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Counts

Flats

- An estimated number of “peeps” feeding on the flats was 1,200. There were also around 200 Black-Bellied Plovers. Counts had to be estimated as most of the birds left the flats in large flocks just after I arrived. No specific disturbance was seen.
- Other birds included: 125 Gulls, 4 Black Ducks, 2 Great Egrets, 6 Great Blue Herons, 26 Cormorants, 8 Green-Winged Teals, 12 Common Eiders, 1 Black Guillemot, 2 Peregrine Falcons, and 8 Arctic Terns.

Marsh

- Very few shorebirds were observed in the marsh, though 2 Least Sandpipers were seen in the grasses.
- Other birds seen included: 6 Great Egrets, 4 Greater Yellowlegs, 21 Canada Geese, 3 Gulls, 2 Great Blue Herons, 17 Black Ducks, 1 Bald Eagle, 4 Cormorants, 1 Crow, 1 Belted Kingfisher, and 1 Whimbrel.

Main Beach

- Shorebirds roosting: estimated 1500 “peeps.”
- Other birds included 2 Common Loons, 1 Red-Throated Loon, and 3 Gulls.
- Due to the fog and threat of rain, there were no people on the beach. The birds were all resting quietly except for one time many flushed due to a Gull landing among them.

The eastern beach was skipped due to low visibility.

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