

Banded Piping Plovers Spotted by AMOY Working Group Field Trip - 2022

Little Egg Island Bar, McIntosh County, GA (31.30893 / -81.28625)

At least 6 UNB, plus banded birds

Of,BY:X,Y/O - This one was captive-reared in 2020 after the eggs were collected ahead of Tropical Storm Cristobal to keep them safe in case their nest washed out. It did so they were raised in captivity. This one has been wintering at Little Egg Island each year, but so far we don't have any breeding observations.

X,G:Of,- - This is a male that wasn't banded as a chick, so we don't know when or where he hatched or where he has spent previous winters. He nested this summer on Long Island, in Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, WI and was banded there. One of his lower right bands slipped over his foot, so he was re-trapped and both bands were removed just to be extra cautious. Good to hear that he's made it to a good wintering territory!

X,B:O,B (Green dot, B204) - Hatched at Wasaga Beach, Ontario in 2021. This plover was at Little Egg Island last winter as well and we don't have any breeding records for it yet.

X,B:Of,OG - Hatched in 2020 at Whitefish Point, MI. He returned there to breed in 2021 and in 2022. He was at Little Egg Island last winter, but we didn't get any winter reports in 2020-21.

X,L:O,L (Red dot, L086) This one hatched in 2017 at Wasaga Beach, Ontario. She hasn't had much luck raising chicks, and has moved around each summer. The past two years she hasn't had a mate, but has laid eggs with a male that already had a mate and nest. A single female isn't able to incubate successfully. In 2021 her nest was in Canada and we weren't able to move the eggs across the border to our captive-rearing facility. In 2022 she nested at Presque Isle State Park, PA and her eggs, or those of another female who was likely laying eggs in the same nest (there were 7) were captive-raised. 4 fledged chicks were released from the 7 eggs. This is the first winter report we've gotten about her.

Of,YR:X,b - This is a male that nests on North Manitou Island in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. He hatched there in 2018 and began nesting there in 2019. He is also a regular winter resident at Little Egg Island.