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Counts

Flats

- The number of “peeps” feeding was estimated at 300. There were also 64 Black-Bellied Plovers and a Short-Billed Dowitcher mixed in.
- Other birds included: 3 Gulls, 3 Great Blue Herons, 7 Cormorants, 10 Eiders, 1 Black Duck, 1 Merlin, and 1 Peregrine Falcon.

Pocket Beaches

- A: No shorebirds seen.
- B: No shorebirds seen.
- C: No shorebirds seen.
- D: 13 Semipalmated Plovers, 1 Sanderling.
- Beach between D and E: No shorebirds observed.
- E: No shorebirds seen.
- Inaccessible Beaches: No shorebirds observed.

Main Beach

- Shorebirds roosting: 58 Semipalmated Plovers, 306 Semipalmated Sandpipers, 160 “peeps,” 7 Sanderlings, and 3 Black-Bellied Plovers, and 3 Dunlin.
- Other birds included 13 Gulls, 1 Common Eider, 2 Cormorants, 1 Bald Eagle, and 1 Merlin.
- There were 5 people on the beach and 1 leashed dog. 3 people were spoken to about the birds and seemed interested.

East Beach

- Not surveyed due to rough surf closing off the access.

Marsh – after high tide

- Around 53 “peeps” seen flying around in the marsh.
- Other birds seen included: 5 Great Egrets, 14 Black Ducks, 126 Gulls, 23 Canada Geese, 3 Crows, 3 Great Blue Herons, 26 Cormorants, 4 Greater Yellowlegs, 2 Ravens, 4 Common Eiders, 3 Green-Winged Teal, 1 Merlin, and 1 Belted Kingfisher.

- Again, a flock of around 25 small brown passerines were seen flying over the marsh and landing in the grasses. Sound ID confirmed them as American Pipits.

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