American Oystercatcher 2019 State and Country Updates

Delaware

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Delaware productivity monitoring results by site:

Delaware Site	Total breeding pairs	Number of nests	Nest fate	Cause of failure	Date found	Clutch size
Cape Henlopen State Park	2*	4	Failed	Unknown	5/30/2019	1
			Failed	Flooded	06/04/2019	2
			Failed	Possible red fox predation	06/24/2019	2
			Failed	Unknown	06/03/2019	2
Delaware Seashore State Park	1	1	Failed	Flooded	04/30/2019	3
Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge**	2	2	Failed	Predated	04/18/2019	2
			Failed	Unknown		

*One individual from each pair was marked (Orange (YL7), and Black (PM)). Orange (YL7) and its unbanded mate produced 3 nests, and Black (PM) and its unbanded mate produced one nest. All nesting attempts failed before hatching.

**Data gleaned from weekly site reports. For more information contact Annie Larsen (<u>Annabella Larsen@fws.gov</u>).