Florida Updates
American Oystercatcher Management During COVID

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2020 Timeline of Events

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4/1 State safer-at-home order

“The Order limits movement and personal interaction outside of the home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services, or to conduct essential activities”

‘Essential activities’ included participating in recreational activities

Pat Leary
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- **5/4** Safer-at-home order removed
- **5/26** Most beaches open
- **7/4** Some beaches closed again
Recreation
Conservation Strategies

- Reduce Human Disturbance
- Manage Habitat
- Improve Conservation Regulations
- Minimize Predation Impacts
- Reduce Knowledge Gaps
Reduce Disturbance

• Stewarding
• Posting
• Outreach
• Education
• LE Training
• LE Coordination
Please share!

Taking to the water for fun and adventure? Florida shorebird and seabird nesting along the Nature Coast is in full swing from March to August, but many of the nests are almost impossible to see to the untrained eye. These ground-nesting species use a wide variety of coastal habitats in Florida, including sandy beaches, barrier islands, marsh edges, and shell racks to nest and raise their young. Shorebird and seabirds have a limited amount of habitat left around the state and face many new threats including unintended impacts from recreational activities (such as beachgoers accidentally crushing nests). We can all help Florida’s shorebirds and seabirds thrive by giving them space and respecting posted areas. For more information on conserving Florida’s imperiled shorebirds and seabirds and how you can get involved, please visit https://fishorebirdalliance.org/

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Florida shorebird and seabird nesting activity around the state is on the rise! Social distancing has been an important strategy for keeping ourselves and others healthy. This is also true for ground-nesting shorebirds and seabirds - you can help, please give nesting birds plenty of space.

For more on conserving Florida’s imperiled shorebirds and seabirds and how to get involved: fishorebirdalliance.org/ Be a beach hero; MyFWC Florida Fish and Wildlife

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Shorebird Ads on Social Media

Duration = May 14 through May 31
Cost = $500

Total Reached = 727,393
## AMOY Monitoring & Conservation

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Rooftop Nesting
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Look who joined the rooftop nesting party!

2019 Abundance Estimates

7,206 pairs (95% CI: 6,210-8,203)

3,006 pairs (95% CI: 2,741-3,272)

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Florida Shorebird Alliance Monitoring Data at Work

https://flshorebirdalliance.org/resources/reports/
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