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## Counts

### Flats

- When I arrived at 8:00 a.m., the flats were already partially covered and most of the shorebirds had left. Only 4 “peeps” were seen.
- Other birds included: 240 gulls, 6 Great Blue Herons, 1 Cormorants, 2 Eiders, and around 20 unidentified ducks.

### Pocket Beaches

- A: No shorebirds seen.
- B: 8 Semipalmated Plovers.
- C: No shorebirds seen.
- D: 6 Semipalmated Plovers. 3 Common Loons fed offshore.
- Beach between D and E: No shorebirds observed.
- E: 3 Semipalmated Plover
- Inaccessible Beaches: No shorebirds observed.

### Marsh

- Small groups of “peeps” were seen flying between areas of grass or in the ponds. Totaled 84 birds.
- Other birds seen included: 4 Great Egrets, 2 Greater Yellowlegs, 3 Lesser Yellowlegs, 12 Canada Geese, 6 Gulls, 3 Great Blue Herons, 17 Black Ducks, 2 Mallards, and 1 Cormorant.

### Main Beach

- Shorebirds roosting: 115 Semipalmated Plovers, 1,482 Semipalmated Sandpipers, 10 “peeps,” and 1 American Golden Plover.
- Other birds included 4 Gulls.
- At high tide, the beach was blanketed in fog and there were no people on the beach, allowing me to do a detailed count. Well after high tide, 2 people and 4 unleashed dogs were seen on the main beach but too distant to catch up with.

### East Beach

- Shorebirds roosting: 115 Semipalmated Plovers, 2 Semipalmated Sandpipers, and 2 Sanderlings.

- Other birds seen included 1 Common Loon feeding offshore.
- 6 People walked the beach and there was 1 leashed dog. 5 People were approached – 2 were walking through the roosting birds so this was addressed but the message seemed dismissed.

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