## Alabama Coastal Bird Stewardship Program: American Oystercatchers

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## 2019:

Coffee Island:

- 2 pairs
- 3 fledglings

Cat Island:

- 1 pair
- 1 fledgling

Tern Island:

- 1 pair
- 0 fledglings

Far West End:

- 1 pair
- 0 fledglings

**Coffee Island** 

Cat Island

Mobile Bay

Far West End, Dauphin Island



**Tern Island** 



2019: Banded all four fledglings and JB was resighted in Florida (photo by Ezra Thompson).

We were unable to do boat-based field work and did not monitor the islands.

 Dr. John Dindo (Dauphin Island Sea Lab) documented 4-5 pairs on Coffee Island but did report seeing any chicks/fledglings

We did not document a nest attempt at the Far West End of Dauphin Island.

We conducted surveys on Dauphin Island year-round:

- January October: 47 records (44 on Dauphin Island)
- Majority from Pelican Island and the Far West End of Dauphin Island
- Observed foraging and loafing
- Almost always an individual or pair
  - One record of 5 seen flying just offshore

## 2021:

We will be monitoring the islands, and will continue banding adults and chicks.

Dark blue with white codes (shared with SC; thanks to Felicia Sanders for giving us some bands to start out with!)

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