

2025 Massachusetts Shorebird Blitz

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Call for Participants

Manomet launched the [International Shorebird Survey](#) (ISS), a volunteer-based shorebird survey in 1974 to increase our understanding of shorebird migration throughout the Western Hemisphere. Since then, hundreds of ISS volunteers have collected data contributing to important shorebird research and conservation measures. In 2023 we held the first-ever Massachusetts Shorebird Blitz, a coordinated survey of shorebird stopover sites, using the ISS framework. The goal was to get a minimum estimate of the number of shorebirds using our coastline during peak southbound migration and to identify significant stopover locations. Last year, 102 participants surveyed 155 sites throughout the coast of Massachusetts. We counted 74,065 shorebirds of 27 species. We'd like to give a hearty "Thank you!" to all who made the 2024 MA Shorebird Blitz a success! Data collected during these annual surveys will guide future research and conservation work in the state.

We are pleased to announce that the **2025 Massachusetts Shorebird Blitz is scheduled for Saturday, August 2 to Sunday, August 10**. We are looking for participants skilled in shorebird identification and counting to survey shorebird sites throughout the state. Participants will conduct surveys using the [ISS protocol](#) within the survey window (August 2-10). Data will be submitted to eBird using the [ISS data entry protocol](#).

Surveyors can sign up for either a priority site or a suitable shorebird site of their choosing. We would like nearby sites surveyed on the same date and tide to avoid double-counting shorebirds that might use multiple sites throughout the day. Therefore, coordinating with other participants to plan the exact date and tide to perform surveys may be necessary. If your site has a group number on the sign-up sheet, you may be contacted by the group lead to coordinate survey dates. Surveys can be conducted individually or as a small group.

If you are interested in participating in this event you can contact Liana DiNunzio, Manomet Shorebird Biologist, by phone (508-209-1575) or email (ldinunzio@manomet.org). We'd love to hear from you, whether you are new to ISS, a long-time volunteer, or want to suggest a shorebird site to include in the event.

