

Beach Shorebird Nesting Report

Plum Island Beaches - On/Near Refuge



Report Date: April 20, 2018

Piping Plovers:

Refuge Beach = 26 pairs (+1)*, 10 individuals (+2)*, 0 nests

Sandy Point = 6 pairs (+6)*

Newburyport/Newbury Town Beach = 3 pairs (+3)*

"The high tides have not been very friendly to the plovers this week. Along much of the beach, the high tide is reaching the base of the dunes. There is currently very little nesting habitat, but the birds are resilient. They will find somewhere to nest... they are there and they are continuing to scrape... maybe we'll have our first nest by the end of next week!"

Kaytee Hojnacki, USFWS - Parker River NWR.

* change since last report on April 14, 2018.

**After a stormy winter, the beaches have been narrowed in places.
Available nesting areas have been affected, so ...**

Please do not enter the closed beach area!

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