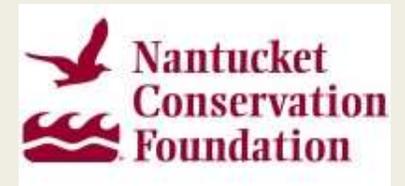
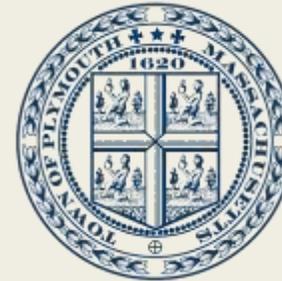
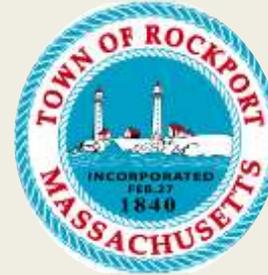
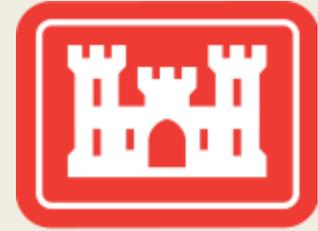


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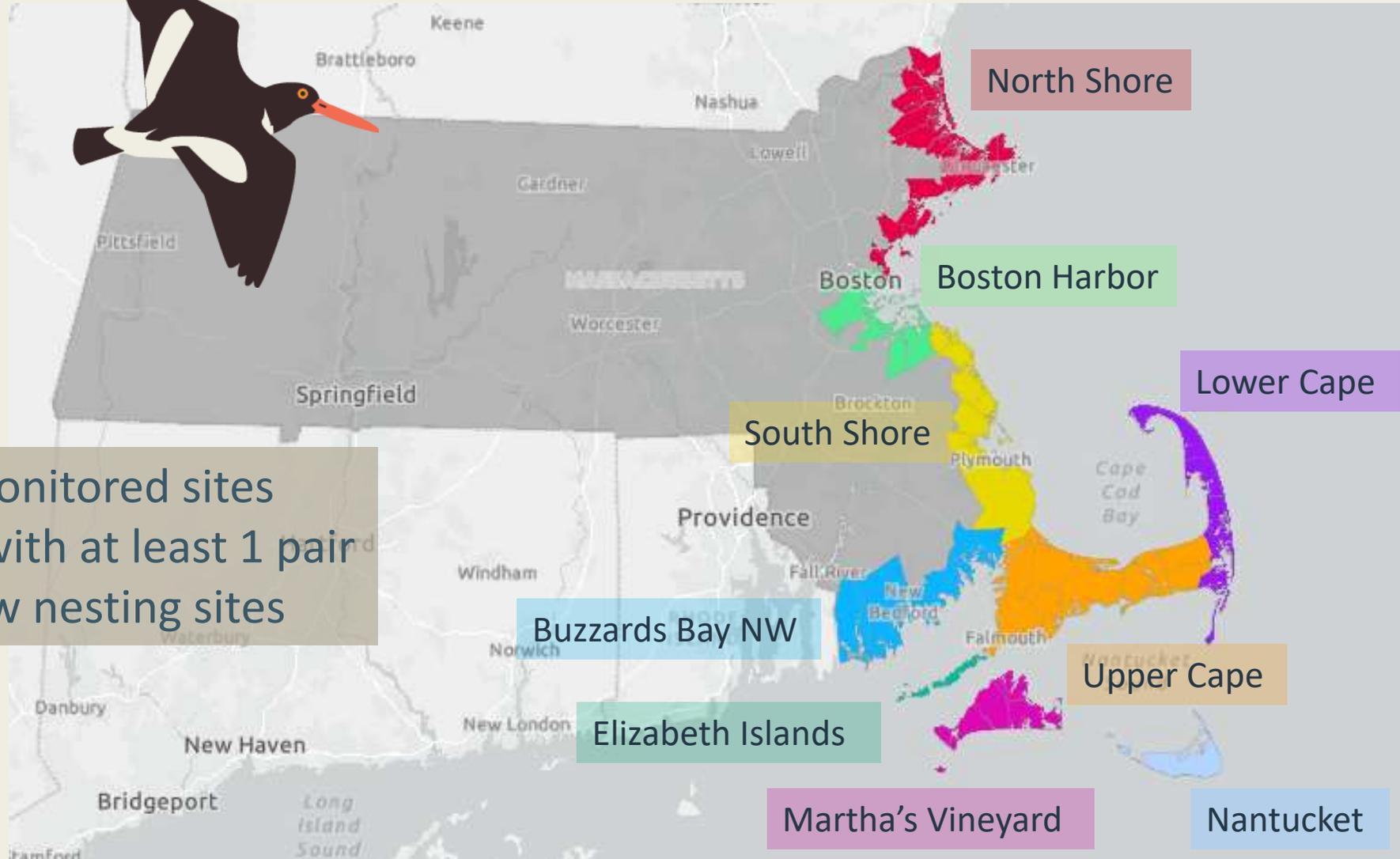


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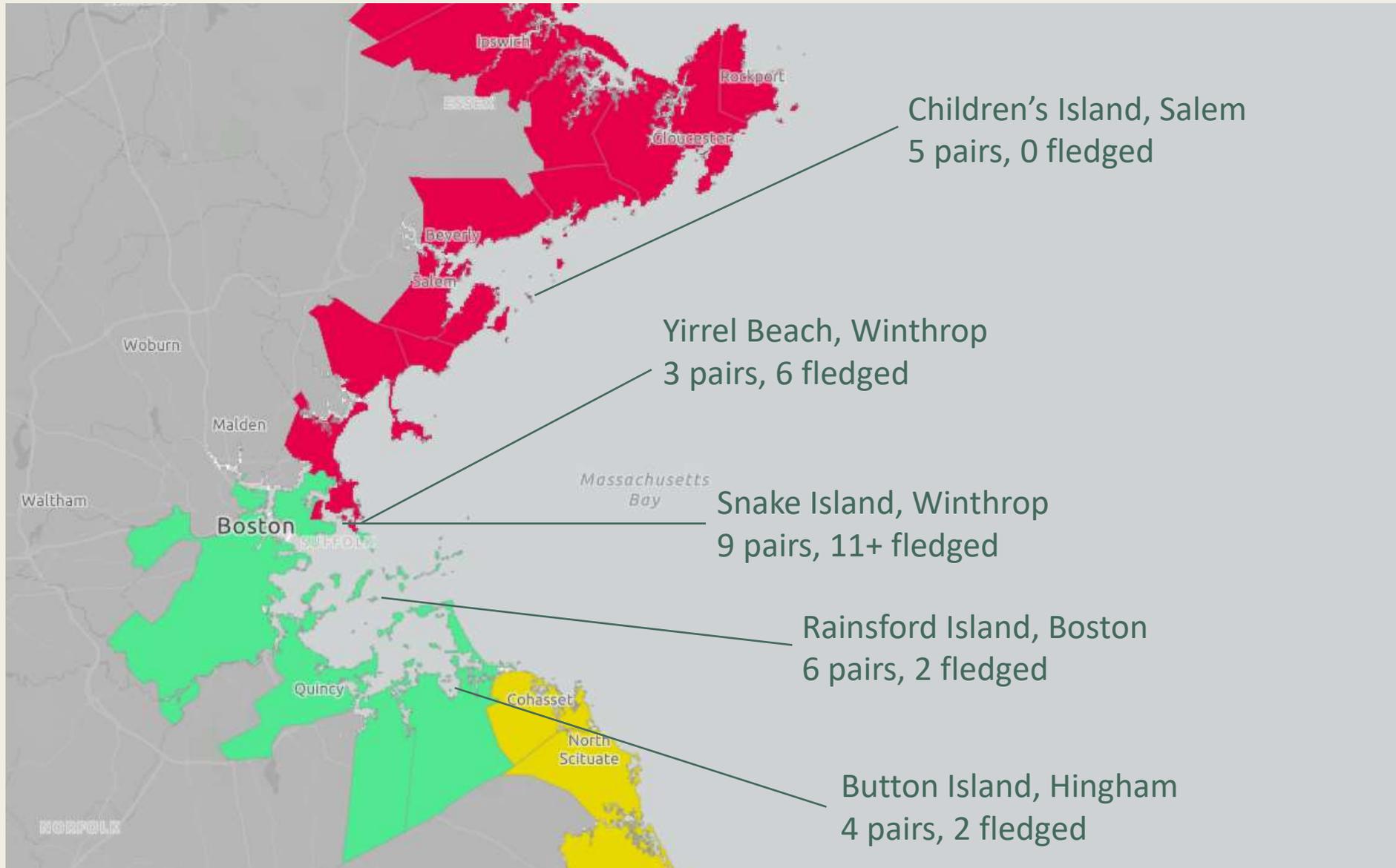


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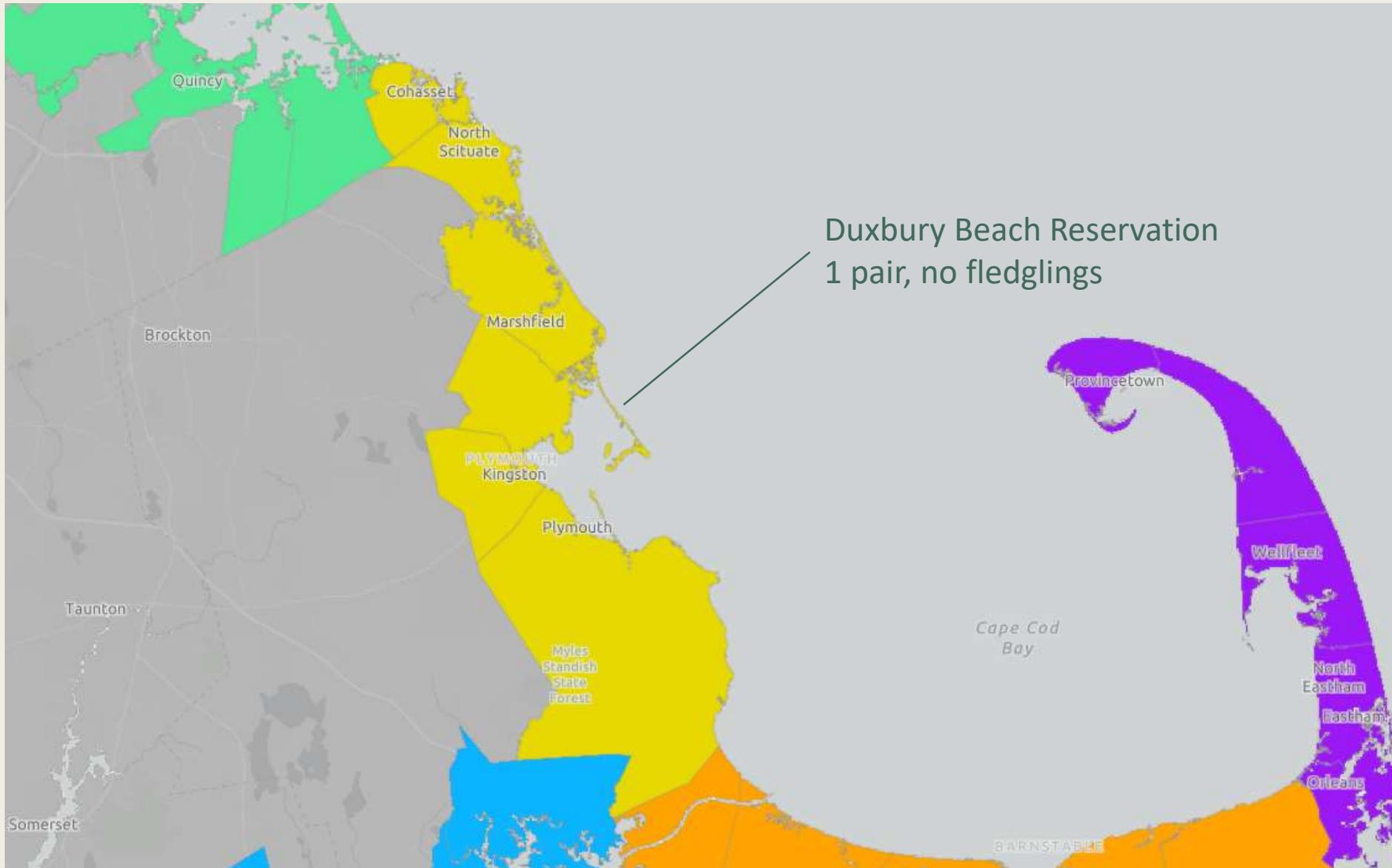


213 monitored sites
108 sites with at least 1 pair
6-9 new nesting sites

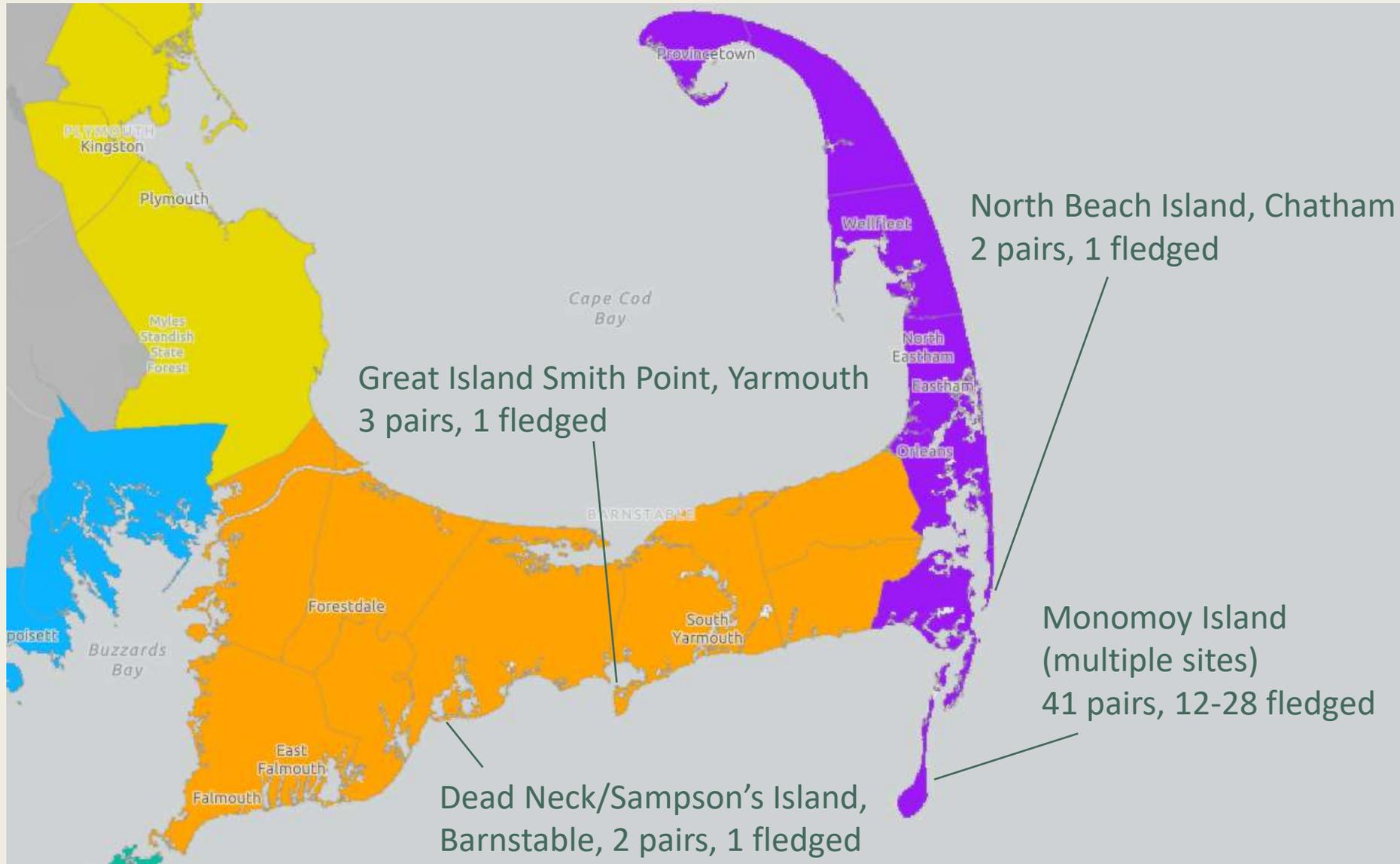
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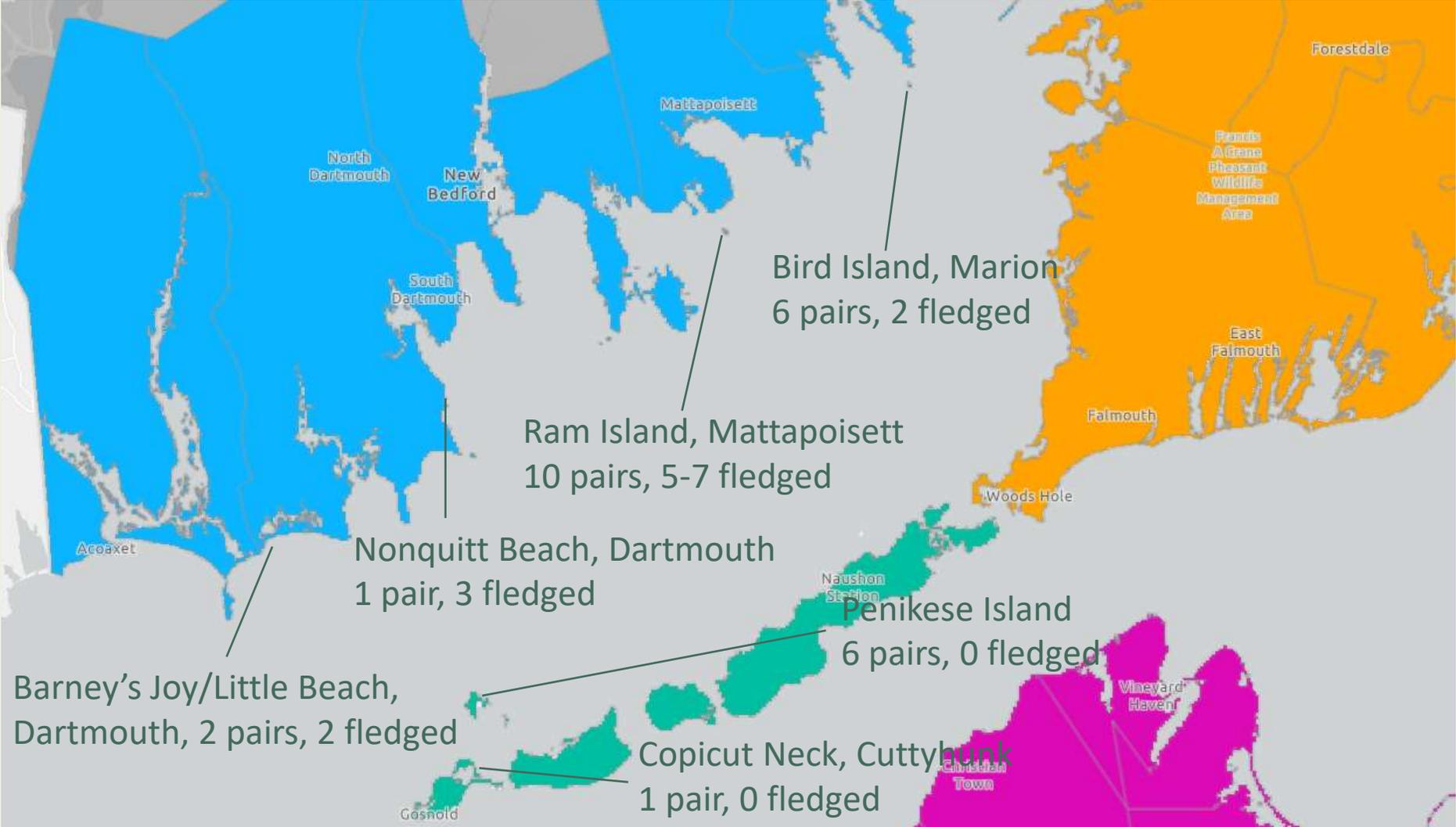
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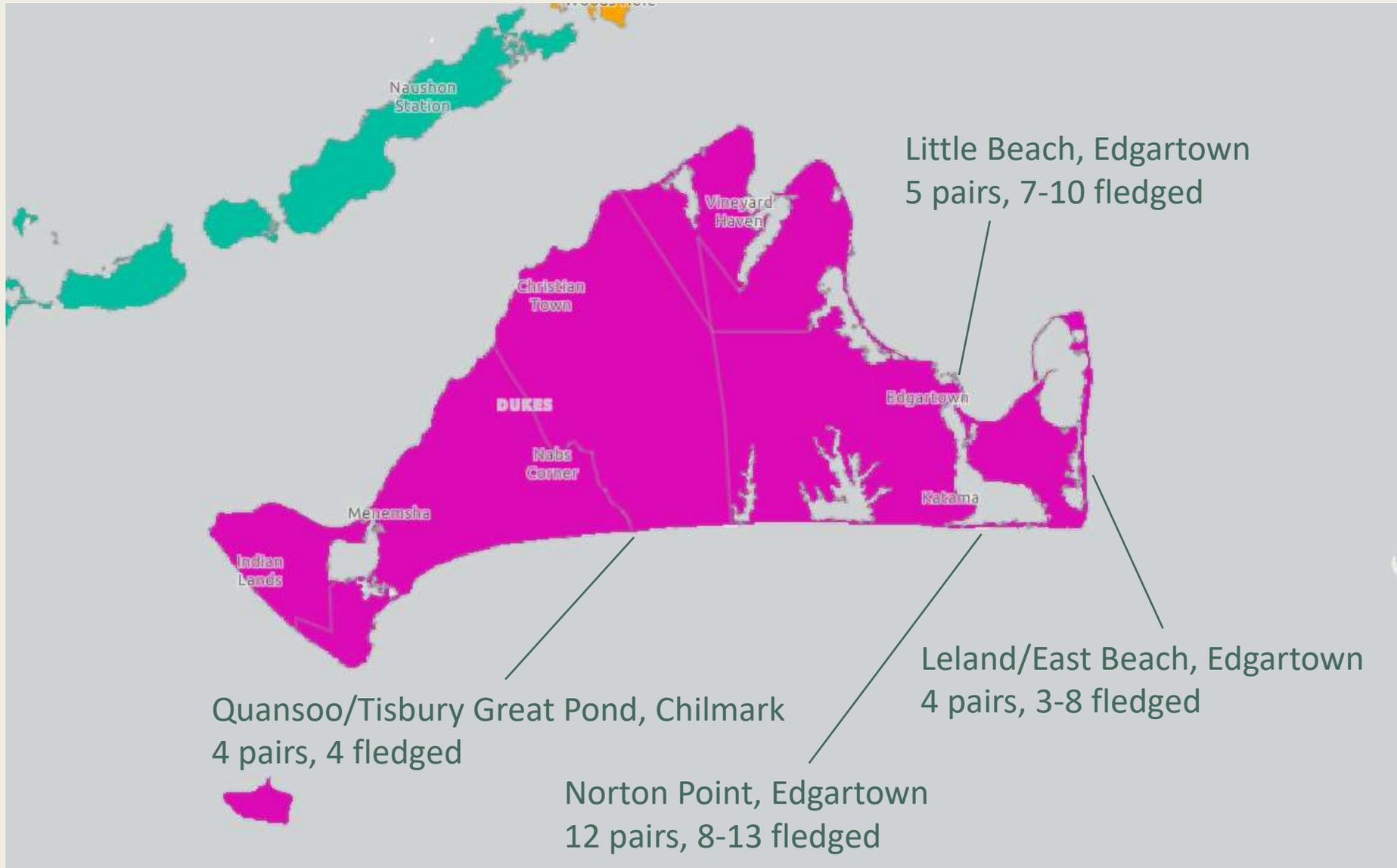
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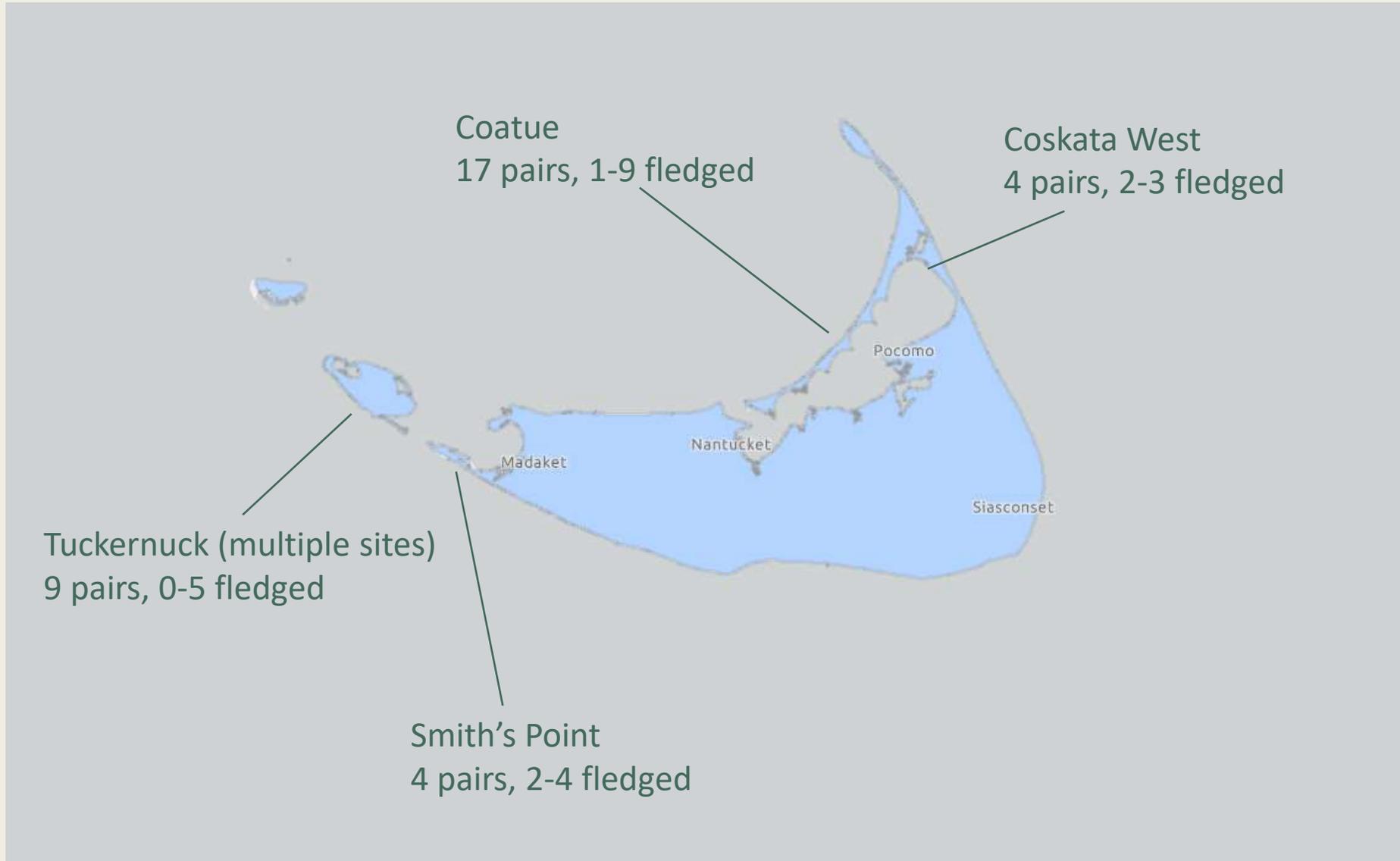
Notable Sites – Buzzards Bay + Elizabeth Islands



Notable Sites – Martha's Vineyard



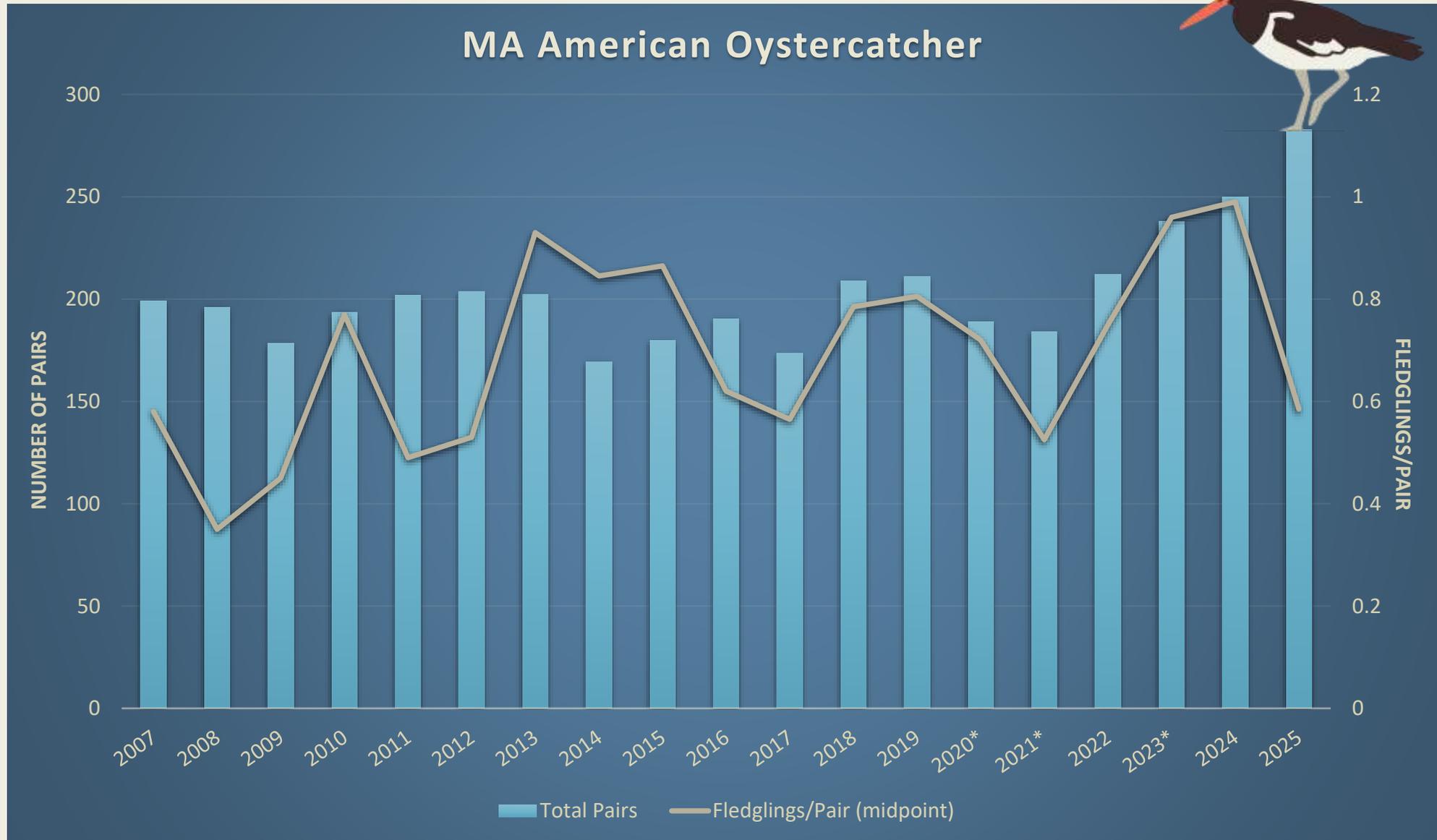
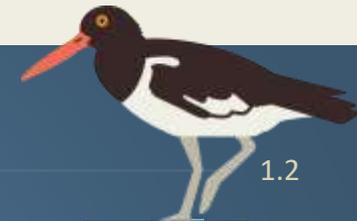
Notable Sites – Nantucket



2025 Preliminary Data

2025 AMOY	2025 Pairs	Fledglings	Unfledged Chicks	Pairs with Fledge Data	2024 Pairs	% change (2024-2025)
North Shore	13	7	0	9	1	+1200%
Boston Harbor Is.	41	16	2	32	37	+11%
South Shore	1	0	0	1	3	-67%
Upper Cape	15	2	1	11	12	+25%
Lower Cape	58	13	16	52	49	+18%
Buzzards Bay NW	31	13	2	13	19	+63%
Elizabeth Islands	7	0	0	7	7	0%
Martha's Vineyard	62	41	21	54	63	-2%
Nantucket	55	11	21	50	59	-7%
TOTAL	283	103	63	229	250	+13%
Fledglings/Pair	0.45 to 0.72 (0.59 midpoint)					

Historical Trends



Challenges



May 22 nor'easter caused extensive
overwash right at peak AMOY nesting time

Significant effects on North Shore, Boston
Harbor, Cape Cod, Islands



Later nest attempts more vulnerable to
predation and human disturbance

Beaches busier after Memorial Day
Weekend



Likely some unmonitored pairs in addition to
those currently minimally monitored

Difficult to access some marshes, islands,
private property

Thank you!

