

# INTERNATIONAL SHOREBIRD SURVEY



## WHAT

To know where conservation is needed — and if initiatives have been effective — shorebird scientists require a broad understanding of species populations and trends. In 1974, Brian Harrington at Manomet organized the volunteer-based International Shorebird Survey (ISS) to gather information on shorebirds and the wetlands they depend on. Through the work of hundreds of dedicated shorebird enthusiasts conducting field counts during spring and fall migrations, this monitoring network provides data on shorebirds contributing to scientists' understanding of species populations and trends.



## WHY

To help conserve shorebirds! The information gathered through the ISS has proven pivotal to a wide range of shorebird endeavors across the hemisphere including national shorebird conservation plans, species plans, site nominations for the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network, and other reports including the recent 3 Billion Birds project.



## WHO

ISS contributors are shorebird enthusiasts across the Western Hemisphere who contribute to important shorebird science by visiting their favorite patches several times during migration season and report their shorebird counts to eBird. If this describes you, please reach out. We'd love to add your shorebirds to our database.



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## JOINING ISS

Becoming an ISS contributor is very easy! It is simply a matter of picking a site near you that hosts shorebirds, visiting your site regularly, identifying and counting the shorebirds that are there, and submitting your data. That's it! Submitting data to ISS happens through eBird. After finishing your eBird checklist, select "International Shorebird Survey" under "Observation Type". The most important components of ISS are repeated surveys within a migration season and repeatability. Visit your site at least 3 times per migration season (more is better). Cover the same area in about the same amount of time at about the same tide or disturbance conditions each visit.

Select ISS in eBird

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Plymouth Beach

International Shorebird Survey (ISS)

Observers: 1  
Minutes: 116  
Miles: 0.75

Are you submitting a complete checklist of the birds you were able to identify?

Yes

No

Checklist details

Wind: 4 - Gentle breeze (8 - 12 mph)

Precipitation: 1 - None

Surveyed Area: 100%

Tidal Stage: 2 - Falling

Comments

9 Species

5 Black-bellied Plover

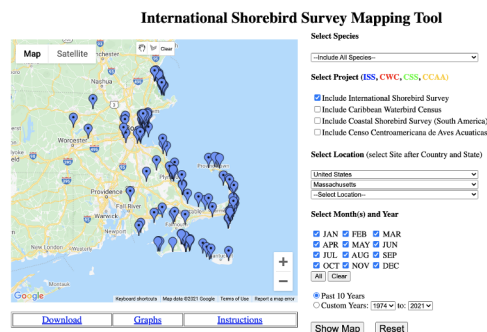
Submit

## LOOKING FOR SHOREBIRD ENTHUSIASTS



### The International Shorebird Survey Mapping Tool

<https://www.manomet.org/iss-map/>



Check the mapping tool to make sure your site isn't already being covered. When you check the mapping tool, select your country and/or state, select recent years, then zoom to your area. This will tell you which sites are currently covered. As an added bonus you can look for sites that have been covered historically but are not now. The ability to compare your data to historical data will give your data added value!

## LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Survey Protocols

[www.manomet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/ISS-Protocols\\_April2019.pdf](http://www.manomet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/ISS-Protocols_April2019.pdf)

### Overview

<https://www.manomet.org/project/international-shorebird-survey/>

### Mapping Tool

<https://www.manomet.org/iss-map/>

### ISS Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/831050287259692/>