG	-	-	-	-	p, c

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				TOTAL		SITE	DISTURBANCE			& YEARS		
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS		WIPL	SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Abaco	West-Facing Beach S of Sandy Point	62	2/3/11	0	2.4	II A	HDVFSIUL	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Whale Cay	39	2/2/11	0	0.9	IΒ	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Abaco	White Sound, Elbow Cay	46	1/31/11	0	0.4	II B	BSG	-	-	-	-	f
Abaco	Winding Bay	52	2/3/11	2	2.6	II A	НUG	-	-	-	-	p
Acklins	Beach N of Creek Point <sup>8</sup>	190	2/7/11	0	7.0	I A	HVS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Beach S of Creek Point and N of Salt Pond8	192	2/8/11	1	4.8	I A	PG L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Florida <sup>8</sup>	193	2/8/11	0	1.5	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Small beach SE of Pinefield Settlement <sup>8</sup>	189	2/7/11	0	0.2	I A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Snug Corner Settlement (past cemetery) <sup>8</sup>	191	2/7/11	2	0.3	IV A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	Unnamed off-shore Cay (NE of Chester's Settlement)	187	2/6/11	3	0.4	ΙE	AGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Acklins	W beach on Lady Slipper Cay (S of Atwood Harbour)	188	2/6/11	0	1.5	ΙE	HDUGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Ambergris Cay (E side)	83	1/24/11	0	0.3	ΙE	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Chub Cay - NW side tidal flat	91	1/27/11	0	0.9	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Cockroach Cay (NW side)	92	1/27/11	0	0.5	ΙE	I	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Cormorant Cay (Sapphire Cays)	86	1/27/11	0	0.1	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	East Caesar Cay Spit to SE tip Ambergris Cay	82	1/24/11	8	0.2	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Fanny Cay (East Side)	81	1/24/11	0	<1	ΙE	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - "Shelling Beach"	74	1/23/11	0	0.4	II G	H G L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - "Sugar Beach Caves"	66	1/23/11	0	0.9	ΙE	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (Just before point at mid-beach)	69	1/23/11	0	0.3	ΙE	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (Start at Purple/blue house w/ Pelican statues at edge of driveway)	67	1/23/11	0	1.0	ΙE	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (start at Yellow House - Northernmost house on beach)	65	1/23/11	3	1.6	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - North Beach (Villa Allegria House)	68	1/23/11	13	2.2	ΙE	H D U	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay - South Beach (Main crescent-shaped beach)	70	1/23/11	0	4.0	ΙE	HDIUG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Great Harbour Cay (SW Side)	72	1/24/11	0	0.1	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Haines Cay - entire E side of beach	75	1/25/11	1	3.5	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.

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Berry	Haines Cay - small beach on NW side (across flat from Shelling Beach)	73	1/25/11	0	0.1	I E	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Haines Cay (SW End)	76	1/24/11	3	0.0	ΙE	GL	_	_	_	_	n.r.
Berry	Islet of N. Haines Cay & W. of Great Harbour Cay (across flat from Shelling Beach)	71	1/25/11	0	0.4	ΙE	I	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Little Cormorant Cay	87	1/27/11	0	0.3	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Little Stirrup Cay a.k.a. "Coco Cay" (S. end beaches)	64	1/24/11	0	1.0	ΙE	HSI	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Money Cay	84	1/24/11	0	0.1	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	S. side Sandy Cay (Sapphire Cay)	85	1/27/11	0	n.r.	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Sand Islet btwn Chub Cay & Fish Cays	90	1/27/11	5	0.0	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Spit off E. Caesar Cay	78	1/24/11	0	0.2	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Tidal Flat between Fanny & Caesar Cays (S of Berry Island)	80	1/24/11	0	0.0	ID	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Tidal Sandbar near Caesar Cay	79	1/24/11	0	0.0	I D	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Unnamed Sand Bar S. of Fish Cays	89	1/27/11	2	0.1	I D	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Unnamed Tiny Sand Bar btwn Fish Cays	88	1/27/11	0	0.0	I D	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Vigilant Cay (entire shoreline)	93	1/27/11	5	1.2	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Berry	Water Cay (W End)	77	1/24/11	0	0.0	ΙE	L	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Bimini	East Wells	95	2/5/11	0	35.4	IV V G	I	-	-	-	-	f
Bimini	Ocean Cay	96	2/4/11	0	6.4	I G	G	-	-	-	-	f
Bimini	South Cat Cay	94	2/4/11	0	62.8	II E G	S	-	-	-	-	f, p
Crooked	Beach E of Brown's Settlement	186	2/4/11	0	0.8	I A	P G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Crooked	Beach N of Majors, E of Bullet Hill Settlement	185	2/4/11	0	2.0	I II A	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Crooked	Beach NW of Seaview Settlement	183	2/5/11	0	2.0	I A	DIG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Crooked	Long Cay	184	2/5/11	0	14.0	I IV A	HIAL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Airport Beach / Govenors Harbor	108	1/27/11	0	3.2	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Atlantic Beach N of Grinder's Pt.	116	1/27/11	0	0.4	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Bottom Harbour	103	1/26/11	0	1.6	II E G	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Club Med / French Leave Beach	112	1/27/11	3	1.6	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Cocodimama Beach	109	1/31/11	0	0.8	II G	DIGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Gaulding Cay Beach	104	1/25/11	0	0.8	VE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Governor's Harbour	111	1/27/11	0	1.6	V G	HDVS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Hut Point Beach	110	1/27/11	0	0.8	I A	H D	-	-	-	-	n.r.

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Eleuthera	James Cistern Wharf off Queen's Highway	106	1/27/11	0	0.2	II A	HDVFS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Man Island Spit and Picnic Beach	100	1/29/11	0	0.2	II IV G	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Preacher's Cave Beach	99	1/25/11	0	0.8	IG	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Rock Sound	119	1/31/11	0	n.r.	II G	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Savannah Sound (W. Shore)	114	1/28/11	0	1.6	II G	HFGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Shore N of Barge Landing, N of Water Taxi Port (Three Islands)	101	1/30/11	0	3.2	II E	H F G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Spanish Wells	98	1/30/11	0	3.2	I IV D G	$H\ D\ V\ F\ S\ G\ L$	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Eleuthera	Surfer's Beach, Gregory Town	105	1/25/11	0	0.8	ΙE	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Tarpum Bay	117	1/27/11	2	0.8	V G	HDVS	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Ten Bay Beach	113	1/31/11	0	1.6	II G	HDGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Upper Cove Beach (E of Current)	97	1/25/11	0	0.4	II V G	DGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Eleuthera	Windermere Island	115	1/28/11	0	8.0	I II E	HDGL	-	-	-	-	p
Eleuthera	Winding Bay	118	1/31/11	0	3.2	II G	HDIUGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u> <sup>3</sup>	n.r.
Eleuthera	Wreck Beach/James Cistern	107	1/26/11	0	1.6	ΙE	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Exuma	Beaches E of Sea View Drive to Sunset Bluff	159	1/29/11	0	10.0	II A	HDFL	-	-	-	-	f, p
Exuma	Bell Island (all major beaches)	155	1/24/11	1	1.8	II E	L	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	East of 3 Sisters Rocks	158	1/28/11	0	0.2	I A	ΗD	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	Exuma Point	156	1/28/11	0	0.5	II A	HDIGL	-	-	-	06	f
Exuma	Hawksbill Cay & Shroud Cay	153	1/29/11	0	9.0	I II IV A	n.r.	-	-	-	<u>06</u> <sup>4</sup>	f
Exuma	Leaf Cay/White Cay	164	1/28/11	4	2.9	ΙE	HGL	-	-	-	06	f
Exuma	Little Exuma Beaches & Access Points	162	1/27/11	0	2.0	I A	HDIU	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	Manowar Cay	160	1/27/11	4	4.0	II E	HDVFI	-	-	-	-	p
Exuma	Moriah Harbour Cay, Great Exuma	161	1/28/11	5	1.0	II E	H D G	-	-	-	06	f, p
Exuma	Sea Way Drive, Great Exuma	157	1/29/11	6	2.8	II A	HDIGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u> 5	p
Exuma	Warderick Wells Cay (Career, Powerful, Causeway and Boo Boo Beaches)	154	1/29/11	0	0.5	II A	HGL	-	-	-	06	f
Exuma	Wolf Dames Back Landing, Little Exuma	163	1/29/11	8	1.6	I A	DL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p
Grand Bahama	8 Mile Rock (including Lover's Beach)	11	1/27/11	0	5.4	I A	H S	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Bahama Beach/Bahama Bay (aka "Seward of Grand Bahama")	8	1/26/11	7	1.8	I A	SIGL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Barbary Beach (Discovery Bay Canal to White Beach)	19	1/25/11	1	12.5	I A	HDVSIL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f, p

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Grand Bahama		7	1/26/11	12	6.5	I A	SI	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama		18	1/24/11	6	5.7	I A	HDVSIUG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Grand Bahama	East End Cays (incldg Sweeting's, Lightbourne, Redshank, Cross, and unnamed Cays/flats)	6	1/30/11	6	60.0	I II IV V A E F	FIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Gold Rock Creek to High Rock	21	1/28/11	9	5.4	I A	HDSIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Great Sale Cay	2	2/6/11	6	7.5	IEF	HDPIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	High Rock (Rocky Cliff to Oil Transfer Facility)	22	1/28/11	0	4.5	I A	HDVSIG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f, p
Grand Bahama	Holmes Rock (E to 8 Mile Rock)	10	1/27/11	1	3.4	I A	HIL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Island Seas - Silver Point Beach into Jetty	15	1/27/11	1	3.2	ΙA	HDSIG	-	-	-	06	f, p
Grand Bahama	Lucaya Beach	16	1/30/11	0	2.4	ΙA	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Grand Bahama	Mangrove Cay	1	2/6/11	0	1.5	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	McLean's Town Cemetery	27	1/29/11	0	0.7	I II A	HDIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Old Bahama Bay - Ginn Sur Mer (Canal E to Bootle Bay/Blue Marlin Cove)	5	1/26/11	13	4.4	I A	DSIGL	-	-	-	-	f, p
Grand Bahama	Old Bahama Bay - Ginn Sur Mer (NW end, S to canal)	4	1/26/11	8	2.0	I A	DSPIU	-	-	-	-	f, p
Grand Bahama	Pelican Point - E of Rocky Point	25	1/29/11	5	5.7	I A	HDIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Pelican Point - Rocky Point Flats	24	1/29/11	1	3.2	I A	HDIG	-	-	-	<u>06</u> 5	f
Grand Bahama	Pinder's Point to Hunter's	12	1/27/11	1	4.7	I A	HDSPIG	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Rocky Creek and areas W of McLean's Town	26	1/30/11	0	11.6	I V A	FIGL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Running Mon	14	1/27/11	0	1.1	I A	H S G	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Seaward at Bahama Bay to Holmes Rock	9	1/27/11	0	5.8	I A	HDSIUGL	-	-	-	-	f
Grand Bahama	Taino Beach	17	2/3/11	0	1.6	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Grand Bahama	West End, Old Bahama Bay (Small beach on NW side)	3	1/26/11	0	0.8	I A	HVSIUG	-	-	-	-	p
Grand Bahama	West of Pelican Point Flats to Oil Terminal	23	1/28/11	5	7.0	I A	HDSIG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Grand Bahama	White (aka "Nudie") Beach to Gold Rocks Inlet (W side)	20	1/28/11	4	7.8	I A	HSIG	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Grand Bahama	Xanadu Beach and Bahama Princess Beach	13	1/27/11	0	4.5	I A	HSIUG	-	-	-	-	f
Great Inagua	Blackwood Beach (SW side of Island)	202	1/30/11	0	2.5	I A	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Great Inagua	Bluff Beach, East of Conch Shell Pt. (S. side of island to limestone outcrop on beach)	203	1/30/11	0	1.2	I A	HDL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Great Inagua	Craig's Bight East	201	1/29/11	0	3.6	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	06	n.r.

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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	/ CONCERNS	CEI	WIPL			OWNER
Great Inagua	Craig's Bight West to Crossing	200	1/29/11	2	2.5	ΙE	DPG	-	-	-	<b>06</b> <sup>6</sup>	n.r.
Great Inagua	Man of War Bay	196	1/29/11	0	1.0	I A	none	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	Maroon Hill Pond	198	1/31/11	0	1.2	V A	S G	-	-	-	-	p
Great Inagua	Red Pond West	194	1/29/11	0	0.5	I IV E	GL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	The Tunnel Beach	197	1/29/11	0	0.8	I IV E	none	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	Vandaxville Beach to Lighthouse	199	1/28/11	1	4.5	ΙE	HDVPU	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Great Inagua	Well Road Beach	195	1/29/11	0	1.2	ΙE	none	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Harbour	Pink Sand Beach (E) and Harbor Side (W)	102	1/29/11	0	4.0	I II G	HDSGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Long Island	Atlantic Coast from Pinders to Salt Pond	175	1/31/11	1	6.5	ΙE	ΗI	-	-	-	<b>06</b> <sup>7</sup>	n.r.
Long Island	Cape Santa Maria Dev., Hoosie Harbor	172	1/28/11	0	0.5	II E	H S G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Long Island	Conch Cay (off Long Island)	178	1/30/11	0	1.8	IDE	GL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Cove near C.C. Monument, Newton Cay	171	1/28/11	5	0.7	II E	H G	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Long Island	Diamond Salt Works	181	1/29/11	0	0.2	V G	S G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Long Island	Dollar Cay Tidal Flats	179	1/30/11	0	0.9	I D	G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Duncansons Point	177	1/30/11	0	2.0	ΙE	H V G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Gordon's	182	1/29/11	0	1.9	ΙE	I	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Joe Sound Harbor	174	1/28/11	0	0.2	II E	GL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Long Island	Newton Cay, W Side	173	1/28/11	0	0.6	II E	None	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Red Pond	176	1/31/11	0	1.1	V G	H G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Long Island	Sandy Cay North & Tidal Flats	180	1/30/11	0	0.9	IDE	G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
New Providence	South Beach	120	2/5/11	0	3.2	II A	HIL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
North Andros	Bigwood Cay	134	1/28/11	13	14.0	I II E	HFIGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	Joulter's Cays (North)	121	1/29/11	33	5.6	IEFG	GL	-	-	-	-	f
North Andros	Joulter's Cays (South)	122	1/29/11	21	n.r.	ΙE	HFIGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
North Andros	Kamalame Cay - Blanket Sound	127	2/1/11	6	3.7	I II B	HDGL	-	-	-	06	f
North Andros	Lowe's Sound Mangrove Flats	123	1/31/11	40	10.9	I A E G	HDFSIGL	-	-	-	06	f, m, p
North Andros	Mastic Bay and Rat Cay	125	1/31/11	1	7.5	IIIDE	I G L	-	-	-	-	f
North Andros	N ForFar to Saddleback Cay	126	1/27/11	0	4.2	I A E	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	Plum Cay	131	1/30/11	21	2.4	I II E	GL	-	-	-	-	f
North Andros	Red Bays	124	1/31/11	13	11.6	I II A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	Small Hope Bay	130	1/30/11	2	0.6	I A	HDSIGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	South of Cargill Creek	133	1/28/11	4	0.3	I A	HDFGL	-	-	-	-	f

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North Andros	Southwest of Mastic Cay	132	1/30/11	26	3.0	IIIDE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
North Andros	Staniard Creek	129	1/27/11	0	4.1	I A	HDIUG	-	-	-	06	f
North Andros	Staniard Creek Flats	128	1/30/11	0	0.3	II A	DG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Bonefish Bay (Club Med Beach)	166	2/1/11	0	1.6	I A	HDVSU	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Dim Bay and Greens Bay to Crab Cay	168	1/31/11	1	2.7	I A	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	East Beach	167	2/2/11	3	3.5	I A	D G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Holiday Track Settlement (The Thumb)	169	2/1/11	2	3.0	I A	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Rice Bay	165	2/2/11	0	0.5	I A	HVUL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
San Salvadore	Sandy Point	170	2/1/11	0	0.1	I A	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Congo Town	137	2/3/11	2	0.1	ΙE	I U G	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	Deep Creek to Little Creek	144	2/3/11	0	2.8	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Driggs Hill (at cemetery)	135	2/3/11	0	0.1	ΙE	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Driggs Hill (Lighthouse Pt to Long Bay Settlement)	136	2/3/11	2	0.1	ΙE	Н	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Kemps Bay	142	2/3/11	0	4.6	ΙE	DVSIU	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	Kemp's Bay Complex to Smith's Hill Settlement	140	2/1/11	0	3.7	ΙE	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Mars Bay Settlement (North of Wharf)	147	2/1/11	0	0.4	II E	HFIUGL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	North of Hawks Nest (Hawksbill Creek)	149	2/2/11	0	0.6	ΙE	IL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Northern Deep Creek Settlement at Cemetery	143	2/3/11	0	0.1	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Old Pier S of Congo Town to the Bluff Settlement (Mt. Sinai Baptist Church)	138	2/3/11	0	2.7	ΙE	HDUG	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Sand Bar (2 miles NE of Top Cay)	151	2/2/11	0	0.6	I D	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Sand Bar ~3km E of Little Creek	146	2/4/11	6	0.4	I D	G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	South of Hawks Nest to Snap Pt.	150	2/2/11	5	2.6	ΙE	none	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	South of Mars Bay: Flats at S end of white gravel road	148	2/2/11	0	3.0	ΙE	HFGL	-	-	-	06	n.r.
South Andros	South Smith's Hill Settlement to North Kemp's Bay Settlement	141	2/1/11	0	1.0	ΙE	D G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	The Bluff Settlement	139	2/1/11	4	1.3	ΙE	I G	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Tidal Flat Slightly N of Pleasant Bay	145	2/3/11	0	0.5	ΙE	GL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
South Andros	Water Cays <sup>8</sup>	152	2/6/11	0	0.4	II D	HFGL	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Total				446	678.4							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Exact locations of WIPLs were not specified in 2006 and may have occurred along any point ~1.2 km north of the 2011 Green Turtle Cay census route (2006 route covered more area).

Exact locations of WIPLs were not specified in 2006 and may have occurred along any point ~3 km north of the 2011 Winding Bay census route (2006 route covered more area).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Hawksbill Cay was surveyed in 2006, but the exact route covered was not specified nor were the exact locations of the WIPLs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The 2006 Sea Way Drive route was much smaller than the 2011 route. The 2011 route fully encompassed the 2006 route. Exact locations of WIPLs seen in 2011 were not specified and may have occurred outside the range of the 2006 survey route, but WIPLs seen in 2006 were definitively within the 2011 route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Exact location of the WIPL in 2011 was not specified, but the WIPL seen in 2006 occurred within the range of the 2011 census route, even though it was spotted under the site name "Vandaxville Beach".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Exact location of the WIPL in 2011 was not specified, but the WIPL seen in 2006 occurred within the range of the 2011 census route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in the Cuba

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The 2011 International Winter Census in Cuba was conducted from January 25 to February 8. A total of 45.4 km of beach and lagoon habitat was covered at ten sites in seven provinces of the country.

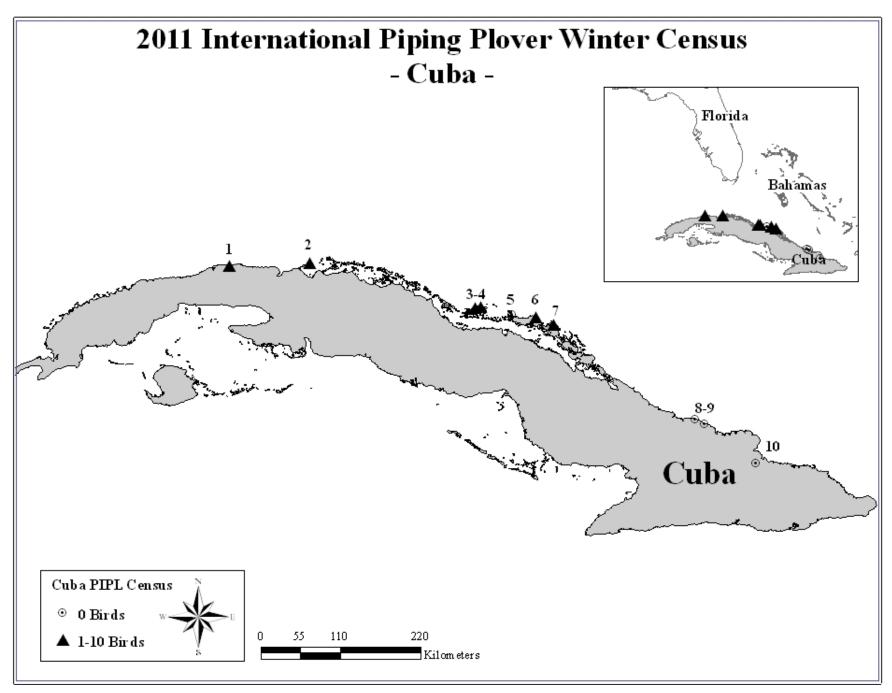
Given limited resources, surveys were less extensive than in prior census years, and we surveyed fewer sites and less shoreline in 2011 relative to other recent Census years (ten sites and 45.4 km in 2011 compared to 22 and 123.6 km in 2006). However, we were able to survey some important Piping Plover winter sites in Cuba, located in Peninsula de Hicacos in Matanzas province and Coco-Paredón keys in the Sabana-Camaguey Archipelago where 15 individuals of this species were counted.

In 2011, a total of 19 Piping Plover were counted in Cuba, down from the 89 birds observed in 2006, 55 in 2001, and 64 in 1996. As mentioned above, the decline in numbers of birds seen is likely due to reduced habitat coverage during the 2011 Census and does not likely reflect a decline in Piping Plovers wintering in Cuba. There has however been a shift in habitat use, with Piping Plovers dispersing from the larger keys which are more developed and experience higher levels of tourism, to smaller less developed keys nearby. Habitat changes associated with continued tourism development and climate change may further affect Piping Plover distribution and threaten their future use of Cuba as a winter area.

Although Piping Plover numbers were low relative to other Census years, Snowy and Wilson's Plovers were higher than any prior Census year. Prior studies suggested that the coastal sector of northeast Cuba between the Ciego de Avila and Holguin provinces are the most important region for these species. Hence we surveyed three new sites, two in Holguin province and one in Las Tunas. In total during the 2011 Census we saw 54 Snowy Plovers and 159 Wilson's Plovers.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

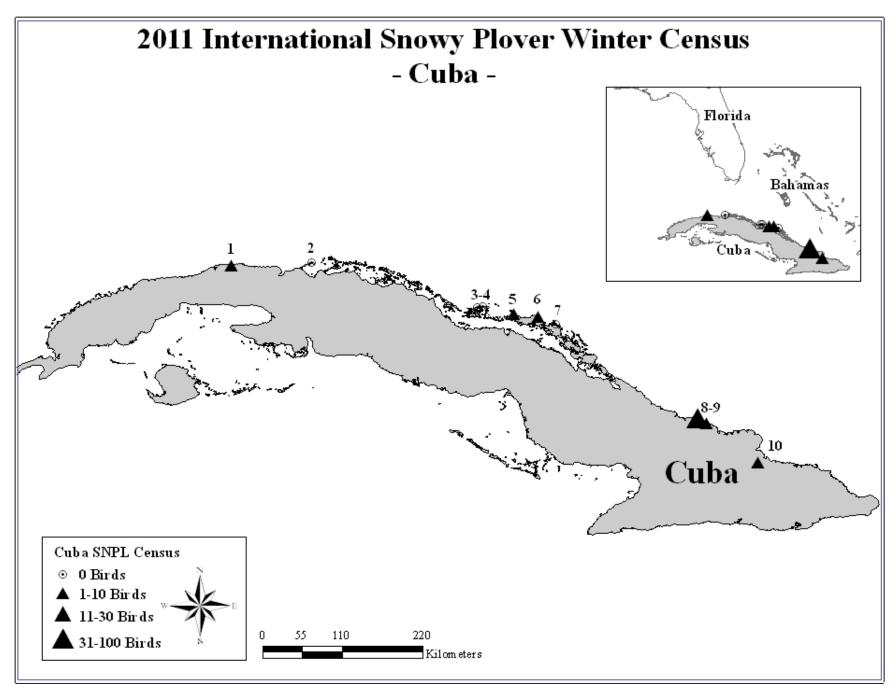
Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping Plover	11	64	55	89	19
Snowy Plover	n.r.	n.r.	16	0	54
Wilson's Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	57	159



The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Cuba

PROVINCE	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS		PRIOR NSUSEI PIPL	) & YE	-	OWNER
Camagüey	Playa Los Piños/Cayo Paredón Grande	7	1/30/11	5	4.0	IV A	HDVFUGL	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Ciego de Ávila	Playa Las Coloradas/Cayo Coco	6	1/30/11	6	3.0	IV A	HDVFUGL	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Ciego de Ávila	Playa Pilar/Cayo Guillermo	5	2/5/11	0	1.9	IV A	HVUG	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Ciudad de Habana	Habana del Este (Playa Guanabo)	1	1/25/11	1	10.0	I A	HVFUGL	-	96	01	06	s(p)
Holguín	Lagunas Costeras del Delta del Mayari	10	1/24/11	0	3.0	II A	HVFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Holguín	Lagunas de Juan Antonio	9	1/24/11	0	3.2	II A	HVFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Las Tunas	Playas Las Azules	8	1/24/11	0	3.0	I A	HVFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Matanzas	Península de Hicacos	2	2/2/11	4	4.0	I A	HVBUGL	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Villa Clara	Playa Ensenachos #1/Cayo Ensenachos	3	1/28/11	1	2.3	I A	HVUGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Villa Clara	Playa Estrella/Cayo Santa Maria	4	1/29/11	2	11.0	IV A	HVUGL	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Total				19	45.4							

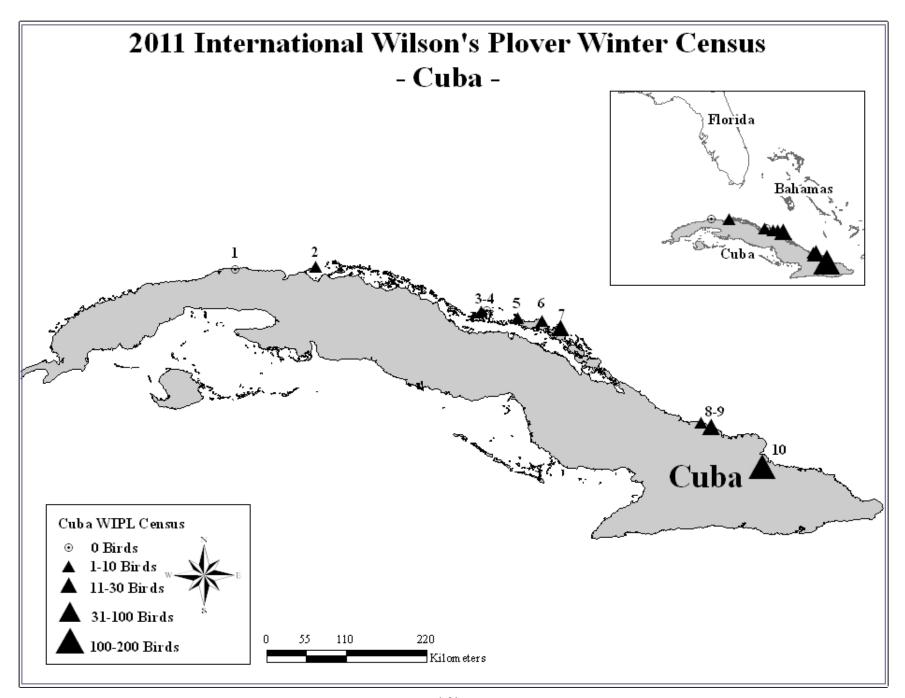
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The 2011 International Snowy Plover Winter Census in Cuba

PROVINCE	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL SITE DISTURBANC TE ADULTS KM DESCRIPTION CONCERNS					S EARS	OWNER		
Camagüey	Playa Los Piños/Cayo Paredón Grande	7	1/30/11	0	4.0	IV A	HDVFUGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Ciego de Ávila	Playa Las Coloradas/Cayo Coco	6	1/30/11	1	3.0	IV A	HDVFUGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Ciego de Ávila	Playa Pilar/Cayo Guillermo	5	2/5/11	1	1.9	IV A	HVUG	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Ciudad de Habana	Habana del Este (Playa Guanabo)	1	1/25/11	1	10.0	I A	HVFUGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Holguín	Lagunas Costeras del Delta del Mayari	10	1/24/11	7	3.0	II A	HVFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Holguín	Lagunas de Juan Antonio	9	1/24/11	10	3.2	II A	HVFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Las Tunas	Playas Las Azules	8	1/24/11	34	3.0	I A	HVFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Matanzas	Península de Hicacos	2	2/2/11	0	4.0	I A	HVBUGL	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Villa Clara	Playa Ensenachos #1/Cayo Ensenachos	3	1/28/11	0	2.3	I A	HVUGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Villa Clara	Playa Estrella/Cayo Santa Maria	4	1/29/11	0	11.0	IV A	HVUGL	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Total				54	45.4							-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Snowy Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.



The 2011 International Wilson's Plover Winter Census in Cuba

PROVINCE	SITE NAME	MAP# DATE ADULTS KM DESCRIPTION CONCERNS				DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	P CEN		OWNER			
Camagüey	Playa Los Piños/Cayo Paredón Grande	7	1/30/11	12	4.0	IV A	HDVFUGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Ciego de Ávila	Playa Las Coloradas/Cayo Coco	6	1/30/11	1	3.0	IV A	HDVFUGL	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Ciego de Ávila	Playa Pilar/Cayo Guillermo	5	2/5/11	5	1.9	IV A	HVUG	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Ciudad de Habana	Habana del Este (Playa Guanabo)	1	1/25/11	0	10.0	I A	HVFUGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Holguín	Lagunas Costeras del Delta del Mayari	10	1/24/11	110	3.0	II A	HVFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Holguín	Lagunas de Juan Antonio	9	1/24/11	23	3.2	II A	HVFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Las Tunas	Playas Las Azules	8	1/24/11	3	3.0	I A	HVFGL	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Matanzas	Península de Hicacos	2	2/2/11	2	4.0	I A	HVBUGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Villa Clara	Playa Ensenachos #1/Cayo Ensenachos	3	1/28/11	3	2.3	I A	HVUGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Villa Clara	Playa Estrella/Cayo Santa Maria	4	1/29/11	0	11.0	IV A	HVUGL	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Total				159	45.4							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year.

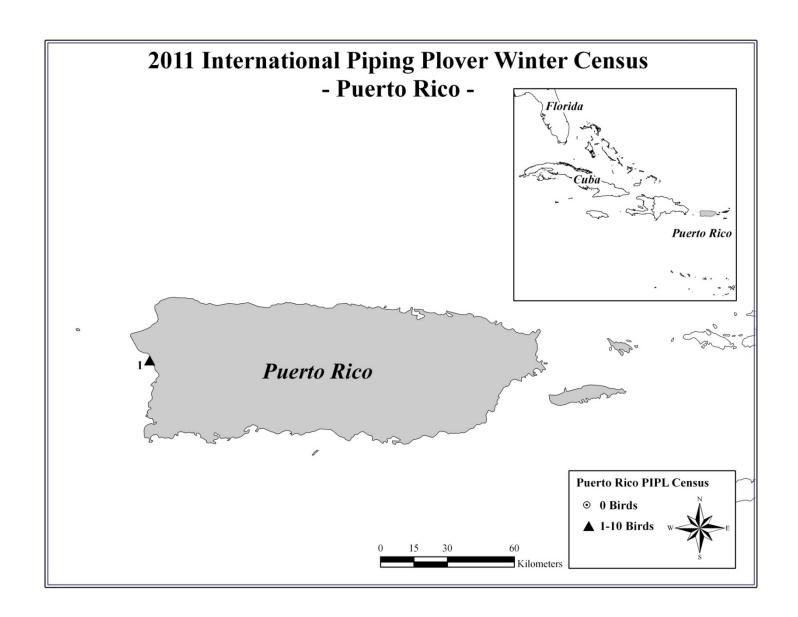
## The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Puerto Rico

No coordinated survey effort was conducted on Puerto Rico in 2011. However, we did contact Alcides Morales Pérez, president of the Sociedad Ornitológica Puertorriqueña (SOPI). SOPI was unable to conduct any formal surveys and did not provide any sightings but we did retreive plover sightings from SOPI on ebird (http://ebird.org).

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

Species	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Piping	0	0	6	2	2
Plover	U	U	U	2	2
Snowy			17	1	2
Plover	n.r.	n.r.	1 /	1	3
Wilson's				62	1.6
Plover	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	63	16

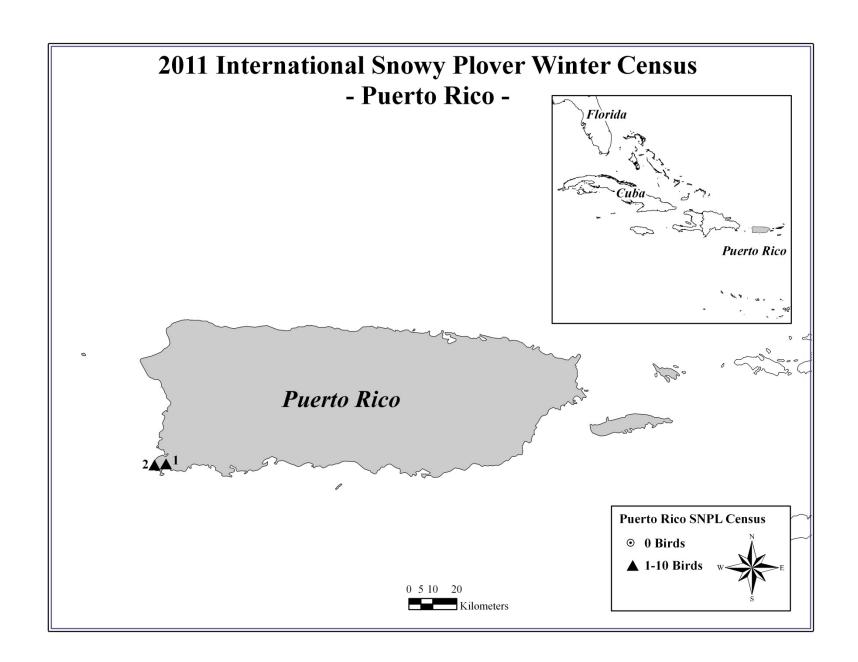
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The 2011 International Piping Plover Winter Census in Puerto Rico

MUNICIPALITY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		ISUSEI	YEAR ) & YE SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Anasco	Beach by mouth of Anasco River <sup>2</sup>	1	1/1/11	2	0.0	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	unk
Cabo Rojo	Cabo Rojo NWR		2/1/11	0	4.8	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Cabo Rojo	Cabo Rojo Salt Flats <sup>2</sup>		2/20/11	0	3.2	n.r.	n.r.	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	unk
Cabo Rojo	Charca de Combate <sup>2</sup>		2/13/11	0	0.0	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Guanica	La Parguera-Villa Parguera		1/31/11	0	4.8	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Mayaguez	Combate-Moja Casabe		2/8/11	0	0.2	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Total				2	13.0							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Piping Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>2</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.



The 2011 International Snowy Plover Winter Census in Puerto Rico

MUNICIPALITY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		ISUSE	YEAR D & YE SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Anasco	Beach by mouth of Anasco River <sup>2</sup>		1/1/11	0	0.0	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	06	unk
Cabo Rojo	Cabo Rojo NWR	1	2/1/11	2	4.8	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Cabo Rojo	Cabo Rojo Salt Flats <sup>2</sup>		2/20/11	0	3.2	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	01	06	unk
Cabo Rojo	Charca de Combate <sup>2</sup>	2	2/13/11	1	0.0	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Guanica	La Parguera-Villa Parguera		1/31/11	0	4.8	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Mayaguez	Combate-Moja Casabe		2/8/11	0	0.2	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Total				3	13.0							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Snowy Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>2</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.



The 2011 International Wilson's Plover Winter Census in Puerto Rico

MUNICIPALITY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	TOTAL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE / CONCERNS		PRIOR ISUSEI WIPL	) & YE		OWNER
Anasco	Beach by mouth of Anasco River <sup>2</sup>		1/1/11	0	0.0	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	unk
Cabo Rojo	Cabo Rojo NWR	4	2/1/11	2	4.8	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Cabo Rojo	Cabo Rojo Salt Flats <sup>2</sup>	2	2/20/11	9	3.2	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	unk
Cabo Rojo	Charca de Combate <sup>2</sup>	1	2/13/11	3	0.0	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Guanica	La Parguera-Villa Parguera	5	1/31/11	1	4.8	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Mayaguez	Combate-Moja Casabe	3	2/8/11	1	0.2	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Total				16	13.0							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If previously surveyed, years surveyed are noted. Bold underlined years indicate that Wilson's Plovers were seen at the site during that Census year. <sup>2</sup> Please note that this survey was conducted outside the Census window.

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## The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in St. Pierre and Miquelon, France

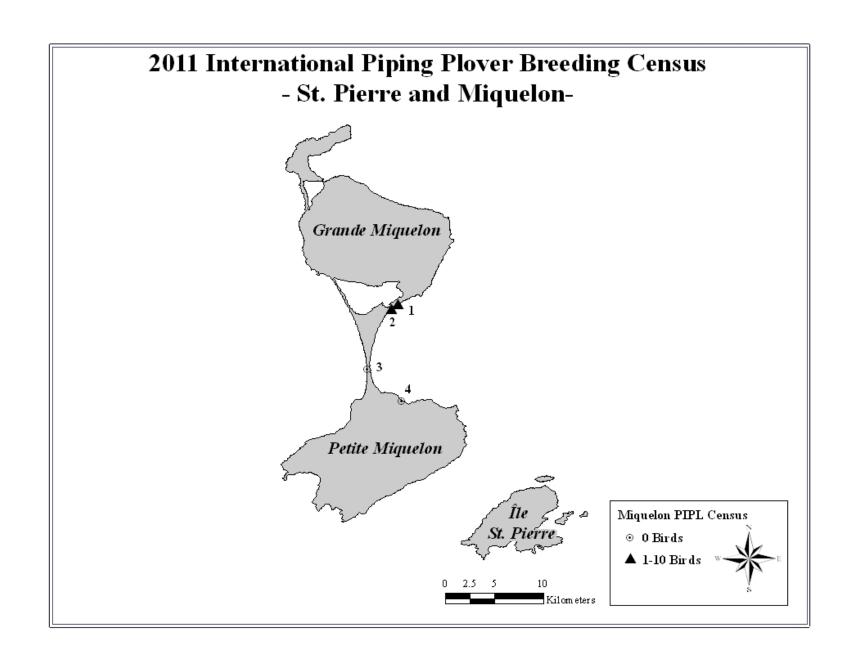
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The International Census on Saint-Pierre and Miguelon resulted in the detection of four Piping Plovers, including one nesting pair. Three of four sites on the islands of Saint-Pierre and Miguelon were censused on June 13, 2011, by Lison Yon, Idir Alliche, Danielle Lebollocq and Roger Etcheberry. Two birds were seen on Gully of Grand Barachois, but pair status could not be determined. A fourth site was censused on June 11, 2011, by Laurent Jackman and Joël Detcheverry, and a breeding pair was reported. A four-egg nest was found on this initial visit but later it only had one egg. Gilles Gloaguen also visited this site and a second nest was located later in the season. No young were seen on any subsequent visit so it is unlikely that birds successfully bred on Saint Pierre or Miquelon in 2011.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

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Total 6 9	1
Adults 4 0 9 8	4

This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.



The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in St. Pierre and Miquelon

SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS		PRIOR ISUSED PIPL S	& YE		OWNER
Gully of Grand Barachois	2	6/13/11	0	2	9.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Northeast of Gully of Grand Barachois	1	6/11/11	1	2	2.4	I A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
South of L'isthme	4	6/13/11	0	0	1.2	I A	Н	-	-	-	-	s(p)
West Side of Isthme de Langlade	3	6/13/11	0	0	6.0	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Total			1	4	18.6							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Newfoundland

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A total of 103 beaches were surveyed in Newfoundland and Labrador (100) and Northern Quebec (3) by 29 staff and volunteers (Quebec beaches are reported in the Quebec section of this report). Throughout Newfoundland and Labrador the census was carried out by many groups, including Parks Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador Parks and Natural Areas Division, Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Natural Resources, Newfoundland and Labrador Wildlife Division, Environment Canada (Canadian Wildlife Service), Nature Conservancy Canada, Codroy Valley Area Development Association, and Mi'kmaq Alsumk Mowimsikik Koqoey Association (MAMKA).

The 2011 beach list was based on sites visited during the census in 2006 and new potential sites noted by various groups. It is believed that all known sites with Piping Plovers were surveyed. Nevertheless, several sites with suitable habitat that were surveyed in 2006 (but had no Piping Plovers) could not be surveyed this year due to poor weather conditions including Cowlest Beach, Connoire Bay North West Arm Sand Bar, and Wreck Island Beach. Three other beaches (First Beach, Second Beach, and Fourth Beach – Sandbanks Provincial Park) were surveyed prior to the census and no Piping Plovers were found, but they were not surveyed again during the census window.

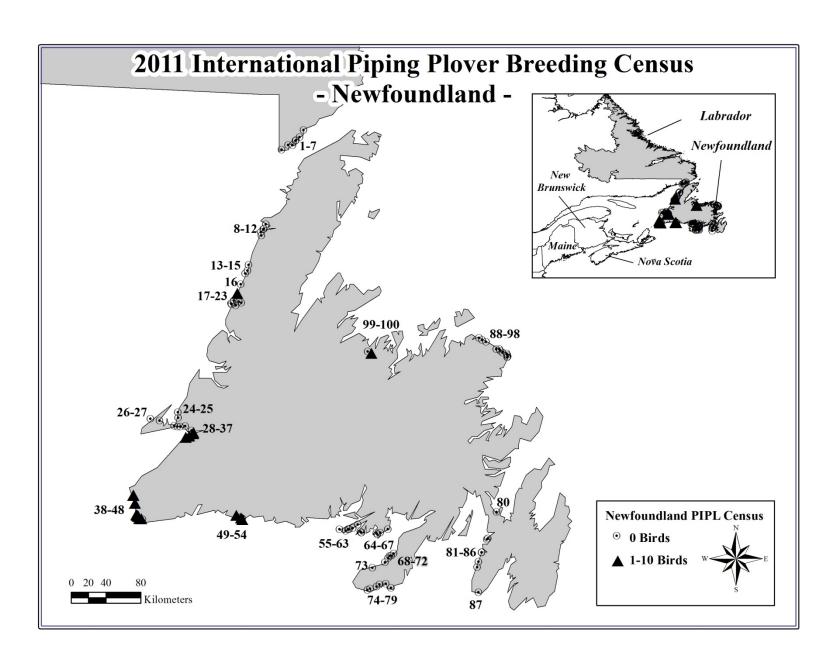
A total of 51 Piping Plovers were counted on 16 beaches in Newfoundland during the breeding census: 21 pairs and 9 singles. Counts have exhibited a general increasing trend, with 2011 marking the highest count since the census began in 1991. This year's census results are likely representative of the population in Newfoundland, but may slightly underestimate the actual total due to the inconspicuous nature of Piping Plovers. All terrain vehicles, predation, and adverse weather continue to threaten Piping Plovers in Newfoundland.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

Comparison of Census Mumbers					
	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	7	27	39	48 <sup>1</sup>	51 <sup>1</sup>
Beaches with plovers	1	7	12	12	16
Beaches surveyed	14	24	35	73	100

<sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

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Sites Included	First Count	Second Count
2nd Beach, Grand Bay West	6	4
Burntwood Point	0	0
Kelby Cove	0	0
Little Barachois	0	0
Osmond Beach	2	2
Parson's Pond	0	0
Pinware Prov. Park (French	0	0
Cove Beach)		
Point Au Mal	0	0
Port Saunders	0	0
Rocky Barachois (Bottle's	0	1
Barachois)		
Short Sand Beach	2	2
Spirity Cove	0	0
St. Paul's Point	0	0
Stephenville Crossing	0	0
Stephenville Crossing - South	1	2
side of bridge		
Stephenville Crossing - Main	2	2
Gut		
West Bay - Port au Port	0	0



The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Newfoundland

REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	CEN	RIOR SUSED PIPL S	& YF		OWNER
Labrador	Forteau Beach	6	6/15/11	0	0	1.1	I A	V	-	-	-	-	s(p), m
Labrador	L'anse Amour	5	6/15/11	0	0	1.1	I A	V	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Labrador	L'anse au Clair	7	6/14/11	0	0	0.5	I III A D	V	-	-	-	-	s(p), m
Labrador	L'anse au Loup 1	3	6/15/11	0	0	0.9	I A	U	-	-	-	-	s(p), m
Labrador	L'anse au Loup 2	4	6/15/11	0	0	0.3	I A	U	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Labrador	L'anse un Diable	2	6/15/11	0	0	0.2	I A	N	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Labrador	Pinware River Prov. Park (French Cove Beach)	1	6/5/11	0	0	2.0	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	1st Beach, Grand Bay West	48	6/5/11	0	0	0.4	I A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	2nd Beach, Grand Bay West <sup>2</sup>	47	6/5/11	3	6	n.r.	I A	n.r.	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Newfoundland	Alex Cove	23	6/14/11	0	0	0.7	IV A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	f
Newfoundland	Banting Memorial Park	97	6/7/11	0	0	1.5	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Beck Bay	55	6/6/11	0	0	0.8	IΒ	V	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Bellevue Beach	80	6/13/11	0	0	3.8	I IV A B	n.r.	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Big Barachois	44	6/5/11	1	3	1.7	I A	V	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Newfoundland	Big Barasway	49	6/4/11	1	5	6.1	IΒ	V	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	unk
Newfoundland	Big Barasway - Seal Cove Beach	57	6/6/11	0	0	1.3	IΒ	n.r.	91	96	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Big Seal Cove, Ship Harbour	81	6/6/11	0	0	0.3	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Black Island Cove	62	6/6/11	0	0	0.6	I A	V	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	BlackBrook, SPI	19	6/14/11	0	0	0.7	IV A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	f
Newfoundland	Boxey Harbour	66	6/6/11	0	0	0.7	I A	VN	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Broom Point	21	6/9/11	0	0	0.1	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f
Newfoundland	Burntwood Point	11	6/6/11	0	0	0.9	I A	O	-	-	-	-	unk
Newfoundland	Cape Freels	89	6/8/11	0	0	1.6	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	m
Newfoundland	Cape Freels 2	88	6/8/11	0	0	1.8	I A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	m
Newfoundland	Cape Freels 3	90	6/8/11	0	0	0.7	I A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	m
Newfoundland	Cape Freels 4	91	6/8/11	0	0	0.9	I A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	m
Newfoundland	Cape Ray Beach, J.T. Cheeseman Provincial Park	41	6/7/11	2	6	2.4	I IV IX A B D	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Newfoundland	Chappie Cove- Deadman's Bight	63	6/6/11	0	0	0.3	I A	V	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Coombes Head	52	6/5/11	0	1	1.0	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Newfoundland	Crow Head West Beach	50	6/4/11	0	0	0.9	I B	n.r.	-	-	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Daniel's Harbour	13	6/16/11	0	0	0.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	-	-	s(p)

The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Newfoundland (Continued)

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REGION	SITE NAME	М А В Д	DATE	ING PAIRS	PIPL	12M	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS		SUSED PIPL S		EARS	OWNER
		MAP#			ADULTS	KM						0.6	
Newfoundland	Deadman's Bay	100	6/7/11	0	0	3.0	I A	V	91	96	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	East of Coomb's Cove	64	6/6/11	0	0	0.8	I A B	V	-	-	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Eastern Brook, SPI	20	6/14/11	0	0	1.1	IV A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	f
Newfoundland	Eastern Cove - Dog Cove	59	6/6/11	0	0	0.7	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Flat Bay	37	6/6/11	5	10	4.0	I IV A E	n.r.	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Fox Island River	24	6/12/11	0	0	2.0	IAE	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Frenchman's Cove 3 (White Point)	71	6/13/11	0	0	1.9	IAB	V	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Frenchman's Cove East	69	6/10/11	0	0	2.3	I IV A B D	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Frenchman's Cove West	70	6/10/11	0	0	2.6	I A	VU	-	-	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Garnish Beach	68	6/14/11	0	0	1.5	I A	V	-	-	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Gooseberry Cove Beach	86	6/6/11	0	0	0.3	I A	O	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Grand Beach	72	6/13/11	0	0	4.9	I A B	V O	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Great Barasway Beach	85	6/6/11	0	0	0.2	I A B	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Green Point (Point Verte)	84	6/6/11	0	0	1.0	I A B	V	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Kelby Cove	46	6/6/11	0	0	0.5	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	Kippens	30	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	I A	U	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	L'anse au Loup	73	6/14/11	0	0	2.7	IΒ	V	-	-	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Lansey Bank Cove	77	6/13/11	0	0	0.2	I A	V	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Little Barachois	35	6/12/11	0	0	1.0	I IV A E	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	Little Barasway	51	6/4/11	0	0	1.5	I A B	n.r.	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Little Barasway - Seal Cove	58	6/6/11	0	0	0.7	I A B	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Newfoundland	Little Codroy/St. Andrew's Gut	40	6/6/11	1	2	4.9	I A	n.r.	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Newfoundland	Little Lawn	78	6/13/11	0	0	0.5	IΒ	V	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Lumsden	93	6/8/11	0	0	1.1	I III A	V	91	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Lumsden Head East	94	6/8/11	0	0	1.7	I A	V	91	96	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Lumsden Head West	99	6/8/11	0	1	1.8	I A	V	91	96	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Millville Beach, Grand Codroy Provincial Park	39	6/14/11	2	4	1.8	I IV A B D I	О	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Musgrave Harbour	98	6/7/11	0	0	3.6	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Osmond Beach	42	6/14/11	1	2	0.6	I A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Parson's Pond	16	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	Partridge Cove	60	6/6/11	0	0	0.4	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	-	06	m
Newfoundland	Pennybeck	95	6/7/11	0	0	1.4	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	unk

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BREED- TOTAL PRIOR YEARS													
				BREED- ING	PIPL		SITE	DISTURBANCE		KIOK SUSEE			
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S		MINS	OWNER
Newfoundland	Picadilly Beach	31	6/8/11	0	0	1.5	IV E	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	Point au Gaul	75	6/13/11	0	0	2.1	ΙA	V	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Point Au Mal	25	6/12/11	0	0	2.0	ΙE	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Point Lance Beach	87	6/6/11	0	0	1.5	ΙA	V	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Point Verde	83	6/6/11	0	0	2.3	I A B	V N	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Port au Port	28	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	ΙA	N	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	Port Saunders	8	6/6/11	0	0	0.5	IΑ	O	-	-	-	-	unk
Newfoundland	Portland Creek	14	6/8/11	0	0	1.6	ΙA	V	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Portland Hill	15	6/16/11	0	0	0.0	IΑ	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	Red Head - Burgeo	53	6/5/11	0	0	1.2	IΑ	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	River of Ponds	12	6/7/11	0	0	0.9	I A	O	-	-	-	-	unk
Newfoundland	Rocky Barachois (Bottle's Barachois) <sup>2</sup>	45	6/14/11	0	1	0.7	I A	V O	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Newfoundland	Romaines	29	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	I A	ΑU	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	Saltwater Cove	56	6/6/11	0	0	0.5	IΑ	V O	-	-	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Saltwater Cove - St. John's Bay	65	6/6/11	0	0	0.7	I A B	V	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Sandbanks Park, 3rd Beach	54	6/12/11	1	2	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Newfoundland	Sandy Cove	76	6/13/11	0	0	0.4	I A B	V	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Sandy Point	36	6/9/11	1	2	2.0	IAE	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Searston Beach	38	6/5/11	0	0	0.4	I A	V	91	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Shallow Bay	17	6/16/11	1	2	5.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Shalloway Bay	96	6/7/11	0	0	1.2	I A	U	-	96	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Ship Harbour Point	82	6/6/11	0	0	1.0	I A	V	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Shoal Cove Beach	79	6/13/11	0	0	0.4	I A	V	-	-	-	-	unk
Newfoundland	Short Sand Beach	43	6/5/11	1	2	0.5	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Newfoundland	Spirity Cove	10	6/6/11	0	0	1.0	I A	O	-	-	-	-	unk
Newfoundland	St. Jacques Harbour	67	6/6/11	0	0	0.5	I A B	n.r.	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	St. Paul's Point	18	6/8/11	0	0	0.9	I IV A D	V	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Stephenville Crossing	32	6/11/11	0	0	1.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Newfoundland	Stephenville Crossing - South side of bridge <sup>2</sup>	34	6/15/11	1	2	1.5	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Newfoundland	Stephenville Crossing- Main Gut	33	6/5/11	1	2	n.r.	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	unk
Newfoundland	Taylor's Bay	74	6/13/11	0	0	0.3	IΒ	V		-	01	06	unk

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				BREED-	TOTAL				PRIOR YEARS				
				ING	PIPL		SITE	DISTURBANCE		SUSED		ARS	
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S	SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Newfoundland	Three Rock Cove	26	6/8/11	0	0	3.0	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	Trappers Cove	9	6/6/11	0	0	1.0	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Newfoundland	West Bay - Port au Port	27	6/8/11	0	0	1.0	I IV A D	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Newfoundland	Western Brook Beach	22	6/9/11	0	0	1.6	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f
Newfoundland	Western Cove	61	6/6/11	0	0	1.6	I A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	unk
Newfoundland	Windmill Bight	92	6/8/11	0	0	0.7	I A B	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Total				22	53	126.1							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.
<sup>2</sup> This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

### Recensement International du Pluvier Siffleur au Québec, en 2011

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Toutes les plages des Îles-de-la-Madeleine ont été couvertes lors de l'inventaire de 2011, à l'exception de la plage de l'île Brion. Mis à part la plage de l'Ouest qui a été inventoriée le 7 juin, toutes les autres plages ont été visitées le 4 juin. Contrairement aux inventaires de 1991, 1996 et 2001, les plages de la Gaspésie n'ont pas été recensées. Compte tenu qu'aucun oiseau n'y avait été vu lors des trois premiers recensements, il ne nous apparaissait pas pertinent de couvrir ces plages. Pour ce qui est de la Côte-Nord, seulement trois plages ont été inventoriées. Ces plages n'avaient jamais été visitées lors des inventaires précédents.

Au total, 66 Pluviers siffleurs ont été dénombrés sur les 127 km de plages des Îles-de-la-Madeleine parcourus par 25 participants. Tout comme en 2006, les plages de l'Hôpital et de la Dune du Sud totalisent plus de la moitié des pluviers observés (56,1%).

Le nombre de Pluviers siffleurs dénombrés est supérieur à ce qui a été dénombré en 1991, 2001 et 2006, mais demeure inférieur aux résultats de 1996. La population de Pluviers siffleurs au Québec ne démontre par une tendance continue à la hausse malgré des efforts de conservation importants au cours des deux dernières décades.

# The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Quebec

All Magdalen Islands beaches were surveyed in 2011, except Brion Island beach. Apart from Plage de l'Ouest surveyed on June 7, all the other beaches were checked on June 4. Unlike surveys done in 1991, 1996, and 2001 beaches of the Gaspé Peninsula were not included in the 2011 survey. Taking into account that Piping Plovers were absent from those areas on the three years mentioned it did not appear essential to survey those beaches this year. Regarding the St.Lawrence River North Shore (Côte-Nord), only three beaches were surveyed. These beaches have never been visited in previous census.

A total of 66 Piping Plovers were counted on the 127 km (78.9 mile) stretch of Magdalen Island shoreline covered by 25 participants. Additionally, 3 beaches were surveyed in Northern Quebec as part of the Newfoundland effort but none had plovers. As in 2006, more than half (56.1%) of the birds were observed on two beaches namely those referred to as Dune du Sud and Plage de l'Hôpital.

The number of birds counted is greater than in the 1991, 2001 and 2006 surveys but lower than in 1996. The Québec Piping Plover population does not show any evidence of steady rising trend despite important conservation efforts over the last two decades.

Comparaison de Nombres du Recensement/ **Comparison of Census Numbers** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	61 <sup>2</sup>	87 <sup>2</sup>	55 <sup>2</sup>	63 <sup>1</sup>	66 <sup>1</sup>

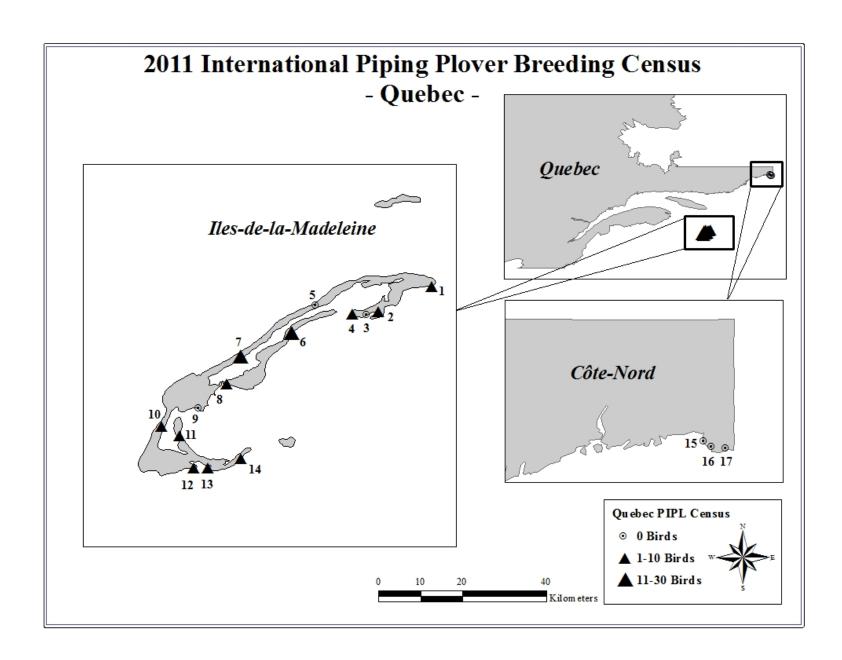
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

These totals differ slightly from numbers reported in previous

Etude de Détectabilité/ **Detectability Study** 

Sites Included	First Count	Second Count
La Pointe et La Digue	2	1
Pointe de la Grande-Entrée	2	1
Sandy Hook	5	1

Census reports. They represent totals from a single count.



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				BREED-	TOTAL				_	RIOR '		-	
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ING PAIRS	PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS		SUSED PIPL S		ARS	OWNER
										FIFL	DEEN		
Côte-Nord	Brador Beach	15	6/15/11	0	0	1.0	I A	U V	-	-	-	-	s(p), m
Côte-Nord	L'Anse Morel	17	6/15/11	0	0	0.6	I A	none	-	-	-	-	s(p), m
Côte-Nord	Lourdes de Blanc Sablon	16	6/15/11	0	0	1.9	I A	Н	-	-	-	-	s(p), m
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Bassin aux Huîtres (Est)	2	6/4/11	2	2	1.7	ΙE	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Bassin aux Huitres (Ouest)	3	6/4/11	0	0	0.6	ΙE	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Dune du Bassin	12	6/4/11	0	1	3.2	ΙE	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Dune du Nord	5	6/4/11	0	0	16.0	ΙE	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Dune du Sud	6	6/4/11	8	21	22.0	I II E	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	La Pointe et La Digue	8	6/4/11	1	2	3.0	ΙE	S	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p), p
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Les plages de Cap-aux- Meules, L'Etang a Procul- Bourgeois, et La Digue a Fernand	9	6/4/11	0	0	3.5	IE	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Plage de l'Hôpital	7	6/4/11	5	16	18.0	ΙE	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Plage de l'Ouest	10	6/4/11	1	3	10.5	ΙE	V	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Plage du Havre	13	6/4/11	0	1	4.5	ΙE	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Plage Martinique-Havre Aubert	11	6/4/11	2	8	13.0	IIIE	V	91	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Pointe de l'Est	1	6/4/11	1	5	19.0	ΙE	V	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Pointe de la Grande-Entrée	4	6/4/11	1	2	1.0	ΙE	n.r.	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Sandy Hook	14	6/4/11	1	5	11.0	II E	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Total				22	66	130.5							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

### The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Nova Scotia

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In Nova Scotia (NS), 128 out of 130 beach sites selected for census were surveyed by 36 individuals: 13 volunteers from Bird Studies Canada (BSC), and 23 staff from BSC, NS Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Environment Canada (EC), and Parks Canada Agency (PCA). Sites were selected for the 2011 census based on the 2006 census site list. Additionally we surveyed some potential habitat identified through annual surveys, local knowledge of volunteers and staff, and Google Earth aerial imagery. All selected sites were surveyed during the census period with the exception of two, which did not have suitable plover habitat: Little Harbour, Halifax County and Rafuse Island, Lunenburg County. We believe, therefore, that the 2011 census represents a comprehensive survey of Nova Scotia's potential suitable plover habitat.

Thirty sites were surveyed twice during the census period for the detectability study. Herein, we report results from all first surveys. A total of 92 adult plovers were observed at 31 of the 128 census sites in 2011. This marks a 7% increase in the total count since the 2006 census. Annual monitoring efforts in NS suggest an 18% increase in adults (sum of pairs and singles tallied annually at end of breeding season) between 2006 and 2011. Census results over the 20 year period between the first census in 1991 and 2011 indicate a 19% decline in total adults.

Within Atlantic Canada and Québec, Piping Plovers in the Gulf of St. Lawrence region, including northern NS, are believed to be reproductively isolated from plovers in the southern NS (Atlantic Coast) region<sup>1</sup>. Of the 92 adults observed during the 2011 census, 64 (70%) were located in southern NS and 28 (30%) in northern NS. Regional proportions are equal to those of 2011 year-end population counts. The annual year-end count of 99 adults was higher than the census count. International Census counts are typically lower than year-end counts as some plovers arrive on NS beaches after the census survey period. In addition, the proportion of plover pairs is usually lower because of census timing and survey methodology. In 2011, 37 pairs were observed during the census representing 80% of total adults. This is lower than the 88% (SD 4%) average observed in previous four census counts. Cold, wet weather in the 2011 spring and summer was likely a key factor explaining the higher proportion of singles relative to other census years. Fewer nest attempts and lower than average chick survival resulted in one of the lowest productivity rates on record (1.23 fledglings per monitored pair) for the province. The number of sites occupied by one or more adults (31) was the highest since 1991 (35).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amirault-Langlais, D.L., T.L. Imlay, and A.W. Boyne. Dispersal patterns suggest two breeding populations of Piping Plovers in Eastern Canada. The Wilson Journal of Ornithology, *submitted*.

There was a net increase in occupation of four sites compared to 2006: eleven sites newly occupied (nine within southern NS) and seven no longer occupied (five within southern NS). Of the 31 occupied sites, 23 (74%) supported one or more pairs. Since 2006, average number of sites occupied by pairs in NS was 24 (SD 2).

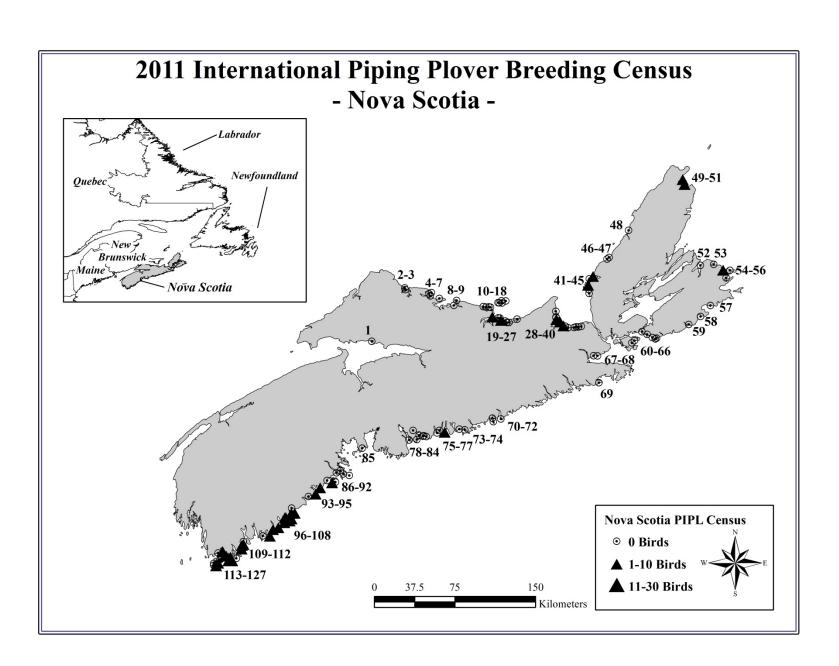
A coordinated team of skilled volunteers and partners were pivotal to the successful completion of the 2011 International Census. We thank participants for their time and effort in reaching far flung beaches from Cape Sable Island to Cape North.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	113	79	93	86 <sup>1</sup>	92 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

Detectability Study		
Sites Included	First	Second
	Count	Count
Captain's Pond & Monk's Pond (Monk's Head)	2	1
Dunns Beach	0	0
Mahoney's Beach	2	1
Pomquet Beach Park	6	5
Dominion (Lingan) Beach	0	0
Glace Bay Bar	3	2
Shipping Point	1	1
Hirtle's Beach	0	0
Oxner's Beach	0	0
James Beach and Little Harbour Spit	0	2
Pictou Bar Spit (Pictou Landing, Lighthouse Beach)	2	0
Beach Meadows Beach	0	0
Little Port Joli Beach	_	2
Port Joli, Goose Haven Beach	2 2 2 7	
Ragged Harbor Beach	2	0 2 5
St. Catherine's Beach	7	5
Summerville Beach	0	0
Black Point Beach	2	2
Crow Neck (Baccaro)	11	12
Fox Bar Beach	1	1
Goose Point	1	1
Hawk Point	2	0
Johnston's Pond Beach	1	2
Louis Head Beach	1	1
Red Head Beach	4	4
The Hawk Beach	0	0
North Harbour Beach	2	2



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				BREED-	TOTAL				P	RIOR	YEAR	S	
				ING	PIPL		SITE	DISTURBANCE		SUSEL		EARS	
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S	SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Antigonish	Bayfield Beach	36	6/6/11	0	0	1.1	I A B	U V	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Antigonish	Captain's Pond & Monk's Pond (Monk's Head) <sup>2</sup>	33	6/6/11	1	2	1.2	IΒ	V	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Antigonish	Dunns Beach	32	6/6/11	0	0	1.1	IΒ	V	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Antigonish	Graham's Cove/ Ferry Road	35	6/11/11	0	0	1.0	I A	U	91	96	01	-	p
Antigonish	Jimtown	30	6/17/11	0	0	0.7	II B	H D	-	96	-	06	p
Antigonish	Linwood Beach	40	6/8/11	0	0	3.0	II E	V	-	96	01	-	p
Antigonish	Mahoney's Beach <sup>2</sup>	31	6/9/11	0	2	1.4	I B C	HDU	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Antigonish	Ogdens Pond Beach	29	6/17/11	0	0	1.0	II B	H D	91	96	01	06	p
Antigonish	Pomquet Beach Park <sup>2</sup>	34	6/9/11	1	6	3.1	I A	H D	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Antigonish	South Lakevale	28	6/12/11	0	0	0.5	I A B	HUV	91	96	01	06	p
Antigonish	Tracadie Big Island/Delorey Island	39	6/8/11	0	0	0.5	IAI	UV	91	96	01	-	p
Antigonish	Tracadie West Arm	38	6/8/11	0	0	0.7	IΒ	UV	91	96	01	-	p
Antigonish	Tracadie-West	37	6/8/11	0	0	1.0	I C	UVS	-	-	-	-	p
Cape Breton	Belfry Beach to Winging Point	58	6/9/11	0	0	3.0	IAB	n.r.	-	-	01	-	s(p)
Cape Breton	Dominion (Lingan) Beach	53	6/8/11	0	0	1.0	I II A B	HUV	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Cape Breton	Glace Bay Bar <sup>2</sup>	54	6/9/11	1	3	1.0	IAB	HDV	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	f
Cape Breton	Kennington Cove	57	6/8/11	0	0	0.1	I II A	n.r.	91	96	-	-	f
Cape Breton	Port Morien Beach	56	6/13/11	0	0	0.8	I II A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	p
Cape Breton	Schooner Pond Beach (Donkin)	55	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IAB	S	-	-	-	-	p
Cape Breton	South Bar Beach	52	6/21/11	0	0	0.0	I II A B	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Colchester	Sand Point - Five Islands	1	6/17/11	0	0	0.3	II B	n.r.	-	96	01	06	p
Cumberland	Cameron Beach	2	6/11/11	0	0	0.0	I A	S V	91	96	01	06	p
Cumberland	Hortons Point (Beach)	6	6/6/11	0	0	1.3	ΙE	V	91	96	01	06	p
Cumberland	Long Point (Beach)	5	6/11/11	0	0	0.8	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Cumberland	Oak Island Beach	4	6/16/11	0	0	1.2	I C	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Cumberland	Treen Point (Malagash Mines)	7	6/6/11	0	0	1.5	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Cumberland	West Pugwash Beach	3	6/5/11	0	0	1.0	IΒ	None	91	96	01	06	p
Guysborough	Clam Pond	68	6/11/11	0	0	2.0	IΒ	VU	91	96	-	-	p
Guysborough	Ragged Head Pond	67	6/11/11	0	0	5.0	IΒ	V	91	96	-	-	s(p)
Guysborough	Tor Bay Provincial Park Beach	69	6/11/11	0	0	2.0	IΒ	O	-	96	01	06	s(p)
Halifax	Bull Beach	71	6/8/11	0	0	0.9	I A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	s(p)
Halifax	Clam Harbour Beach	73	6/16/11	0	0	3.0	I A B	H D	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)

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Halifax	Conrads Beach (East & West)	80	6/14/11	0	0	2.0	I A	H D	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Halifax	Conrods's Beach	76	6/16/11	0	0	1.5	II A	HFV	<u>91</u>	<b>96</b> 96	01	-	p
Halifax	Cow Bay Beach (Silver Sands)	83	6/14/11	0	0	1.0	IΒ	V	91		01	-	m
Halifax	Lawrencetown Beach	78	6/14/11	0	0	0.3	I A	ΗU	-	96	01	06	s(p), p
Halifax	Long/Meiser's Beach	77	6/17/11	0	0	0.9	IΒ	n.r.	-	96	01	-	s(p)
Halifax	Martinique Beach	75	6/10/11	0	1	3.5	IΒ	V	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Halifax	Maugher's Beach, McNabs Island	84	6/17/11	0	0	1.5	IIIDE	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Halifax	McCormack's Beach (Eastern Passage)	82	6/14/11	0	0	0.2	II D	ΗU	-	96	01	-	s(p)
Halifax	Rainbow Haven Beach (Cole Harbour)	81	6/14/11	0	0	1.8	I A	ΗU	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Halifax	Sober Island / Red Cliff	70	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	I D	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Halifax	Stoney Beach (Lawrencetown Head)	79	6/14/11	0	0	0.5	I A	ΗU	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Halifax	Taylor Head Beach	72	6/8/11	0	0	1.2	IAD	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Halifax	West March / Seapool Beach	74	6/16/11	0	0	1.3	I A	HDU	91	96	01	06	p
Inverness	Belle Cote Beach	48	6/7/01	0	0	0.0	I A B	S	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Inverness	Big Rory's Point/Emerson Point	41	6/15/11	0	0	0.5	I A B	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Inverness	Colindale Beach	44	6/8/11	0	0	0.5	I II A D	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Inverness	Inverness Beach	47	6/7/11	0	0	3.7	I A B	UN	-	-	-	06	p
Inverness	Little Judique Harbour	42	6/9/11	0	0	1.4	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Inverness	Margaree Harbour Beach	46	6/7/11	0	0	0.4	I A B	None	-	-	-	06	p
Inverness	Shipping Point	43	6/8/11	0	1	1.8	I A	V	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Inverness	South West Mabou Beach	45	6/8/11	2	4	1.8	IAB	None	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Lunenburg	Bayswater	85	6/10/11	0	0	0.6	I A	HDU	91	96	01	-	s(p)
Lunenburg	Cape Bay Beach	91	6/16/11	1	2	1.0	ΙE	H	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Lunenburg	Cherry Hill Beach	93	6/7/11	3	7	2.5	IΒ	DV	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Lunenburg	Conrad Island Causeway	86	6/15/11	0	0	1.5	IIIADFI	H D	-	-	-	-	s(p), p
Lunenburg	Green Bay	92	6/7/11	0	0	0.8	I A	HDSU	-	-	-	-	p
Lunenburg	Halibut Bay, Cape LaHave Island	90	6/16/11	0	0	0.8	ΙE	n.r.	91	96	01	-	s(p)
Lunenburg	Hirtle's Beach	88	6/15/11	0	0	3.3	I A B	HDU	91	96	01	06	s(p), m, p
Lunenburg	Kingsburg Beach	87	6/15/11	0	0	1.9	I II A D	U	-	96	01	06	s(p), p

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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S		ZAKS	OWNER
Lunenburg	Oxner's Beach	89	6/15/11	0	0	1.1	I II A D	HD	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p
Pictou	Big Merigomish Island Beach	27	6/13/11	0	0	5.0	IBF	SU	91	96	01	06	р
Pictou	Bowen Island	23	6/12/11	0	0	0.1	II C	None	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	p
Pictou	Cape John, Megs Cove	9	6/9/11	0	0	0.8	I A	S V	-	-	01	06	p
Pictou	Caribou Island, Black Point to Hawksbill Point	12	6/9/11	0	0	1.0	IC	H D	-	96	01	-	p
Pictou	Caribou Island, Caribou Reef	13	6/9/11	0	0	1.2	I C	Н	91	96	01	06	p
Pictou	Caribou Island, Narrows	11	6/9/11	0	0	0.5	I C	S V	-	-	01	-	p
Pictou	Chance Harbour Beach	20	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	I A	UV	_	96	01	06	p
Pictou	James Beach and Little Harbour Spit <sup>2</sup>	22	6/14/11	1	2	0.7	II A	U	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Pictou	Kings Head (Chisholm Beach)	25	6/10/11	0	0	0.5	II A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Pictou	Melmerbey Beach	24	6/10/11	0	0	2.2	I A B	HVS	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Pictou	Murray Beach, Rushtons Park	8	6/7/11	0	0	2.5	I A	SU	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Pictou	Pictou Bar Spit (Pictou	19	6/14/11	1	2	1.5	I A	DVS	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Pictou	Landing, Lighthouse Beach <sup>2</sup> Pictou Island (East end)	17	6/10/11	0	0	0.5	ΙE	n.r.	-	_	01	06	р
Pictou	Pictou Island (West end)	14	6/10/11	0	0	0.2	ΙE	Н	-	-	01	-	p
Pictou	Pictou Island John Dans Cove	16	6/10/11	0	0	0.7	ΙE	V	-	-	01	06	p
Pictou	Roger Point, Pictou Island	18	6/10/11	0	0	1.5	ΙE	Н	-	-	01	06	p
Pictou	Savage Point, Big Merigomish Island	26	6/13/11	0	0	0.4	II B	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Pictou	Sinclair's Island	21	6/12/11	0	0	0.8	I A	None	91	96	01	06	p
Pictou	Waterside Beach	10	6/9/11	0	0	1.4	I C	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Pictou	Wharf Beach, Pictou Island	15	6/10/11	0	0	0.3	ΙE	U	-	-	01	-	p
Queens	Back Beach, Port Mouton Island	97	6/17/11	1	2	0.5	II E	None	91	96	01	06	p
Queens	Beach Meadows Beach	95	6/16/11	0	0	1.1	I A	U	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	m
Queens	Carter's/Wobamkek Beach	98	6/17/11	1	2	1.1	II A	Н	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Queens	Cranberry Pond	99	6/17/11	0	0	0.8	II A	ΗVU	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	-	06	p
Queens	Little Port Joli Beach <sup>2</sup>	100	6/16/11	1	2	1.5	IΒ	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f
Queens	Port Joli, Durham Lane Beach	102	6/9/11	0	1	0.4	I II A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Queens	Port Joli, Goose Haven Beach <sup>2</sup>	103	6/6/11	1	2	0.4	II A D	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Queens	Ragged Harbor Beach	94	6/9/11	1	2	1.6	I A	None	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	p
Queens	Sandy Bay Beach	104	6/17/11	1	2	1.2	I A	None	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p), p
Queens	St. Catherine's Beach <sup>2</sup>	101	6/8/11	3	7	2.0	IΒ	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f

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	BREED- TOTAL PRIOR YEARS												
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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S		AKS	OWNER
Queens	Summerville Beach	96	6/8/11	0	0	1.1	II B	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Richmond	Crossroads/L'Ardoise Beach	62	6/14/11	0	0	3.5	I A	n.r.	_	_	01	-	р
Richmond	Grand Greve Beach	64	6/12/11	0	0	0.8	IΒ	n.r.	_	_	01	_	p
Richmond	Morrison Beach, Framboise	59	6/13/11	0	0	3.3	ΙB	V		_	01	_	s(p), p
Richmond	Point Michaud Beach	60	6/13/11	0	0	2.5	IAE	V	_	_	01	_	s(p)
Richmond	Pondville Beach	66	6/12/11	0	0	0.8	I B	n.r.	_	_	01	_	s(p)
Richmond	Rear Point Michaud Beach	61	6/13/11	0	0	2.0	IAE	V	_	_	01	_	р
Richmond	Rockdale beach	63	6/12/11	0	0	1.5	ΙA	ΗVU	-	_	01	-	p
Richmond	Rocky Bay Beach	65	6/12/11	0	0	0.8	I A	U	-	-	01	-	p
Shelburne	Black Point Beach	107	6/8/11	1	2	1.0	I A B	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Shelburne	Blanche Pointe	113	6/12/11	0	0	0.0	I B	n.r.	91	96	01	-	p
Shelburne	Bull's Head	120	6/16/11	0	0	0.8	I A	V	-	<u>96</u>	-	06	p
Shelburne	Burk's Point	115	6/16/11	0	0	1.5	I A	None	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Shelburne	Clam Point	119	6/16/11	0	0	0.9	I A	None	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Shelburne	Cranes Point	109	6/17/11	0	0	2.3	I A	None	-	-	-	-	p
Shelburne	Crescent Beach	108	6/4/11	0	0	0.8	I A B	HDU	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	m
Shelburne	Crow Neck (Baccaro <sup>2</sup>	114	6/13/11	5	12	3.0	I A	V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Shelburne	Daniels Head/ Southside	122	6/8/11	1	3	2.7	I A	None	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
Shelburne	Fish Island	127	6/17/11	0	0	0.8	ΙE	None	-		01	-	s(p)
Shelburne	Fox Bar Beach	110	6/7/11	0	1	3.1	I A	V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Shelburne	Goose Point	116	6/16/11	0	1	1.2	I A	None	91	96	01	06	p
Shelburne	Hawk Point <sup>2</sup>	124	6/6/11	1	2	1.6	I A	None	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Shelburne	Johnston's Pond Beach <sup>2</sup>	105	6/6/11	1	2	1.0	I A B	None	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Shelburne	Louis Head Beach	106	6/4/11	0	1	1.8	I A	U	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Shelburne	North East Point Beach	118	6/6/11	0	0	1.1	I A	Н	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Shelburne	Ratcliffe Hills Beach	126	6/17/11	0	0	1.1	ΙE	None	-	-	01	-	s(p), p
Shelburne	Red Head Beach	112	6/7/11	2	4	2.6	I A	V	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Shelburne	Round Bay	111	6/7/11	1	2	3.0	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p
Shelburne	Sand Hills Beach (Sebim Beach)	117	6/6/11	3	6	2.3	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Shelburne	Stoney Island	121	6/6/11	0	0	3.0	I A	V	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Shelburne	The Cape, Inner Beach	125	6/17/11	0	0	2.8	ΙE	S	91	96	01	-	s(p)
Shelburne	The Hawk Beach	123	6/6/11	0	0	2.1	I A	None	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	p

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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	PRIOR YEARS CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>				OWNER
Victoria	Middle Harbour Beach	50	6/7/11	0	0	0.8	I A B	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Victoria	North Harbour Beach	49	6/9/11	1	2	5.0	I A B	V	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Victoria	South Harbour Beach	51	6/9/11	3	6	2.5	I A B	None	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Total				39	96	383.5							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.
<sup>2</sup> This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

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In Prince Edward Island 76 beaches<sup>1</sup> were surveyed by 18 volunteers and staff from Island Nature Trust, Parks Canada and the Prince Edward Island government. The 2011 beach list was based on sites visited during the last census (2006) and it included all known sites with suitable plover habitat. All beaches on the list were surveyed apart from Poverty Island which was missed because of logistics involved with accessing the site.

No new areas were identified for future consideration but because of the potential for winter storms to change coastal habitat in Prince Edward Island, new sites should always be considered, especially in years with significant winter weather events.

A total of 67 Piping Plovers were counted on 21 beaches in Prince Edward Island during the breeding census, including 29 pairs and 9 singles. The 2011 population on Prince Edward Island is low compared to recent census years and the decline observed since the 2006 census is consistent with trends observed from annual year-end population totals.

Census results are considered representative of the actual population in Prince Edward Island but are a slight underestimate the actual total. Detection of birds can be a challenge and on average ( $\pm$  SD) Prince Edward Island census counts have represented 91  $\pm$  7% of the estimated year-end population totals.

Predation, adverse weather and human disturbance (e.g., vehicle traffic and dogs on beaches) are likely the biggest factors affecting Piping Plover numbers during the breeding season on Prince Edward Island. Population declines on the Island may be attributed to successive years of low productivity with many eggs lost before hatch (due to predation and floods).

The distribution of birds on Prince Edward Island has changed over the past 20 years, with a shift from west to east and a significant decrease in the proportion of Prince Edward Island birds located in the National Park (located approximately in the center of the island's north coast). West coast beaches are subject to considerable off-highway vehicle traffic, which may explain why fewer birds are now found at these sites. Declines of breeding birds in the National Park (supporting 50% of pairs in 1991 and < 20% in 2011) may be explained by the popularity of National Park beaches for dog walking (a prohibited activity) or by elevated predation. However, reason for the decline in Prince Edward Island National Park is poorly understood at this time. Low survival of post fledgling chicks and adults during the non-breeding season may also be factors contributing to declines in the Prince Edward Island population. Conservation groups, provincial and federal governments are working together to identify and address threats.

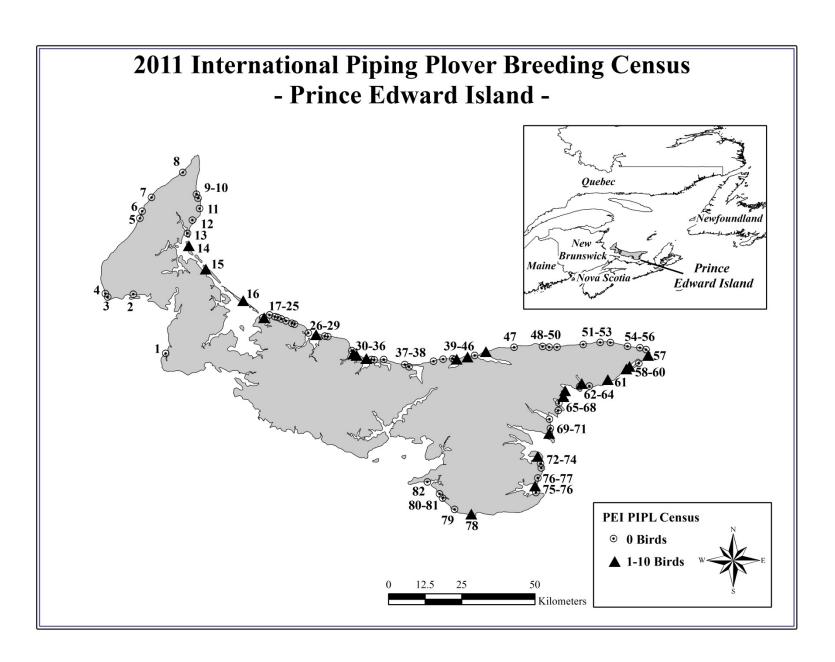
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In some cases the number of sites does not exactly match the number of beaches. Beaches were sometimes split or combined based on how they were surveyed in this and/or prior censuses.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	110	66	112	93 <sup>1</sup>	67 <sup>1</sup>

This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

Detectability Study		
Sites Included	First	Second
Sites included	Count	Count
Basin Head (Bothwell)	1	0
Boughton Island	3	2
Eglington Cove	4	2
Lake Run (Saint Peter's)	6	6
North Rustico Sandbar	6	6
Panmure Island	2	2
Saint Peter's Harbour	0	0
South Lake	2	3
Spry Cove/ Sally's Beach	0	0
Tracadie Sandbar	0	0
Wood Islands	6	6
Covehead Harbour West	0	0
Robinson's Island Sandspit	0	3
Rustico Causeway	2	2
Tracadie Beach to Covehead Harbour	0	0
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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S	SEEN		OWNER
Kings	Basin Head (Bothwell) <sup>2</sup>	60	6/8/11	0	1	3.5	I A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Kings	Beach Point	77	6/5/11	0	0	0.8	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	unk
Kings	Black Pond	61	6/8/11	1	3	2.3	I A	n.r.	-	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Kings	Boughton Bay (Old Ferry Spit)	69	6/10/11	0	0	1.5	IAE	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Kings	Boughton Island <sup>2</sup>	71	6/10/11	1	3	3.5	I A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Kings	Cable Head	47	6/9/11	0	0	1.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Campbell's Cove	53	6/11/11	0	0	1.0	I A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Canavoy (Savage Harbour East)	43	6/9/11	3	6	3.5	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Kings	Condons Pond	75	6/4/11	0	0	2.2	I A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Cow River	48	6/11/11	0	0	0.3	I A	n.r.	91	-	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Cross River (Big Pond)	51	6/11/11	0	0	0.5	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	unk
Kings	Diligent Pond	57	6/8/11	1	2	1.3	I A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Kings	East Lake	55	6/7/11	0	0	2.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Kings	East Point	56	6/7/11	0	0	1.0	I A	V	-	96	01	06	unk
Kings	Eglington Cove <sup>2</sup>	66	6/6/11	1	4	1.0	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Kings	Fortune Beach	65	6/6/11	1	2	1.0	I A	n.r.	_	-	01	06	p
Kings	Grahams Pond	73	6/4/11	0	0	0.8	I VIII B	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Greenwich Peninsula/ Schooner PEINP	46	6/6/11	2	5	6.0	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	-	<u>01</u>	06	f
Kings	Howe Bay	67	6/6/11	0	0	1.5	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Lake Run (Saint Peter's)	44	6/10/11	3	6	1.5	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Kings	Launching Point	70	6/10/11	0	0	1.0	I A	H D	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Naufrage	49	6/11/11	0	0	1.0	I A	V	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Norris Pond	62	6/7/11	0	0	0.5	I A	V	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Kings	North Lake	54	6/7/11	0	0	0.8	I A	V	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Panmure Island	72	6/4/11	1	2	2.5	I A	Н	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Kings	Pigots Pond	41	6/10/11	0	0	0.8	I A E	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Poverty Beach	76	6/4/11	1	2	1.2	I A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Kings	Priest Pond	52	6/11/11	0	0	0.8	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Kings	Saint Margaret's	50	6/11/11	0	0	1.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Kings	Saint Peter's Harbour	45	6/10/11	0	0	2.5	I A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Kings	Savage Harbour West	42	6/10/11	0	0	0.3	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	p
Kings	Sheep Pond	64	6/7/11	0	0	0.8	I A	H D	-	-	01	06	s(p)

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REGION   SITE NAME   MAP# DATE   PAIRS   ADULTS   KM   DESCRIPTION   CONCERNS   PIPL SEEN!	
Kings   Souris Causeway   63   67/711   1   2   1.0   11VAE   HD   91   96   01   06	OHNED
Kings   South Lake   South La	OWNER
Kings         Spry Cove/ Sally's Beach         68         66/11         0         0         3.0         1 A         n.r.         91         96         11         96           Kings         Steele's Pond         74         6/14/11         0         0         0.8         1 A B         n.r.         2         0         0         0           Prince         Black Pond West         7         6/14/11         0         0         1.0         1 A         V         2         26         01         06           Prince         Cabot Provincial Park         17         6/14/11         0         0         1.5         1 C         n.r.         91         96         01         06           Prince         Cascumpee Sand Hills         14         6/22/11         1         2         3.5         1 A         n.r.         91         96         01         06           Prince         Cedar Dunes West*         4         6/18/11         0         0         1.0         1         0         0         1.0         1         0         0         0         1.0         0         0         0         1         0         0         0         1         0	s(p)
Kings         Steele's Pond         74         6/4/11         0         0         0.8         I A B         n.r.         -         -         01         06           Prince         Black Pond West         7         6/14/11         0         0         1.0         I A         V         -         26         01         06           Prince         Cabot Provincial Park         17         6/17/11         0         0         1.5         I C         n.r.         91         96         01         06           Prince         Cascumpec Sand Hills'         14         6/22/11         1         2         3.5         I A         n.r.         91         96         01         06           Prince         Cedar Dunes Park's         4         6/18/11         0         0         2.0         IE         V         91         96         01         06           Prince         Codar Dunes Park's         4         6/18/11         1         2         8.5         I A         n.r.         91         96         01         06           Prince         Darriley Point         1         6/16/11         1         2         8.5         I A         H D V <td< td=""><td>s(p)</td></td<>	s(p)
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Queens Brandors Pond 23 6/15/11 0 0 0.5 I A H D - 96 01 06	p
Queens Campbells Pond 25 6/15/11 0 0 0.7 I II A H D - <u>96</u> 01 06	p
Queens Cavendish Campground PEINP 28 6/6/11 0 0 1.1 I A V - 96 01 06	f

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				BREED-	TOTAL				PRIOR YEARS					
				ING	PIPL		SITE	DISTURBANCE		SUSEL				
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S	OWNER			
Queens	Cavendish Main	29	6/6/11	0	0	1.1	IΒ	V	-	96	01	06	f	
Queens	Cavendish Sandspit	27	6/6/11	0	4	10.0	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f	
Queens	Cousin's Pond	24	6/15/11	0	0	0.8	I II A	HDVF	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)	
Queens	Covehead Harbour West	36	6/14/11	0	0	3.5	I II A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f	
Queens	Deroche Pond	39	6/8/11	0	0	5.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)	
Queens	Feehan's Point	40	6/13/11	0	0	2.6	I A	D	-	-	01	06	s(p)	
Queens	Gascoigne Cove East	80	6/15/11	0	0	1.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)	
Queens	Gascoigne Cove West	81	6/5/11	0	0	2.0	I A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)	
Queens	North Rustico PEINP	30	6/6/11	0	0	1.0	I IV A B E	V	-	-	-	-	f	
Queens	North Rustico Sandbar	31	6/9/11	3	6	2.0	I A	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)	
Queens	Pond Point	82	6/15/11	0	0	1.0	I II A B	n.r.	91	-	01	06	p	
Queens	Robinson's Island Sandspit <sup>2</sup>	32	6/12/11	0	3	4.1	I II A B	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f	
Queens	Rustico Causeway	33	6/9/11	1	2	2.3	I A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	f	
Queens	Shaw's Beach	35	6/6/11	0	0	1.2	I A	V	91	96	01	06	f	
Queens	Tracadie Beach to Covehead Harbour	37	6/8/11	0	0	8.8	I A	V	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f	
Queens	Tracadie Sandbar	38	6/8/11	0	0	2.0	I II A E	V	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)	
Queens	Wood Islands	78	6/5/11	3	6	3.0	IAE	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p), p	
Queens	Yankee Beach	26	6/15/11	0	0	0.7	I A	H D V	-	96	01	06	s(p)	
Total				28	71	189.3								

Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

Please note that these surveys were conducted outside the Census window.

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In New Brunswick (NB), 63 beaches<sup>1</sup> were surveyed by 41 participants. Staff and volunteers from Nature New Brunswick Irving Eco-Centre / Dune de Bouctouche, the Canadian Wildlife Service (Environment Canada), and Parks Canada visited New Brunswick beaches between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June. The 2011 list of beaches was based on sites visited during the last census in 2006 and included all known suitable plover habitat.

Two sites were deemed unsuitable for nesting plovers: Carron Point, because the shoreline has been hardened to the water's edge and Maisonnette Beach, because it was inundated by winter storms. Although Middle Miscou beach and Petit Barachois beach are on the list of beaches to check, site visits were not conducted in 2011. The north and south sections of Middle Miscou beach have been severely eroded with no ployer habitat remaining. It is possible that a small patch of suitable habitat exists in the center of this site however it was not accessible in 2011. Visits to Petit Barachois were delayed due to limited access restricted by tide; this beach was visited after the census period with no plovers counted. Grande Digue was split into two separate sites and the southern portion is now an island, accessible only by boat (now respectively: Pointe Grande Digue and Grande Digue Island). Similarly, Tabusintac Dune was split in to two (now Tabusintac nord and Tabusintac sud).

No new areas were identified for future consideration but because of the potential for winter storms to change coastal habitat in New Brunswick, new sites should always be considered, especially in years with significant winter weather events.

In 2011, 130 Piping Plovers were counted on 32 beaches in New Brunswick during the breeding census, including 48 pairs and 34 singles. Despite a general increase in the number of beaches surveyed across years, the number of beaches with plovers has remained relatively stable and the number of adults counted has decreased, with the fewest number of birds counted in 2011.

Census results are representative of the actual population in New Brunswick but are likely a slight underestimate of the population total. For example, on average (± SD) New Brunswick census counts have represented  $95 \pm 3\%$  of year-end estimated population totals. Census counts are lower than year-end totals because during a census, a few beaches may be missed (e.g. in 2011, two sites were not surveyed; see above for explanation) and detection of birds can also be a challenge. The latter is especially true in northern New Brunswick where many beaches are characterized by extensive washover areas in which birds are especially difficult to find. Given that the number of beaches surveyed has generally increased across years, we might expect a subsequent bias towards counting more birds however this has not been the case for New Brunswick.

Major winter storm events in December 2010 affected extensive areas of the New Brunswick coastline, eroding shoreline at some sites and creating large wash-over areas of 'ideal' plover habitat at others. Due to the latter, habitat does not appear to be limiting for Piping Plovers in New Brunswick especially in northern regions. Human disturbance, habitat degradation, adverse weather and predation likely pose the biggest threats to Piping Plovers in New Brunswick. Some of the principle concerns directly related to human activities are: widespread use of vehicles on beaches, coastal development and building projects that compromise dune integrity (e.g. hardening of shorelines, erosion prevention initiatives, removal of sand), and off-leash dogs that disturb birds. Conservation groups, provincial and federal governments are working together to identify and address threats.

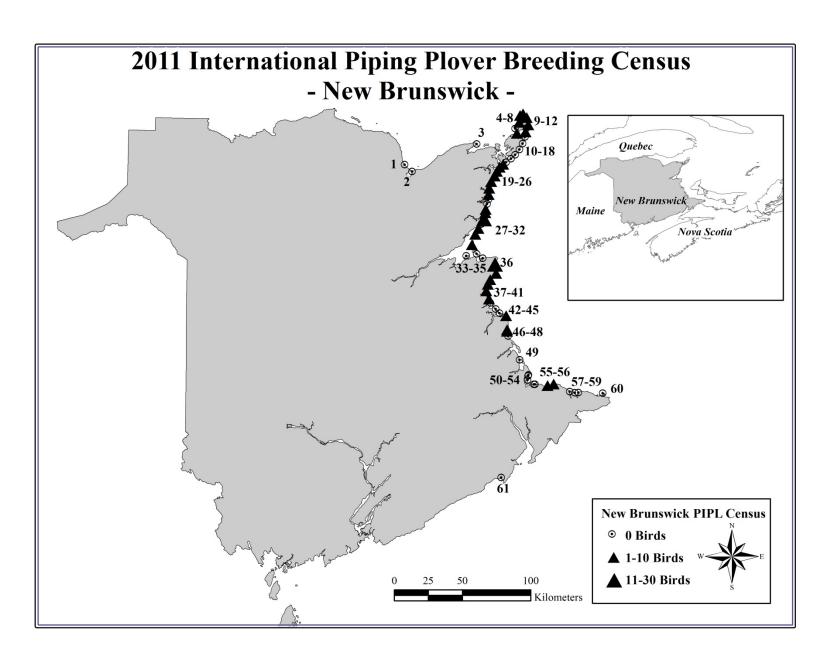
**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	203	146	167	166 <sup>1</sup>	130 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

Citas In also do d	First	Second
Sites Included	Count	Count
Baie-de-Petit-Pokemouche	1	0
Grand Lac (Lameque)	0	0
Grand Passage	3	4
Green Point	1	0
Miscou Beach	3	5
Pointe-à-Bouleau	1	0
Tracadie Dune	4	5
Chockpish	4	4
Escuminac Beaches	13	10
North Kouchibouguac Dune	7	3
South Kouchibouguac Dune	2	3
Blacklands Sandspit (Crab	0	0
Island)	U	U
Cedar Road Beach South	5	10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In some cases the number of sites does not exactly match the number of beaches. Beaches were sometimes split or combined based on how they were surveyed in this and/or prior censuses.



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REGION SITE NAME		MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	CEN	RIOR SUSEI PIPL S	) & YI		OWNER
Albert	Waterside Beach	61	6/17/11	0	0	3.5	I A	V	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Gloucester	Baie-de-Petit-Pokemouche <sup>2</sup>	19	6/4/11	0	1	3.5	IΒ	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Gloucester	Beresford Beach	1	6/14/11	0	0	0.3	II B	n.r.	-	96	01	06	p
Gloucester	Cap Bateau	14	6/15/11	0	0	1.5	IΒ	n.r.	-	96	01	06	s(p), p
Gloucester	Carron Point	2	6/14/11	0	0	0.2	II B	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Gloucester	Chiasson Office	17	6/15/11	0	0	2.2	IΒ	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, p
Gloucester	École-La-Vague	18	6/15/11	0	0	4.5	IΒ	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f, m, p
Gloucester	Grand Lac (Lameque)	16	6/14/11	0	0	1.0	IΒ	n.r.	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Gloucester	Grand Passage <sup>2</sup>	20	6/15/11	2	4	5.7	I A B	V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Gloucester	Grande Plaine	7	6/13/11	4	8	4.5	I A	V	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Gloucester	Green Point <sup>2</sup>	23	6/15/11	0	1	8.5	I B	V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, p
Gloucester	Lac Frye	8	6/14/11	0	1	1.3	I A	V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	-	p
Gloucester	Miscou Beach <sup>2</sup>	9	6/16/11	2	5	8.0	I II A B	V S	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p
Gloucester	Miscou Centre Beach	5	6/14/11	0	0	6.0	I A	V	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p), p
Gloucester	Miscou Harbour South, Marks Point South	4	6/14/11	1	2	2.5	I A B	U	-	-	01	06	f, p
Gloucester	Pigeon Hill Sandspit (Fox Den)	12	6/12/11	4	8	7.2	I II C	none	91	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Gloucester	Pigeon Hill Beach	13	6/15/11	0	0	3.0	IΒ	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p), p
Gloucester	Plover Ground North	21	6/13/11	2	4	4.4	IAB	V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Gloucester	Plover Ground South	22	6/13/11	0	1	2.5	I A	V	91	96	<u>01</u>	06	p
Gloucester	Pointe de Maisonnette	3	6/4/11	0	0	0.9	II B	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Gloucester	Pointe-à-Bouleau <sup>2</sup>	25	6/7/11	0	1	2.9	I II C	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p
Gloucester	Ruisseau Cheniere (Miscou Island)	6	6/14/11	1	2	3.7	I A	V	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p
Gloucester	St. Raphael, St. Marie	15	6/6/11	0	0	1.2	I A	S	-	-	-	06	s(p), p
Gloucester	Tracadie Dune <sup>2</sup>	24	6/10/11	2	5	4.7	I II C	U	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Gloucester	Val Comeau	26	6/6/11	0	0	3.3	IΒ	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Gloucester	Wilson Point North (Miscou)	10	6/15/11	1	5	3.2	I A	V	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Gloucester	Wilson Point South (Miscou)	11	6/12/11	0	0	2.9	IAE	V	91	-	01	06	f, s(p), p
Kent	Bouctouche Dune	46	6/8/11	1	3	12.2	IX B	none	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	р
Kent	Chockpish <sup>2</sup>	47	6/10/11	2	4	3.7	IX A	V O	_	_	01	06	unk
Kent	Cocagne Island	49	6/14/11	0	0	8.0	ΙE	n.r.	91	-	01	06	p
Kent	Cote-Sainte-Anne	48	6/10/11	0	0	5.0	IX A	HS	_	-	01	06	unk
Kent	Escuminac Beaches <sup>2</sup>	36	6/14/11	5	13	10.0	IX A	V	_	96	01	06	unk

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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S			OWNER
Kent	North Kouchibouguac Dune <sup>2</sup>	40	6/7/11	3	7	3.0	IΒ	none	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Kent	North Richibucto Dune	43	6/15/11	0	0	15.0	I C	none	-	96	01	06	f
Kent	Pointe Grande-Digue (North)	50	6/14/11	0	0	1.5	I II A B	DO	91	96	01	-	up
Kent	Pointe Sapin Beach	37	6/16/11	0	1	4.8	IX A	none	-	-	01	06	unk
Kent	Pointe-Sapin Dune	38	6/5/11	2	4	3.0	I A	none	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Kent	Portage River Dune	39	6/5/11	3	7	3.0	I II A B	none	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Kent	South Kouchibouguac Dune <sup>2</sup>	41	6/7/11	1	3	6.0	IΒ	none	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Kent	South Richibucto Beach	45	6/7/11	0	1	6.2	IX B	none	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	unk
Kent	South Richibucto Dune (Barrier Island)	44	6/15/11	0	0	3.5	IX C	none	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	-	unk
Kent	Tern Islands	42	6/15/11	0	0	1.5	II C	none	-	96	-	-	f
Northumberland	Bay du Vin Island	35	6/8/11	0	0	5.8	I II D	ΗU	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Northumberland	Blacklands Sandspit (Crab Island)	31	6/8/11	0	0	1.5	ΙE	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	-	-	s(p)
Northumberland	Blacklands Sandspit (Swinging Point)	32	6/8/11	2	5	3.0	IIIE	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Northumberland	Cedar Road Beach South <sup>2</sup>	28	6/17/11	4	10	5.0	IΒ	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p
Northumberland	Cedar Road Spit	29	6/9/11	3	6	3.1	I II C	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f
Northumberland	Dune de Neguac, Neguac Beach	33	6/16/11	1	3	6.5	I II C	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Northumberland	Fox Island	36	6/8/11	0	0	13.0	IIIBCDE	UV	91	96	01	06	f, p
Northumberland	Pointe à Barreau	27	6/5/11	0	0	2.4	IΒ	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Northumberland	Portage Island National Wildlife Area	34	6/7/11	0	2	14.5	I II B C D	V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Northumberland	Preston Beach	35	6/14/11	0	0	2.3	IX B	none	91	96	01	06	unk
Northumberland	Tabusintac Dune	30	6/8/11	8	21	6.0	I II C	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Westmorland	Cadman Beach	59	6/8/11	0	0	2.3	IX A	none	91	96	01	06	unk
Westmorland	Cape Bimet West	54	6/7/11	0	0	0.8	ΙA	HSU	91	96	01	06	p
Westmorland	Cape Brule East	53	6/7/11	0	0	0.8	ΙA	none	91	96	01	06	p
Westmorland	Cape Jourmain National Widlife Area	60	6/10/11	0	0	1.5	I A	O	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	f
Westmorland	Cap-Pelé	56	6/8/11	0	1	1.0	IX A	none	-	_	_	-	unk
Westmorland	Grand Digue South (Island Segment)	51	6/8/11	0	0	1.0	ΙE	none	91	96	01	06	p
Westmorland	Johnston Point	58	6/8/11	0	0	1.5	IX A	none	91	96	01	06	unk
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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEARS DISTURBANCE CENSUSED & YEARS CONCERNS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>				OWNER	
Westmorland	Landry East	55	6/8/11	0	1	8.0	I A	H D V	91	96	01	06	p
Westmorland	Little Cape	57	6/8/11	0	0	1.3	IX B	none	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	unk
Westmorland	Shediac Island	52	6/8/11	0	0	2.5	I C	none	-	-	01	06	m, p
Total				54	140	263.1							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

<sup>2</sup> This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

### The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census at Great Lakes sites in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Pennsylvania

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The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in the U.S. Great Lakes was completed during the 4 June to 17 June census period. Surveys of known and/or potential breeding habitat for the Great Lakes population of the Piping Plover (Charadrius melodus) covered a six state area that included Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York. A total of 72 coastal sites were visited one or more times, including 56 sites in Michigan. Some areas were reported as a single site in 2011 but were broken down into two or more sites in 2006; likewise, a few sites that were reported as a single site in 2006 were broken down into two or more sites in 2011. Sites selected for survey in Michigan and Wisconsin were based primarily on the results of the 2006 International Piping Plover Breeding Census. These sites included nearly all of the currently known breeding locations in the U.S. Great Lakes. Some sites surveyed in 2006 were not included in the 2011 census due to lack of access, or the current lack of habitat. Alternately, a small number of new sites were added to the effort in 2011 as a result of recent observation of Piping Plover presence.

Census locations selected for survey in the other Great Lakes states were based primarily on designated critical habitat areas (USFWS May 7, 2001). These sites are generally considered the best potential Piping Plover habitat outside their current range in Michigan and Wisconsin.

A total of 98 Piping Plovers were observed in the U.S. Great Lakes during the census period. This was 11 fewer birds than observed during the 2006 Census. Of the 2011 total, 8 were recorded in Wisconsin, with the remainder in Michigan. No observations of Piping Plovers were recorded for the other states.

The number of Piping Plovers tallied for the 2011 International Breeding Census varied, however, from the number recorded during the annual monitoring program in the Great Lakes. Annual monitoring efforts reported a total of 50 breeding pairs in the U.S. portion of the Great Lakes. This tally is the result of intense survey efforts and nearly daily monitoring of active breeding locations. The discrepancy in the number of Piping Plovers counted in 2011 may have been due to weather conditions during the census period or movement patterns of birds. As many of the observers who participated in the International Census were the same as those employed for the seasonal monitoring program, observer bias is not a likely cause of the discrepancy.

In the Great Lakes we have intense survey efforts and monitoring programs every year. During the time since the 2006 census, the Great Lakes population of Piping Plovers continued to rise and the highest numbers recorded since listing occurred during 2009, when there were 71 pairs counted across the basin. During the last two years there have been declines. We are currently investigating causes of the recent decline and exploring further management options.

Comparison of Census Numbers - Michigan

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	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	39	47	65	101 <sup>1</sup>	90 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

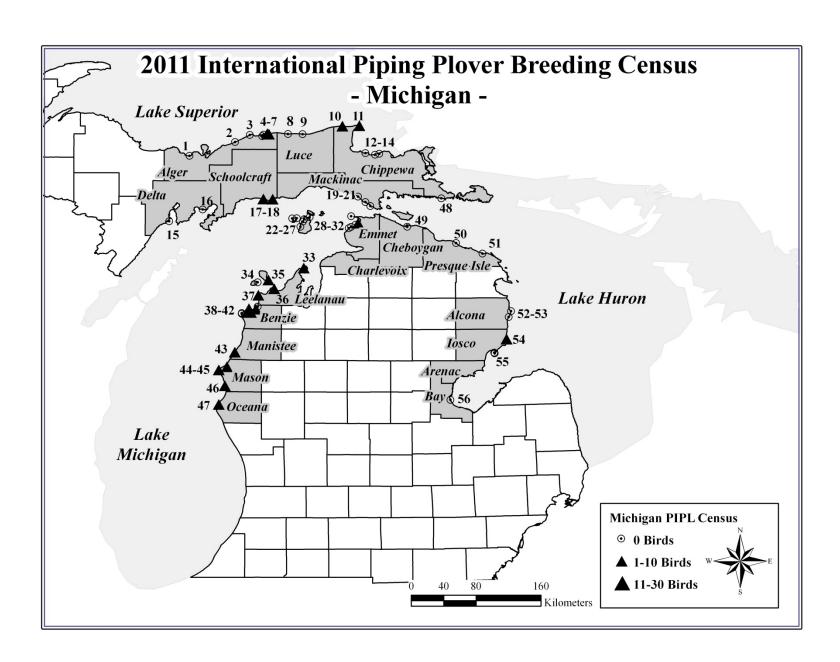
**Comparison of Census Numbers – Wisconsin** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	1	0	6	8 <sup>1</sup>	8 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

### Comparison of Census Numbers – Illinois, Indiana, and Pennsylvania

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	n.a.	n.a.	0	0	0



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				BREED-	TOTAL					RIOR			
				ING	PIPL		SITE	DISTURBANCE	CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>				
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS					OWNER
Alcona	Harrisville State Park	53	6/12/11	0	0	0.8	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Alcona	Sturgeon Point	52	6/12/11	0	0	0.8	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	m
Alger	12 Mile Beach to Beaver Creek	2	6/15/11	0	0	6.5	V A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	unk
Alger	Au Train River Mouth	1	6/17/11	0	0	1.2	V A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Alger	Grand Marais (Inner Bay)	7	6/8/11	1	2	2.4	III V A D	VH	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	m, p
Alger	Grand Marais (West Bay)	6	6/5/11	1	3	1.6	III V A	ΗI	91	96	01	06	p
Alger	Grand Sable Lake	4	6/10/11	0	0	0.8	V A	O	-	96	01	06	unk
Alger	Hurricane River to 12 Mile Beach CG	3	6/13/11	0	0	3.2	V A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	unk
Alger	Sable Falls	5	6/9/11	0	0	2.5	V A	n.r.	-	96	01	-	unk
Bay	South Linwood Beach	56	6/17/11	0	0	0.8	V A	DVH	-	-	-	-	p
Benzie	Elberta Beach	42	6/17/11	0	0	1.5	V A	O	-	96	01	06	m
Benzie	Esch to Platte Point	39	6/17/11	3	6	8.3	V A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
Benzie	Point Betsie	41	6/17/11	0	0	1.8	V A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	unk
Benzie	S Sleeping Bear Dunes to Platte Point	40	6/16/11	6	14	3.0	V A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
Charlevoix	Bonner's Bluff/Landing, Beaver Island	26	6/11/11	0	0	3.7	V E	ΗI	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Charlevoix	Donegal Bay and McCauley Point	25	6/9/11	0	0	3.2	V E	ΗI	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p
Charlevoix	High Island NE Spit	23	6/5/11	0	0	2.0	VE	I	91	96	01	<u>06</u> <sup>3</sup>	s(p), p
Charlevoix	High Island NW Side	22	6/5/11	0	0	3.5	VE	I	<u>91</u>	96	01	<b>06</b> <sup>3</sup>	s(p), p
Charlevoix	Lookout Point, Beaver Island	24	6/9/11	0	0	1.0	VEI	I	-	96	01	06	s(p), p
Charlevoix	McFaddin Pt./Green's Bay, Beaver Island	27	6/15/11	0	0	2.0	VE	ΗI	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Cheboygan	Cheboygan State Park	49	6/13/11	0	0	1.6	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Chippewa	Bay View Campground	13	6/15/11	0	0	6.4	V A	n.r.	-	-	-	_	р
Chippewa	Big Pine Picnic Area	14	6/15/11	0	0	1.6	V A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Chippewa	De Tour Beach	48	6/16/11	0	0	2.2	V A	V	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Chippewa	Naomikong	12	6/14/11	0	0	5.6	V A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	р
Chippewa	Vermilion Beach	10	6/4/11	2	4	8.9	V A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p), p
Chippewa	Whitefish Point	11	6/4/11	1	3	3.2	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	-	s(p), p
Delta	Indian Point, E side	16	6/9/11	0	0	3.2	VI A E	V	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	unk
Delta	Portage Point/Aronson Island	15	6/11/11	0	0	4.8	V A B	VI	-	-	-	-	unk

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				BREED- ING	TOTAL PIPL		SITE	DISTURBANCE	C	ENSU. YEA		X.			
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS	PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER				
Emmet	Bliss Township Beach	29	6/9/11	1	2	3.2	V A	n.r.	_	-	01	06	s(p), m, p		
Emmet	Cross Village Central	31	6/9/11	0	0	1.6	V A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	р		
Emmet	Cross Village North	30	6/9/11	0	0	1.6	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p		
Emmet	Cross Village South	32	6/9/11	0	0	1.6	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	р		
Emmet	Temperance/Waugoshance/Crane Island	28	6/5/11	0	0	8.1	V A	n.r.	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)		
Iosco	Au Sable River Mouth/Lake Huron Beach	54	6/12/11	1	2	0.4	V A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	s(p)		
Iosco	Tawas Point, Tawas State Park	55	6/12/11	0	0	4.0	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	-	s(p)		
Leelanau	Leelanau State Park	33	6/11/11	0	1	2.4	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)		
Leelanau	Sleeping Bear Point/Glen Haven	37	6/15/11	3	8	13.7	V A	n.r.	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	unk		
Leelanau	South Manitou Island	34	6/16/11	0	0	20.9	VE	n.r.	91	96	01	06	unk		
Leelanau/ Benzie	Empire to Esch	38	6/16/11	0	0	5.6	VA	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk		
Lelanau	E Sleeping Bear Bay/W Good Harbor Bay	36	6/14/11	1	2	16.1	V A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk		
Lelenau	North Manitou Island	35	6/15/11	1	10	38.6	VΕ	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk		
Luce	Deer Park	9	6/4/11	0	0	9.7	V A	O	91	96	01	06	s(p)		
Luce	Lake Superior State Forest Campground	8	6/5/11	0	0	4.8	V A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	s(p)		
Mackinac	Brevort River to Pointe aux Chenes	21	6/8/11	0	0	3.2	V A	n.r.	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	p		
Mackinac	Lake MI Campground/West Brevoort River	19	6/9/11	0	0	6.0	V A	n.r.	91	-	-	06	p		
Mackinac	Point Aux Chenes Bay	20	6/7/11	0	0	1.6	V A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p		
Manistee	Manistee City Beach	43	6/4/11	2	4	3.2	V A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	m		
Mason	Buttersville Park	46	6/4/11	2	4	3.2	V A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	m, p		
Mason	Ludington State Park	45	6/4/11	2	8	11.3	V A	I	91	96	01	06	s(p)		
Mason	Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness	44	6/7/11	1	2	6.4	V A	I	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	unk		
Oceana	Silver Lake State Park	47	6/4/11	1	4	4.8	V A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	m, p		
Presque Isle	Hoeft State Park	50	6/13/11	0	0	1.0	V A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)		
Presque Isle	Thompson's Harbor State Park	51	6/13/11	0	0	1.5	V A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	s(p)		

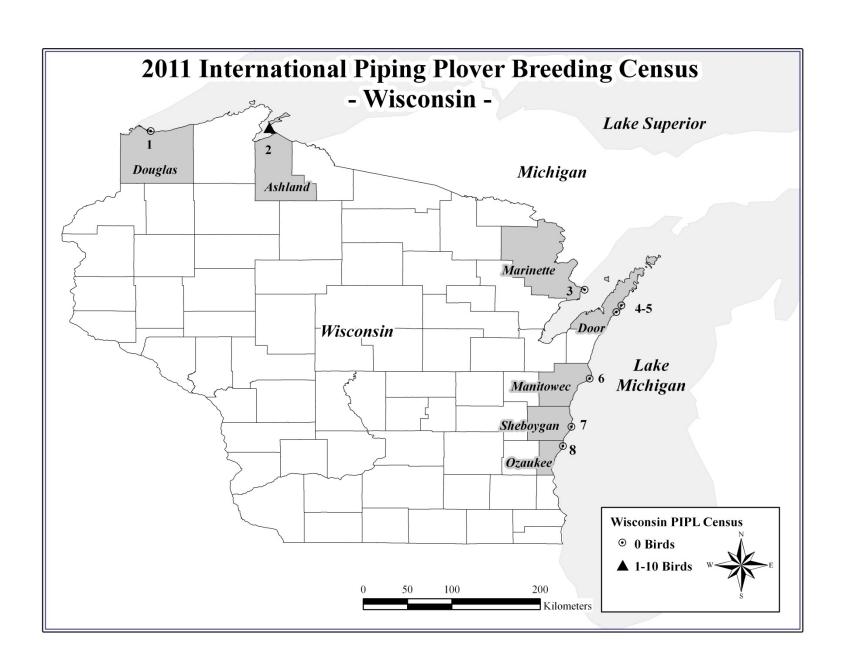
#### The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Michigan (Continued)

REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	PRIOR YEARS CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>			OWNER	
Schoolcraft	Gulliver	17	6/16/11	2	4	12.9	V A	Н	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Schoolcraft	Seul Choix Bay	18	6/17/11	2	7	7.2	V A	I	-	-	-	-	p
Total				33	90	283.0							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

<sup>2</sup> This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

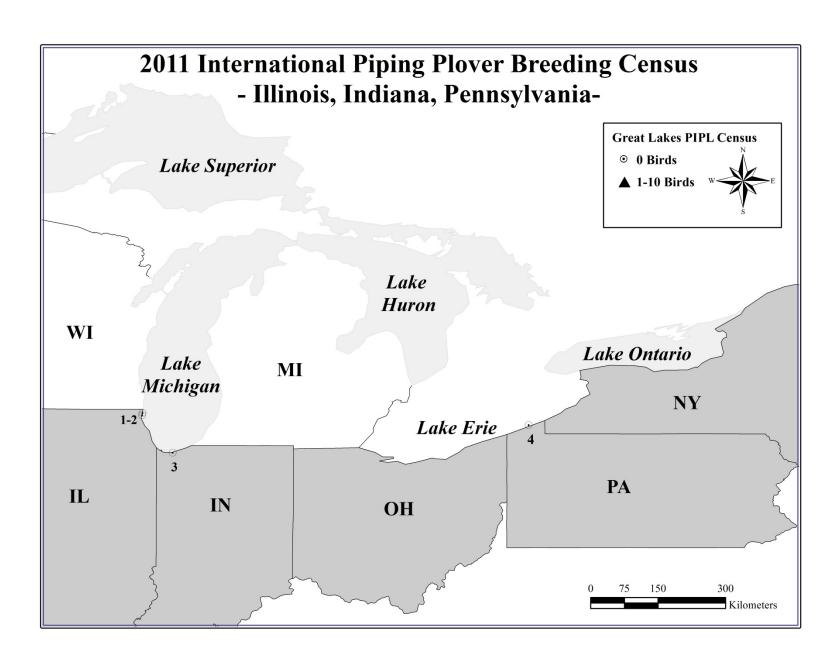
<sup>3</sup> High Island was not officially censused in 2006, but the site was checked and a pair was observed; however, the specific location of the pair along the survey route is unknown. The pair may have occurred along either the NW Side or the NE Spit.



**The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Wisconsin** 

				BREED-	TOTAL		CHEE	PRIOR YEARS					
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ING PAIRS	PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS		CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER	
Ashland	Long Island (sand cut)	2	6/10/11	4	8	7.3	VB	НВ	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Door	Lily Bay	5	6/8/11	0	0	1.2	V A	H D	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Door	Whitefish Dunes State Park	4	6/16/11	0	0	6.5	V A	VUI	91	96	01	06	s(p), m, p
Douglas	Wisconsin Point	1	6/10/11	0	0	6.5	III V B E	none	91	96	01	06	m
Manitowoc	Point Beach	6	6/9/11	0	0	5.6	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Marinette	Seagull Bar (Marinette)	3	6/14/11	0	0	2.9	V IX E	I	91	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), m
Ozaukee	Harrington Beach State Park	8	6/28/11	0	0	1.8	V A	H D	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Sheboygan	Kohler-Andrae State Park	7	6/9/11	0	0	3.3	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Total				4	8	35.0							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.



The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census at other Great Lakes sites in Illinois, Indiana, and Pennsylvania

				BREED- ING	TOTAL PIPL		SITE	DISTURBANCE	PRIOR YEARS RBANCE CENSUSED & YEARS				
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS	_	PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER	
Illinois	ComEd Fishing Pier to Waukegan Pier	1	6/4/11	0	0	1.9	V A	О	-	-	01	06	m
Illinois	Illinois Critical Habitat Unit (Illinois Beach Nature Preserve)	2	6/17/11	0	0	1.9	V A	Н	-	-	01	06	s(p), p
Indiana	Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore	3	6/14/11	0	0	11.7	V A	HVUI	-	-	01	06	unk
Pennsylvania	Presque Isle State Park	4	6/6/11	0	0	5.5	II V B D	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Total				0	0	21.1							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Ontario

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As part of the 2011 International Piping Plover Census, former, existing, and potential breeding locations of the Piping Plover in Ontario were censused. A total of 62 sites were surveyed in Ontario up from 45 sites in 2006 and 37 sites in 2001. All of the locations were along the shorelines of the Great Lakes (Superior, Huron (Georgian Bay), Erie, Ontario), and Lake of the Woods. In total, 16 adult plovers were reported on the census. An additional 4 adult plovers, likely spring migrants, were observed outside the census.

In general, census coverage was comprehensive. Some remote island sites on Lake Superior were not surveyed due to difficult access and bad weather. Some small beaches on Manitoulin Island, Pinery Provincial Park, Myles Bay (Black Creek Provincial Park), and a few other sites were not surveyed due to a lack of volunteer or staff support.

There were 14 known breeding adults (7 pairs) observed during the 2011 Census, including 4 pairs at Wasaga Beach and 2 at Sauble Beach on Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, respectively. Another pair was observed at Windy Point (Lake of the Woods) on June 6, but only a single bird remained on June 17. A single male was on territory at Carter's Bay on Manitoulin Island.

This is the largest recorded population of Piping Plovers in Ontario since the census began in 1991. Five adults were observed in 1991 (all from Sable Islands –Lake of the Woods), four adults were observed in 1996 (3 from Lake of the Woods), two adults were observed in the 2001 census (1 from Long Point, 1 from Windy Point – Lake of the Woods), and only two adults were observed in the 2006 census (1 from Windy Point and 1 from Presqu'ile Provincial Park) despite an attempted nesting at Wasaga Beach in 2005. The increase in plover numbers during the 2011 census reflects a true increase in the population rather than census coverage, as all occupied sites were surveyed in previous census years back to 2001.

The increase observed in the 2011 Census is primarily due to the recently established populations at Wasaga and Sauble Beach on Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. Since the 2006 census, breeding pairs were discovered at three locations in the Great Lakes region. The first attempt to nest was at Wasaga Beach in 2005, followed by a successful nesting in 2007. Since 2007, pairs have annually nested successfully at Wasaga Beach and Sauble Beach with another pair at Oliphant in 2008.

Threats to Piping Plovers in Ontario include human recreation, water levels, dogs, feral cats, natural predators, beach raking, and invasive species (*Phragmites australis*). Increased cottage and residential development along shorelines and beaches was one of the dominant threats identified in Ontario in 2011. The development itself is not necessarily problematic, but the associated increase in beach access and recreation is a concern. High water levels on Lake Erie and Lake Ontario reduced the amount of potential habitat particularly at Point Pelee, Rondeau Provincial

Park, and parts of Long Point. Persistent low water levels at some locations on Lake Huron and Georgian Bay allowed vegetation to reestablish in some low lying beach areas and pools.

Given the small but apparently stable or increasing population of Piping Plovers along the Lake Huron/Georgian Bay shoreline it would be prudent to expand the census in future years to as many locations as possible. The amount or suitability of Piping Plover habitat can be highly variable from year to year both across the province and at individual locations. Therefore, even though some locations may not have been suitable during prior surveys, an effort should be made to census and track potential changes in habitat over time.

A slowly increasing, but vulnerable, population is persisting at prime locations along the Lake Huron and Georgian Bay shorelines and there still appears to be a possibile remnant population in Lake of the Woods. Provided that conservation actions, most notably mitigation of human disturbance, are successful at these locations, the outlook is positive for Piping Plovers in Ontario.

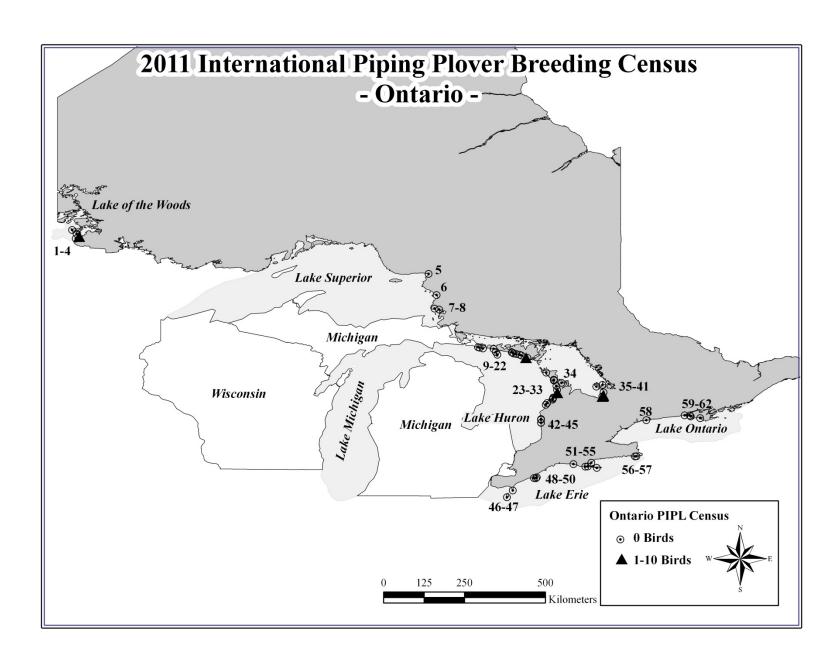
**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	5	4	2	21	16

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These birds were seen just prior to the official Census period

#### **Detectability Study**

Sites Included	First	Second
Sites illetided	Count	Count
Providence Bay	0	0



**The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Ontario** 

REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	CEN	PRIOR YEARS CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>			OWNER
Lake Erie	Erieau Beach	48	6/6/11	0	0	0.7	V A	Н	-	-	-	06	m
Lake Erie	Fish Point Provincial Nature Reserve	46	6/6/11	0	0	2.5	V A	none	-	-	-	-	s(p), p
Lake Erie	Hahn Woods to Hastings Drive***	52	6/22/11	0	0	5.3	V A	I	-	-	01	06	f
Lake Erie	Long Point, Courtright Ridge E	54	6/14/11	0	0	18.0	VE	I	91	96	01	06	f, s(p)
Lake Erie	Long Point, Courtright Ridge W	53	6/16/11	0	0	7.0	V A D	ΗU	-	-	01	06	s(p), m, p
Lake Erie	Point Abino East	57	6/8/11	0	0	2.0	V A	H D	-	-	-	-	m, p
Lake Erie	Point Abino West	56	6/8/11	0	0	3.5	V A	H D W	-	-	01	06	m, p
Lake Erie	Point Pelee National Park	47	6/17/11	0	0	8.0	VAE	W	-	-	-	06	f
Lake Erie	Port Burwell Provincial Park	51	6/4/11	0	0	2.5	V A	IO	-	_	_	06	s(p)
Lake Erie	Rondeau Provincial Park E Beach	50	6/13/11	0	0	9.0	VAD	HU	-	-	01	-	f, s(p)
Lake Erie	Rondeau Provincial Park S Beach	49	6/10/11	0	0	4.0	VAD	O	-	-	01	06	f, s(p)
Lake Erie	Sandbanks Provincial Park		6/17/11	0	0	8.0	VAB	HDVWO	_	_	_	_	s(p)
Lake Erie	Turkey Point Beach	55	6/16/11	0	0	3.0	II V A D	HUWO	_	_	_	06	s(p)
Lake Huron	Awenda Provincal Park	35	6/16/11	0	0	3.0	V A	I	_	_	_	_	s(p)
Lake Huron	Baie du Dore / Douglas Point	32	6/5/11	0	0	5.0	V A	UO	_	_	01	06	m, p
Lake Huron	Carter Bay	21	6/6/11	0	1	1.5	II V D	n.r.	_	_	01	06	f, s(p)
Lake Huron	Chief's Point	27	6/15/11	0	0	5.0	II V A	H D	_	_	01	06	р
Lake Huron	Christian Island (Hope and Beckwith)	36	6/7/11	0	0	5.0	V E	НО	-	-	-	-	p
Lake Huron	Dean Bay, Manitoulin	19	6/15/11	0	0	0.6	II V A E	HUO	_	_	_	_	m, p
Lake Huron	Desert Point, Great Duck Island***	14	7/14/11	0	0	1.5	VAE	O	-	96	01	06	p
Lake Huron	Dominion Bay	18	6/6/11	0	0	1.0	II A	U	_	_	_	_	m, p
Lake Huron	Dorcas Bay	23	6/7/11	0	0	1.0	V A	n.r.	_	_	01	06	m, p
Lake Huron	Golf Course Road N to Point Farms Park***	44	6/3/11	0	0	0.8	V A	HDU	-	-	01	06	s(p), m, p
Lake Huron	Golf Course Road S to Sunset Beach	45	6/9/11	0	0	1.5	V A	ΗU	-	-	01	06	s(p), m, p
Lake Huron	Hope Bay	34	6/9/11	0	0	2.0	II V A D	U	_	_	01	06	s(p), m
Lake Huron	Hyndman Bay, Cockburn Island***	10	7/15/11	0	0	0.4	II A	none	-	-	-	-	s(p), m

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REGION	SITE NAME	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	ENSU YEA	OR YEARS ISUSED & /EARS PL SEEN <sup>1</sup> OWNE				
Lake Huron	Inverhuron Provincial Park	33	6/4/11	0	0	5.0	V A	НЅО	-	-	-	06	s(p), p
Lake Huron	Michael's Bay	22	6/17/11	0	0	0.0	II III V A D	O	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Lake Huron	Miramichi Bay	30	6/9/11	0	0	1.5	V A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	m, p
Lake Huron	Myles Bay	25	6/9/11	0	0	0.5	II V A	UO	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Lake Huron	Port Albert N to Mid Huron Beach Road <sup>2</sup>	42	6/3/11	0	0	1.0	V A	H D U W	-	-	01	06	m, p
Lake Huron	Port Albert S to Brindley Beach Road <sup>2</sup>	43	9/6/11	0	0	5.0	V A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	m, p
Lake Huron	Port Elgin	31	6/9/11	0	0	4.0	V A	HUVO	-	-	01	06	m, p
Lake Huron	Portage Bay E Beach	16	6/16/11	0	0	1.0	V A	ΗU	-	-	-	-	s(p), m, p
Lake Huron	Portage Bay W Beach <sup>2</sup>	15	6/27/11	0	0	1.4	V A	H U V	-	-	-	-	s(p), m, p
Lake Huron	Providence Bay	20	6/6/11	0	0	2.0	VADE	ΗU	-	-	01	06	m, p
Lake Huron	Red Bay/Howdenvale	26	6/7/11	0	0	2.5	II V A D	n.r.	-	-	01	06	m, p
Lake Huron	Sand Bay, Cockburn Island <sup>2</sup>	11	7/15/11	0	0	1.5	III A	UV	-	-	-	-	m
Lake Huron	Sauble Beach	28	6/10/11	2	5	11.0	V A	ΗU	-	-	01	06	s(p), m, p
Lake Huron	Shrigley Bay	17	6/16/11	0	0	0.8	V A	UV	-	-	-	-	s(p), m, p
Lake Huron	Southhampton	29	6/9/11	0	0	5.0	V A	H U V	-	-	01	06	m, p
Lake Huron	Stokes Bay	24	6/9/11	0	0	2.0	V A	U	-	-	01	06	m, p
Lake Huron	Tiny Beaches	37	6/17/11	0	0	5.0	V A	HUDO	-	-	-	-	m
Lake Huron	Wagosh Bay, Cockburn Island <sup>2</sup>	9	7/15/11	0	0	1.0	II D E	U	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Lake Huron	Wasaga Beach - Site # 1	38	6/14/11	1	2	3.5	II A	HUDO	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lake Huron	Wasaga Beach - Site # 2	39	6/17/11	1	2	0.5	II A I	HIO	-	96	-	06	s(p)
Lake Huron	Wasaga Beach - Site #3	40	6/12/11	2	4	1.0	II V A	ΗU	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lake Huron	Wasaga Beach - Site # 4	41	6/7/11	0	0	7.5	II A	U	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Lake Huron	West Belanger Bay, Manitoulin Island	12	6/17/11	0	0	0.0	V D	V	-	-	-	-	m, p
Lake Huron	West Duck Island (NE Shore) <sup>2</sup>	13	7/14/11	0	0	1.7	V IX A E	none	-	96	01	-	s(p), p
Lake Ontario	Darlington Provincial Park	58	6/8/11	0	0	2.0	V A	Н	-	-	-	06	s(p), m
Lake Ontario	North Beach Provincial Park	61	6/16/11	0	0	4.0	VAB	HDVW	-	-	-	-	s(p)

The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Ontario (Continued)

	BREED- TOTAL PR ING PIPL SITE DISTURBANCE CENS					RIOR							
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ING PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S			OWNER
Lake Ontario	Presqu'ile Provincial Park	59	6/15/11	0	0	3.5	V IX A	НІО	-	-	-	<b>06</b> <sup>3</sup>	s(p)
Lake Ontario	Sandbanks Provincial Park	62	6/17/11	0	0	8.0	V B	H D V	-	-	-	-	
Lake Ontario	Weller's Bay National Wildlife Area	60	6/15/11	0	0	8.0	VIII B	W	-	-	-	06	f, s(p)
Lake Superior	Agawa Bay	6	6/15/11	0	0	4.0	II V A	Н	-	96	-	06	s(p)
Lake Superior	Batchawana Bay Provincial Park	7	n.r.	0	0	3.0	II V A	Н	-	96	-	-	s(p)
Lake Superior	Driftwood Beach, Michipicoten Post Provincial Park	5	6/12/11	0	0	2.4	V A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Lake Superior	Pancake Bay	8	6/13/11	0	0	6.0	II V A	Н	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Lake of the Woods	Big Island - Oshie Bay	1	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VAB	n.r.	-	96	01	06	s(p)
Lake of the Woods	Bigsby Island - Deep Bay	2	6/6/11	0	0	2.5	VAB	0	-	96	01	06	s(p)
Lake of the Woods	Sable Islands Prov. Nature Reserve	4	6/7/11	0	0	6.0	V A C	0	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Lake of the Woods	Windy Point	3	6/6/11	1	2	1.0	VACE	none	91	<u>96</u>	01	<b>06</b> <sup>4</sup>	p
Total				7	16	216.6							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that these surveys were conducted outside the Census window.

<sup>3</sup> 1 banded PIPL was observed at this site outside the 2006 Census window on May 29th and 30th, 2006.

<sup>4</sup> 1 PIPL was seen along this site in 2006, but it was observed outside the census window.

# The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Minnesota

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Coverage during the 2011 Census in Minnesota was minimal, given that we only had three surveyors. Even with the small effort, all sites which had been active in the past 20 years were surveyed. However, we didn't check any potential north shore sites, as we had done in 2006. Sites we did check included Lake of the Woods: Stony Point, Garden Island, Rocky Point, Pine/Curry Island and Morris Point.

The Census effort was likely adequate to monitor the known population. Most other possible areas such as the northwest angle of Lake of the Woods extensive beaches, and north shore sites on Lake Superior have previously been searched when the state population was larger, and did not result in additional detections. Given the continual decline of the Piping Plover population in Minnesota it is unlikely that any birds were missed by not surveying these "potential" sites.

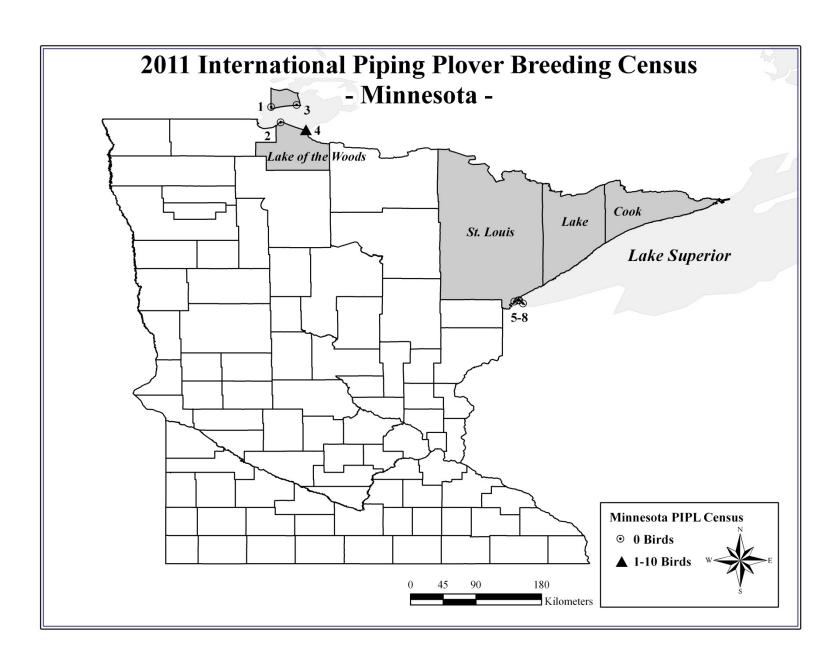
Census results are very similar to the 2006 survey, showing a small decrease in population. The 2006 population was two nesting pairs, and in 2011 we found one nesting pair. The results likely represent the actual population in Minnesota, as we have observers in the field that would report additional pairs, were they present.

Population trends appear to be related to habitat quality. On Lake of the Woods, factors affecting plover habitat include water level and erosion. At Duluth, issues are increased harbor development and effects on suitable habitat in the St. Louis River estuary.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	13	10	7	41	21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.



**The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Minnesota** 

				BREED-	TOTAL				Pl	RIOR '	YEAR	S	
DECION	CHEE NAME	3.5.4.75.11	DATE	ING	PIPL	773.6	SITE	DISTURBANCE	CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>			OWNED	
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S	SEEN.		OWNER
Lake of the	Garden Island State Recreation	3	6/16/11	0	0	1.0	VE	none	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Woods	Area												
Lake of the	Pine and Curry Island, Morris	4	6/2/11	1	2	3.2	V C	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	n.r.
Woods	Point												
Lake of the	Rocky Point	2	6/2/11	0	0	1.1	V A	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Woods													
Lake of the	Stony Point	1	6/16/11	0	0	1.0	II C E	W	-	-	-	06	p
Woods													
St. Loius	Hearding Island	7	6/8/11	0	0	0.6	II E	PO	-	-	-	06	s(p)
St. Louis	Duluth Port Terminal	6	6/8/11	0	0	0.4	II A I	HNO	91	-	-	06	n.r.
St. Louis	Duluth T49 R14 Section 8	5	6/8/11	0	0	0.1	II VIII I	N	-	-	-	06	n.r.
St. Louis	MN Point (Canal Park & end of	8	6/8/11	0	0	3.2	II V C D	HDSO	-	_	_	06	n.r.
	Peninsula)												
Total				1	2	10.6							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

# The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Manitoba

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Only one pair of breeding Piping Plovers was detected during the 2011 census period. The two plovers observed were nesting at Grand Beach in the south basin of Lake Winnipeg, a traditional breeding site for many years. Several single birds were seen outside the census window and given they were marked, we were certain that at least a few additional birds used Manitoba shores duing the 2011 breeding season. However, even with these additional observations, Piping Plover numbers in Manitoba hit an all-time low in 2011. Numbers have declined, census to census, since the inception of the International Census in 1991. These critically low and declining numbers suggest the species could be extirpated from Manitoba within the next decade

In part, low numbers reflect a decline of Piping Plovers in Manitoba, but water levels were also extremely high in 2011. High water levels reduce the availability and quality of nesting habitat on beaches surrounding the south basins of Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba. High water levels on these two lakes continue to be the most limiting factor in Manitoba recovery efforts for this species. Aside from Grand Beach, most areas around Lake Winnipeg were completely flooded in 2011 or high water levels narrowed beaches to the point where they were unsuitable for nesting.

Unfortunately, high water has been a common problem on Lake Winnepeg due to flooding of inflows and it being regulated as a giant reservoir. In the past 17 years, the Red River, one of the three major inflows into Lake Winnipeg, has flooded 14 times, whether during the spring melt or a major precipitation event during June or July. This includes the infamous "Flood of the Century" in 1997. Four International Censuses were conducted in flood years. The 2011 census was conducted shortly after the third worst flood since 1995. Compounding the situation on Lake Winnipeg is flooding along the Assiniboine River, which normally empties into the Red, but can be, and is, diverted into Lake Manitoba. Therefore, nesting habitat around its south basin is also flooded and greatly reduced.

Other sites were also unsuitable in 2011 due to high water. Record high flow on the Waterhen River inundated Salt Point road at the bridge rendering access impossible. We were also unable to survey Katimik Lake and Kaweenakumik Lake due to very high water levels. Wells Harbour was not surveyed in 2011 due to high water. Until water levels drop significantly, exposing more shoreline and beach, it is unlikely breeding Piping Plover will find suitable habitat to nest in Manitoba.

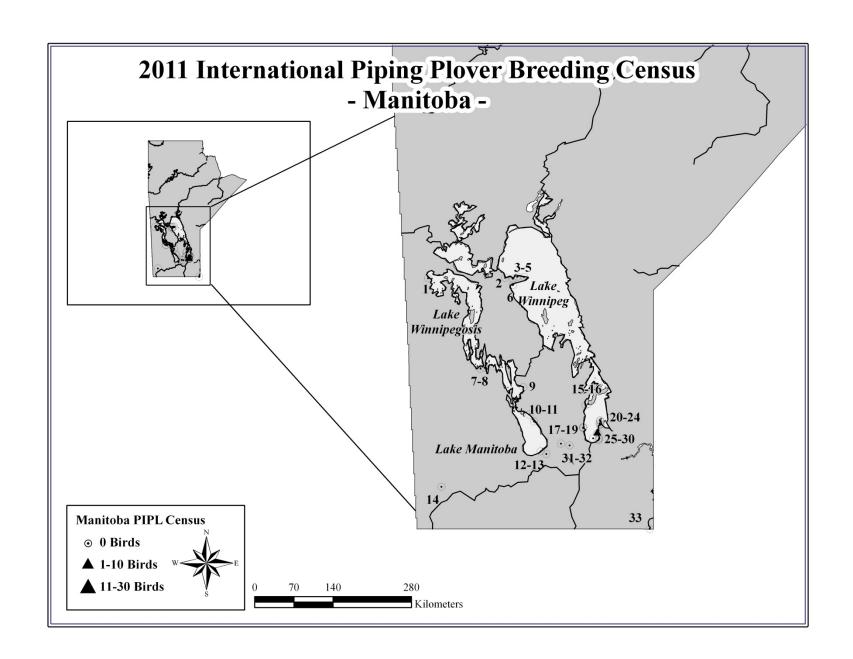
**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

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	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	80	60	16	8 <sup>1</sup>	21

<sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

**Detectability Study** 

Sites Included	First	Second
Sites illetided	Count	Count
Elk Island	0	0
Gimli Beach	0	0
Grand Beach	2	2
Grand Marais Spit	0	0
Hillside Beach	0	0



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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	CENS	PRIOR YEARS CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER	
Lake Manitoba	Clandeboye Bay	12	6/17/11	0	0	0.3	V B	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Lake Manitoba	Elm Point	10	6/10/11	0	0	0.5	V A	W	-	-	-	06	p
Lake Manitoba	Lundar Beach Provincial Park	11	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lake Manitoba	Twin Lakes Beach	13	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	91	96	01	06	s(p), m, p
Lake Manitoba	Watchorn Provincial Park	9	6/10/11	0	0	0.1	V A	HUVW	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lake of the Woods	Buffalo Point <sup>2</sup>		6/19/11	0	0	0.0	V A	ΗU	-	-	-	06	m, p
Lake Winnipeg	Albert Beach	23	6/7/11	0	0	0.5	V A	none	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Beaconia Beach	29	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	VAB	W	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Chalet Beach	27	6/16/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W O	<u>91</u>	-	-	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Elk Island	20	6/10/11	0	0	n.r.	VE	none	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Gimli Beach	17	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Lake Winnipeg	Grand Beach	25	6/4/11	1	2	3.0	V A	U	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Grand Marais Spit	26	6/6/11	0	0	1.0	V B	W	-	<u>96</u>	-	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Hecla Island Sand Spit	15	6/6/11	0	0	0.1	VE	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Hillside Beach	24	6/7/11	0	0	1.0	V A	none	-	-	01	06	m
Lake Winnipeg	Island Beach	28	6/4/11	0	0	0.5	V A	W	-	-	-	06	p
Lake Winnipeg	Longpoint - Hole in the Wall	3	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Longpoint - Little Moose Lake	5	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Longpoint - Saskachayweow Bar	2	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Longpoint - Sturgeon Skin Point	4	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	North Gull Bay Spit	6	6/12/11	0	0	5.5	V A	V W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	unk
Lake Winnipeg	Patricia Beach	30	6/4/11	0	0	0.8	V A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Riverton Sand Bar & Sandspit	16	6/6/11	0	0	0.3	VE	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Sandy Bay	21	6/7/11	0	0	0.5	V A	none	-	-	01	06	m
Lake Winnipeg	South Beach	19	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	V A	V	-	-	-	-	s(p), m
Lake Winnipeg	Victoria Beach	22	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	<u>91</u>	-	01	06	s(p)
Lake Winnipeg	Willow Point	18	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	V A	H W	-	-	01	06	s(p), p
Lake Winnipegosis	Overflowing River Salt Flat Ecological Preserve <sup>2</sup>	1	6/19/11	0	0	0.5	V A	W	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Lawrence Lake	Lawrence Lake	7	6/10/11	0	0	0.3	IV IX A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	n.r.
Oak Lake	Oak Lake	14	6/16/11	0	0	0.0	VAI	UW	<u>91</u>	-	01	06	s(p), p
Salt Lake	Salt Lake	8	6/5/11	0	0	0.0	IV V D	W	91	-	-	06	p

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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	PRIOR YEARS CENSUSED & YEARS PIPL SEEN¹  91 96 01 06				OWNER
Shoal Lakes	West Shoal Lake (S end)	32	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	VH	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Shoal Lakes	West Shoal Lake (W point)	31	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	VH	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Total				1	2	14.8							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen. <sup>2</sup> Please note that these surveys were conducted outside the Census window.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Saskatchewan

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The 2011 International Piping Plover census was undertaken from June 4-17, 2011. It was the fifth census to take place since 1991 and Piping Plover numbers were lower in 2011 than any prior census year. The total Piping Plover count for Saskatchewan in 2011 was 764 birds, including at least 195 pairs. This is a 46% decrease from the 2006 total, a 5% decrease from the 2001 total, a 43% decrease from the 1996 total, and a 35% decrease from the 1991 total. Volunteers, contractors, and government and non-government biologists (131 individuals) surveyed 278 basins, 2,473 km (1,537 miles) of habitat, and input 1085 hours of their time.

Piping Plovers were reported at 36 basins, with 32 of these basins supporting nesting pairs. Seventeen of these sites were reported to have high water or were flooded, and seven had an average of less than 2 m of shoreline width available. Of the basins surveyed, over 200 were reported to have high water and/or flooding, which is the most likely explanation for the low numbers of Piping Plovers detected in Saskatchewan in 2011. Nonetheless, the low 2011 count suggests that conservation efforts are still needed for Piping Plovers in Saskatchewan.

Flooding presumably played a role in the concentration of the Saskatchewan population within the Missouri Coteau, especially at Chaplin Lake, which supported 46% of the entire Saskatchewan population alone. Other notable sites included Willow Bunch, Shoe Lake-north, and Manitou Lake (with 50, 37, and 35 birds, respectively). No Piping Plovers were observed outside of their typical range. Three new sites provided habitat for 11 birds, including a nesting pair at each. Due to poor weather conditions, inaccessible roads, negligence, or land access denial, 39 sites were not surveyed. Six of these sites were high priority sites (supporting Piping Plovers in the past). The top three have supported a high total of 16 plovers. The other three combined have supported five or fewer Piping Plovers during prior census efforts.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	180	276	150	1420 <sup>1</sup>	764 <sup>1</sup>

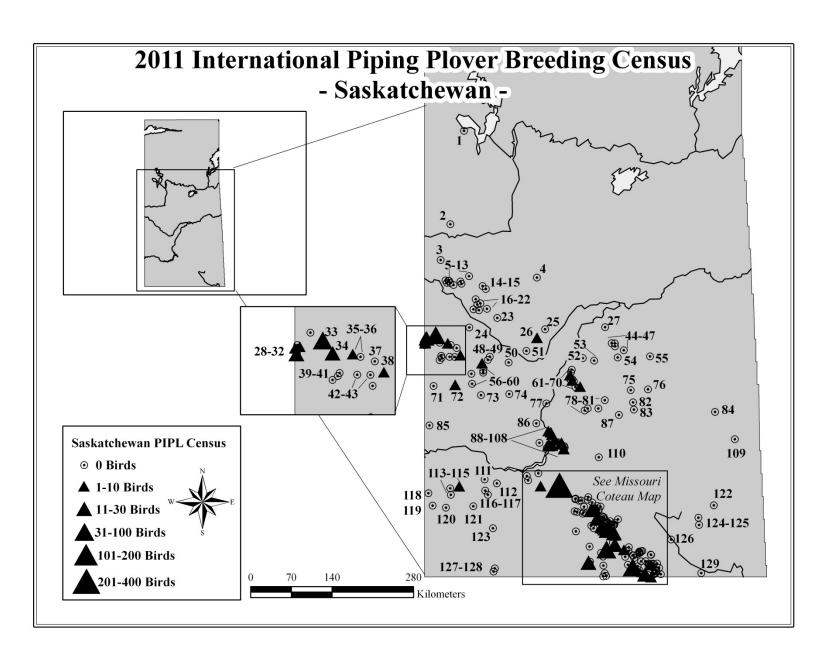
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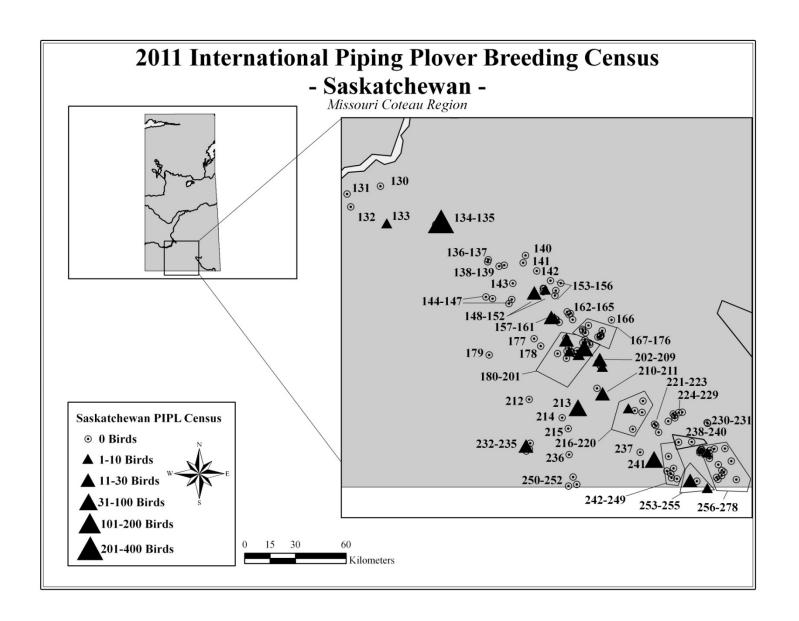
**Detectability Study** 

Detectability Study		
Sites Included	First	Second
Sites ilicitated	Count	Count
Big Muddy Lake, Upper (090	13	24
430)	13	Z4
Unnamed, UTM 560 273 <sup>1</sup>	1	1
Unnamed, UTM 650 075	2	4
Unnamed, UTM 840 020 <sup>1</sup>	2	3
Unnamed, UTM 842 027 <sup>1</sup>	11	7
Killsquaw Lake (292 100)	1	1
Reflex Lake W (680 350)	20	14
Zella Lake (215 590; NE	6	4
portion) <sup>2</sup>	U	4
Lake Diefenbaker – Elbow <sup>1</sup>	1	1
Lake Diefenbaker - Little	1	0
Sage Bay <sup>1</sup>	1	U
Lake Diefenbaker - North	2	0
Summit (west) <sup>1</sup>	2	U

First and second counts were performed on the same day.

Only the NE portion of Zella Lake was surveyed the second time. Total count for the lake was 10.





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REGION	#	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S	SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Big Quill/ Last Mountain	308	Big Quill Lake	76	6/5/11	0	0	0.0	IV H I	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p
Big Quill/ Last Mountain	282	Bultel Lake (385 166)	80	6/9/11*	-	-	0.0	V D	W	91	96	01	06	p
Big Quill/ Last Mountain	280	Colt Lake (935 055)	87	6/7/11*	-	-	0.0	IV F O	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Big Quill/ Last Mountain	281	Devil's Lake (575 165)	79	6/9/11*	-	-	0.0	V D	W	91	96	01	06	m, p
Big Quill/ Last Mountain	282	Horseshoe Lake (335 133)	81	6/9/11*	-	-	0.0	V D	W	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Big Quill/ Last Mountain	339	Jansen Lake (140 480)	75	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Big Quill/ Last Mountain	279	Kutawagan Lake Complex (185 155)	83	6/17/11	0	0	1.0	IV I	A W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f
Big Quill/ Last Mountain	309	Lac du Chemin (182 272)	82	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	VHO	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	n.r.
Big Quill/ Last Mountain	312	Little Manitou Lake (660 307)	78	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV VI F H	S W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	unk
Big Quill/ Last Mountain	222	Lovering Lake East (572 326)	110	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	VH	n.r.	91	96	01	06	unk
Missouri Coteau	101	Agnellice Lake (660 300)	164	6/17/11	0	0	0.0	V D	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Alkali Lake (500 280)	255	6/14/11	0	14	0.0	IV D	A W	91	<u>96</u>	<u>06</u>	06	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Alma Lake (538 494)	265	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	IV H I	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	40	Bead Lake (108 714)	219	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Missouri Coteau	8	Beaubier Lake (675 432)	270	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	IV	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	9	Big Muddy Lake, Upper & Lower (090 430) <sup>2</sup>	241	6/13/11	16	37	4.5	IV I	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	71	Bliss Lake (633 135)	181	6/9/11	2	14	0.6	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	42	Bonneau Lake (603 680)	214	6/8/11	0	0	1.0	IV H	A W	91	96	01	06	p

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REGION	R.M. #	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ING PAIRS	PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS		SUSEE PIPL S		LARS	OWNER
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Missouri Coteau	38	Bowden Lake (522 651)	230	6/8/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Missouri Coteau	71	Burn Lake (660 070)	191	6/10/11	0	0	0.1	IV	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Missouri Coteau	70	Channel Lake (825 855)	210	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV D H	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	164	Chaplin Lake	135	6/5/11	74	359	2081.5	IV A F	ASNVW	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	11	Cookson Reservoir (670 330)	250	6/5/11	0	0	1.3	VI A E	A	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	unk
Missouri Coteau	11	Coronach Reservoir, East Poplar River (636 515)	252	6/4/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	A W	<u>91</u>	96	01	-	p
Missouri Coteau	9	Coteau Pots (300 342)	245	6/8/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	9	Coteau Pots (300 345)	246	6/8/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	W	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	p
Missouri Coteau	9	Coteau Pots (300 350)	247	6/8/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	11	Crookstow River (685 318)	236	6/4/11	0	0	<1	III A	A W	91	-	<u>01</u>	-	p
Missouri Coteau	71	Dryboro Lake (640 075)	188	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	IV D H	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, p
Missouri Coteau	132	Dunkirk Lake (490 432)	152	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV H	W	91	-	01	06	unk
Missouri Coteau	8	East Coteau Lake (415 315)	253	6/14/11	11	24	n.r.	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	40	Edna Lake (060 725)	218	6/11/11	0	0	0.1	IV A I	W	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	p
Missouri Coteau	39	Elsie Lake (310 695)	227	6/8/11	0	0	<1	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	12	Fife Lake (370 520) <sup>2</sup>	233	6/6/11	9	26	3.5	V A	V W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Missouri Coteau	102	Frederick Lake (435 425)	148	6/8/11	4	25	11.0	IV G H	A S	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	12	Grant Lake (370 484)	235	6/5/11	0	0	0.0	IV D	W	91	96	01	-	p

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REGION	#	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S	SEEN1		OWNER
Missouri Coteau	40	Green Lake (114 781)	216	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Missouri Coteau	166	Handsome Lake (310 956)	132	6/5/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	40	Horizon Lake (870 825)	211	6/6/11	4	11	1.5	IV D H	W	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	9	Jim Creek Lake (267 367)	244	6/5/11	0	0	0.0	VII	W	-	96	01	06	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	38	Karl Lake (517 656) and Unnamed, UTM 514 656	231	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	<b>91</b> <sup>5</sup>	96	01	06	s(p)
Missouri Coteau	72	Lake of the Rivers (475 190)	178	6/10/11	0	0	1.0	VHI	A W	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	9	Little Coteau Lake (455 310)	254	6/14/11*	-	-	0.0	IV H	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	9	Lonetree Lake (355 290)	249	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	D	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	39	MacDonaugh Lake (335 712)	225	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Missouri Coteau	39	Marjorie Lake (315 684)	228	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	-	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	8	Mather Lake (630 504)	267	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	IV	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	39	McGrath Lake (185 646)	221	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV D	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	39	McGrath Lake South (193 638)	222	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV D	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	164	Midtskogen Lake (830 836)	134	6/6/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A H	W	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Missouri Coteau	42	Montague Lake (400 800) <sup>3</sup>	212	6/22/11	0	0	27.4	IV H	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	101	N of Bliss Lake (630 155)	180	6/11/11	0	0	0.0	IV H	A W	91	-	01	06	unk
Missouri Coteau	12	North Pond (395 500)	234	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	IV H	A W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	102	Old Wives Lake (300 480)	143	6/8/11	0	0	<1	V A	A S W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p

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REGION	#	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL			OWNER
Missouri Coteau	71/101	Oro Lake (750 145)	182	6/15/11	0	0	<1	V A	W	91	96	01	06	s(p), m, p
Missouri Coteau	8	Overland Lake (590 320)	277	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV D	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Payn Lake (580 333)	276	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV D	W	-	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	165	Reed Lake (530 850)	133	6/10/11	3	6	3.5	IV A	A W	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	m
Missouri Coteau	40	Ritchie Lake (020 739)	217	6/8/11	1	3	$0.0^{6}$	IV D H	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	42	Rivard Lake (633 625)	215	6/9/11	0	0	2.5	IV H	A W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	39	Salt Lake (215 590)	223	6/11/11	0	0	0.6	IV A	W	91	96	<u>01</u>	06	f, p
Missouri Coteau	166	Salt Lake (288 035)	131	6/5/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Sandoff Lake (615 375)	272	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV I	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	101	Skyeta Lake (735 197)	170	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	VE	W	<u>91</u>	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	39	Stiles Lake (276 667)	229	6/11/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	40	Unnamed, UTM 050 625	220	6/11/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	-	06	p
Missouri Coteau	10	Unnamed, UTM 085 495	237	6/5/11	0	0	0.0	IV I	W	-	96	01	06	s(p)
Missouri Coteau	103	Unnamed, UTM 135 405	144	6/16/11	0	0	0.2	IV D	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	133	Unnamed, UTM 148 612	137	6/13/11	0	0	0.1	IV D	A W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	73	Unnamed, UTM 150 065	179	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	V IX H	W	91	-	01	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	133	Unnamed, UTM 155 623	136	6/13/11	-	-	0.0	IV D	A W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	103	Unnamed, UTM 170 394	145	6/16/11	0	0	0.1	IV D	W	91	-	01	06	p

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Missouri Coteau	133	Unnamed, UTM 220 587	138	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV D	W	91	-	01	-	p
Missouri Coteau	133	Unnamed, UTM 246 585	139	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	IV D	W	91	-	01	-	n.r.
Missouri Coteau	9	Unnamed, UTM 275 456	242	6/4/11	0	0	3.0	VH	Н	-	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	103	Unnamed, UTM 277 363	147	6/14/11*	-	-	0.0	VHI	W	-	96	01	-	p
Missouri Coteau	9	Unnamed, UTM 295 330	248	6/8/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	W	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	102	Unnamed, UTM 295 375	146	6/8/11	0	0	<1	IV H	ASW	-	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	39	Unnamed, UTM 304 706	224	6/8/11	0	0	<1	IV A	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	9	Unnamed, UTM 310 378	243	6/8/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	W	-	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 337 540	239	6/4/11	0	0	1.5	VH	n.r.	91	-	01	-	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 340 538	238	6/4/11	0	0	1.5	VH	n.r.	91	-	01	-	p
Missouri Coteau	39	Unnamed, UTM 360 717	226	6/11/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	132	Unnamed, UTM 375 604	141	6/15/11	0	0	0.2	IV D	A W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	132	Unnamed, UTM 382 645	140	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV D	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	12	Unnamed, UTM 400 535	232	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	IV H	A W	91	96	<u>01</u>	06	p
Missouri Coteau	9	Unnamed, UTM 421 542	240	6/4/11	0	0	1.5	VH	n.r.	91	-	-	-	p
Missouri Coteau	102	Unnamed, UTM 430 164 (Skull Lake)	177	6/8/11	0	0	< 0.1	IV V D H	W	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	132	Unnamed, UTM 455 552	142	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	IV D	W	-	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 475 490	259	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	-	96	-	-	n.r.

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Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 476 483	261	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	-	96	-	-	n.r.
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 480 486	260	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	-	96	-	-	n.r.
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 483 494	256	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	-	96	-	-	n.r.
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 483 498	257	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	-	96	-	-	n.r.
Missouri Coteau	132	Unnamed, UTM 488 445	149	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	IV H	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	165	Unnamed, UTM 493 073	130	6/5/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 493 480	262	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	91	96	-	-	n.r.
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 495 490	258	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	-	96	-	-	n.r.
Missouri Coteau	132	Unnamed, UTM 500 450	150	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	IV H I	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	102	Unnamed, UTM 503 440	151	6/14/11	2	4	1.0	IV H I	W	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 505 486	264	6/6/11	1	5	<0.1	IV I	W	-	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	9	Unnamed, UTM 515 475	263	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	91	96	-	-	n.r.
Missouri Coteau	10	Unnamed, UTM 533 461	268	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	-	96	-	-	n.r.
Missouri Coteau	131	Unnamed, UTM 534 490	153	6/13/11*	-	-	0.0	IV H	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 535 455	269	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VI	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 540 279 (Butterfly Lake)	157	6/11/11	6	26	1.5	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 560 273	158	6/15/11	0	1	2.0	IV A E	A W	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 560 404	156	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV I	W	91	-	01	06	s(p)

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Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 565 273	159	6/15/11	0	0	0.1	IV A E	A W	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 567 435	155	6/14/11*	-	-	0.0	IV I	n.r.	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 571 267	160	6/15/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	none	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 578 063	196	6/14/11	0	0	1.0	IV	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 590 248	161	6/11/11	0	0	0.0	IV H	I W	-	96	01	06	unk
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 591 408	271	6/9/11*	-	-	0.0	IV D I	A W	-	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	131	Unnamed, UTM 597 478	154	6/13/11*	-	-	0.0	IV H	W	-	-	-	-	unk
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 613 345	274	6/9/11	0	0	0.3	IV I	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 613 353	275	6/4/11	0	0	2.0	VH	V	91	96	<u>01</u>	06	p
Missouri Coteau	8	Unnamed, UTM 628 368	273	6/4/11	0	0	1.0	VH	none	-	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 632 035	201	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	IV	W	-	96	01	-	p
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 640 309 <sup>3</sup>	162	6/27/11	0	0	0.1	IV H	A W	91	-	01	06	unk
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 646 096	186	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV	W	-	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 650 075 <sup>2</sup>	189	6/11/11	1	4	0.1	IV	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	f
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 650 295	163	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	IV E	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 662 075 (adj. to Burn Lake)	190	6/10/11	0	0	0.1	IV	W	91	96	01	06	f
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 673 266	165	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	IV E	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 684 062	197	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV	A W	91	-	01	<u>06</u>	f

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Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 691 060	198	6/10/11	0	0	0.1	IV	A W	91	96	01	06	f
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 700 080	192	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV	A W	91	96	01	06	f
Missouri Coteau	11	Unnamed, UTM 702 290	251	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	IV H I	A W	-	96	<u>01</u>	-	p
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 705 056	199	6/10/11	0	1	0.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 714 054	200	6/10/11	4	10	1.0	IV A	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 717 067	195	6/10/11	0	0	0.1	IV A	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	F
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 725 075	193	6/10/11	0	0	0.1	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	f
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 733 205	168	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV E	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 735 128	183	6/11/11*	-	-	0.0	IV H	A W	91	-	01	06	unk
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 738 085 (Shoe Lake, North)	187	6/8/11	10	37	2.2	IV A F	N	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, s(p)
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 739 075	194	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV	W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 740 181	171	6/17/11	0	0	0.0	V D	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	101	Unnamed, UTM 770 230	167	6/17/11	0	0	0.0	V D	W	91	-	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 775 125	184	6/15/11	0	0	< 0.1	IV H	A W	91	96	01	06	unk
Missouri Coteau	71	Unnamed, UTM 776 116 <sup>3</sup>	185	6/25/11*	-	-	0.0	IV H	A W	91	96	01	06	unk
Missouri Coteau	100	Unnamed, UTM 831 160	176	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	91	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	70	Unnamed, UTM 832 010	204	6/13/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f
Missouri Coteau	70	Unnamed, UTM 840 020 <sup>2</sup>	203	6/10/11	0	3	0.1	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p)

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Missouri Coteau	70	Unnamed, UTM 841 995	206	6/13/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	f
Missouri Coteau	70	Unnamed, UTM 842 003	205	6/13/11	0	0 <sup>7</sup>	0.0	IV A H	W	91	96	01	06	f
Missouri Coteau	70	Unnamed, UTM 842 027 <sup>2</sup>	202	6/10/11	5	11	0.4	IV A	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p)
Missouri Coteau	100	Unnamed, UTM 842 162	175	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
Missouri Coteau	100	Unnamed, UTM 845 167	173	6/9/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	A	-	96	01	06	p
Missouri Coteau	70	Unnamed, UTM 846 992	207	6/13/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Missouri Coteau	100	Unnamed, UTM 848 171	172	6/9/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	A W	-	96	01	06	P
Missouri Coteau	100	Unnamed, UTM 849 167	174	6/9/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	A	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	P
Missouri Coteau	70	Unnamed, UTM 851 988	208	6/13/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	W	-	96	01	06	F
Missouri Coteau	100	Unnamed, UTM 857 197 and 863 200	169	6/11/11	0	0	0.0	IV H	A W	91	96	01	06	Unk
Missouri Coteau	70	Unnamed, UTM 860 984 (Plasmodium)	209	6/13/11	1	2	0.1	IV A	W	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	F
Missouri Coteau	100	Unnamed, UTM 915 261 <sup>3</sup>	166	6/25/11*	-	-	0.0	IV H	W	-	96	01	06	Unk
Missouri Coteau	8	Wellington Lake (550 495)	266	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	IV H I	W	91	96	01	06	P
Missouri Coteau	9	West Coteau Lake (350 315)	278	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Missouri Coteau	42	Willow Bunch Lake (670 770)	213	6/9/11	15	50	35.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
North Central	434	Blaine Lake North (680 545)	25	6/10/11*	-	-	0.0	IV H	W	91	96	01	06	unk
North Central	555	Pekakumew Lake (600 450)	4	6/17/11	0	0	0.0	IV D I	A W	91	-	-	06	s(p)
North Central	405	Radisson Lake (365 180)	51	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	IV	W	91	96	01	06	p

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North Central	434	Redberry Lake (540 400)	26	6/9/11	1	2	0.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
North Central	344	S. Saskatchewan River, Upstream (540 465)	77	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	ΑE	W	91	96	01	-	s(p)
Northeast	400	Basin Lake (815 290) <sup>3</sup>	44	6/21/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Northeast	372	Buffer Lake (310 030)	52	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV D H	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Northeast	400	Elkona Lake (865 282)	45	6/5/11	0	0	0.1	IV D H	V W	91	96	01	06	p
Northeast	370	Houghton Lake (940 080)	54	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Northeast	430	Jumping Lake (Big) (700 560)	27	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV D H	A W	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Northeast	398/368	Lake Charron (470 060)	55	6/16/11	0	0	0.0	VDH	W	91	96	01	06	unk
Northeast	399	Lenore Lake (010 180)	47	6/11/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	unk
Northeast	400	Middle Lake (870 235)	46	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	unk
Northeast	371	Muskiki Lake (500 000)	53	6/11/11	0	0	0.1	IV D A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Northwest	379	Aroma Lake (670 960)	56	6/10/11	2	9	3.8	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Northwest	439	Atton Lake (442 568)	24	6/15/11	0	0	2.5	VAB	UVW	-	96	-	06	s(p)
Northwest	501	Belliveau Lake (150 300)	13	6/19/11	0	0	0.0	V A	UAW	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Northwest	497	Birch lake (855 220)	23	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	91	-	-	06	p
Northwest	499	Blackfoot Lake (595 880)	21	6/13/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	W	-	96	-	06	p
Northwest	499	Brightsand Lake, McFellar's Beach, S. End (405 410)	5	6/8/11	0	0	5.0	VAB	UV	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Northwest	411	Chisholm Lake (993 080)	39	6/12/11	0	0	2.0	IV A G	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Northwest	411	Dillberry Lake (SK side)	32	6/12/11	0	0	1.0	V A	UV	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Northwest	468	Ferron Lake (640 950)	19	6/13/11	0	0	3.0	IV	ΑV	-	-	-	06	p
Northwest	411	Freshwater Lake N (692 311)	30	6/10/11	3	6	4.1	IV A	A	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	unk
Northwest	411	Freshwater Lake S (690 290)	31	6/10/11	2	4	2.2	IV A	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
Northwest	410	Houchen Lake (228 222)	37	6/10/11*	-	-	0.0	V	n.r.	-	-	01	06	p
Northwest	468	Jackfish Lake (850 740) <sup>3</sup>	22	6/22/11	0	0	1.0	V A	W	91	-	-	06	s(p)
Northwest	381	Jay Lake (200 060)	43	6/11/11	0	0	1.5	IV A	A	91	96	01	06	p
Northwest	378	Jones Lake (775 029)	49	6/5/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	W	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Northwest	378	Keppel Lake (812 090)	48	6/5/11	0	0	1.0	IV A	A	91	96	01	06	s(p)

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Northwest	410	Killsquaw Lake (292 100)	38	6/11/11	0	1	8.0	IV VII A G	N	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	р
Northwest	588	Lac Des Isles (020 320)	2	6/13/11	0	0	5.6	VAE	U	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Northwest	379	Landis Lake (701 853)	57	6/5/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A H	W	91	96	01	06	э(р <i>)</i> р
Northwest	411	Little Manitou Lake (935 308)	34	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Northwest	377	Lizard Lake (037 997)	50	6/14/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	A W	91	96	01	06	p
Northwest	498	Maiden Lake (695 256)	15	6/7/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	n.r.	-	_	-	06	p
Northwest	442	Manitou Lake (870 470)	33	6/11/11	2	35	33.3	IV A	I	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), m,
Northwest	349	N. of Handel (600 784)	59	6/5/11	0	0	0.5	IV G H	W	91	96	01	-	p
Northwest	501	Paradise Hill (079 366)	10	6/8/11	0	0	1.0	IV IX H	A W	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Northwest	561	Peck Lake (925 725)	3	6/8/11	0	0	1.0	V A	V O	91	96	-	06	s(p)
Northwest	501	Perch Lake (015 376)	6	6/7/11	0	0	< 0.1	VAH	U W	-	-	-	-	s(p), p
Northwest	409	Peter Pond Lake, Sandy Point	1	6/13/11	0	0	9.5	V A	V	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	m
Northwest	469	Picnic Lake (560 978)	18	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	V A	UW	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Northwest	352	Plover Lake (845 558)	71	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV I	none	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Northwest	501	Potney Lake (079 366) - formerly Fink Lake <sup>2</sup>	8	6/19/11	0	0	0.1	IV A	A W	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Northwest	501	Ray's Lake (095 330)	11	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IX H	ANW	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Northwest	381	Reed Lake NW (110 061)	42	6/11/11	0	0	2.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Northwest	411	Reflex Lake W (680 350) <sup>2</sup>	29	6/8/11	$2^{9}$	20	6.1	IV A	V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
Northwest	498	Russell Lake (610 590)	17	6/13/11	0	0	0.1	IV A	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Northwest	382	Schopfer Slough (694 390)	28	6/7/11	1	2	1.0	IV D	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Northwest	379	SE of Landis Lake (722 817)	58	6/4/11	0	0	6.0	IV G H	A	91	96	01	-	p
Northwest	498	SE of Russel Lake (639 968)	20	6/13/11*	-	-	0.0	IV	W	-	-	-	06	p
Northwest	410	Seagram Lake E (128 272)	36	6/11/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	A W	-	96	01	06	p
Northwest	410	Seagram Lake W (076 297)	35	6/10/11	1	4	10.0	IV A	A	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p

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Northwest	501	Spelt Lake (060 365) <sup>3</sup>	7	6/19/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Northwest	499	Spruce Lake (265 360) <sup>3</sup>	9	6/19/11	0	0	0.0	VAH	U A W	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Northwest	498	Stony Lake (635 307)	14	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Northwest	unk	Thompson Lakes (528 066)	16	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	-	-	06	p
Northwest	350	Tramping Lake (510 610)	60	6/10/11	0	0	3.5	IV I	A W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p), p
Northwest	499	West of Spruce Lake (262 344) <sup>3</sup>	12	6/19/11	0	0	0.0	IX	W	-	-	01	06	s(p)
Northwest	381	Winterhaldt Lake (980 044)	40	6/12/11	0	0	0.0	IV	W	91	96	01	06	p
Northwest	351	Zella Lake (215 590) <sup>2</sup>	72	6/12/11	4	10	3.1	IV H I	A W	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, s(p), p
Northwest	382	Zoller Lake (944 004)	41	6/12/11	0	0	7.0	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f, s(p), p
Regina Plains	5	Boundary Dam Reservoir (454 351)	129	6/6/11	0	0	< 0.1	VI A E	U	91	96	-	06	unk
Regina Plains	274	Good Spirit Lake (620 135)	84	6/9/11	0	0	3.0	V A	W	91	96	01	06	unk
Regina Plains	124	Island (Miller) Lake (345 285)	122	6/8/11*	-	-	0.0	V A	W	-	-	-	-	p
Regina Plains	95	Moose Mountain Lake	124	6/17/11	0	0	0.0	V VI D	W	91	96	01	06	p
Regina Plains	67	Nickle Lake (885 925)	126	6/8/11*	-	-	0.0	n.r.	W	91	96	01	06	unk
Regina Plains	95	Rock Lake (385 180)	125	6/17/11	0	0	0.0	V D	W	91	96	01	06	p
Regina Plains	213	Soda Lake (975 670)	109	6/5/11	0	0	0.0	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - Aiktow Creek	108	6/7/11	0	1	6.1	VI A	V W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
S. Sask River	255	Lake Diefenbaker - Camp Cantakaye	98	6/8/11	0	0	1.8	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
S. Sask River	255	Lake Diefenbaker - Coteau Beach	91	6/8/11	0	0	5.0	VI A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
S. Sask River	254	Lake Diefenbaker - Danielson	90	6/7/11	0	2	4.3	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
S. Sask River	254	Lake Diefenbaker - Danielson Park	89	6/7/11	1	2	5.3	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - Douglas	105	6/6/11	0	0	8.3	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - Elbow	94	6/7/11	0	1	7.2	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	unk

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REGION	#	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S			OWNER
S. Sask River	255	Lake Diefenbaker - Gardiner Peninsula	88	6/6/11	1	4	4.0	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
S. Sask River	255	Lake Diefenbaker - Hitchcock Bay	97	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - Little Sage Bay	100	6/6/11	0	1	4.8	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	unk
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - Mackenzie Arm	106	6/7/11	0	0	3.4	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
S. Sask River	255	Lake Diefenbaker - North Muskapatoon	99	6/8/11	2	4	1.3	VI A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - North Summit (East)	104	6/7/11	0	0	0.1	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	unk
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - North Summit (west) <sup>2</sup>	95	6/7/11	1	2	0.5	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	unk
S. Sask River	255	Lake Diefenbaker - PFRA Coteau Pasture	92	6/9/11	1	2	2.0	VI A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - River South	102	6/6/11	1	2	1.0	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - Sage Bay	101	6/6/11	0	0	2.4	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - South Elbow	93	6/7/11	0	0	3.0	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
S. Sask River	225	Lake Diefenbaker - South Muskapatoon	103	6/8/11	0	0	3.5	VI A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
S. Sask River	224	Lake Diefenbaker - Summit Creek	107	6/7/11	0	0	3.8	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	unk
S. Sask River	255	Luck Lake (530 593)	96	6/11/11	0	0	2.0	VH	n.r.	91	-	01	06	unk
Saskatoon SE	343	Allan Potash Mine (250 560) <sup>3</sup>	70	5/20/11	1	210	-	IV	n.r.	-	-	-	-	unk
Saskatoon SE	343	Bradwell Reservoir (182 535)	69	6/15/11	0	0	0.5	VI	W	91	96	01	06	p
Saskatoon SE	373	Burke Lake (105 795)	62	6/16/11	0	0	8.0	VI	A W	91	96	01	06	p
Saskatoon SE	343	Crawford Lake (130 674)	64	6/16/11	0	0	6.0	VHI	W	91	-	-	-	m, p
Saskatoon SE	343	Esker Slough (124 657)	67	6/13/11	1	2	2.0	VI	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Saskatoon SE	343	NW of Blucher (097 670)	65	6/9/11	0	0	3.0	VI	A W	91	96	-	06	P

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Saskatoon SE	343	NW of Blucher (103 667)	66	6/9/11	0	0	1.0	VI	A W	91	96	-	06	p
Saskatoon SE	343	NW of Blucher (155 642)	68	6/13/11	0	0	3.0	VI	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
Saskatoon SE	343	Patience Lake (085 750)	63	6/16/11	0	1	11.0	IV H I	W	91	96	01	06	p
Saskatoon SE	373	Porter Lake (120 840)	61	6/16/11	0	0	6.0	VHI	W	91	96	01	06	p
Southwest	138	Antelope Lake (860 720)	117	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	-	06	unk
Southwest	141	Big Stick Lake, N&W sides (200 685)	115	6/13/11*	-	-	0.0	n.r.	W	91	96	-	06	n.r.
Southwest	111	Bitter Lake (850 530)	119	6/13/11	0	0	17.1	IV A D I	ASNVW	91	-	-	-	s(p)
Southwest	171	Freefight Lake (343 845)	114	6/6/11	0	2	3.0	IV	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Southwest	171	Ingebrigt Lake (195 795)	113	6/6/11	0	0	4.0	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Southwest	18	Island Lake (025 455)	127	6/15/11	0	0	0.3	VHI	W	91	-	-	-	p
Southwest	18	Lonetree Lake (703 399)	128	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	VI	W	91	96	01	06	p
Southwest	142	MacLaren Lake (790 720)	118	6/6/11	0	0	6.0	VI A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Southwest	168	North of Antelope (818 790)	116	6/9/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	W	-	96	-	06	unk
Southwest	108	Notukeu Lake (966 140)	123	6/22/11	0	0	1.0	V	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Southwest	141	S of Tenaille Lake	120	6/17/11	0	0	2.5	IV H	A	91	96	-	06	р
Southwest	169	Snakehole Lake (783 975)	111	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	unk
Southwest	168	Success Lake (005 925)	112	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A	W	-	96	01	06	unk
Southwest	141/ 110	Unnamed, UTM 508 590	121	6/13/11	0	0	1.3	IV IX A	A	-	-	-	-	p
West	261	Alsask Reservoir (785 880)	85	6/9/11	0	0	0.7	IV I	N S	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
West	319	Opuntia Lake (675 420)	73	6/13/11	0	0	1.6	IV I	none	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
West	285	Stockwell Lake (480 925)	86	6/11/11	0	0	0.0	VI	n.r.	91	96	01	06	unk
West	317	Valley Centre (025 454)	74	6/14/11*	-	-	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	m
Total					195	778	2473.1							

<sup>\*</sup> Site was checked on this date but was found to have no suitable habitat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Please note that these surveys were conducted outside the Census window.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> not counted toward the Saskatchewan total because bird observed across the U.S. border and a single bird was also seen on the Montana survey (called "Salt Lake" in Montana)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In 1991, pairs were seen on Karl Lake (517 656) and adults (no pairs) were seen at Unnamed, UTM 514 656.
<sup>6</sup> Although there appeared to be no suitable habitat at this site, 1 PIPL was seen flying over and 2 PIPL were seen on cultivated land.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 2 PIPL were seen flying over this site, from the direction of Unnamed, UTM 840 020 toward Unnamed, UTM 842 003. The birds did not land in this site.

<sup>8</sup> In 1991, Unnamed UTM 863 200 was surveyed, but Unnamed UTM 857 197 was not.

<sup>9</sup> 6 pairs were observed in the detectability study.

<sup>10</sup> Although this site was surveyed well outside the census window we chose to include the count because a nest was seen on this initial visit and two juveniles (in addition to two adults) were seen on a subsequent visit on July 28, 2011.

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We survey almost all available and known plover habitat every year, but use the 5-year censuses to survey a few extra lakes. Most of these additional lakes have had plovers in past years, but are not normally occupied by plovers. All known sites likey to hold plovers were surveyed in 2011. We surveyed 70 basins, but did not survey 3 lakes that we had originally hoped to visit. Nonetheless, these three lakes had a low probability of supporting breeding Piping Plovers.

Water conditions were high, and habitat conditions marginal on many lakes. Nevertheless, plover numbers were higher than expected, given the relatively poor conditions. Based on our years of survey experience, we believe the survey results to be very close to the actual number of plovers in the province in 2011. The 2011 total was lower than 2006, but higher than a 2010 provincial survey.

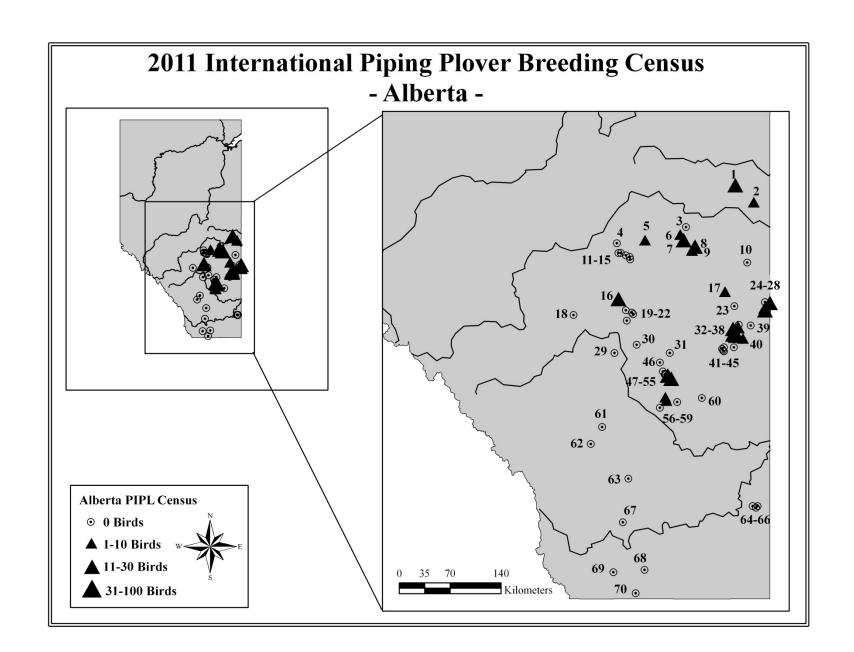
#### **Comparison of Census Numbers**

•	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	180	276	150	274 <sup>1</sup>	2441

<sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

#### **Detectability Study**

Sites Included	First	Second
Sites included	Count	Count
Cipher Lake	0	0
Reflex Lake (Alberta side)	12	16



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Bonnyville (MD)	Frog Lake <sup>3</sup>	2	5/31/11	3	6	11.5	V A	V O		11112			
Bonnyville (MD)	Muriel Lake <sup>3</sup>	1	5/31/11	9	22	17.4	V A V A	V O V O		-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
• ` ′	Miquelon Lake #1 <sup>3</sup>	15	6/21/11		0	0.0	V A V A I	A V W O	-	<u>96</u>	<b>01</b> 01	<u>06</u> 06	s(p), p
Camrose	*	13	6/21/11	0		1.6	V A I IV G	U A	- 01	<u>96</u> 96	01	06	s(p), p
Camrose	Miquelon Lake #2			0	0			_	91				s(p)
Camrose	Miquelon Lake #3 (Main lake)	13	6/9/11	0	0	3.5	IV G	H A V	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Camrose	Rockeling Bay <sup>3</sup>	20	5/31/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	n.r.
Camrose	Sittingstone Lake	19	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	-	-	01	06	n.r.
Camrose/Ponoko	Red Deer Lake <sup>3</sup>	16	5/31/11	5	12	6.0	IV A	UW	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Camrose/Stettler/Lacombe	Buffalo Lake <sup>3</sup>	22	6/1/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W O	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Cardston	Shanks Lake	70	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	96	01	06	s(p), p
Cardston	St. Mary Reservoir	69	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p
Cypress (MD)	Chappice Lake	64	6/7/11	0	0	1.5	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Cypress (MD)	Rutherford Lake	65	6/7/11	0	0	1.0	IV A	A W	-	-	-	06	n.r.
	(formerly Unnamed SE of Sam Lake)												
Cypress (MD)	Sam Lake	66	6/8/11	0	0	0.5	IV A	A W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p)
Lacombe	Gull Lake	18	6/16/11	0	0	0.0	V A	U	-	_	-	-	s(p), m, p
Leduc	Joseph Lake	11	6/9/11	0	0	0.3	V D	NO	-	96	01	06	s(p), p
Leduc/Camrose	Oliver Lake	12	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	V A	O	-	96	01	06	s(p), p
Lethbridge	Keho Lake	67	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	VI A D H	W O	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p), p
Minburn	Akasu Lake <sup>3</sup>	6	6/3/11	1	2	15.1	IV A	V O	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Minburn	Birch Lake, Main Basin	9	6/8/11	2	6	5.0	IV A	V	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Minburn	Birch Lake, North Basin	8	6/6/11	6	12	3.0	IV A	UV	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p), p
Minburn	Junction Lake	7	6/1/11	5	14	4.9	IV A	V	-	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Pointearth/ Stettler/ Special Area 2	Sullivan Lake <sup>3</sup>	31	5/30/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	-	96	01	06	f, p
Provost (MD)	Clark Lake	37	6/9/11	10	22	7.5	IV A	A	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Provost (MD)	Hansman Lake	39	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p
Provost (MD)	Horseshoe Lake	34	6/9/11	5	19	14.5	IV A	ANV	91	96	01	06	s(p), p

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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S	SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Provost (MD)	McLaren Lake (formerly Unnamed SE of Captain Eyre Lake)	36	6/9/11	3	6	5.4	IV A	A V	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Provost (MD)	Metiskow Lake	32	6/9/11	0	0	3.5	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p), p
Provost (MD)	Piper Lake	35	6/10/11	1	3	1.2	IV A	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Provost (MD)	Sunken Lake	33	6/10/11	2	7	1.9	IV A	A V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Provost (MD)	West Lake	38	6/9/11	3	8	4.4	IV A	A	-	-	-	06	s(p), p
Red Deer	Goosequill Lake <sup>3</sup>	29	6/3/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W O	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Rockyview (MD)	Dalemead Lake (Langdon Reservoir)	62	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	VI A I	W O	-	-	-	06	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Chain Lake 1 (Pearl Lake) <sup>3</sup>	54	6/1/11	3	11	5.4	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Chain Lake 2 <sup>3</sup>	52	6/1/11	0	0	3.6	IV A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Chain Lake 3 (Clear Lake) <sup>3</sup>	51	6/1/11	0	0	3.6	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Chain Lake $3A^3$	48	6/1/11	0	0	2.0	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Chain Lake 4 <sup>3</sup>	53	6/1/11	4	18	10.5	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Special Area 2	Chain Lake 5 <sup>3</sup>	47	6/1/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Chain Lake 6 <sup>3</sup>	50	6/1/11	0	0	6.0	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Chain Lake 7 <sup>3</sup>	49	5/30/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Coleman Lake	59	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W O	-	-	-	06	s(p)
Special Area 2	Dowling Lake <sup>3</sup>	55	6/2/11	11	28	29.2	IV A	A V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Handhills Lake <sup>3</sup>	56	5/31/11	1	2	15.0	IV A	V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Special Area 2	Littlefish Lake <sup>3</sup>	58	6/3/11	0	0	4.6	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Plover Lake <sup>3</sup>	60	6/3/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p
Special Area 2	Unnamed (0.5 km S of Handhills) <sup>3</sup>	57	5/31/11	0	1	1.8	IV A	n.r.	-	-	01	06	n.r.
Special Area 4	Foster Lake	40	6/8/11	2	7	5.5	IV A	ΑV	-	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Special Area 4	Gooseberry Lake	45	6/8/11	0	0	6.8	IV A	none	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p), p
Special Area 4	Neutral Hills A	44	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p), p
Special Area 4	Neutral Hills B1	43	6/7/11	0	0	3.0	IV A	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p), p
Special Area 4	Neutral Hills B2	42	6/7/11	0	0	2.0	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Special Area 4	Neutral Hills C1	41	6/7/11	0	0	2.5	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	s(p), p
Stettler	Lowden Lake <sup>3</sup>	30	5/30/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A	W O	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Stettler	Rider Lake <sup>3</sup>	21	5/31/11	0	0	0.5	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p), p
Stettler	Spiers Lake	46	6/14/11	0	0	3.2	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f, s(p), p

The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Alberta (Continued)

				BREED-	TOTAL						YEAR		
DECION	CITE NAME	MADU	DATE	ING	PIPL	TZN#	SITE	DISTURBANCE			& YE	ARS	OWNED
REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL	SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Strathcona	Cooking Lake	4	6/9/11	0	0	0.5	VADE	W O	-	-	-	06	s(p), p
Two Hills	Plain Lake <sup>3</sup>	3	6/22/11	0	0	0.0	V D	O	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p
Vermilion River	Albert Lake	10	6/7/11	0	0	2.0	IV A	A	-	-	<u>01</u>	-	s(p), p
Vulcan	McGregor Lake	63	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W O	-	96	01	06	s(p), m, p
Wainwright (MD)	Baxter Lakes	5	6/8/11	2	6	3.0	IV A E	VWO	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Wainwright (MD)	Border Lake	23	6/9/11	0	0	0.8	IV A	A W	-	-	-	06	f
Wainwright (MD)	Cipher Lake <sup>2</sup>	24	6/8/11	0	0	2.3	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Wainwright (MD)	Killarney Lake	27	6/8/11	5	16	8.2	IV A	A V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	-	s(p), p
Wainwright (MD)	Leane Lake	28	6/8/11	0	0	8.0	IV A	A	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	-	s(p), p
Wainwright (MD)	Mott Lake	17	6/8/11	1	3	0.5	IV A	W	-	-	-	06	f
Wainwright (MD)	NW Killarney	26	6/8/11	0	1	3.7	IV A	A	-	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Wainwright (MD)	Reflex Lake (Alberta side) <sup>2</sup>	25	6/10/11	7	16	7.7	IV A	V	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Warner	Milk River Ridge Reservoir	68	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W O	-	-	-	06	s(p), p
Wheatland	Dawson Lake	61	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	V A	WO	-	-	-	06	s(p), p
Total			-	91	248	251.6				-	•	•	_

<sup>\*</sup> Site was checked on this date but was found to have no suitable habitat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen. Italicized years indicate that the sites were checked but not officially censused due to lack of habitat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

<sup>3</sup> Please note that these surveys were conducted outside the Census window.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census at sites on the Missouri River (MT, ND, SD, NE)

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The area of survey was from Fort Peck Lake in eastern Montana to Lewis & Clark Lake on the northeastern Nebraska southeastern South Dakota border. Not all of the river and reservoirs between these two boundaries were surveyed due to high water levels or historical lack of habitat. High releases from Fort Peck Dam, Garrison Dam, Fort Randall Dam, and Gavins Point Dam inundated much suitable river and reservoir habitat. The Missouri was completely flooded from Fort Peck Dam to the headwaters of Lake Sakakawea, from Garrison Dam to RM 1300.5 of Lake Oahe, from Fort Randall Dam to RM 842.2 of Lewis & Clark

Lake (Lake Francis Case behind the dam was also flooded), and from Gavins Point Dam to RM 753.0 Ponca State Park. The western portion of Fort Peck Lake, portions of Lake Sakakawea and its headwaters, and the eastern part of Lewis & Clark Lake were not surveyed since there is there is not typically any suitable habitat in these areas.

Overall, the Piping Plover adult census for the Missouri River was 186. By state and segment the results are as follows:

#### Montana

Fort Peck Lake – 2 Total: 2

#### North Dakota

Lake Sakakawea - 17 Lake Oahe (ND) – 14 Total: 31

#### **South Dakota**

Lake Oahe (SD) – 7 Lake Sharpe – 0 Lewis & Clark Lake – 144 Total: 151

#### Nebraska

Cedar County – 2 Total: 2

Missouri River Total – 186

In comparison to previous International Piping Plover Census results, 2011 showed an 85% decrease in Piping Plover numbers compared to the 2006 International Census and tied the 1996 International Census for the lowest number ever (see tables below). To add perspective to the census numbers, the Corps of Engineers has annually conducted an adult census on the Missouri River from 1986 to present. For the 25 year period of 1986-2010 the average number of adult Piping Plovers has been 751, with the number varying from a high of 1,764 in 2005 to

a low of 82 in 1997. Only the 1991 International Census count is somewhat close to the 25 year average while the other four census years are closer to the high and low extremes.

In 2011, the census effort adequately documented Piping Plover numbers on the Missouri River. At the time of the census record runoff had greatly reduced the amount of habitat available to the birds. The little habitat available had, in most cases, been surveyed several times before the census was done. Survey crew quality was generally good with at least one observer having several years of experience in conducting adult censuses and productivity monitoring for the segment censused.

Piping Plover numbers on the Missouri River are a function of annual runoff. In years of high runoff as in 1996 and 2011, shoreline and island habitat in the reservoirs are inundated as water is stored to avert downstream flooding. As the storage capacity of the reservoirs is approached, water releases from the dams are increased, which inundates sandbar habitat below the dams. This leaves very little breeding habitat for plovers. In years of low runoff such as 2001 and 2006, the reservoirs are lowered exposing miles of shoreline and island habitat. Releases from the dams are also decreased, providing sandbar habitat for plovers. Releases from the six mainstem dams on the Missouri River broke all previous record levels in 2011 with releases out of Garrison. Fort Randall and Gavins Point Dams being in excess of 100,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). For perspective, the average June releases for these dams varies from 22,000 to 29,000 cfs. Consequently all sandbar habitat on the Missouri River below the dams was inundated before the 2011 International Census.

Flooding on the reservoirs was almost as severe as the river itself. At the time of the 2011 International Census Fort Peck Lake and Lake Oahe were already at all-time record June elevations and Lake Sakakawea was within two

inches of equaling its June record. On Fort Peck Lake the only pair found nesting was in a parking lot. On Lake Sakakawea all but one pair of plovers were observed in recreation area parking lots. On Lake Oahe, plovers were found scattered as singles or pairs at various locations. In 2011, for the first time in an International Census, Lake Sharpe was censused. Lake Sharpe had not been censused previously due to a lack of known habitat. However, the lake is kept at a constant elevation and was not subject to rising lake levels from high runoff. Hence, it was believed that Piping Plovers displaced from Lake Oahe might nest there, but none were found.

Seventy seven percent of the plovers (144) counted on the Missouri River were found on Lewis & Clark Lake. The reasons for this relative high number come down to two factors. Like Lake Sharpe, Lewis & Clark Lake is operated at a constant lake level with very little fluctuation and therefore was not subject to the high runoff experienced at the other reservoirs. Secondly, the Corps of Engineers from 2007-2011 had constructed sandbar habitat at various locations in the middle and upper parts of the lake for Piping Plovers and Least Terns. This habitat was available to the plovers at the time of the census.

The only pair of plovers in Nebraska associated with the Missouri River was found on Corps of Engineers property located adjacent to the river. Their nest was found on the side of a farm road next to a corn field.

**Comparison of Census Numbers - Overall** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	625	187	1,048	1,2661	186 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

**Comparison of Census Numbers - Montana** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	26	24	7	231	21

<sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

**Detectability Study - Montana** 

Detectability Study - Wolltana							
Sites Included	First	Second					
Sites included	Count	Count					
Big Dry Bay	0	0					
Duck Creek, 3rd Coulee, & Skunk Coulee	0	0					

Comparison of Census Numbers - N Dakota

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	307	125	643	702 <sup>1</sup>	31 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

**Detectability Study – North Dakota** 

Sites Included	First	Second
Sites included	Count	Count
Lake Oahe (Dredge Island)	14	12
RM 1270.0		
Lake Sakakawea - Deepwater	3	3
Bay East 1444		
Lake Sakakawea - Douglas	1	2
Creek Bay 1400		
Lake Sakakawea - Spring	1	2
Creek 1400.1		
Lake Sakakawea - Steinke	1	2
Bay 1394		
Lake Sakakawea - Van Hook	7	10
Boat Ramp 1451		
Lake Sakakawae - Little	1	2
Beaver Bay 1499		

Comparison of Census Numbers – S Dakota

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011		
Total Adults	290	27	390	25 <sup>1</sup>	151 <sup>1</sup>		

<sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

**Detectability Study – South Dakota** 

<b>Detectability Study – South Dakota</b>								
Sites Included	First	Second						
Sites included	Count	Count						
Lewis & Clark Lake, Missouri RM 842 (The Complex)	24	15						
Lake Oahe (Kenel Flats North & South) RM 1231.0	0	0						
Lake Oahe (Moose Flats) RM 1179	0	0						
Lake Oahe (S. Railroad Grande) RM 1199	0	0						
Lake Oahe (State Line WPA - South) RM 1233	0	0						
Lake Oahe (Cheyenne River - NE) RM 1110	0	0						
Lake Oahe (Forest City) RM 1150	0	0						
Lake Oahe (Swift Bird) RM 1159-1161	0	0						
Sully Flats to Peoria Flats (RM 1095-1083)	0	0						
Lake Oahe (Little Bend - East) RM 1111.0	2	2						
Lake Oahe (Little Bend - West) RM 1111.1	2	1						
Lake Oahe (Little Bend-2) RM 1111.2	1	0						
Lake Oahe (Little Bend-3) RM 111.3	2	0						
Lake Oahe (Blue Blanket) RM 1189	0	0						
Sage Creek to Charlie Creek (RM 1123-1115)	0	0						

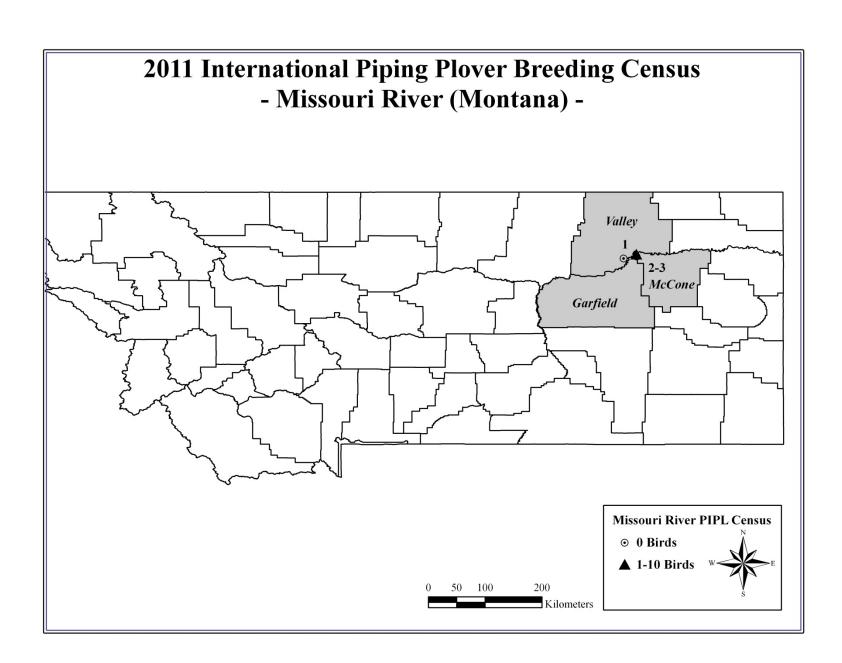
Comparison of Census Numbers - Nebraska

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	0	9	8	191 <sup>1</sup>	21

This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

Detectability Study – Nebraska

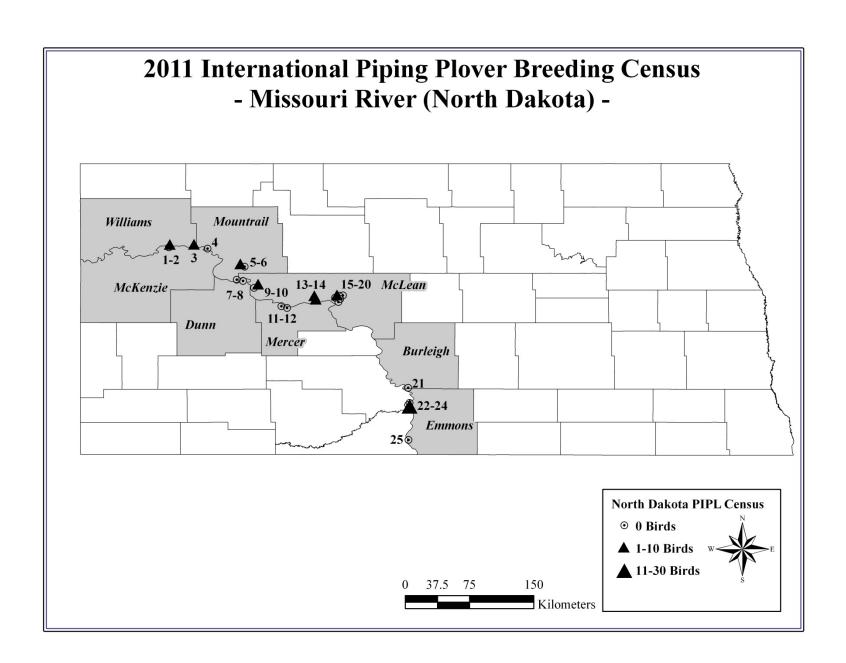
Sites Included	First Count	Second Count
Audubon Bend Management Area	2	2



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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	CENS	RIOR Y SUSED PIPL S	& YE		OWNER
Garfield/ McCone	Big Dry Bay	3	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	III A	W	-	-	-	-	f
Valley	Duck Creek, 3rd Coulee, & Skunk Coulee	1	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	III A	W	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Valley	Dry Arm (Fort Peck Lake)	2	6/16/11	1	2	0.1	IX O	W	-	96	-	-	f
Total				1	2	0.1							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.



The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census on the Missouri River in North Dakota

REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	(	RIOR CENSU YEA PIPL S	SED &	&	OWNER
Burleigh/Emmons	Lake Oahe (East Shoreline) 1300.7-1277.2	21	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	III A	W	-	-	-	-	f
Dunn	Lake Sakakawea - Independence Point 1445	8	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	-	<u>96</u>	-	06	f
Emmons	Lake Oahe (East Shoreline) 1256-1232	25	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	-	-	-	f
Emmons/Morton	Lake Oahe (Dredge Island) RM 1270.0	24	6/9/11	7	14	0.6	VI F	W	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	-	f
Emmons/Morton	Lake Oahe (Islands) 1277- 1270.2	22	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	III E	W	-	-	-	-	f
McKenzie	Lake Sakakawea - Tobacco Gardens Bay 1511	2	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	none	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - Arikara 1442	10	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	none	<u>91</u>	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - Deepwater Bay East 1444	9	6/9/11	1	3	0.0	VI A	WO	-	_3	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - DeTrobriand Bay 1395	15	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	-	_4	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - Douglas Creek Bay 1400 <sup>2</sup>	14	6/14/11	1	2	0.0	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - Mallard Island 1391	19	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VI E	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - Pouch Point 1456	7	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	-	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - Sportsman's 1393.3	17	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	-	-	-	-	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - Spring Creek 1400.1 <sup>2</sup>	13	6/16/11	1	2	0.1	VI A	W	-	-	-	-	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - Steinke Bay 1394 <sup>2</sup>	16	6/11/11	1	2	0.1	VI A	W	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - West Totten 1393	18	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
McLean	Lake Sakakawea - Wolf Creek 1390	20	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	none	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Mercer	Lake Sakakawea - Beaver Creek Bay 1420	11	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f

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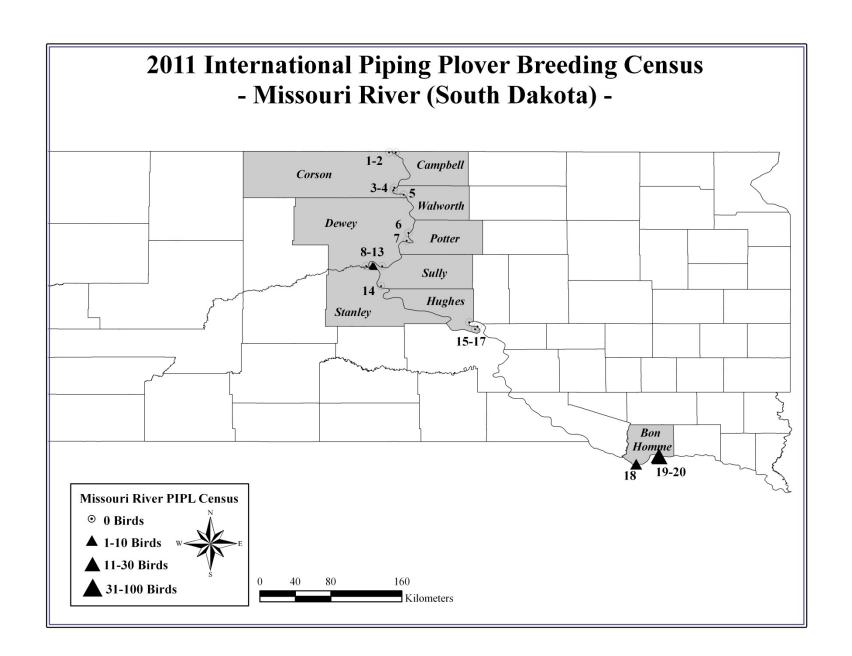
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COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S	SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Mercer	Lake Sakakawea - Renner Bay 1415	12	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Morton/Sioux	Lake Oahe (West Shoreline) 1302-1242	23	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	III A	W	-	-	-	-	f
Mountrail	Lake Sakakawea - Shell Creek Bay 1450	6	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f
Mountrail	Lake Sakakawea - Van Hook Boat Ramp 1451 <sup>2</sup>	5	6/13/11	5	10	0.8	VI A	W	-	-	-	-	f
Mountrail	Lake Sakakawea - White Earth Bay 1493	4	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	none	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Williams	Lake Sakakawae - Little Beaver Bay 1499	3	6/13/11	1	2	0.0	VI A	W O	-	-	-	-	f
Williams	Lake Sakakawea - Red Mike 1510	1	6/15/11	1	2	0.0	VI A	W	-	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Total				18	37	1.6							

Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

In 1996, 4 PIPL nests were found in a section of Deepwater Bay ~1 km east of the area that was surveyed in 2011.

In 1996, 1 PIPL nest was found in a section on DeTrobriand Island ~1 km southwest of this 2011 survey route.



The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census on the Missouri River in South Dakota

REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	(	RIOR CENSU YEA PIPL S	SED &	&	OWNER
Bon Homme	Lewis & Clark Lake, Missouri RM 842 (The Complex) <sup>2</sup>	18	6/13/11	5	24	0.2	VI F	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f
Bon Homme	Lewis & Clark Lake, Missouri RM 826.3	20	6/14/11	8	71	1.0	VI F	n.r.	91	-	-	-	f
Bon Homme	Lewis & Clark Lake, Missouri RM 826.6	19	6/6/11	4	49	1.1	VI F	n.r.	91	-	-	-	f
Corson	Lake Oahe (Kenel Flats North & South) RM 1231.0	1	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	91	-	<u>01</u>	-	f
Corson	Lake Oahe (Moose Flats) RM 1179	4	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	91	-	-	-	f
Corson	Lake Oahe (S. Railroad Grande) RM 1199	3	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Campbell	Lake Oahe (State Line WPA - South) RM 1233	2	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Dewey	Lake Oahe (Cheyenne River - NE) RM 1110	13	6/10/11	0	0	1.6	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	96	-	<u>06</u>	f
Dewey	Lake Oahe (Forest City) RM 1150	7	6/8/11	0	0	8.0	VI A	W	91	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Dewey	Lake Oahe (Swift Bird) RM 1159-1161	6	6/8/11	0	0	32.2	VI A	W	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Hughes	Lake Sharpe (North Bend) RM 1006-1009	17	6/9/11	0	0	10.8	VI A	n.r.	91	-	-	-	f
Hughes	Lake Sharpe (West Bend) RM 1010-1017	15	6/9/11	0	0	10.6	VI A	n.r.	91	-	-	-	f
Hughes/Stanley	Sully Flats to Peoria Flats (RM 1095-1083)	14	6/9/11	0	0	1.6	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Lyman	Lake Sharpe (Big Bend) RM 1003.5-1016.5	16	6/9/11	0	0	23.8	VI A	n.r.	91	-	-	-	f
Sully	Lake Oahe (Little Bend - East) RM 1111.0	10	6/7/11	1	2	0.1	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Sully	Lake Oahe (Little Bend - West) RM 1111.1 <sup>2</sup>	11	6/7/11	1	2	0.1	VI A	W	91	-	<u>01</u>	06	f
Sully	Lake Oahe (Little Bend-2) RM 1111.2 <sup>2</sup>	12	6/7/11	0	1	0.1	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	-	-	-	f

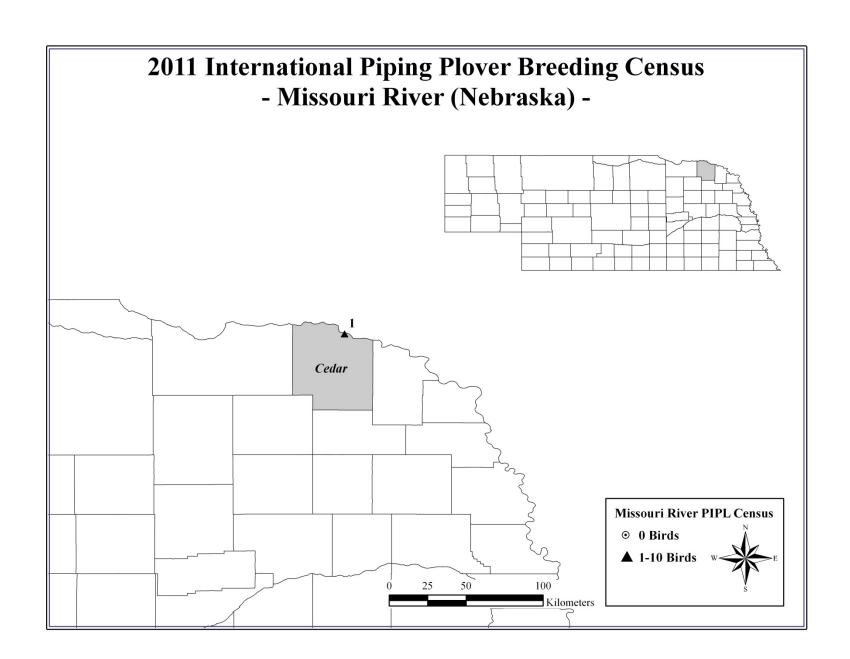
The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census on the Missouri River in South Dakota (Continued)

COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	CEN	RIOR SUSEI PIPL S	& YE		OWNER
Sully	Lake Oahe (Little Bend-3) RM 1111.3 <sup>2</sup>	9	6/7/11	1	2	0.1	VI A	W	91	-	-	-	f
Walworth	Lake Oahe (Blue Blanket) RM 1189	5	6/9/11	0	0	8.0	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f
Zeibach	Sage Creek to Charlie Creek (RM 1123-1115)	8	6/6/11	0	0	12.9	VI A	W	<u>91</u>	-	-	<u>06</u>	f
Total				20	151	112.2							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

<sup>2</sup> This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

<sup>3</sup> This site was a part of "Ft Randall/Gavin" in 1991. 11 PIPL were seen 1 river-mile upstream and 10 PIPL were seen 1 1 river-mile downstream from the center of this site.



The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census on the Missouri River in Nebraska

COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS		-	YEARS ) & YE SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Cedar	Audubon Bend Management Area	1	6/15/11	1	2	0.0	III A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	f
Total				1	2	0.0							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.

# The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Montana (off-Missouri River)

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The 2011 International Piping Plover Census in Montana (off-Missouri River) was conducted by 17 observers who surveyed 56 sites and detected 89 Piping Plovers (high count off-river was 92; 2 additional plovers sighted on the Missouri River). This count was lower than all prior Census counts. However, this count is likely conservative since plovers were found nesting in unusual habitats (e.g., gravel roads, agricultural fields) due to flooding of traditional spots.

Water levels were high thoughout the region in 2011. Given pervasive flooding, the 2011 Census was comprehensive. Some sites were completely flooded and others could not be surveyed until July when water levels finally receded. We were not able to access a small number of sites due to flooded roadways (e.g., VR2 Reservoir and Hamm's Reservoir).

Similar to 2006, Piping Plovers were confined to the alkali lakes in Sheridan County. One additional pair was counted outside the county on the Missouri River. Also, a pair was counted at Alkali Lake in Pondera County, a site that supported plovers in 1991 and 1996 but was not surveyed in 2006.

Comparison of Census Numbers<sup>1</sup>

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	308	153	137	$130^{2}$	91 <sup>2</sup>

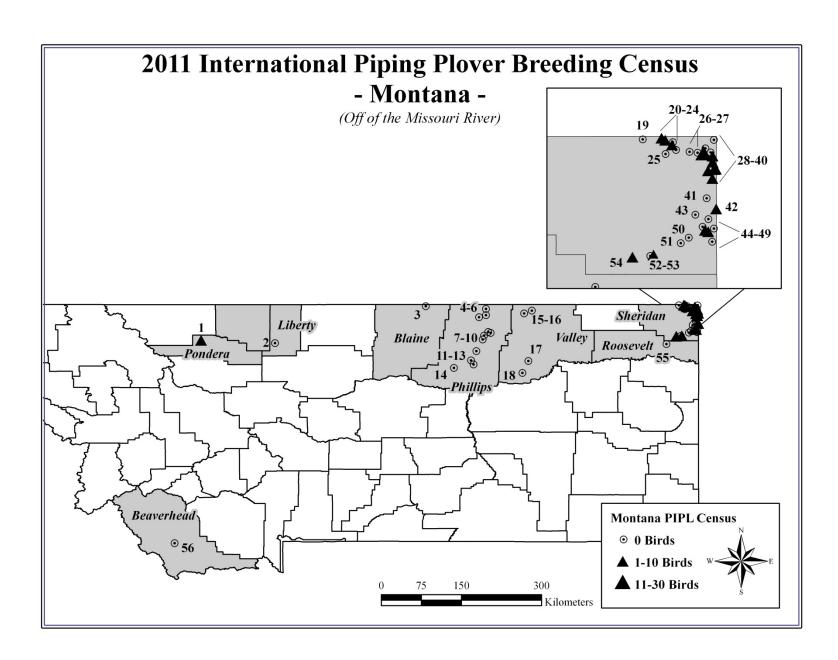
<sup>1</sup>Missouri River data are included in all totals.

#### **Detectability Study**

Detectability Study		
Sites Included	First	Second
Sites ilicitated	Count	Count
Erickson WPA	0	0
Goose Lake	1	0
Katy's Lake, Medicine Lake	0	0
NWR	U	U
Lake North of Espen WPA	0	0
Lake North of Stateline WPA	2	2
Murphy Wetland (Upper	0	0
Goose)	U	U
North Lake	2	3
Parry WPA	5	2
Upper Goose Lake	0	2
West Goose Lake	2	2

Summarized by E. Elliott-Smith

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.



The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Montana

REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	(	RIOR CENSU YEA PIPL S	SED ARS	&	OWNER
Beaverhead	Clark Canyon Reservoir	56	6/9/11	0	0	1.6	VI A	VW	91	_	01	06	f
Blaine	Alkali Lake	3	6/13/11	0	0	n.r.	IV D	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f
Liberty/Tooele	Tiber Reservoir	2	6/12/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	91	96	01	06	f
Phillips	Bennett Lake	11	6/14/11	0	0	0.4	V A	N	91	96	01	06	f, p
Phillips	Bowdoin NWR <sup>3</sup>	10	6/21/11	0	0	2.5	IV D E I	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	f
Phillips	Dibbler Reservoir <sup>3</sup>	6	7/5/11	0	0	0.4	VI A F	W	91	96	01	06	f
Phillips	Erphit Lake	9	6/16/11	0	0	0.4	V A	W	-	_	_	06	р
Phillips	Hewitt Lake NWR <sup>3</sup>	7	6/21/11	0	0	0.0	IV I	W	91	$96^{4}$	01	06	f
Phillips	Nelson Reservoir	8	6/9/11	0	0	1.6	VI A	WNI	<u>91</u>	$96^{4}$	<u>01</u>	06	f
Phillips	Pea Lake	4	6/17/11	0	0	0.0	n.r.	W	91	96	01	06	f, s(p), p
Phillips	Spencer Reservoir <sup>3</sup>	12	6/21/11	0	0	0.0	VI A I	A W	91	96	01	06	f, p
Phillips	Veseth Reservoir <sup>3</sup>	14	7/14/11	0	0	0.0	n.r.	W	-	-	-	06	f, p
Phillips	Whitcomb Lake <sup>3</sup>	13	7/14/11	0	0	0.8	IV A	A W	91	96	01	06	f
Phillips	Whitewater Lake <sup>3</sup>	5	6/3/11	0	0	0.8	VI A F	W	91	96	01	06	f, s(p), p
Pondera	Alkali Lake Wetland Mitigation Site	1	7/11/11	1	2	0.0	IV G H I	n.r.	91 <sup>5</sup>	96	01	-	f
Roosevelt	Johnson Lake WPA	55	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	n.r.
Sheridan	Berger Pond WPA <sup>3</sup>	50	6/3/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E	W	91	96	01	06	f, p
Sheridan	Big Slough WPA	41	6/4/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f, p
Sheridan	Border Lake	42	6/13/11	0	1	0.1	IV A	none	-	-	-	-	p
Sheridan	Brush Lake <sup>3</sup>	45	6/3/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	UW	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Sheridan	Chandler and Valpone WPA	19	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f
Sheridan	Clear Lake <sup>3</sup>	43	6/3/11	0	0	0.3	IV A	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Sheridan	Deep Lake <sup>3</sup>	53	6/2/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E	V W	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	f
Sheridan	Dog Leg WPA	29	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f, p
Sheridan	Erickson WPA <sup>3</sup>	46	6/3/11	0	0	0.0	IV A D	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f
Sheridan	Ferguson WPA	27	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f, p
Sheridan	Flat Lake	32	6/9/11	14	36	4.8	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Sheridan	Gaffney Lake <sup>3</sup>	52	6/2/11	0	1	< 0.1	IV A D E	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f
Sheridan	Galloway's Lake	23	6/6/11	2	4	0.5	IV A	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Sheridan	Gjesdal East WPA	31	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	f
Sheridan	Goose Lake <sup>2</sup>	40	6/4/11	0	2	1.6	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	06	f, s(p), p
Sheridan	Justice Slough <sup>3</sup>	49	6/3/11	0	0	0.2	IV A D E	W	91	96	01	06	р

The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Montana (Continued)

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				BREED- ING	TOTAL PIPL		SITE	DISTURBANCE		RIOR SUSEI			
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL !			OWNER
Sheridan	Katy's Lake, Medicine Lake NWR	51	6/10/11	0	0	0.4	IV A D E	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, s(p)
Sheridan	Lake North of Espen WPA	26	6/15/11	0	0	0.8	IV A	W	_6	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Sheridan	Lake North of Gaffney Lake <sup>3</sup>		6/2/11	0	1	1.1	IV A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	f
Sheridan	Lake North of Stateline WPA	33	6/9/11	1	2	0.4	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f, p
Sheridan	Lake SE of Parry WPA	48	6/5/11	3	8	0.6	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Sheridan	Lake SE of Salt	21	6/6/11	0	2	0.3	IV A	A	-	96	01	06	p
Sheridan	Lone Tree Lake	24	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	n.r.
Sheridan	Marsh Wetland	25	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A	-	-	-	06	p
Sheridan	Medicine Lake	54	6/10/11	2	5	3.2	IV A	A	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	f
Sheridan	Melby WPA	44	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A	91	96	01	06	f, p
Sheridan	Murphy Wetland (Upper Goose)	39	6/4/11	0	0	0.2	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	р
Sheridan	North Lake <sup>2, 3</sup>	35	6/19/11	1	3	1.6	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Sheridan	Northeast WPA	28	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	n.r.
Sheridan	Parry WPA <sup>2</sup>	47	6/5/11	2	5	1.3	IV A	A W	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, p
Sheridan	Rabenberg Wetland (Upper Goose)	37	6/4/11	2	4	0.2	IV A	n.r.	-	-	-	06	p
Sheridan	Salt Lake	20	6/6/11	0	1	0.3	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Sheridan	Stateline WPA	34	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	-	96	01	06	f
Sheridan	Throntviet Lake	30	6/13/11	4	11	1.6	IV A	A	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Sheridan	Upper Goose Lake <sup>2, 3</sup>	36	6/19/11	1	2	1.6	IV A	A N	<u>91</u>	96 96 96 96	01	06	m, p
Sheridan	West Goose Lake	38	6/12/11	1	2	< 0.1	IV A	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Sheridan	Wigeon Slough WPA	22	6/6/11	0	0	0.2	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	f, p
Valley	Chambers Coulee Reservoir <sup>3</sup>	16	7/7/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	WI	-	96	01	06	f, p
Valley	Grub Reservoir <sup>3</sup>	17	6/22/11	0	0	0.8	IV VI I	W	91	96	01	06	f
Valley	Itchpair Slough (Lake Grable) <sup>3</sup>	15	7/7/11	0	0	0.6	V A	W	91	96	01	06	f
Valley	Valley Reservoir <sup>3</sup>	18	6/22/11	0	0	0.2	IV VI I	W	91	96	01	06	f, p
	Off-Missouri River Subtotal			34	92 <sup>2</sup>	31.4							
	Missouri River Subtotal			1	$2^2$	0.1							
Total				35	94 <sup>2</sup>	31.5							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.
<sup>2</sup> This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.
<sup>3</sup> Please note that these surveys were done outside the Census window.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Nelson Reservoir, Bowdoin NWR, and Hewitt Lake NWR were combined as a single site in 1996. A pair of nesting PIPL were observed on Lake Bowdoin, but a single unpaired PIPL was also observed though its specific location was not provided. It may have occurred at either Nelson Reservoir, Bowdoin NWR, and Hewitt Lake NWR.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In 1991, 2 pairs were observed on this site on July 11, 1991, outside the census window.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> A 1991 map for the census shows that this site was likely to have plovers but access to the site was denied so an official census never occurred.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in North Dakota (off-Missouri River)

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In North Dakota most known (off the Missouri River) breeding sites were censused. Thirteen new sites were added to the 2011 census. Most new sites were within the Long Lake Wetland Management District (4 in Burleigh County, 1 in Emmons County, and 6 in Kidder County). Plovers were documented at these sites for the first time in 2008. Several sites were not surveyed because no suitable nesting haitat was available due to high water conditions. Some sites were totally flooded and therefore not surveyed (Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Chase Lake and Arrowwood NWRs. Numerous other areas were surveyed even though high water covered much or all suitable nesting habitat.

In the alkali lakes region of North Dakota, 591 Piping Plovers were counted this year which was down from 806 in 2006, but higher than the 2001 count of 469. Fluctuation in water levels, both in the lakes and the Missouri River was the largest factor influencing local population numbers. Snow melt and spring rains caused high river and lake levels in 2011, which in many cases flooded all suitable habitat at traditional nesting sites. In response to the reduction of available nesting shoreline plovers were observed nesting on roads and in flooded agricultural fields more frequently than in prior

years. Because some plovers distribution were observed nesting in non-traditional habitats which were not comprehensively surveyed, it is likely that the 2011 count was an underestimate of the actual number of birds in the region.

Comparison of Census Numbers<sup>1</sup>

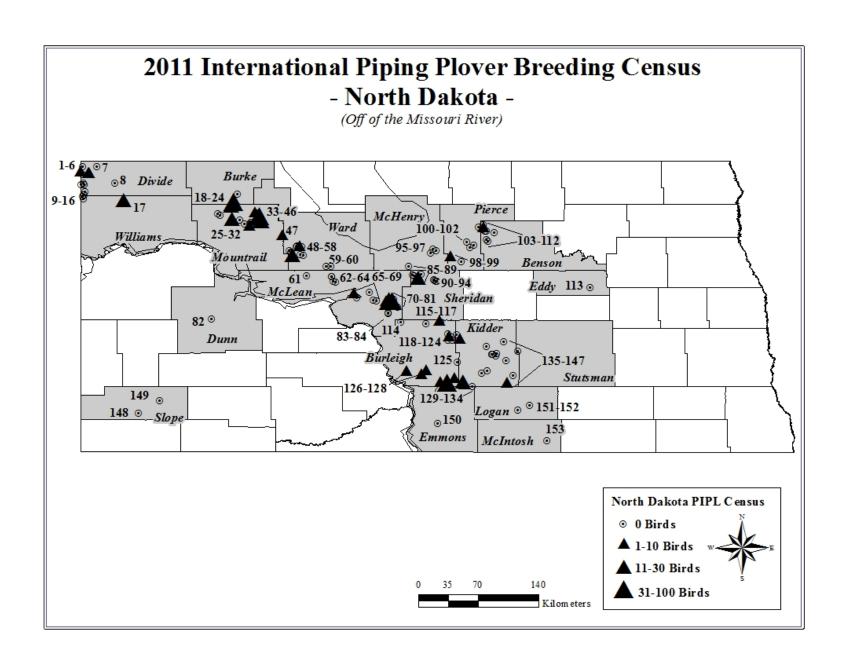
	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	992	1004	1112	1508 <sup>2</sup>	623 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Missouri River data are included in all totals.

**Detectability Study** 

Sites Included	First	Second
Sites included	Count	Count
Shively WPA	6	6
Lostwood NWR - Phalarope Wetland	6	5
Long Lake Pool - Unit I	2	0
Long Lake Pool - Unit II Marsh Dike	32	32
Long Lake NWR – Unit III	2	2
Kreil Wetland	1	1
North Lake	1	2 5
Mud Lake South (Bitz Lake)	6	5
Bluehill WPA	0	0
Crystal Lake	0	0
Engel Lake	0	0
McGinnis WPA	0	0
Pelican Lake	66	77
Lostwood WMD - Palermo Lake	6	1
Lostwood NWR - Piping Plover Wetland	12	9
Lostwood WMD - Redmond Lake	7	7
Strasburg WPA	0	0
LGFR	0	0
Orlien WPA	18	12
Schaefer Lake	6	4
Appam Lake	11	22

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.



The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in North Dakota

REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	P# DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	(	RIOR CENSU YEA PIPL S	SED ARS	&	OWNER D
Benson	Cranberry Lake	112	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	-	96	-	06	р
Benson	Duchscher Lake	108	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	VA	none	_	96	01	06	p
Benson	Horseshoe Lake	104	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	_	96	01	06	f, s(p), p
Benson	Long Lake WPA	109	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	_	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, p
Benson	Pfeifer Lake	106	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	f
Benson	Ripplinger Slough	107	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	_	_	_	_	р
Benson	Shively WPA	105	6/8/11	2	6	0.4	IV A	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Benson	Simon WPA	111	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	_	96	_	06	f, p
Benson	Volk WPA	110	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	-	96	01	06	f
Burke	Lostwood NWR - Salt Wetland	21	6/6/11	0	0	1.9	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u> <sup>4</sup>	96	01	06	f
Burke	Lostwood NWR - School Section Lake <sup>3</sup>	19	5/26/11	1	2	4.2	IV D	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	f
Burke	Lostwood NWR - Thompson Lake <sup>3</sup>	18	5/26/11	0	0	4.8	IV D	n.r.	-	96	-	06	f
Burke	Lostwood NWR - Upper Lostwood Lake	20	6/13/11	20	49	10.6	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u> <sup>4</sup>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Burke/Mountrail	Lostwood NWR - Phalarope Wetland <sup>2, 3</sup>	23	6/1/11	3	6	3.0	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u> <sup>4</sup>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f
Burleigh	BLM #1 WPA	115	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A I	W	-	<u>96</u>	-	-	f, p
Burleigh	Bryan/Mohler WPA (Gravel Road)	126	6/13/11	1	2	0.0	IV V I	V	-	-	-	-	s(p), p
Burleigh	Harriet Lake	123	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A I	W	_	-	-	-	p
Burleigh	Hertz Lake <sup>3</sup>	117	6/20/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A I	W	-	96	01	-	p
Burleigh	Hysterical 02	114	6/10/11	0	0	0.2	VI A	A W	-	-	01	06	p
Burleigh	Krueger Slough	127	6/17/11	1	3	0.0	IX I	none	-	-	-	-	p
Burleigh	Lake Arena	124	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A I	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Burleigh	Long Lake Pool - Unit I <sup>2</sup>	129	6/6/11	1	2	1.6	IV V E F	VWP	<u>91</u> 5	-	01	06	f
Burleigh	Long Lake Pool - Unit II Marsh Dike <sup>2</sup>	130	6/16/11	16	32	n.r.	IV V F I	W	<b>91</b> <sup>5</sup>	96	<u>01</u>	06	f
Burleigh	McKenzie Slough	128	6/17/11	1	2	2.4	VAHI	W	-	-	-	06	f, p
Burleigh	Rachel Hoff	120	6/7/11	2	5	0.8	IV V H I	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f, p
Burleigh	Rath WPA <sup>3</sup>	118	6/23/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A I	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Burleigh	Trusty WPA	121	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	IV V H I	W	91	96	01	06	f, p

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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ING PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		YEA PIPL S			OWNER
Burleigh/Kidder	Long Lake NWR	131	6/6/11	1	2	< 0.1	IVVHI	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Burleigh/Kidder	Stoney Slough <sup>3</sup>	125	6/23/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A I	W	-	-	01	-	p
Burleigh/Sheridan	Salt Lake	116	6/8/11	1	2	0.8	IV V A I	W	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Divide	Camp Lake	13	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W O	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Divide	Daneville Lake <sup>3</sup>	9	6/1/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E	W O	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Divide	Daneville Lake SE	11	6/5/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E	I W	-	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Divide	Hapet Lake	8	6/5/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	AWPO	-	-	01	-	s(p), p
Divide	Johnson WPA	10	6/5/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E	W	-	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Divide	Kreil Wetland	5	6/8/11	0	1	0.2	IV A	A	-	96	01	06	p
Divide	McCone Lake <sup>3</sup>	1	6/2/11	0	0	0.3	IV A D	A W	-	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
Divide	Miller Lake	6	6/10/11	22	101	8.0	IV A E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f, p
Divide	Mine Pond	12									_		
Divide	No Name 01	3	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	-	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Divide	North Lake**	4	6/16/11	1	2	0.4	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	р
Divide	Radar WPA	7	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	O	-	-	01	06	f, p
Divide/Sheridan	Round/Westby Lake	2	6/16/11	2	4	11.8	IV A E	W	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p
Divide/Williams	Africa Lake	14	6/6/11	0	0	0.2	IV A E I	W P	-	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	р
Dunn	Lake Ilo NWR	82	6/14/11	0	0	n.r.	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f
Eddy	Lake Coe	113	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E	W	91	96	01	06	f
Emmons	Maier Lake <sup>3</sup>	150	6/1/11	0	0	0.0	IV I	W	-	-	-	-	p
Emmons	Sisco-Fallgater WPA <sup>3</sup>	134	6/1/11	0	0	0.0	VAHI	none	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Kidder	Alkaline Lake <sup>3</sup>	146	6/21/11	0	5	2.4	VI	W	-	-	-	-	p
Kidder	Bayer Lake	122	6/15/11	4	8	0.8	IV V A I	W	-	-	-	-	P
Kidder	Big Muddy East <sup>3</sup>	139	6/3/11	0	0	0.0	VAHI	W	-	96	-	-	p
Kidder	Big Muddy West <sup>3</sup>	137	6/3/11	0	0	0.0	VAEI	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Kidder	Dewald Slough	143	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	VA I	n.r.	-	-	-	06	f, p
Kidder	Horsehead Lake	135	6/16/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A I	W	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Kidder	Hutchinson NWR	119	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VHI	W	-	-	-	-	f, p
Kidder	Lake Etta <sup>3</sup>	144	6/1/11	0	0	0.8	VHI	W	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p
Kidder	Lake George <sup>3</sup>	145	6/1/11	0	0	0.0	VAI	W	-	96	01	06	f, p
Kidder	McPhail WMA	142	6/17/11	0	0	0.0	V A	O	-	-	01	06	p
Kidder	Mud Lake	132	6/7/11	5	11	1.2	IV V A H	A	-	-	-	-	p

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Kidder	Mud Lake South (Bitz Lake) <sup>2</sup>	133	6/7/11	3	6	0.8	IV V H I	W	-	-	01	06	p
Kidder	Sibley Lake	138	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV V H I	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Kidder	South Lake	136	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A I	W	-	-	-	-	p
Kidder	Spring Lake	140	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VHI	W	91	96	01	06	p
Kidder	Stony Lake	141	6/3/11	0	0	0.0	VAHI	none	-	-	-	-	p
Logan	Logan County WMA	151	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, s(p), p
Logan	Schweigert WPA	152	6/8/11	0	0	0.8	V A	W	91	96	01	06	f, p
McHenry	Bromley Lake	96	6/14/11	0	0	0.8	V A	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, p
McHenry	Crooked Lake	97	6/9/11	0	0	n.r.	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	n.r.
McHenry	Lake Lemer	95	6/9/11	0	0	n.r.	IV A	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, p
McHenry	Spichke WPA	85	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	-	96	01	06	f, p
McIntosh	McIntosh 02	153	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	V A	W	-	96	01	06	f, p
McLean	Amoeba Lake	72	6/9/11	0	0	0.9	IV A	none	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
McLean	Audubon Refuge (Lake Audubon)	65	6/4/11	1	2	1.6	VI A	W	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	f
McLean	Blue Lake	78	6/9/11	0	0	6.4	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	s(p)
McLean	Bluehill WPA	61	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E	W	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, p
McLean	Cherry Lake	69	6/6/11	0	0	0.4	IV A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	f, p
McLean	Crystal Lake	62	6/9/11	0	0	0.4	IV A E I	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
McLean	Day Lake	76	6/8/11	0	0	1.5	V A	none	-	-	-	06	p
McLean	Elbow Lake	75	6/8/11	5	10	2.5	IV A	none	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
McLean	Engel Lake	64	6/16/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	91	<u>96</u> <u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
McLean	Fischer Lake (Koenig Lake)	84	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f, p
McLean	Fisher Lake (Laib's Marsh)	83	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	f, p
McLean	Gaub WPA	81	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f, p
McLean	Lake Nettie	67	6/9/11	0	0	8.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	f, s(p)
McLean	Lake Williams	70	6/9/11	2	6	1.3	IV A	none	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p
McLean	McGinnis WPA	63	6/10/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	-	_	01	06	f, p
McLean	Mud Lake	73	6/8/11	0	0	0.5	VA	none	-	-	-	06	p
McLean	Paramecium Lake	71	6/9/11	1	2	0.7	IV A	none	-	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
McLean	Pelican Lake <sup>2</sup>	77	6/9/11	37	77	11.8	IV A	none	-	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
McLean	Peterson Lake	74	6/8/11	16	36	13.0	IV A	none	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, p

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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S			OWNER
McLean	Spot Lake	79	6/9/11	4	8	3.5	IV A	none	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	р
McLean	Stessman Marsh	66	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IX I	W	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	f
McLean	Tractor Lake	80	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	none	-	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
McLean	Turtle Lake	68	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A D	W	91	96	01	06	f, p
Mountrail	Lostwood NWR - Lower Lostwood Lake	24	6/6/11	3	16	9.9	IV D	W	<u>91</u> <sup>4</sup>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Mountrail	Lostwood NWR - Piping Plover Wetland <sup>2</sup>	22	6/6/11	6	12	1.0	IV D	W	<u>91</u> <sup>4</sup>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Bieri Wetland	46	6/6/11	0	1	1.4	IV D	W	<u>91</u> <sup>4</sup>	-	01	06	p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - BLM 01	29	6/8/11	0	0	3.3	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u> <sup>4</sup>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f, p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Cottonwood Lake East	25	6/15/11	0	0	8.8	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Cottonwood Lake West	26	6/15/11	0	0	15.9	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Goettle Wetland	36	6/9/11	0	0	1.2	IV D	W	-	-	01	<u>06</u>	p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Halvorson WPA North	32	6/8/11	0	0	9.2	IV D	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f, p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Halvorson WPA South	31	6/8/11	0	0	3.1	IV D	n.r.	91	96	-	06	p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - ND 02	28	6/8/11	0	0	9.6	IV D	n.r.	91	-	01	06	f, s(p), p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Palermo Lake <sup>2</sup>	43	6/5/11	1	6	6.2	IV D	W	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Palermo Lake SW	30	6/8/11	0	1	7.9	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f, p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Piping Plover WPA	42	6/5/11	3	6	3.2	IV D	W	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Redmond Lake	37	6/9/11	2	7	14.0	IV D	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Redmond Lake East	38	6/9/11	18	48	2.6	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	s(p), p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Redmond Lake North	34	6/6/11	0	0	5.6	IV D	W	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p

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Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Redmond Lake SE	39	6/9/11	3	12	8.4	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Redmond Lake South	40	6/5/11	9	21	9.5	IV D	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Rued Wetland	35	6/6/11	0	0	0.5	IV D	W	91	96	-	06	p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - US1 F&G	47	6/5/11	0	4	9.6	IV D	W	<b>91</b> <sup>4</sup>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - USA 01	44	6/6/11	5	10	4.9	IV D H	W	<b>91</b> <sup>4</sup>	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - USA 01 SE	45	6/6/11	0	0	0.6	IV D	W	91 <sup>4</sup> 91 <sup>4</sup> 91 <sup>4</sup>	96	01	06	f
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - Wetland South of Redmond South	41	6/5/11	0	0	1.1	IV D	W	-	-	-	-	p
Mountrail	Lostwood WMD - White Lake <sup>3</sup>	27	6/19/11	4	12	25.5	IV D	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
Mountrail	Silo Lake (Crowfoot Plat) <sup>6</sup>	33	6/16/11	0	1	0.4	VAHI	VI	-	-	-	-	p
Pierce	Balta WPA	100	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	-	-	-	f, p
Pierce	Little Antelope Lake	99	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, p
Pierce	Meyer WPA	103	6/14/11	0	0	3.2	V A	n.r.	-	96	01	06	f, p
Pierce	Orrin Lake	98	6/16/11	1	2	0.2	IV A	W	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, p
Pierce	Petrified Lake <sup>3</sup>	102	6/3/11	0	0	0.2	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Pierce	Sandhill Crane WPA	101	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f, s(p), p
Sheridan	Kandt Lake	88	6/6/11	0	0	0.4	IV A	A	91	96	01	06	p
Sheridan	Krueger Lake	89	6/8/11	8	17	0.4	IV A	W	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, p
Sheridan	Lonetree WMA - Avocet Lake	91	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Sheridan	Lonetree WMA - Gadwall Lake	92	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Sheridan	Lonetree WMA - New Lake	90	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	s(p)
Sheridan	Lonetree WMA - Other Lake	94	6/6/11	0	0	0.1	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Sheridan	Lonetree WMA - Plover Pond	93	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	s(p)
Sheridan	Moesner Lake	87	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A I	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Sheridan	Strasburg WPA	86	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Slope	Stewart Lake	148	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	n.r.

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Slope	White Lake NWR	149	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	f
Stutsman	Chase Lake NWR	147	6/16/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E	W	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	f
Ward	Danielson WPA	60	6/9/11	0	0	4.0	IV A	W	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	f
Ward	Foss Lake	59	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	-	96	01	06	p
Ward	Galusha WPA	54	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f, p
Ward	LGFR Pond	57	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	n.r.	91	-	01	06	p
Ward	Middle Lake	50	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	-	-	01	06	p
Ward	One-legged lake	51	6/11/11	0	0	1.5	IV E	n.r.	-	-	<u>01</u>	06	p
Ward	Orlien WPA	56	6/6/11	8	18	6.4	IV A E	A W	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, p
Ward	Roberts Lake	58	6/9/11	0	0	0.0	IV A I	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	p
Ward	Schaefer Lake	49	6/6/11	3	6	0.8	IV E	W	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Ward	Simonson Lake	52	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E I	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Ward	Ward 01	55	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A I	V	91	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Ward	Weltikol WPA	53	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV V A E I	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, p
Ward	Wheeler Wetland	48	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV A I	A	-	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Williams	Appam Lake	17	6/15/11	10	22	0.8	IV A E	W	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, p
Williams	Stink Lake 02 <sup>3</sup>	15	6/2/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	-	96	01	06	p
Williams	Twin Lake	16	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	A W O	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), p
	Off-Missouri River Subtotal			237	615 <sup>2</sup>	293.1							
	Missouri River Subtotal			18	$37^{2}$	1.6							
Total				255	652 <sup>2</sup>	294.7						•	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen. Bold (only) years indicate that adults were seen.

<sup>2</sup> This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

<sup>3</sup> Please note that these surveys were done outside the Census window.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The entire Lostwood WMD was surveyed in 1991, but no maps were provided. PIPL may or may not have occurred within the range of this 2011 site.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Long Lake NWR was surveyed in 1991, but no maps were provided. The survey route and locations of the PIPL pairs is unclear. The pairs may have occurred within the range of this 2011 survey route.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This plover was seen on a road.

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High water levels in South Dakota precluded the presence of Piping Plovers on the majority of wetlands censused off of the Missouri River this year. Only two Piping Plovers were observed at one alkali wetland on private land in McPherson County, South Dakota, during the census. This site was one of several new wetlands added to the list of areas to be checked in 2011 that had records of Piping Plovers in recent years. All of the sites checked during the 2006 were censused again in 2011. The majority of both old and new sites had no exposed shoreline. During the 2006 census, drought was present on the plains and plovers were observed at four sites off the Missouri River. Those sites did not harbor nesting plovers this year, as wetter conditions prevailed in 2011.

The relatively low number of lakes and wetlands checked (25 sites) during the 2011 census represents a small portion of wetlands in the state. Other wetlands may provide Piping Plover breeding habitat. We are only aware of a few alkali wetlands, all of which were included in our census effort. If additional alkali sites are identified in the future, they may provide potential habitat and should be surveyed. Historically, breeding Piping Plovers in South Dakota have been documented primarily on the sandbars and shorelines of the Missouri River and its man-made reservoirs.

Comparison of Census Numbers<sup>1</sup>

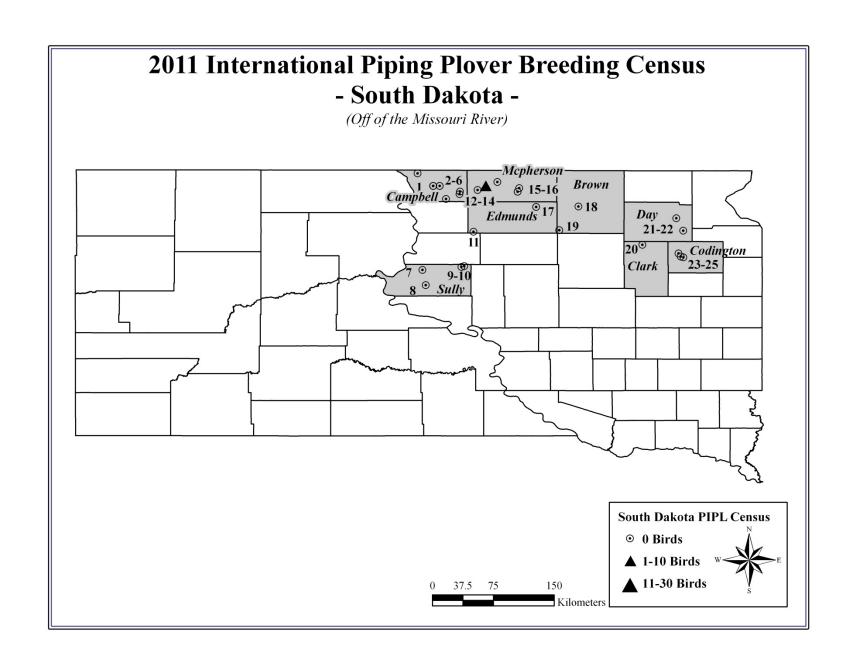
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	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	295	29	390	375 <sup>2</sup>	151 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Missouri River data are included in all totals.

**Detectability Study** 

Detectability Study		
Sites Included	First	Second
Sites illetuded	Count	Count
Mound City	0	0
Ipswich	0	0
Eureka	0	2
Odessa GPA No. 1 (formerly	0	0
Igle Walk-in)	U	U
Ordway Prairie Pond	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.



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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	(	RIOR CENSU YEA PIPL S	SED &	&	OWNER
Brown	Proud Waterfowl Production Area	18	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	VI	W	91	96	01	06	f
Brown	Salt Lake Brown Co	19	6/15/11	0	0	0.0	VI	A W	91	96	01	06	p
Campbell	Goetz Waterfowl Production Area	5	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	VI	W	91	96	01	06	f
Campbell	Hwy. 10	3	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	VI	W	-	96	01	06	f
Campbell	Mound City	2	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	VH	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Campbell	Pocasse NWR	1	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	VI A	W	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Campbell	Salt Lake Campbell Co.	4	6/7/11	0	0	0.0	VI	W	-	96	01	06	s(p)
Campbell	West Flat Lake	6	6/7/11	0	0	0.8	V A	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f, p
Clark	Crocker	20	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	VHI	W	-	-	-	-	p
Codington	Horseshoe Lake	25	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	f, s(p), p
Codington	Lake Nicholson	23	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Codington	Medicine Lake	24	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	p
Day	Bitter Lake	22	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	IV H I	AVWUI	91	96	01	06	s(p), p
Day	Waubay Lake	21	6/8/11	0	0	0.0	IV A	W	91	96	01	06	f, s(p)
Edmunds	Alkali Lake	11	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV H I	n.r.	-	96	01	06	f
Edmunds	Ipswich	17	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	VH	A	-	-	-	-	p
McPherson	Eureka <sup>2</sup>	13	6/9/11	1	2	0.3	IV H I	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
McPherson	Kempf Waterfowl Production Area	16	6/16/11	0	0	0.0	VI	n.r.	91	96	01	06	f
McPherson	Melhoff Island Waterfowl Production Area	12	6/6/11	0	0	0.0	IV I	W	91	96	01	06	f
McPherson	Odessa GPA No. 1 (formerly Igle Walk-in)	14	6/12/11	0	0	0.0	IV A E	W	-	-	-	-	s(p), p
McPherson	Ordway Prairie Pond	15	6/14/11	0	0	0.0	VI	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Sully	Agar	7	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	VH	W	-	-	-	-	p
Sully	NE Sully Waterfowl Production Area	9	6/11/11	0	0	0.0	IV H I	W	-	96	01	06	f
Sully	Onida	8	6/13/11	0	0	0.0	VH	A	-	-	-	-	p
Sully	Stone Lake GPA	10	6/11/11	0	0	0.0	IV H I	W	-	-	-	06	s(p)
	Off-Missouri River Subtotal			1	2 <sup>2</sup>	1.1							
İ	Missouri River Subtotal			20	151 <sup>2</sup>	112.2							
Total				21	$153^2$	113.3							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen. Bold (only) years indicate that adults were seen. Italicized years indicate that the sites were checked but not officially censused due to lack of habitat.

<sup>2</sup>This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Iowa

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Historically, Piping Plovers have only been found breeding in Iowa along the fly-ash ponds of MidAmerican's power plants. Due to the expected Missouri River floods, all of MidAmerican's resources were directed towards flood preparedness and asset protection. Thererfore, they were unable to complete the census and no official surveys were conducted. At the time of the census window water levels were so high that all Piping Plover habitat was flooded. Water receded slowly and remained high through the summer. Overall, less than a handful of Piping Plover were seen over the entire summer (at MidAmerican sites) and one nest was seen but its fate is unknown.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

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	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	13	14	11	9 <sup>1</sup>	n.a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

Summarized by E. Elliott-Smith

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Nebraska (off-Missouri River)

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The wet conditions experienced across Nebraska during the 2011 International Piping Plover Census period contrasted sharply with the drought conditions of the 2006 Census. Sandbar and shoreline habitats were reduced statewide by high water in rivers, lakes and reservoirs. As a result, the number of Piping Plovers recorded during the 2011 International Census was much lower than 2006.

Over 600 km (373 miles) of river were surveyed by airboat or kayak and canoe. Forty four sand and gravel mines and one large reservoir, Lake McConaughy, were also surveyed. For the first time, a natural lake, Goose Lake, at Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge (Garden County) was included in the census. Piping Plovers were first attracted to this site a few years ago after the creation of an island in Goose Lake, but have subsequently used a sandy roadside near the lake.

In 2011, 348 adult Piping Plovers were counted in Nebraska (not counting the 2 birds seen on the Missouri River). This total is a 52% decrease from the 2006 total when 718 adults were recorded, but is similar to earlier census results in 2001, 1996, and 1991 when 300, 366, and 398 adults were recorded, respectively (off the Missouri River). The greatest decrease occurred at Lake McConaughy where totals went from 358 adults in 2006 to only 38 adults in 2011. In 2006, Lake McConaughy was

holding water at less than 50% of capacity and in 2011 it was at 100% capacity with record or near-record releases into the North Platte River and Sutherland Canal. These releases contributed to high water levels on the Platte River downstream areas, resulting in virtually no sandbar habitat available to birds along the Central Platte River. In 2006, most of the Central Platte River was not surveyed because of a lack of water.

The 104 Piping Plovers recorded on the Niobrara River were more than any other river system. The Lower Platte River was second with 73 adults, followed by the Central Platte River where 58 adults were recorded. The majority (65%, n=48) of plovers on the Lower Platte River were found at off-river sites, sand and gravel mines and lakeshore housing developments. All but one Piping Plover were recorded at off-river sites on the Central Platte River

The majority of suitable Piping Plover habitat was surveyed in Nebraska. A few areas were not included in the survey, such as small sand and gravel mines that possessed very limited or marginal habitat or where access was not granted by property owners. These sites have generally been surveyed in the past and it has been determined that there is a low likelihood of plover occupancy. We believe that inclusion of these areas would have had minimal impact on the total recorded during the 2011 Census.

The International Piping Plover Census serves as a useful index of Piping Plover numbers in Nebraska. As noted in 2006, survey efforts in Nebraska are challenging due to the varied habitat types surveyed and various methods (e.g. airboat, foot, canoe) used to survey areas. Standardization of some aspects of the survey would be useful, particularly when there are personnel changes.

Fifty-one individuals, from twelve entities, contributed to the 2011 Census in Nebraska. The entities involved include the Missouri River Institute, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Public Power District, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, Central Platte Natural Resources District, Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Virginia Tech University, and Wayne State College. We are grateful for their assistance.

Comparison of Census Numbers<sup>1</sup>

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	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	398	375	308	909 <sup>2</sup>	350 <sup>2</sup>

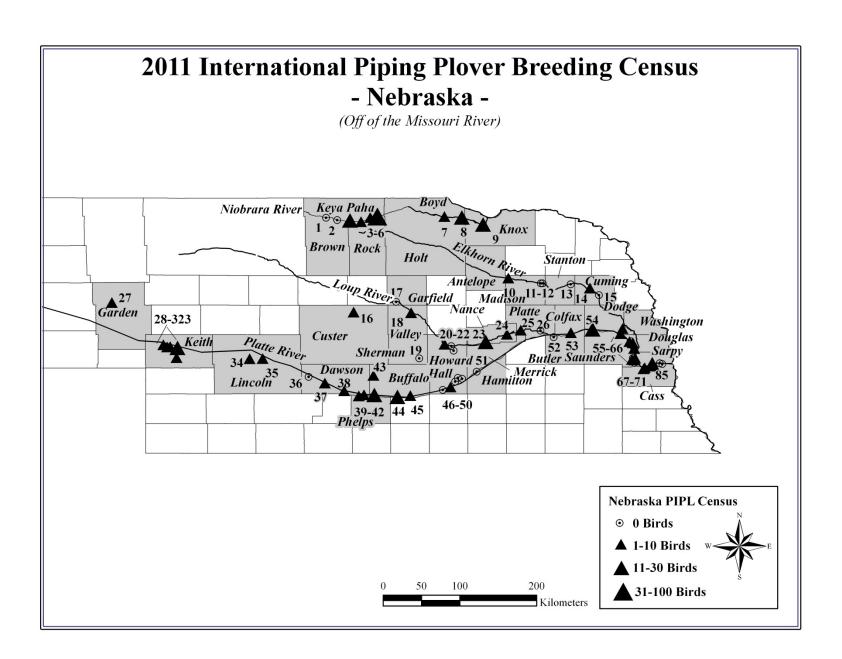
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Missouri River data are included in all totals.

Detectability Study - Nebraska

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Sites Included	First	Second
Sites included	Count	Count
Niobrara River, Spencer Dam	8	10
to Redbird Bridge		
Central Platte River,	2	2
Broadfoot's North of Minden	3	3
- (Newark)		
Lower Platte River, Arps Pit	1	2
Elkhorn River, Lyman-	5	6
Richey Fremont Pit (#47)	3	O
Lower Platte River, Lux S&G	27	17
Lower Platte River, Western	3	8
Fremont Pit	3	0
Lower Platte River, Mallard	2	1
Pit at Valley	2	1
Niobrara River, Meadville to	0	0
Highway 183	U	U
Niobrara River, Norden to	0	0
Meadville	U	U
Niobrara River, Highway 183	12	1
to Highway 7	12	1
Niobrara River, Carns Bridge	0	6
to Highway 137	U	U
Niobrara River, Highway 7 to	0	4
Carns Bridge	U	7
Loup River, Loup Diversion	6	8
Lower Platte River, Western	0	0
North Pit (Big Sandy)	U	U

Replicate survey was conducted first (outside of Census window) so second survey was used to calculate official state total.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.



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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	BREED- ING PAIRS	TOTAL PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS	(	RIOR CENSU YEA PIPL S	SED &	&	OWNER
Antelope/ Cuming/ Dodge/ Douglas/ Madison/ Sarpy/ Stanton	Elkhorn River, N. Fork Mouth to S. Fork Mouth	10	6/14/11	0	6	4.8	III E	n.r.	-	96	01	-	p
Boyd/ Holt	Niobrara River, Spencer Dam to Redbird Bridge <sup>2</sup>	7	6/16/11	0	10	18.5	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Boyd/ Holt/ Keya Paha/ Rock	Niobrara River, Spencer Dam to Hwy 137	6	6/8/11	11	61	64.4	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	n.r.
Boyd/ Holt/ Knox	Niobrara River, Redbird Bridge to Pischelville Bridge	8	6/15/11	0	11	19.5	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Brown/ Keya Paha	Niobrara River, Meadville to Highway 183	2	6/16/11	0	0	9.7	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Brown/ Keya Paha	Niobrara River, Norden to Meadville <sup>3</sup>	1	6/22/11	0	0	17.7	III E	n.r.	-	96	01	06	p
Brown/ Keya Paha/ Rock	Niobrara River, Highway 183 to Highway 7	3	6/14/11	0	12	14.5	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Buffalo	Central Platte River, Broadfoot's North of Minden - (Newark)	45	6/14/11	1	3	1.8	VIII F	S	-	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Buffalo	Central Platte River, Broadfoot's West (Kearney South)	44	6/15/11	6	13	3.3	VIII F	S	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Buffalo	Central Platte River, Elm Creek- Paulsen/Bluehole Sandpit	41	6/17/11	7	16	0.7	VIII F	none	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Buffalo	Central Platte River, Sandy Channels/ Johnson Pit	42	6/9/11	2	4	0.3	VIII F	none	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Buffalo/ Dawson	Central Platte River (RM 215-247)	43	6/13/11	0	1	0.4	III E F	none	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	f, s(p), m,
Buffalo/ Hall/ Hamilton/ Merrick/ Platte/ Polk	Central Platte River (RM 103-215)	51	6/13/11	0	0	0.4	III E F	none	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	-	f, s(p), m, p
Butler	Lower Platte River, Bellwood Central S&G	52	6/8/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	-	-	-	06	p

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				BREED-	TOTAL			PRIOR YEARS CENSUSED &					
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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S			OWNER
Butler/ Colfax/ Dodge/ Douglas/ Platte/ Sarpy/ Saunders	Lower Platte River, Elkhorn River Mouth to Loup River Mouth	63	6/10/11	0	5	111.0	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	s(p), m, p
Cass	Lower Platte River, Cullom (Lyman-Richey)	71	6/13/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII F	N S	-	-	-	-	p
Cass	Lower Platte River, Cullom (New Pit)	70	6/13/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII F	N S	-	96	01	06	p
Cass/ Sarpy	Lower Platte River, Salt Creek Mouth to Missouri River Confluence (Plattsmouth)	69	6/13/11	0	16	43.4	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	f, s(p), m, p
Cass/ Sarpy/ Saunders	Lower Platte River River, Salt Creek Mouth to Elkhorn River Mouth	67	6/14/11	0	4	11.0	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	f, s(p), m, p
Colfax	Lower Platte River, Arps Pit <sup>2</sup>	53	6/17/11	1	2	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	p
Cuming	Elkhorn River, West Point (Stalp)	15	6/7/11	0	0	4.8	VIII F	NSI	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	p
Cumming/ Madison/ Stanton	Elkhorn River, Mouth to N. Fork Elkhorn River Mouth	14	6/13/11	2	7	5.0	III E	V	-	96	01	06	p
Custer	North Loup River, Paulsen's Sand and Gravel	16	6/14/11	3	6	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Dawson	Central Platte River, Cottonwood Ranch Sandpit	40	6/15/11	0	1	2.7	VIII F	none	-	-	-	-	p
Dawson	Central Platte River, Lexington Sandpit	38	6/17/11	3	8	0.6	VIII F	none	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Dawson	Upper Platte River, Kirkpatrick's Sand Pit	36	6/9/11	0	0	1.6	VIII A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	01	06	p
Dawson	Upper Platte River, Koch's South- Cozad Pit	37	6/9/11	3	6	1.6	VIII A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Dodge	Elkhorn River, Lyman- Richey Fremont Pit (#47) <sup>2</sup>	55	6/14/11	2	6	n.r.	VIII A F	n.r.	-	-	01	06	P
Dodge	Lower Platte River, Lux S&G <sup>2</sup>	54	6/9/11	7	27	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	p

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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S		l	OWNER
Dodge	Lower Platte River, Western Fremont Pit <sup>2</sup>	56	6/15/11	2	8	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	p
Douglas	Lower Platte River, Ginger Cove Pit (Valley #11)	57	6/7/11	1	3	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Douglas	Lower Platte River, Lyman Richie S&G (Waterloo #40 Pit)	60	6/7/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	-	06	p
Douglas	Lower Platte River, Mallard Pit at Valley <sup>2</sup>	59	6/7/11	1	2	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	-	-	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Douglas	Lower Platte River, OMG- Venice	61	6/7/11	0	1	n.r.	VIII A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Douglas	Lower Platte River, Valley (Lyman-Richey)	58	6/7/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Garden	Crescent Lake, NWR	27	6/4/11	1	3	n.r.	V A	A	-	96	-	-	f, s(p)
Garfield	North Loup River, Jeffres S&G	17	6/16/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Hall	Central Platte River, Hooker Bros. S&G, Grand Island (South)	50	6/9/11	0	0	0.8	VIII F	n.r.	-	-	01	06	n.r.
Hall	Central Platte River, Hooker Bros. S&G, Grand Island (West)	49	6/9/11	0	0	1.6	VIII F	V	-	-	01	06	p
Hall	Central Platte River, Lilley's in Prosser	46	6/6/11	0	0	0.4	VIII F	N	-	-	01	06	p
Hall	Central Platte River, Trust Wildrose (East)	47	6/6/11	4	8	0.1	VIII F	n.r.	01	96	-	-	p
Hall	Deweese - Alda	48	6/6/11	0	0	1.6	VIII F	U	-	-	-	06	p
Howard	North Loup River, St. Paul Pit	21	6/15/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	-	96	<u>01</u>	06	p
Howard	North Loup River, Tri- County S&G	20	6/17/11	2	4	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
Howard/ Nance	Loup River, Loup Diversion to North Loup Mouth	23	6/6/11	5	11	61.1	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	P
Howard/ Sherman	Middle Loup River, Rockville to Loup City	19	6/17/11	0	0	61.1	III E	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.

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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS			SEEN <sup>1</sup>		OWNER
Howard/ Sherman	Middle Loup River, St. Paul to Boelus	22	6/13/11	0	0	61.1	III E	n.r.	-	-	-	-	n.r.
Keith	North Platte River, Lake McConaughy, Arthur Bay to Sandy Beach	30	6/11/11	0	1	<1	VII	U	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u> <sup>4</sup>	<u>06</u>	p
Keith	North Platte River, Lake McConaughy, Dam to Arthur Bay	31	6/11/11	9	28	<1	VI VIII I	USV	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u> <sup>4</sup>	<u>06</u>	p
Keith	North Platte River, Lake McConaughy, Lemoyne to Spring Park	28	6/7/11	0	1	<1	VI A I	U	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u> <sup>4</sup>	<u>06</u>	p
Keith	North Platte River, Lake McConaughy, Sandy Beach to Lemoyne	29	6/7/11	0	1	<1	VI A D	U	91	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u> <sup>4</sup>	<u>06</u>	p
Keith	North Platte River, Lake McConaughy,ORM Water Treatment Area (Ready Mix Plant)	33	6/9/11	0	1	<1	VI VIII F	USI	-	-	-	-	m
Keith	North Platte River, Lake Ogallala, Mitigation Ground- N. Dike	32	6/8/11	3	6	<1	VI VIII F	SI	-	-	-	-	p
Keya Paha/ Rock	Niobrara River, Carns Bridge to Highway 137 <sup>2, 3</sup>	5	6/29/11	0	6	12.9	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	01	06	p
Keya Paha/ Rock	Niobrara River, Highway 7 to Carns Bridge <sup>2, 3</sup>	4	6/27/11	1	4	9.7	III E	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	p
Knox	Niobrara River, Pischelville Bridge to Highway 12	9	6/14/11	0	13	22.2	III A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Lincoln	Upper Platte River, North Platte Diversion Spoil Pile	35	6/13/11	3	6	0.8	VIII A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Lincoln	Upper Platte River, North Platte West Sandpit	34	6/13/11	2	4	0.8	VIII A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	s(p)
Madison	Elkhorn River, Central S&G Norfolk #92	11	6/8/11	0	0	5.6	VIII F	USI	<u>91</u>	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p

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REGION	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	PAIRS	ADULTS	KM	DESCRIPTION	CONCERNS		PIPL S			OWNER
Madison	Elkhorn River, Pilger S&G, Norfolk Pit	12	6/9/11	0	0	1.6	VIII F	U	-	<u>96</u>	01	06	n.r.
Nance	Loup River, Loup Diversion <sup>2</sup>	24	6/17/11	3	8	n.r.	VIII A	n.r.	<u>91</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	06	p
Phelps	Central Platte River, Dyer Sandpit	39	6/14/11	2	4	1.7	VIII F	none	-	-	-	-	p
Platte	Loup River, Columbus #71	26	6/8/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII IX F I	n.r.	-	-	01	-	p
Platte	Loup River, Columbus to Loup Diversion	25	6/16/11	3	6	46.7	III VIII F	n.r.	<u>91</u>	96	-	-	n.r.
Sarpy	Lower Platte River, Gretna Pit	65	6/10/11	1	3	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	91	96	<u>01</u>	-	p
Sarpy	Lower Platte River, Linoma Beach Pit	66	6/10/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	-	-	-	06	p
Sarpy	Lower Platte River, Western S&G at Louisville Pit	68	6/13/11	1	2	n.r.	VIII F	S	91	96	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Saunders	Lower Platte River, Sand Creek - W. Ashland	64	6/10/11	2	6	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Saunders	Lower Platte River, Western North Pit (Big Sandy)	62	6/10/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	-	<u>96</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	p
Stanton	Elkhorn River, Willers Cove	13	6/8/11	0	0	4.8	VIII F	UI	91	-	-	-	p
Valley	North Loup River, Ulrich S&G (East)	18	6/16/11	2	4	n.r.	VIII F	n.r.	91	96	01	06	p
	Off-Missouri River Subtotal			96	369 <sup>2</sup>	632.3							
	Missouri River Subtotal			1	$2^2$	0.0							
Total				97	371 <sup>2</sup>	632.3						•	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Please note that these surveys were conducted outside the Census Window.

<sup>2</sup>This total is the "high count"; since two surveys were conducted at some sites for the detectability study, this total includes the highest count at each site.

<sup>3</sup> Please note that these surveys were conducted outside the Census window.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> PIPL pairs were seen along Lake McConaughy in 2001, but the specific locations were not given. The 2001 PIPL may have occurred within the range of this 2011 site but we cannot say for certain.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Colorado

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No official census was conducted in Colorado in 2011. However, all reservoirs in the Lower Arkansas River drainage were visited in late May and early June, including many historic sites that did not have habitat. A total of 20 Piping Plovers were observed. This included one photo-documented observation of a single Piping Plover by birders at a reservoir in the northeastern portion of the state. The remaining birds were seen in the southeastern part of the state nesting on reservoirs where they have historically been observed.

Southeast Colorado experienced the tenth consecutive year of low water levels in 2011. The limited amount of suitable habitat in Colorado is heavily used by the recreating public, and it is essential for us to identify every nesting location so we can adequately protect the birds. All habitat is on reservoir shorelines or islands in reservoirs, as the Arkansas River is either heavily drawn down for irrigation

(resulting in little more than a trickle of flow), or flowing fast through a narrow channel lined with saltcedar trees to the edge of the river.

Sixteen Piping Plovers were counted on John Martin Reservoir on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011, the largest detection of the season. All birds were paired and seven of the pairs were incubating nests. A nest for the eighth pair was found a few days after the survey. Four pairs nested on reclaimed habitat at Dinosaur Island in the northwest part of the reservoir. Three pairs nested on Point 5 on the south side of the reservoir. One pair nested on Point 6.

A kayak survey of Adobe Creek Reservoir in calm conditions on June 4<sup>th</sup> resulted in the detection of 3 adult Piping Plovers on Tern Island. Tern Island is the site of major habitat reclamation. Two of these birds paired and nested on a smaller adjacent island (Long Island) later in the season.

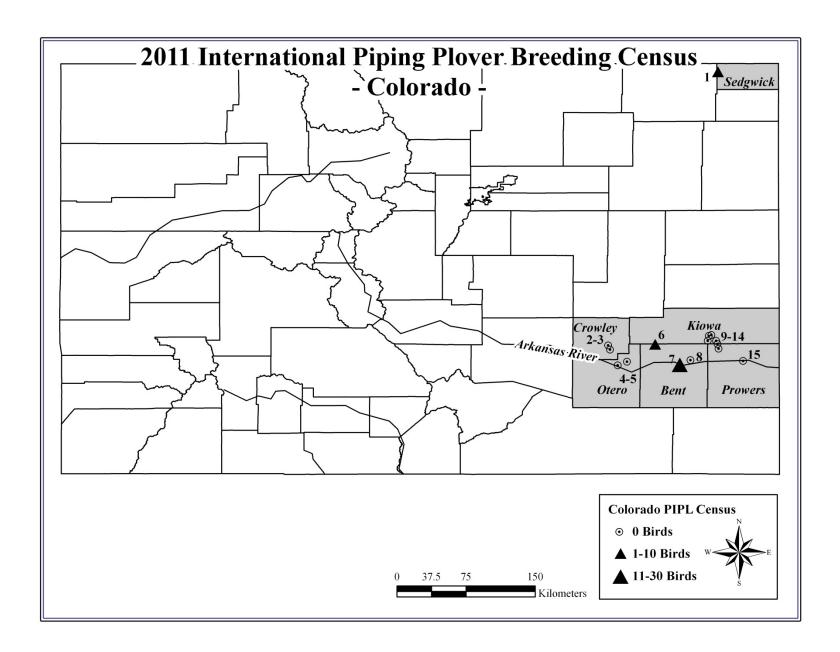
Other large bodies of water were surveyed in SE Colorado in late May and early June but had very poor habitat or none at all. Sites checked but completely lacking habitat included Verhoeff Lake (Bent County), Lake Henry (Crowley County), Lake Meredith (Crowley County), Thurston Reservoir (Prowers County), Neesopah Reservoir (Kiowa County), Neeskah Reservoir (Kiowa County), King Reservoir (Prowers County), and Lake Cheraw (Otero County). Limited habitat was present at Lake Holbrook (Otero County), Nee Noshe Reservoir (Kiowa County), Carlton Gravel Pit (Prowers County), and Nee Grande (Neegronda) Reservoir (Kiowa County). Single Piping Plovers were observed at Nee Grande Reservoir, Lake Holbrook, and Lake Henry (on the dam road) in early-mid May but there was no evidence of nesting and no additional sightings were made during subsequent visits.

We have had good success in maintaining our population through vegetation removal and mechanical control at nesting sites, despite loss of habitat due to shrinking lakes, vegetation encroachment and increased predator presence. The nine nesting pairs equals our historic high count in Colorado.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	13	14	13	20 <sup>1</sup>	20 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.



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				BREED-	TOTAL					RIOR			
COUNTY	SITE NAME	MAP#	DATE	ING PAIRS	PIPL ADULTS	KM	SITE DESCRIPTION	DISTURBANCE CONCERNS		SUSEI PIPL S		CARS	OWNER
Bent	John Martin Reservoir <sup>2</sup>	7	6/2/11	8	16	9.7	VI A	n.r.	91	<u>96</u>	01	<u>06</u>	f, p
Bent	Verhoeff Reservoir <sup>2</sup>	8	5/21/11*	-	-				-	-	01	-	
Bent/Kiowa	Adobe Creek Reservoir	6	6/4/11	1	3	0.8	VI A	n.r.	91	96	01	<u>06</u>	s(p)
Crowley	Lake Henry <sup>23</sup>	2	5/25/11*	-	-				-	-	01	-	
Crowley	Lake Meredith <sup>2</sup>	3	5/25/11*	-	-				-	-	01	-	
Kiowa	Nee Grande Reservoir <sup>24</sup>	9	6/3/11	0	0	9.7			<u>91</u>	96	01	<u>06</u>	
Kiowa	Nee Noshe Reservoir <sup>2</sup>	11	6/2/11	0	0	4.8			91	96	<u>01</u>	-	
Kiowa	Neesopah Reservoir	10	6/4/11*	-	-				-	-	01	-	
Kiowa	Queens (Neeskah) Reservoir	12	6/4/11*	-	-				<u>91</u>	96	01	-	
Otero	Holbrook Reservoir <sup>25</sup>	4	5/25/11	0	0	n.r.	VI A	n.r.	-	-	01	-	s(p)/p
Otero	Lake Cheraw	5	6/7/11*	-	-				91	96	01	-	
Prowers	Carlton Gravel Pit <sup>2</sup>	15	6/3/11	0	0	n.r.	VIII IX A	n.r.	-	-	-	-	p
Prowers	King Reservoir	13	6/4/11*	-	-				-	-	01	-	
Prowers	Thurston Reservoir	14	6/4/11*	-	-				-	-	01	-	
Sedgwick	Jumbo (Julesberg) Reservoir	1	6/9/11	0	1	n.r.	VI A	Н	91	96	-	-	s(p)
Total				9	20	25.0							

<sup>\*</sup> Site was checked on this date but was found to have no suitable habitat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bold years indicate that adults were seen. Bold and underlined years indicate that pairs were seen.
<sup>2</sup> Please note that these surveys were done outside the Census window.
<sup>3</sup> One Piping Plover was observed at this site on 5/15/11.
<sup>4</sup> One Piping Plover was observed at this site on 5/20/11.
<sup>5</sup> One Piping Plover was seen at this site on 5/8/11.

## The 2011 International Piping Plover Breeding Census in Kansas

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There was no suitable habitat in Kansas in 2011 due to high water levels. Therefore no surveys were conducted.

**Comparison of Census Numbers** 

-	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Total Adults	n.a.	1	3	41	n.a.

<sup>1</sup>This is the total from a single survey at each site; if more than one survey was conducted, we count only results from the first survey during the census window.

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