

INTERNATIONAL SHOREBIRD SURVEY



WHAT

To know where conservation is needed – and if initiatives have been effective – shorebird scientists require a broad understanding of species populations and trends. In 1974, Brian Harrington at Manomet organized the volunteer-based International Shorebird Survey (ISS) to gather information on shorebirds.

WHY

The information gathered through the ISS has proven pivotal to:

- national shorebird conservation plans
- species conservation plans
- Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network nominations
- reports like the 3 Billion Birds project

WHO

ISS contributors are shorebird enthusiasts who contribute to important shorebird science by visiting their favorite patches several times during migration season and reporting their shorebird counts to eBird. If this interests you, please contact us to find out how you can help.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ISS

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HOW TO JOIN ISS

Pick a site near you that hosts shorebirds, and identify/count all the shorebirds at your site.

Submit your data through eBird by selecting "International Shorebird Survey" under Observation Type. Submitting all bird groups is okay!

Frequency: anywhere from every other week (Allstar!), to a minimum of 3 times a season.

Be sure to: cover the same area, in about the same amount of time, at about the same water level each visit.

← 26 Jul 8:15AM

Sunset Lake (Portland)

International Shorebird Survey (ISS)

Observers	Minutes	Miles
1	24	0.90

Are you submitting a complete checklist of the birds you were able to identify?

Yes No

Checklist details

Wind 3 - Light breeze (4 - 7 mph)

Precipitation 1 - None

Surveyed Area 100%

Tidal Stage 3 - Low

Submit

*Migration Season in Texas :

Spring = March 15 - June 5

Fall = July 15 - October 31

LOOKING FOR SHOREBIRD ENTHUSIASTS

Check the mapping tool (<https://www.manomet.org/iss-map/>) to make sure your site isn't already being covered, or contact Sam at swolfe@manomet.org to help find a site near you.

International Shorebird Survey Mapping Tool

Select Species: [Dropdown]

Project to show: (188, 1300)

Show all International Shorebird Survey
 Show only Canada International Shorebird Survey

Select Location (select State after Country and State):
United States [Dropdown]
Texas [Dropdown]
Select Location... [Dropdown]

Select Month(s) and Year:
 JAN FEB MAR
 APR MAY JUN
 JUL AUG SEP
 OCT NOV DEC
All Clear

Past 18 Years
 Custom Year: [Start] to [End]

Show Map Reset

Download Graphs Instructions

Looking for important shorebird sites! Can't do ISS but know of a location where large quantities of shorebirds congregate? Please contact us! We might have a volunteer in need of a site to cover.



In the Houston area? If you're in the Houston area, check out the Audubon Coastal Waterbird Survey's website at:

<https://www.audubon.org/content/audubon-coastal-bird-survey>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Survey Protocols

www.manomet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/ISS-Protocols_April2019.pdf

Mapping Tool

<https://www.manomet.org/iss-map/>