



Audubon

Share The Shore

Identifying Beach-nesting Birds & Nests



Annemarie Granillo, APA 2019



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Piping Plover
Federally threatened; New York State Endangered



John Heidecker, APA 2012



Dana Filippini, NPS

American Oystercatcher



Robert Cook, APA 2017



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District

Least Tern
New York State threatened



Muhammad Faizan, APA 2019



Lindsay Addison

Common Tern
New York State threatened



Jim Gray, APA 2012



Lisa Cox/USFWS

Black Skimmer

About Beach-nesting Birds:

Each summer, beach-nesting birds return to New York's shores to nest. Many of these species are listed as endangered or threatened. They all lay their eggs directly on the sand and raise their chicks right on the beach! As ground-nesting birds, their well-camouflaged eggs and chicks are vulnerable to many threats. Our "Share the Shore" program raises awareness about the impacts of human disturbances and predators while encouraging beach-goers to share the beach with nesting birds. Together we can help them nest and raise their young successfully.

Threats to Beach-nesting Birds:

- Habitat loss due to human development
- Disturbance from recreation
- Dogs on the beach (especially off leash)
- Feral & outdoor cats
- Introduced & native predators
- Trash left on the beach
- Off-road vehicles

What You Can Do to Help:

- Take the Share the Shore Pledge
- Do not enter posted or fenced nesting areas
- Obey local leash laws & keep dogs off of nesting beaches
- Keep cats indoors
- Pick up your trash & do not feed wildlife
- Respect off-road vehicle closures
- Volunteer

Pledge to Share the Beach!

Visit ny.audubon.org/conservation/share-love-sharetheshore to learn more about beach-nesting birds and to take the Share the Shore Pledge!

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