

ENVIRONMENT

Shorebird Blitz count on Cape Cod



Merrily Cassidy, April 14, 2025



Volunteer Keegan Burke, left, and shorebird biologist Liana DiNunzio walk along the path back to the beach where they parked after their bird count. Shorebird biologist Liana DiNunzio and volunteer Keegan Burke, a natural resources officer and shorebird specialist for the town of Orleans, were out off Priscilla Landing in Orleans counting shorebirds early Wednesday morning. Volunteers from Cape Cod are helping collect

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With the early morning sun starting to break from the clouds and hazy sky, volunteer Keegan Burke and shorebird biologist set up their scopes to look for birds. Shorebird biologist Liana DiNunzio and volunteer Keegan Burke, a natural resources officer and shorebird specialist for the town of Orleans, were out off Priscilla Landing in Orleans

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Using binoculars and scopes, shorebird biologist Liana DiNunzio, left, and volunteer Keegan Burke look for shorebirds. Shorebird biologist Liana DiNunzio and volunteer

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A ruddy turnstone takes flight over the flats off near Priscilla Landing. Shorebird biologist Liana DiNunzio and volunteer Keegan Burke, a natural resources officer and shorebird specialist for the town of Orleans, were out off Priscilla Landing in Orleans

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Shorebird biologist Liana DiNunzio uses a pair of binoculars to search and help identify birds. Shorebird biologist Liana DiNunzio and Keegan Burke, a natural resources officer

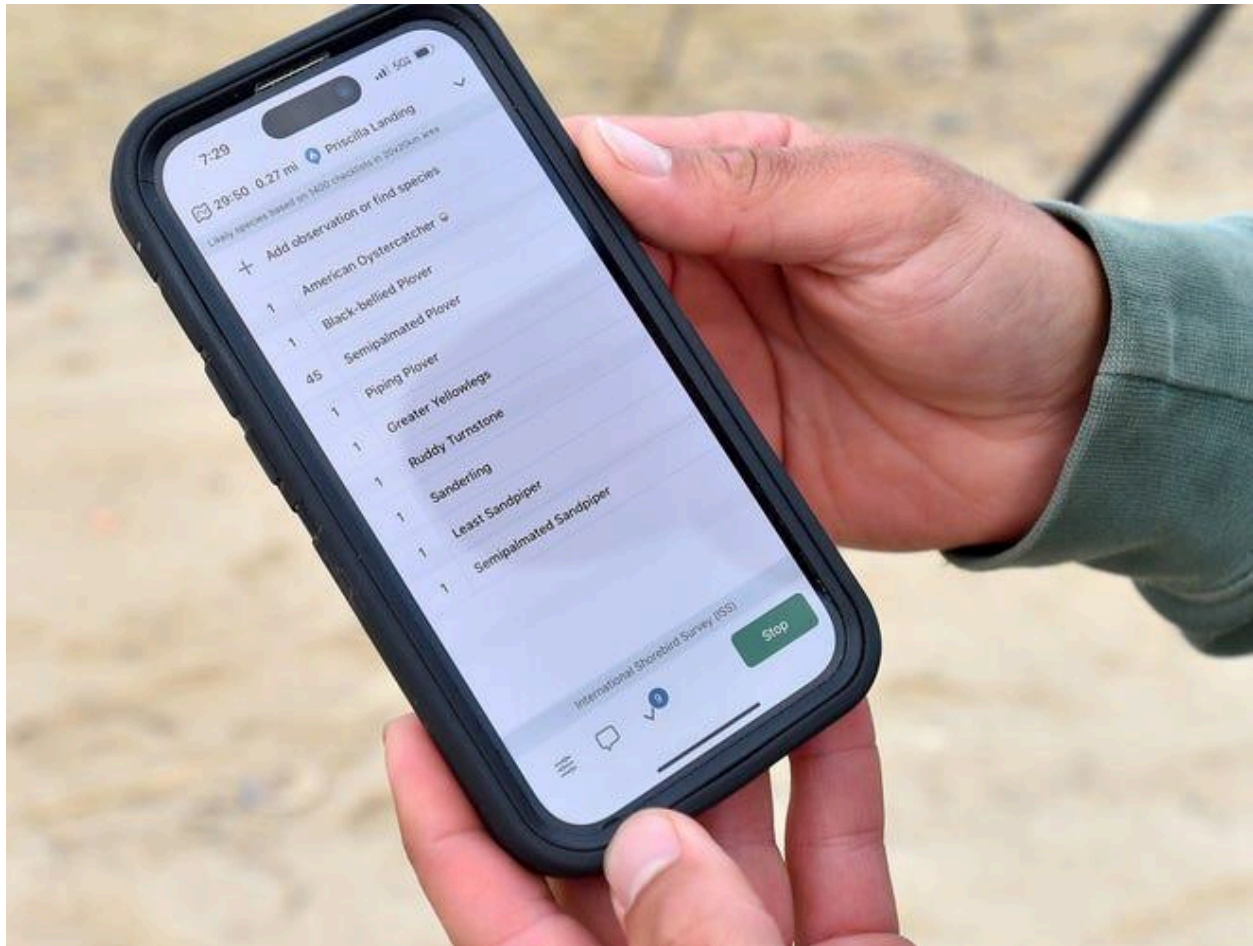
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Keegan Burke records his shorebird sightings using an app. Shorebird biologist Liana DiNunzio and Keegan Burke, a natural resources officer and were out on Priscilla Beach in Orleans counting shorebirds early Wednesday morning. Volunteers from Cape Cod are helping collect shorebird sightings for the third annual Massachusetts Shorebird Blitz. Manomet Conservation Sciences launched the blitz during the peak of the southbound shorebird migration. This year's blitz was held Aug. 2-10. Volunteers collected shorebird sightings that will help identify the significant staging areas along the Massachusetts coast and contributing to the International Shorebird Survey. The survey is a global research initiative launched by Manomet more than 50 years ago. Photo taken Aug. 6, 2025

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Keegan Burke shows the app he uses to record the shorebird sightings. Shorebird biologist Liana DiNunzio and volunteer Keegan Burke, a natural resources officer and shorebird specialist for the town of Orleans, were out off Priscilla Landing in Orleans counting shorebirds early Wednesday morning. Volunteers from Cape Cod are helping collect shorebird sightings for the third annual Massachusetts Shorebird Blitz. Manomet Conservation Sciences launched the blitz during the peak of the southbound shorebird migration. This year's blitz was held Aug. 2-10. Volunteers collected shorebird sightings that will help identify the significant staging areas along the Massachusetts coast. These counts contribute to the International Shorebird Survey. The survey is a global research initiative launched by Manomet more than 50 years ago. Photo taken Aug. 6, 2025

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