

Summary of 2013 Piping Plover Nesting Season on Long Island, Wisconsin
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The summary of the 2013 Piping Plover Monitoring on Long Island, covering the duration from Monday, May 13 through Wednesday, July 24, 2013.

Nest #1

GPS N46 42'46.5" W090 45'55.6"

Female: unbanded

Male: X,O:-,O

cChick band Combination: X,-:O,G

Male was first observed on May 19th. A female was spotted and observed with the male on May 24th. Nest was found with one egg on June 6th. A midsize exclosure was put up on June 6th. On June 8th Pat Mayotte observed two eggs, June 10th there were three eggs, and on June 12th a fourth egg was laid. All four eggs hatched on July 9th. July 10th only three chicks were observed. Chicks were banded on July 15th by Sumner Matteson. July 24th was the last day that Christy LaGrew and Pat Mayotte were able to observe the Piping Plovers on Long Island this summer. Nest number one only had one chick and it was injured on the right leg. Both of the adults and the two other chicks were not present. We don't know what happened to them. The remaining chick seemed to get around ok and it was observed feeding, although it was small in size for how old it was.

Nest #2

GPS N46 42'41.7" W090 45'51.0"

Female: O, b: X, b

Male: X, G/O : O, -

Chick band Combination: X,G: O, -

Both male and female were first observed together on May 24th. Nest was found on June 3rd with one egg. Midsize exclosure was put up on June 3rd. A second egg was observed on June 6th. Pat Mayotte observed the last two eggs on June 7th and 8th. All four eggs hatched on July 4th. Pat Mayotte observed one chick on the way down the beach in the morning. On the way back towards camp in the afternoon, Pat Mayotte observed two chicks breaking out of their shells and hatch. On July 5th all four chicks were observed. All four chicks were banded by Sumner Matteson on July 5th. Nest number two still had all four chicks and only the male was with them on July 24th.

Nest #3

GPS N46 42'28.9" W090 45'35.7"

Female: X,- :O, B/O/B

Male: X, Y: OF, Bb

Chicks Band Combination: X, G/O: O, G

Male was first observed on May 24th and the first egg was also found on May 24th. A midsize exclosure was put up on May 24th. Female was first observed on May 26th and the second egg was also observed on that same day. Pat Mayotte observed the 3rd and 4th eggs in the nest on May 28th and the 31st. Only three eggs hatched on June 28th. One egg never hatched at all. All three chicks were banded by Sumner Matteson. The first two chicks were banded on July 3rd. One chick had previously been missed when the first banding excursion was held. We had to come back and banded it on July 15th. All three chicks were still present. On July 3rd, Jill Utrop from the USFWS took the egg that never hatched. Nest number three had three banded chicks and the male was the only adult observed with them on July 24th.

Nest # 4

GPS N46 42'04.9" W090 45'08.4"

Female: O, g: X, b

Male: unbanded

Chicks Band Combination: X, G/O/G: O,-

Both male and female were first observed on May 26th. Their nest with three eggs in it was also observed on May 26th. A midsize exclosure was put up on around the nest on May 26th. A fourth egg was observed on May 27th. All four eggs hatched on June 23rd. However, only three chicks were observed on June 25th. Sumner Matteson banded all three chicks on July 3rd. None of the previously observed adults or chicks were observed on July 24th in the nest # 4 area. We hope that the chicks are now fledged and safely on their way south.

Nest # 5

GPS N46 42'00.1" W090 44'52.5"

Female: X, R: O, -

Male: unbanded

Chicks Band Combination: X, G/O: O, -

Both male and female were first observed on June 2nd by Pat Mayotte. The first egg was observed on June 6th. A midsize exclosure was put up on June 6th. A second egg was observed on June 8th. The third egg was observed on June 10th and the fourth egg was observed on June 14th. All four chicks hatched between July 6th and July 12th. All four chicks were banded on July 15th by Sumner Matteson. Nest number five still had all four chicks looking healthy and

the male was the only adult observed with them on July 24th. All the chicks on Long Island except for the chick for nest number one were getting ready to fledge.

Piping Plovers observed on Long Island

X, O: -, O Male
Unbanded Female
X, B: O, - Male
X, Y: Of, b B Male
Unbanded male
Unbanded Female
O, O/L B: X, B Female
O, b: X, b Female
Of, L/O b: X, B Male
X, G/O: O, - Male
X, -: O, B/O/B Female
Unbanded Male
O, g: X, b Female
Unbanded Male
X, R: O, - Female
Unbanded Male
X, O/G: O, - Male
O, b : X, - Female
Of, B/O b: X, B Female
O, g: -, g Male
O, b: X, G Female
G, L/R: O, - Male

Narrative of locations of Piping Plovers observed but didn't nest on Long Island

G, L/R: O, - Male Piping plover was observed on May 19th on North side of Long Island. X, B:O, - male Piping Plover observed on May 24th on the North side of Long Island. An unbanded male Piping Plover was observed on May 24th on the North side of the Long Island. An unbanded female Piping Plover was observed on May 24th on the North side of Long Island. Another Piping Plover with the band combination of O, O/L, B: X, B was observed but we were unable to determine if this bird was male or female. Of,L/O b:X, B - male Piping Plover was first observed on the point of Long Island close to the last light house on May 25. This bird was also spotted on the North side of Long Island on June 19th through June 26th. Another unbanded male

Piping Plover was first observed on June 6th through June 13th on the North side of Long Island. An unpaired male X, O/G:O,- was first observed on June 12th on the North side of Long Island. On June 28th two unpaired Piping Plover females were observed O,b:X,- and Of,B/O b:X,B. On May 26th an unpaired male O,g:--g and a lone female O,g:X,G were observed. An unbanded female was observed on June 2nd.

All the other band combinations belong to the five nesting Piping Plover pairs on Long Island.