

INVENTORY OF TERNS, LAUGHING GULLS, AND BLACK SKIMMERS NESTING IN MASSACHUSETTS IN 2024

ABSTRACT

Cooperators in Massachusetts surveyed 298 coastal sites in 2024 for the presence of breeding Roseate Terns (*Sterna dougallii*), Common Terns (*Sterna hirundo*), Arctic Terns (*Sterna paradisaea*), Least Terns (*Sternula antillarum*), Black Skimmers (*Rhynchops niger*), and Laughing Gulls (*Larus atricilla*). Approximately 109 sites were occupied by nesting birds. Compared to 2023, Roseate and Common Terns decreased 1.3% and 7.2%, to 3,618 and 27,019 pairs, respectively. Least Terns increased 16.8% to 4,318 pairs. Black Skimmers increased from 22 pairs to 30 pairs (a record high). Laughing Gulls decreased 5% to 7,365 pairs. As in 2023, no nesting Arctic Terns were detected. Earliest and median first egg dates across sites were 12 May/ 13 May for Roseate Terns, 3 May/ 24 May for Common Terns, 19 May/ 29 May for Least Terns, 24 May/ 25 May for Black Skimmers, and 20 May/ (n/a) for Laughing Gull.

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INTRODUCTION

Coastal waterbirds are a vulnerable group of species. Of Massachusetts' four nesting tern species, the Common Tern, Least Tern, and Arctic Tern are listed as "Special Concern" pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act. The Roseate Tern is listed as "Endangered" pursuant to both the Massachusetts and U.S. Endangered Species Acts.

Terns, Laughing Gulls, and Black Skimmers in Massachusetts are protected and monitored by an extensive network of cooperators throughout the state. These cooperators provide census data and other reproductive information to the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (MassWildlife). This allows wildlife managers to determine abundance and status of, and threats to, these species.

This report summarizes data on distribution, abundance, and productivity of terns, Laughing Gulls, and Black Skimmers in Massachusetts during the 2024 nesting season.

METHODS

Sites Surveyed: Cooperators are asked to survey all sites at which terns, Laughing Gulls, and Black Skimmers have been known to nest. Some cooperators also survey additional sites with no history of nesting by these species. Any new nesting sites are reported.

Timing of Census: Depending upon species, one to three censuses are conducted and reported.

- A "pre-A-count" is any count occurring prior to 5 June. A pre-A-count may be reported but is not required for any species. Pre-A-counts do not contribute to overall census numbers (to avoid double-counting the same birds that may nest later during the peak of the season), but do document use of the site.
- The "A-period count" (or "peak season" count) is conducted between 5 and 20 June. Laughing Gulls, Black Skimmers, and all tern species are censused during the A-period. For Roseate and Common Terns, the count is ideally conducted as closely as possible to the first hatch. Laughing Gull and Black Skimmer counts are timed to be coincident with Common Tern counts, and Arctic Tern counts with counts of any sympatric nesting seabird species. Least Tern colonies ideally are visited multiple times during the A-period window, and maximum estimates are reported.
- The "B-period count" (or "post-peak" count) is conducted after 20 June. B-counts are not required for Common Terns or Laughing Gulls. If conducted for Roseate Terns, the B-count is timed 25 days after the A-count. For Arctic Terns and Black Skimmers, which nest in very low numbers in the state, any additional pairs that appear after 20 June are reported. A B-count for Least Terns is not necessary unless there is a significant change in numbers from the A-count, or a site that was not used during the A-period window was used after 20 June. Because Least Terns frequently shift among sites in response to disturbance, B-counts do not contribute to overall census numbers (to avoid double-counting the same birds counted in the A-period); however, the B-count does document use of the site.

Survey Method: Observers are asked to classify their survey method as one of the following: Nest Count, Partial/Extrapolated Nest Count, Incubation Count, or Adult Count. All counts are expressed as "number of pairs". Nests must contain at least one egg to be counted unless it is obvious that chicks have already hatched. Empty scrapes and abandoned nests are not counted unless they are known to have been active during the census window. Adults are only counted if it appears that they are nesting at a site; birds that are not suspected to be nesting at a site (e.g., resting or feeding birds) are not counted as nesting pairs. The number of breeding adults present (i.e., in the nesting area, not loafing on the shoreline) is multiplied by MassWildlife's long-standing correction factor of 0.8 to arrive at the number of pairs.

Survey Quality and Productivity Estimate: Observers are asked to rate the quality of their survey as Low Confidence, Reasonable Confidence, or High Confidence. Observers also provide a qualitative assessment of productivity for each colony: none, poor, fair, good, or excellent. In a few cases, typically for Roseate and Common Terns at large colonies where detailed monitoring occurs, quantitative estimates of productivity (e.g., fledglings/nest) are provided.

Data Reporting and Quality Control: Most observers enter data into the Tern Online Data Entry System (TERNODES); a few others complete a standard “Massachusetts Tern Census Form”. Data requested include: monitoring effort; management and research actions/needs; dates of pre-A-, A-, and B-counts; number of pairs observed during counts; survey method; quality of survey; qualitative and quantitative productivity estimates; number of fledglings; method of determining productivity; dates of first adults observed, first eggs laid, first eggs hatched, first young fledged, and last young observed; comments; and other site uses. Maps delineating the nesting areas are submitted. All data are reviewed by MassWildlife. If necessary, observers are contacted to obtain missing data and clarify ambiguities. When the needed information could not be obtained, best professional judgment was used to assign final values or data were noted as preliminary in Appendix A.

In order to be tallied in the statewide A-period total in the absence of eggs or chicks being detected, birds must have been territorial and/or engaged in courtship/copulation over an extended period of time or making nest scrapes in appropriate nesting habitat. If birds exhibiting these behaviors were suspected of being associated with nearby colonies, or if they were solely exhibiting these behaviors in non-nesting habitat (e.g., intertidal areas), they are not tallied in the statewide A-period total to avoid double-counting. Nesting may be presumed at a few sites where adult birds appear attached to the site but the nesting area is difficult to access (e.g., artificial structures, salt marsh) and there is a consistent history of nesting.

Notes on Chronology: “Date first adults observed” is not synonymous with date adults arrive on site because adults may not be observed when they first arrived: frequency of site visits prior to egg-laying is relatively low and attendance of birds at colony sites early in the nesting season is sporadic. Similarly, “Last date young observed” is not synonymous with last fledgling departure date: the date the last fledgling departs may be missed (e.g., due to low frequency of monitoring late in the season); fledglings at the site may not have hatched there (e.g., some may just be staging); and, in some colonies, no young survive to fledge (i.e., the date could refer to the last date that live, unfledged chicks were seen). Clarification of terminology in TERNODES in the future will help to reduce ambiguities.

When dates were reported as a range, the median of the date range was used in calculations if the range spanned five days or fewer. Ranges spanning greater than five days were excluded from analyses. Median dates refer to the among-colony values (i.e., the median of the “first” or “last” dates reported for different colonies), not the within-colony median dates for individual birds or nests.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In 2024, 298 sites were surveyed for nesting terns, Laughing Gulls, and Black Skimmers. Approximately 109 sites were occupied by nesting birds of one or more of these species (**Appendix A**).

Nesting Chronology

Timing of nesting season events is shown in **Table 1** and **Fig. 1**.

Table 1. Nesting chronology for terns, Black Skimmers, and Laughing Gulls in Massachusetts in 2024.

2024		Roseate Tern	Common Tern	Arctic Tern	Least Tern	Black Skimmer	Laughing Gull
Date first adults observed	Earliest date (site)	26-Apr (Bird I., Marion)	25-Apr (Ram I., Mattapoissett)	24-May (Penikese I., Gosnold)	29-Apr (Dogfish Bar, Aquinnah)	30-Apr (Little Beach / Eel Pd., Edgartown)	16-Apr (S. Monomoy I., Chatham)
	Median ^a (n) ^b	14-May (7)	26-May (34)	n/a	21-May (112)	10-May (2)	n/a
Date first eggs laid	Earliest date (site)	12-May (Ram I., Mattapoissett)	3-May (Ram I., Mattapoissett)	n/a	19-May (Mink Meadows, Tisbury)	24-May (Little Beach / Eel Pd., Edgartown)	20-May (S. Monomoy I., Chatham)
	Median (n)	13-May (4)	24-May (19)	n/a	29-May (94)	25-May (2)	n/a
Date first chicks hatched	Earliest date (site)	4-Jun (Ram I., Mattapoissett)	29-May (Bird I., Marion)	n/a	8-Jun (Little Beach / Eel Pd., Edgartown)	18-Jun (Norton Point., Edgartown)	17-Jun (S. Monomoy I., Chatham)
	Median (n)	6-Jun (4)	12-Jun (9)	n/a	22-Jun (69)	20-Jun (2)	n/a
Last date young observed	Latest date (site)	14-Jul (South Monomoy I., Chatham)	3-Sep (Sarson I., Edgartown)	n/a	5-Sep (Mission Bell, Provincetown)	28-Jul (Norton Point., Edgartown)	nd ^d
	Median (n)	n/a ^c	6-Aug (4)	n/a	4-Aug (59)	20-Jul (2)	nd

^a Median dates refer to the among-site values (i.e., the median of the “first” or “last” dates reported for different colonies), not the within-colony median dates for individual birds or nests. For colonies reporting a date range of ≤5 days (instead of a single value), the median value for the range was used in analyses; ranges >5 days were not used in analyses.

^b n – number of colonies

^c n/a – not applicable (used if species nested in a single colony or if no hatching occurred)

^d nd – no data



Figure 1. Key tern, Black Skimmer, and Laughing Gull nesting dates, 2016 – 2024. “First egg” and “first hatch” indicate the earliest egg laying and hatching dates reported statewide. Median dates refer to the among-colony values (i.e., the median of the “first” dates reported for different colonies), not the within-colony median dates for individual birds or nests. For colonies for which a date range of ≤ 5 days (instead of a single value) was reported, the median value for the range was used in analyses; ranges > 5 days were not used in analyses.

Abundance and Distribution

*Roseate Tern***Summary, 2024**

Number of nesting sites:	5
Number of pairs, A-period:	3618
% change in number of pairs from 2023:	-1.3
3 largest sites, percent of total A-period pairs:	99.5
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	1833 (1269 - 3667)

Roseate Terns showed a slight decrease in the number of pairs compared to 2023, which was a record high. **Table 2** provides site-specific data for all sites where Roseate Tern nesting was confirmed.

Table 2. Abundance and productivity of Roseate Terns at nesting sites in Massachusetts, 2024.

Site	No. pairs, A-period (2024)	Productivity (2024)	No. pairs, A-period (2023)
Bird Island, Marion	2380	1.03 fl/nest	1956
Ram Island, Mattapoissett	1203	0.92 fl/nest	1584
Penikese Island, Gosnold	18	1.03 fl/nest	18
South Monomoy Island, Chatham	17	0.41 fl/pair	40

Since 1985, Roseate numbers in the state have fluctuated, but the overall trend during 2013 – 2024 is strongly increasing (**Fig. 2**).

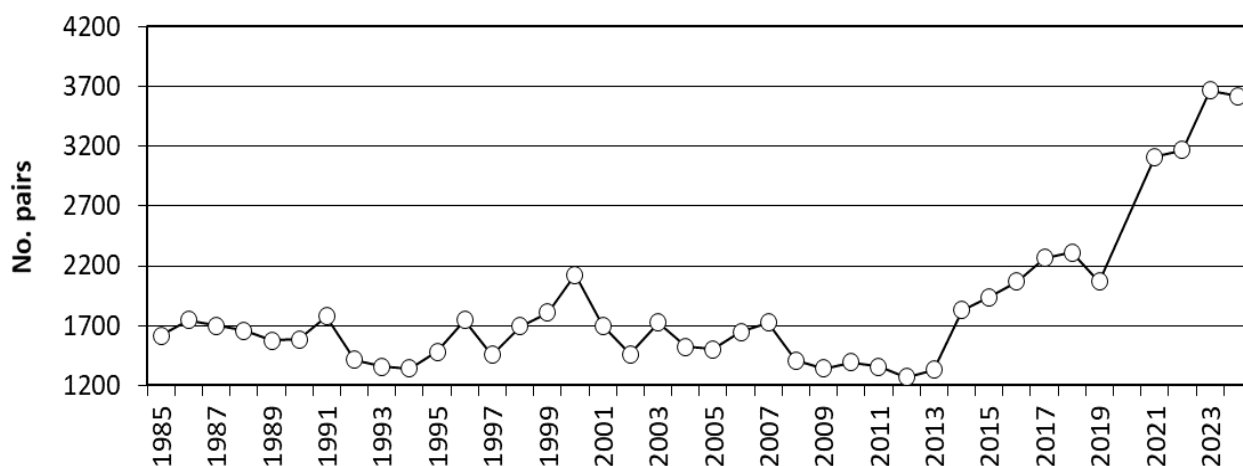


Figure 2. Number of nesting Roseate Tern pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2024.

*Common Tern***Summary, 2024**

Number of nesting sites:	38
Number of pairs, A-period:	27019
% change in number of pairs from 2023:	-7.2
10 largest sites, percent of total A-period pairs:	99.2
3 largest sites, percent of total A-period pairs:	90.6
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	14711 (6483 - 29104)

The number of pairs of Common Terns decreased slightly compared to 2023, which was a record high. **Table 3** provides site-specific data for the largest Common Tern nesting sites in 2024.

Table 3. *Abundance and productivity of Common Terns at the 10 largest nesting sites in Massachusetts, 2024.*

Site	No. pairs, A-period (2024)	No. pairs, B-period (2024)	Productivity (2024)	No. pairs, A-period (2023)
South Monomoy Island, Chatham	19075	-	poor	19875
Ram Island, Mattapoisett	2710	-	0.49 fl/nest	3650
Bird Island, Marion	2709	-	0.29 fl/nest	3085
Penikese Island, Gosnold	1689	-	0.94 fl/nest	1621
Norton Point, Edgartown	366	-	excellent	16
General Edwards Bridge, Rte 1A, Revere-Lynn	67	-	no data	94
Central Square, East Boston	63	-	no data	67
Minimoy Island, Chatham	47	-	no data	47
Plymouth Long Beach, Plymouth	38	37	fair	2
Mystic River Bridge, Somerville-Everett	32	-	no data	16

Common Tern numbers rose rapidly in Massachusetts during 1982 – 2003, slowed or leveled off during 2004 – 2016, increased more rapidly during 2017 – 2023, and slightly decreased in 2024 (**Fig. 3**).

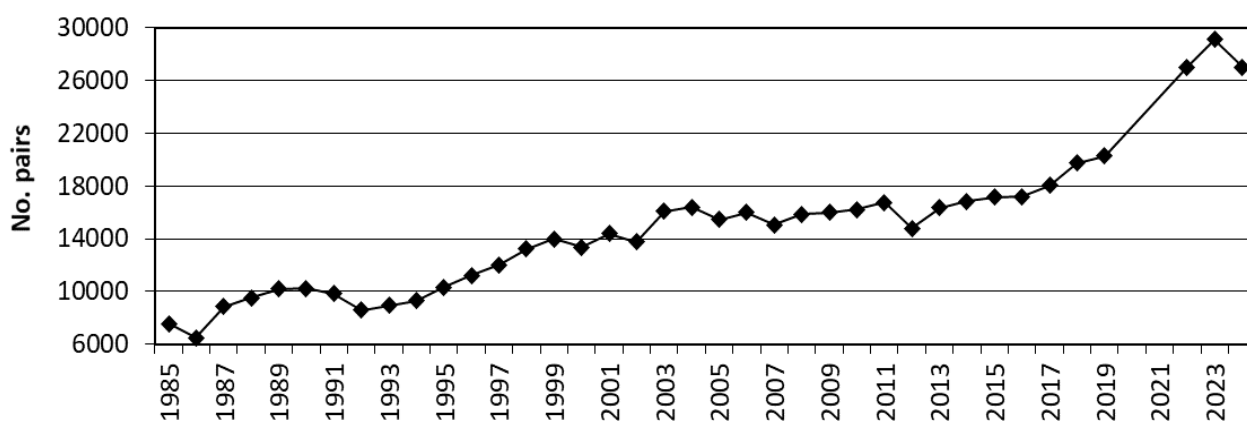


Figure 3. Number of nesting Common Tern pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2024.

Arctic Tern

Summary, 2024

Number of nesting sites:	0
Number of pairs, A-period:	0
% change in number of pairs from 2023:	0
Additional pairs, B-period:	0
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	6 (0 - 29)

As in 2023, no nesting Arctic Terns were detected. On Penikese I., Gosnold, an unpaired individual was seen twice during the season, but there was insufficient evidence of nesting. Since 1985, there has been an overall downward trend in abundance of this very rare, range-edge species, which has now disappeared as a nester in MA, at least temporarily (**Fig. 4**).

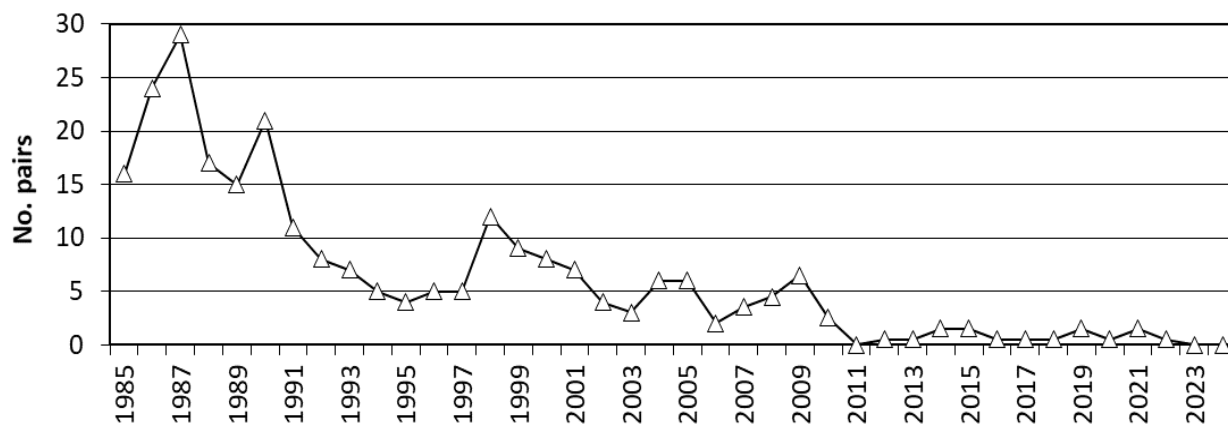


Figure 4. Number of nesting Arctic Tern pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2024.

*Least Tern***Summary, 2024**

Number of nesting sites:	89
Number of pairs, A-period:	4318
% change in number of pairs from 2023:	16.8
10 largest sites, percent of total A-period pairs:	58.3
3 largest sites, percent of total A-period pairs:	31.4
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	3168 (2109 - 5385)

Least Terns increased 16.8% to 4,318 pairs. **Table 4** provides site-specific data for the largest sites.

Table 4. *Abundance and productivity of Least Terns at the 10 largest A- or B-period nesting sites in Massachusetts, 2024. Multiple productivity estimates for a site may represent values for multiple colonies or the upper and lower bounds of a range in estimates.*

Site	No. pairs, A-period (2024)	No. pairs, B-period (2024)	Productivity (2024)	No. pairs, A-period (2023)
Norton Point, Edgartown	681	332	0, fair	391
Duxbury Beach, Duxbury	385	296	0, poor	353
Crane Beach, Ipswich	289	-	fair	137
Tern Island, Chatham	220	-	poor	38
Barney's Joy / Little Beach, Dartmouth	192	50	0	200
Great Island - Smith Point, Yarmouth	165	34	fair	56
South Beach - Middle Island, Chatham	155	115	0	8
Little Beach / Eel Pd., Edgartown	154	-	0, poor	182
Smith Point / Esther Island, Nantucket	142	0	poor	0
Newbury Town Beach, Newbury	136	46	good	92

The overall trend in Least Tern numbers since 1985 has been positive, but there has been considerable volatility in the numbers (**Fig. 5**); some of this may reflect the difficulties inherent in estimating Least Tern abundance as well as presumed shifting of birds among states.

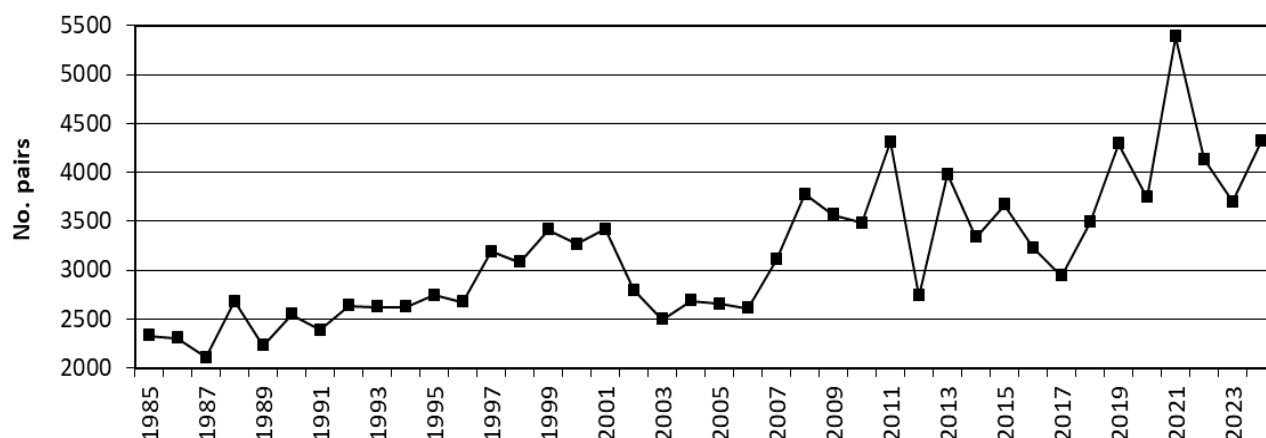


Figure 5. Number of nesting Least Tern pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2024.

Black Skimmer

Summary, 2024

Number of nesting sites:	2
Number of pairs, A-period:	30
% change in number of pairs from 2023:	36.4
Additional pairs, B-period:	0
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	7 (0 - 30)

Black Skimmers continued their upward climb from 22 pairs in 2023 to 30 pairs (a record high) in the A-period. As in 2023, Skimmers were only present at two sites. This year most were concentrated at Norton Point, Edgartown (**Table 5**).

Table 5. Abundance and productivity of Black Skimmers in Massachusetts, 2024.

Site	No. pairs, A-period (2024)	No. pairs, B-period (2024)	Productivity (2024)	No. pairs, A-period (2023)
Norton Point, Edgartown	29	0	good	1
Little Beach / Eel Pd., Edgartown	1	0	1 fl/nest	21

Black Skimmers, which are at the northern end of their breeding range in Massachusetts, have been increasing rapidly since 2014, except for a slight decrease in 2023 (**Fig. 6**).

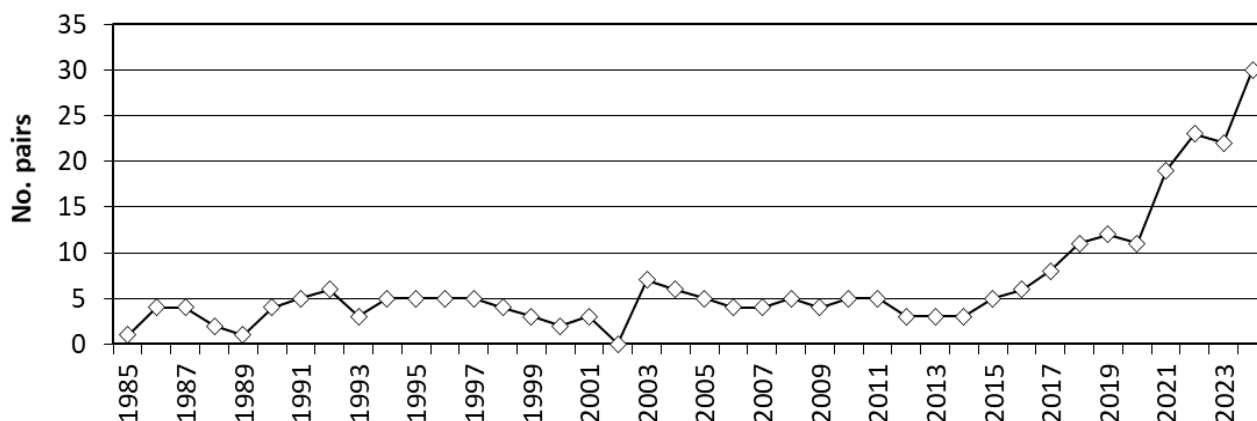


Figure 6. Number of nesting Black Skimmer pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2024.

Laughing Gull

Summary, 2024

Number of nesting sites:	2
Number of pairs, A-period:	7365
% change in number of pairs from 2023:	-5
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	1854 (542 - 7751)

Compared to 2023, Laughing Gulls decreased 5% to 7365 pairs. As in 2023, the main colony was at South Monomoy Island, Chatham, and this year there was a second colony with very few pairs at Minimoy Island, Chatham. **Table 6** provides additional detail.

Table 6. Abundance and productivity of Laughing Gulls in Massachusetts, 2024.

Site	No. pairs, A-period (2024)	No. pairs, B-period (2024)	Productivity (2024)	No. pairs, A-period (2023)
South Monomoy Island, Chatham	7360	-	fair	7751
Minimoy Island, Chatham	5	-	no data	0

Laughing Gulls have been increasing rapidly since 1998, with the rate accelerating since 2012 (**Fig. 7**). Because Laughing Gulls compete with Common and Roseate Terns for space and resources and are predators of terns, population monitoring is very important.

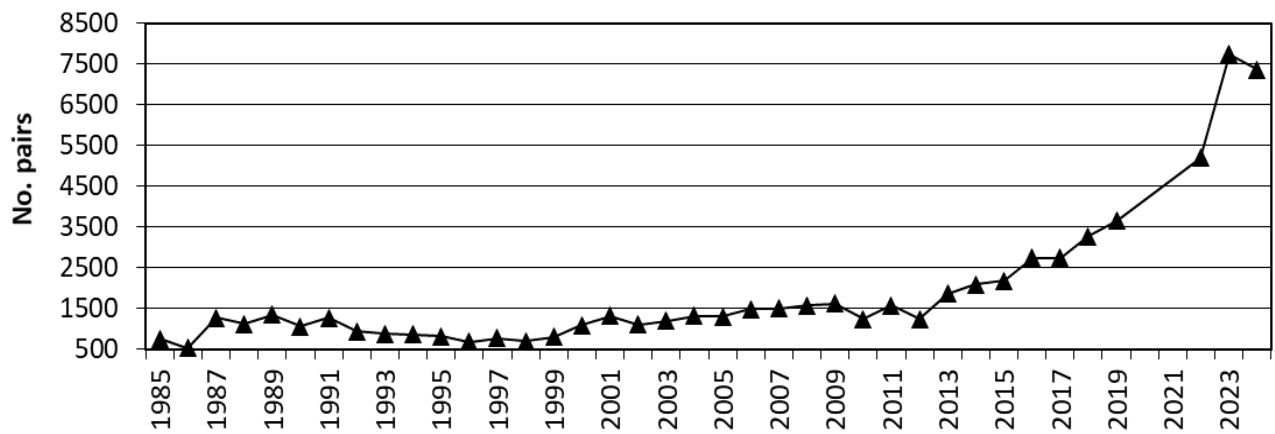


Figure 7. Number of nesting Laughing Gull pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2024.

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Appendix A. Numbers of pairs and productivity of terns, Laughing Gulls, and Black Skimmers nesting in Massachusetts in 2024. All sites were censused unless noted as “nd” (no data). Data in parentheses () refer to B-period (post-peak) counts. Data in brackets [] were collected prior to the A-period census window. Multiple productivity estimates for a site may represent values for multiple colonies or the upper and lower bounds of a range in estimates. An asterisk (*) indicates that the Notes column should be consulted for more information.

	Roseate Tern			Common Tern			Arctic Tern			Least Tern			Black Skimmer			Laughing Gull				
Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
NORTH SHORE																				
Bagwell Island, Ipswich	ND (ND)			ND (3*)	(A)		ND (ND)			ND (ND)			ND (ND)			ND (ND)			COTE overhead and territorial on 6/25; single visit.	ECGA
Blackwater River Group, Salisbury	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				ECGA
Central Square, East Boston	[ND] 0 (ND)			63	A		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				NULL
Chaces Island, Newbury	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				USFWS
Chelsea Creek, East Boston-Chelsea	[ND] 0 (ND)			7	A		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				NULL
Clubhead Creek, Rowley	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				ECGA
Constitution Beach, Boston	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Crane Beach, Ipswich	[0] 0 (0)			1	N	0	[0] 0 (0)			289	N	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
General Edwards Bridge, Rte 1A, Revere-Lynn	[ND] 0 (ND)			67	A		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				NULL
Georges Island, Boston	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Jeffrey's Point, East Boston	[ND] 0 (ND)			4	A		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				NULL
KLM St. Bathhouse, Boston	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Lords Island, Ipswich	[ND] ND (ND)			ND (5*)	(A)		[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			COTE overhead and territorial; single visit, 6/25.	ECGA
Lovell's Beach, Boston	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			18 (4)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Mystic River Bridge, Somerville-Everett	[ND] 0 (ND)			32	A		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				NULL
Newbury Town Beach , Newbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			136 (46)	AI (AI)	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Newburyport , Newburyport	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			69	AI	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS

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	Roseate Tern			Common Tern			Arctic Tern			Least Tern			Black Skimmer			Laughing Gull				
Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Parker River NWR, Newbury/Rowley	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[20] 60 (42)	[A] A (A)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				USFWS
Plum Island River Group, Newbury	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				USFWS
Rainsford Island, Boston	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Revere Beach-South, Revere	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DCR
Rowley Salt Marshes, Rowley	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				ECGA
Sandy Point, Ipswich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[28] 39 (49)	[A] A (A)	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DCR
Snake Island , Winthrop	[0] 0 (0)			1	A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Spectacle Island, Boston	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Winthrop Beach, Winthrop	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[33] 33 (34)	[A] A (A)	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DCR
Woodbridge Island, Newburyport	[ND] 0 (ND)			15	N		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				USFWS
Yirrell Beach, Winthrop	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Winthrop
SOUTH SHORE																				
Boathole, Plymouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DBR
Duxbury Beach, Duxbury	[0] 0 (0)			1 (1)	A (N)	0	[0] 0 (0)			385 (296)	IN (AIN)	OP	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DBR
Ellisville Harbor State Park, Plymouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Ellisville Shifting Lots, Plymouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			12	A		[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Fourth Cliff, Scituate	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			21	A	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Musquashicut Pond, Scituate	[ND] 0 (ND)			4*	A		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			COTE courting, defensive; 2 appeared to be incubating.	MAS
Pleasant Beach, Cohasset	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			4 (6)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Plymouth Long Beach, Plymouth	[0] 0 (0)	N		38 (37)	N (N)	F	[0] 0 (0)	N		42 (182)	N (N)	F	[0] 0 (0)	N		[0] 0 (0)	N			Plymouth

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Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Rexhame Beach, Marshfield	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Sagamore Beach, Bourne	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Sagamore Beach, Plymouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Sandy Beach, Cohasset	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Saquish, Plymouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DBR
Spinnaker Island, Hull	[ND] 0 (ND)			18*	A		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			No COTE eggs detected; single visit, 6/5.	NPS
The Glades, Scituate	[0] 0 (0)			6	A		[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Third Cliff, Scituate	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			36	A	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
UPPER CAPE																				
24 Willis Lane, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			18	A	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Acapeskett Beach, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Allens Harbor (private), Harwich	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Bank Street Beach, Harwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Harwich
Bassetts I., Bourne	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Bayview/Howes (private), Dennis	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Belmont Condos, Harwich	[0] 0 (ND)			1*	A	0	[0] 0 (ND)			[10*] 6*	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			COTE and LETE courting and copulating in intertidal zone and offshore sandbars; no eggs detected	MAS
Black Beach (South)-Sippewisset Marsh, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Black Beach, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Bone Hill Rd., Barnstable	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Chapin Beach, Dennis	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Dennis
Craigsville Beach Association, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Crosby Landing, Brewster	[0] 0 (0)			1*	A	0	[0] 0 (0)			60	A	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			1 COTE pair courting in tidal flats on 6/7; no eggs detected.	MAS

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Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Dead Neck Sampsons Island, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			1	AI	0	[0] 0 (0)			[79] 23	[AI] AI	OP	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Dowdes Beach, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Barnstable
Dr. Botero, Dennis	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
East Sandwich Beach, East Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			4	I	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Sandwich
Gray's Beach, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[108] 28*	[AI] A		[ND] 0 (ND)			[32] 24	[AI] AI		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			Most COTE not incubating in A period but still defensive of the area; 1 nest found.	MAS
Great I., Causeway, Yarmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Great Island - Smith Point, Yarmouth	[0] 0 (0)			2	AI	0	[0] 0 (0)			165 (34)	AI (AI)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Kalmus Beach, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			18 (18)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Barnstable
Little I. Beach, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Long Beach, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			35 (10)	AI (AI)	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Maushop Village-Rock Landing, Mashpee	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Memorial Beach/Covell's, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Menauhant Beach, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Mussel Point, Barnstable	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
New Seabury, Mashpee	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			3	A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Popponesset Spit, Mashpee	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			12	A	OF	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Radio City Beach, Yarmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Red Jacket Beach, Yarmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Red River Beach, Harwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Harwich
Rushy Marsh Pond, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Sagamore Beach, Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS

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Sandy Neck Beach Park, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			116 (170)	A (A)	OP	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Barnstable
Saquatucket Bluffs (private), Harwich	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Scorton Neck (Torrey), Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			56 (48)	A (A)	FG	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Scorton Shores, East Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Sandwich
Scusset State Park, Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Seagull Beach, Yarmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			7 (14)	AI (AI)	O	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Sippewisset, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Smuggler's / Bass River Beach, Yarmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
South Cape Beach, Mashpee	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			12	A	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
South Village (private), Dennis	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Spring Hill Beach, Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			42	I	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Sandwich
Squaw Island Rd./Causeway, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Squaw Island, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			1	I	O	[0] 0 (0)			[25] 63 (24)	[AI] I (AI)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Standish Way / Colonial Acres, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Stone Horse Yacht Club, Harwich	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Swan River/Miramar, Dennis	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (2*)	A (A)	O	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			LETE courting and scraping, no eggs detected.	MAS
Town Neck Beach, Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			24	I	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Sandwich
Trunk River/Moors, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			10	A	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Washburn Island, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			6	A	O	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
West Dennis Beach, Dennis	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			15 (15)	A (N)	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Dennis

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Wing's I., Brewster	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Winstead Inn/Inn on the Beach, Harwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Woodneck Beach, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Wychmere, Harwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			105	A	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
LOWER CAPE																				
Andrew Harding Lane, Chatham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Armstrong Beach, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[33] 29 (20)	[AI] I (I)	FG	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Ballston Town Beach, Eastham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Ballston Town Beach, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Ballston, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Beach Point, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Bound Brook, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Cahoon Hollow, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Chartharbor Lane, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Coast Guard Eastham, Eastham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[6] 6 (9)	[I] N (I)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Coast Guard Truro, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[2] 2 (3)	[N] I (I)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Cockle Cove, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Corn Hill Beach, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			6	A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Duck Harbor, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Exit 9, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Fisher Beach, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Forest Beach, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[74] 23	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Great Island, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Harding Beach, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[80*] 0	[A]	0	[0] 0 (0)			[48] 26	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			COTE courting on offshore sandbars; no eggs detected.	MAS
Harding Shores, Chatham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Hatches Harbor, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS

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Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Head of Meadow, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Head of the Meadow, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[6] 18 (27)	[1] 1 (1)	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Herring Cove, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
High Head, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (11)	[A] A (1)	OG	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Jeremy Point, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (8)	I (1)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Lecount Hollow, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				NPS
Lieutenant Island-NW, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Longnook, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Marconi Beach, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Marconi Station, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			3 (14)	I (1)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Minimoy Island, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			47	N		[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			5	N			USFWS
Mission Bell, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[2] 2 (6)	[A] A (1)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Morris I. Dike-Hardings Beach Point, Chatham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Morris I. NW (dredge spoil), Chatham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Nauset Light Beach, Eastham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
New Island, Orleans	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Orleans
Newcomb Hollow, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
North (Nauset) Beach, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			20 (10)	N (N)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Chatham
North Beach Island, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Chatham
North Monomoy Island, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				USFWS
North Spit, Orleans	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			101	I	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Orleans
Pleasant St. Beach, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[32*] 4* (6)	[A] A (A)	O	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			LETE courting and copulating in Pre-A and A periods; no eggs laid until 7/2.	MAS

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	Roseate Tern			Common Tern			Arctic Tern			Least Tern			Black Skimmer			Laughing Gull				
Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Quitsnetset, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			24	A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Race Point Beach, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[1] 4 (4)	[I] I (I)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Race Point North, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[3] 62 (56)	[I] A (A)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Race Point South, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 1 (3)	[A] I (I)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Ridgevale Beach, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[80] 8	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
South Beach - Middle Island, Chatham	[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			155 (115)	AE (A)	0	[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)				MAS
South Beach (N of Break)(Lighthouse Beach), Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
South Beach (Nauset), Orleans	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			26	I	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Orleans
South Beach (South of Break) , Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			24 (0)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[110] 124 (0)	[A] A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
South Monomoy Island, Chatham	17	N	0.41 fl/pair	19075	N	P	[0] 0 (0)			129	I		[0] 0 (0)			7360	N	F	Count may not represent high count of colony as only one count was conducted.	USFWS
South Sunken Meadow, Eastham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Tern Island, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			220	A	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
White Crest Beach, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Wood End/Long Point, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (2)	[A] A (I)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
BUZZARDS BAY																				
Baker's Beach, Westport	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				LCES
Barney's Joy/Little Beach, Dartmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[18] 192 (50)	[A] AI (AI)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Bird Island, Marion	2380	N	1.03 fl/n	2709	N	0.29 fl/n	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DFW

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Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Blankenship Cove, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Bourne Cove, Wareham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Cedar I., Wareham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Cromeset, Wareham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Demarest Lloyd, Dartmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DCR
East Beach, Westport	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Elephant Rock, Westport	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				LCES
Fish Island, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Fishing Rock, Westport	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Gooseberry Island, Westport	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DCR
Gravel I., Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Horseneck Beach, Westport	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[22] 15 (44)	[AIN] AI (AI)	OF	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DCR
Jug Rock, Dartmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Little Harbor Beach, Wareham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Little I., Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Long Island, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Long Point Beach, Wareham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Meadow I., Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Nonquit, Dartmouth	[0] 0 (0)			15*	AE		[0] 0 (0)			[1] 1 (3)	[N] N (N)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			Census on 6/22, used as A-count.	LCES

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Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Pine Island (Angelica Point and Strawberry Point), Mattapoisett	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Planting I. Cove, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Planting I., Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Ram Island, Mattapoisett, Mattapoisett	1203	N	0.92 fl/n	2710	N	0.49 fl/n	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DFW
Richmond Pond, Westport	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				LCES
Rm Island, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Round Hill Beach, Dartmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Round Island, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Salters Pond, Dartmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				LCES
South Shore Marshes, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Speaking Rock, Westport	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Stewart's Island, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Swift's Beach, Wareham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Timmy's Rock, Dartmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			20 (79)	A (N)		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Ward's Rock, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
West Island TOWN BEACH, Fairhaven	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (1)	(N)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				LCES
West Island, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Westport Town Beach, Westport	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS

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Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Winsegansett Heights, Fairhaven	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[2] 2 (4)	[N] N (AN)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				LCES
ELIZABETH ISLANDS																				
Churches Beach, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Copicut Neck, Gosnold	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Nashawena Island-Baret's Island, Gosnold	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Nashawena Island-Canapitsit, Gosnold	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Nashawena Island-Quicks Hole, Gosnold	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Naushon Island - Crescent Beach, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW
Naushon Island - French Watering Hole, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW
Naushon Island - Kettle Cove, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW
Naushon Island - Robinson's Hole, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW
Naushon Island - Tarpaulin Cove, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW
Naushon Island - West Beach, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW
Pasque Island-Cobbly, Gosnold	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Pasque Island-Quicks Hole, Gosnold	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Pasque Island-Robinson's Hole, Gosnold	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				DFW
Penikese Island, Gosnold	18	N	1.03 fl/n	1689	N	0.94 fl/n	*0.5	A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			1 ARTE territorial and alarm calling, no eggs detected.	DFW
West Pond, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS

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Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
MARTHA'S VINEYARD																				
Arruda's Point / The Jetties , Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Barges Beach, Cuttyhunk	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[46] 22	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Bend in the Road, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Big Gravel I., Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Black Point Pond, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Caleb's Pond Preserve, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC
Caleb's Pond, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				BW
Cape Higgon, Chilmark	[ND] 0* (ND)			[ND] 0* (ND)			[ND] 0* (ND)			[ND] 0* (ND)			[ND] 0* (ND)			[ND] 0* (ND)			Single visit, 6/4; used for A-count.	BW
Cape Pogue Elbow / The Narrows, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[1] 0 (3)	[N] N (IN)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Cedar Tree Neck, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Chappaquiddick Point Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
Chilmark Pond Preserve, Chilmark	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC
Chilmark Pond, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			10	I	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Cove Meadow Preserve, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
Cow Bay, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Cracktuxet Trust Beach, Edgartown	[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)				BW
Dogfish Bar, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (0)			[1] 1	[N] N	0	[0] 0 (0)			17 (32)	I (I)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Dougs Cove Preserve, Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
East Tashmoo, Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Eastville Beach, Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[10*] 0	[A]	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			LETE courting during preA period; no eggs detected.	MAS
Edey's Island, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS

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Edgartown Great Pond (Job's Neck), Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			4	N	O	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
Gammel Point / formerly Yorke-Allen Point, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Great Rock Bight Preserve, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
Harthaven, Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Haystack Island, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[22] 19	[A] A	O	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
James Pond Preserve, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
Joseph Sylvia State Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Joseph Sylvia State Beach, Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Lamberts Cove, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (1)	(N)	O	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Leland / East Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Lighthouse Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[8] 8 (2)	[I] I (N)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Little Beach / Eel Pd., Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			27	N	P	[0] 0 (0)			[1] 154	[N] AIN	OP	1	N	1 fl/n	[0] 0 (0)				BW
Little Gravel Is., Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			1	A	O	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			Single nest lost before A period.	MAS
Little Neck, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Lobster Beach, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Long Point, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[3] 16 (46)	[I] N (I)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Lucy Vincent Beach, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Menemsha Neck Preserve, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC
Mink Meadows, Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			5 (8)	AI (AI)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Moshup Beach, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC

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	Roseate Tern			Common Tern			Arctic Tern			Least Tern			Black Skimmer			Laughing Gull				
Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Nomans Land Island NWR, Chilmark	[6*] ND	[A]		[23*] ND	[N]		[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			Uncertain if ROST were landing at nests with eggs or tending to scrapes; single visit, 5/20.	USFWS
North Neck Highlands Preserve, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC
Norton Point, Edgartown	(26*)	(A)	0	366	AI	E	[0] 0 (0)			[840] 681 (332)	[AI] AI (AI)	OF		A	G	[0] 0 (0)			ROST courting, scraping and defending the area; eggs not confirmed.	MAS
Oyster Pond, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (4)	(N)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Paul's Point, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				BW
Pease's Pond, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				BW
Philbin Beach, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Quammoz Preserve, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC
Quansoo, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			0 (14)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			16 (36)	A (A)	OP	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Quenomica Preserve South, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
Sarson Island, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			0 (14)	(A)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Sepiessa Point Reservation, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
Seven Gates, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Short Cove Preserve, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
South Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				BW
Spring Point, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Squibnocket Beach/Long Beach, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
Stonewall Beach, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW

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	Roseate Tern			Common Tern			Arctic Tern			Least Tern			Black Skimmer			Laughing Gull				
Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Sylvia State Beach Oak Bluffs, Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Tashmoo Preserve, Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
Tisbury Great Pond Beach, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC
Wasque, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[3] 0 (1)	[N] N (N)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Watcha Pond, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				BW
West Tashmoo, Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			1 (0)	N	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Wilfrids Pond Preserve, Tisbury	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC
Windmill House, Edgartown	[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)				BW
NANTUCKET																				
Capaum Pond, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Coatue Harbor, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Coatue, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			9	I	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Coskata-East Beach, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Coskata-West Beach, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Eel Point, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			26 (0)	N (N)	0	[0] 0 (0)			0 (12)	(N)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Great Point, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (45)	(I)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Hummock and West Hummock Ponds, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Little Neck, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Long Pond, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Low Beach , Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Nantucket
Monomoy Creeks, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Muskeget Island, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Nantucket
Nantucket NWR (Great Point), Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				USFWS

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Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Polpis Harbor (Medouie Creek and Pocomo Meadows), Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Quidnet/Sesachacha Pond/Greenhills, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (1)	(N)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Sheep Pond, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			35 (0)	N (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Siasconset, Nantucket	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)				NCF
Smith Point / Esther Island, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			142 (0)	N (N)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Nantucket
Smith's Point, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			8	A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
South Pastures (Madequecham Valley to Tom Nevers), Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Squam Pond, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
The Galls, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[1] 0	[N]	0	[0] 0 (0)			+* (20)	(I)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			LETE first eggs laid 6/18- 6/21, nesting adults must have been present during the A-period; a precise count was unavailable.	TTOR
The Glades, Nantucket	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				TTOR
The Haulover , Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Tuckernuck Is. - Bigelow's Point, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			26	I	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TLT
Tuckernuck Is. - Whale Point, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TLT
UMass Field Station, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Wanoma/Tom Nevers, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			0 (80)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			0 (42)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Washing Pond Rd., Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Wauwinet, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS

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Site	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	No Pairs	M	P	Notes	Source ^c
Western Ave. (West of Sruftside, Nantucket)	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
TOTAL, 2024	3618			27019			0			4318			30			7365				
TOTAL, 2023	3667			29104			0			3698			22			7751				
% change, 2023 - 2024	-1.3			-7.2			0			16.8			36.4			-5				
^a Method: A = adult count; E = partial/extrapolated count; N = nest count. See text of "Methods" for more details.																				
^b Productivity: 0 = none; P = poor; F = fair; G = good; E = excellent. Quantitative estimates are given as fledglings/nest or fledglings/pair.																				
^c In addition to the names of towns, counties, and individuals, the following abbreviations are used: BW=BiodiversityWorks; DCR=Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation; DFW=Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife; ECGA=Essex County Greenbelt Association; LCE=Lloyd Center for the Environment; MAS=Massachusetts Audubon Society-Coastal Waterbird Program; MVLBC=Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission; NCF=Nantucket Conservation Foundation; NPS=National Park Service; TLT=Tuckernuck Land Trust; TNCRI=The Nature Conservancy - Rhode Island; TTOR=The Trustees of Reservations; USDA-APHIS=U.S. Dept. of Agriculture-Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service; USFWS=U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.																				