

## American Oystercatcher 2019 State and Country Updates

### Alabama

#### Alabama Audubon

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Alabama Audubon has been monitoring nesting pairs since 2018, but began more consistently monitoring in the 2019 breeding season. In 2019 we monitored 4 pairs, which were all of the known breeding pairs in the state. We also began banding efforts in 2019 and are using dark blue bands with white codes. Due to a late start, we were not successful in trapping adults, but banded the 4 chicks that were produced by the 4 pairs. One of the chicks, JB, was banded in May and resighted along the coast of the Florida panhandle in September, more than 200 miles from where it hatched. It was roosting with a group of 92 other oystercatchers. We plan to continue our monitoring and banding efforts in 2020. We also conduct Audubon Coastal Bird Surveys throughout the nonbreeding season, and collect data on oystercatchers during those surveys.