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## Counts

### Flats

- The number of "peeps" feeding was estimated at 360.
- Other birds included: 83 Gulls, 4 Great Blue Herons, 7 Cormorants, 13 Eiders, 1 Bald Eagle, and 8 Black Ducks.

Pocket Beaches – surveyed after high tide.

- A: No shorebirds seen.
- B: No shorebirds seen.
- C: No shorebirds seen.
- D: 1 Semipalmated Plover.
- Beach between D and E: No shorebirds seen.
- E: No shorebirds seen.
- Inaccessible Beaches: No shorebirds seen.

### Main Beach

- Shorebirds roosting: 60 Semipalmated Plovers, 324 Semipalmated Sandpipers, 170 "peeps," 12 Sanderlings, and 8 Dunlin.
- Other birds included 3 Gulls and 2 Peregrine Falcons.
- There were 28 people on the beach and 1 leashed dog. 6 people were spoken to about the birds and seemed interested.

### East Beach

- No shorebirds were seen roosting due to a Peregrine flushing them from the beach. 90 "peeps" were seen flying away from the beach and toward either the main beach or the islands.
- Other birds seen included 3 Gulls, 3 Common Eiders, 1 Common Loon, and 1 Peregrine Falcon.
- 3 people were seen on the beach. One pair had 2 leashed dogs. The other individual leashed his dog while near people but unleashed when away from people.

## Marsh

- 24 “peeps” seen flying around in the marsh. A group of 15 larger birds of shorebird type flew over the marsh and landed in the grasses. I never got a clear look on the ground.
- Other birds seen included: 4 Great Egrets, 14 Black Ducks, 79 Gulls, 2 Canada Geese, 1 Crow, 6 Great Blue Herons, 6 Cormorants, 1 Yellowlegs (unsure of size), 2 Mallards, 1 Peregrine Falcon, 1 Turkey Vulture, and 1 Belted Kingfisher.

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