

INVENTORY OF TERNS, LAUGHING GULLS, AND BLACK SKIMMERS NESTING IN MASSACHUSETTS IN 2025

ABSTRACT

Cooperators in Massachusetts surveyed 343 coastal sites in 2025 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 111 sites were occupied by nesting birds. Compared to 2024, Roseate and Common Terns increased 14.3% and 7.7% to 4,136 and 29,096 pairs, respectively. Least Terns increased 5.8% to 4,570 pairs. Black Skimmers decreased from 30 pairs to 20 pairs. Laughing Gulls increased 33.9% to 9,860 pairs (a record high). No nesting Arctic Terns were detected. Earliest and median first egg dates across sites were 10 May/ 13 May for Roseate Terns, 7 May/ 13 May for Common Terns, 10 May/ 30 May for Least Terns, 15 May/ 7 June for Black Skimmers, and unknown for Laughing Gulls.

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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 2025 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 statewide 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 statewide 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 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 2025, 343 sites were surveyed for nesting terns, Laughing Gulls, and Black Skimmers. Approximately 111 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 2025.

2025		Roseate Tern	Common Tern	Arctic Tern	Least Tern	Black Skimmer	Laughing Gull
Date first adults observed	Earliest date (site)	23-Apr (Ram I., Mattapoisett)	15-Apr (Bird I., Marion)	n/a ^c	1-May (Norton Point, Edgartown and Plymouth Long Beach, Plymouth)	1-May (Norton Point, Edgartown)	10-Apr (S. Monomoy I., Chatham)
	Median ^a (n) ^b	3-May (9)	17-May (31)	n/a	16-May (117)	23-Jun (3)	23-Apr (2)
Date first eggs laid	Earliest date (site)	10-May (Ram I., Mattapoisett)	7-May (Ram I., Mattapoisett and Penikese I., Gosnold)	n/a	10-May (Oyster Point, Edgartown and 24 Willis Lane, Falmouth)	15-May (Norton Point, Edgartown)	nd
	Median (n)	13-May (4)	13-May (8)	n/a	30-May (85)	7-Jun (2)	nd
Date first chicks hatched	Earliest date (site)	2-Jun (Ram I., Mattapoisett)	28-May (Ram I., Mattapoisett)	n/a	10-Jun (Swan River / Miramar, Dennis and Norton Point, Edgartown)	13-Jun (Norton Point, Edgartown)	nd
	Median (n)	4-Jun (4)	4-Jun (7)	n/a	25-Jun (55)	13-Jun (1)	nd
Last date young observed	Latest date (site)	8-Aug (Norton Point, Edgartown)	10-Aug (Nonquit, Dartmouth)	n/a	5-Sep (Crane Beach, Ipswich)	nd ^d	nd
	Median (n)	28-Jul (2)	28-Jul (3)	n/a	9-Aug (49)	nd	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 – 2025. “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, 2025

Number of nesting sites:	5
Number of pairs, A-period:	4136
% change in number of pairs from 2024:	14.3
3 largest sites, percent of total A-period pairs:	99
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	1891 (1269-4136)

Roseate Terns showed an increase in the number of pairs compared to 2024, achieving 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, 2025.

Site	No. pairs, A-period (2025)	Productivity (2025)	No. pairs, A-period (2024)
Bird Island, Marion	2807	0.88 fl/n	2380
Ram Island, Mattapoisett	1203	0.86 fl/n	1203
Norton Point, Edgartown	83	poor	-
Penikese Island, Gosnold	23	1.55 fl/n	18
South Monomoy Island, Chatham	20	0.59 fl/n	17

Since 1985, Roseate numbers in the state have fluctuated, but the overall trend during 2013 – 2025 is strongly increasing, especially after 2019 (**Fig. 2**).

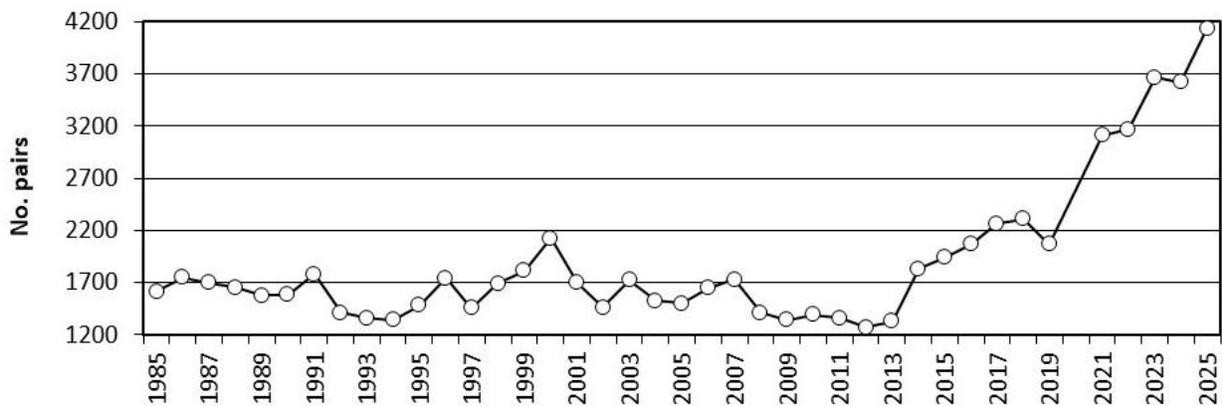


Figure 2. Number of nesting Roseate Tern pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2025.

Common Tern

Summary, 2025

Number of nesting sites:	27
Number of pairs, A-period:	29096
% change in number of pairs from 2024:	7.7
10 largest sites, percent of total A-period pairs:	99.5
3 largest sites, percent of total A-period pairs:	85.3
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	15079 (6483 - 29104)

The number of pairs of Common Terns increased slightly compared to 2024. **Table 3** provides site-specific data for the largest Common Tern nesting sites in 2025. The South Monomoy I. abundance estimate was based on transect counts in 2025 but was judged to be accurate within 10%.

Table 3. Abundance and productivity of Common Terns at the 10 largest nesting sites in Massachusetts, 2025.

Site	No. pairs, A-period (2025)	No. pairs, B-period (2025)	Productivity (2025)	No. pairs, A-period (2024)
South Monomoy Island, Chatham	19317	-	fair	19075
Ram Island, Mattapoisett	2793	-	0.69 fl/n	2710
Bird Island, Marion	2719	-	0.65 fl/n	2709
Norton Point, Edgartown	2100	-	fair	366
Penikese Island, Gosnold	1705	-	1.27 fl/n	1689
Timmy's Rock, Dartmouth	106	-	no data	20
Children's Island, Salem	68	-	no data	no data
Central Square, East Boston	62	-	no data	63
Spinnaker Island, Hull	54	70	fair	18
Mystic River Bridge, Somerville-Everett	31	-	no data	32

Common Tern numbers in Massachusetts have increased at varying rates since 1985, with the most rapid increase occurring after 2019 (**Fig. 3**).

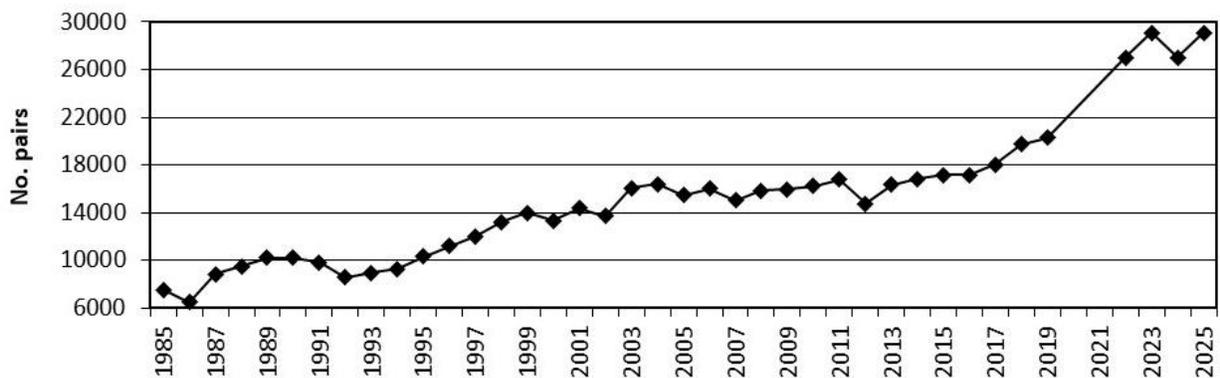


Figure 3. Number of nesting Common Tern pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2025.

Arctic Tern

Summary, 2025

Number of nesting sites:	0
Number of pairs, A-period:	0
% change in number of pairs from 2024:	0
Additional pairs, B-period:	0
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	6 (0 - 29)

As in 2023 and 2024, no nesting Arctic Terns were detected. 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**).

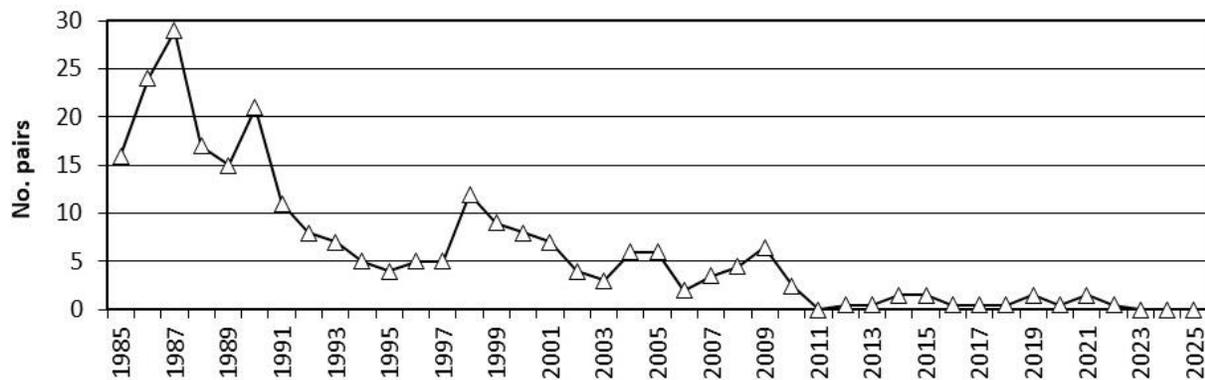


Figure 4. Number of nesting Arctic Tern pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2025.

Least Tern

Summary, 2025

Number of nesting sites:	92
Number of pairs, A-period:	4570
% change in number of pairs from 2024:	5.8
10 largest sites, percent of total A-period pairs:	40.3
3 largest sites, percent of total A-period pairs:	27.7
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	3203 (2109 - 5385)

Least Terns increased 5.8% to 4,570 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, 2025. 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 (2025)	No. pairs, B-period (2025)	Productivity (2025)	No. pairs, A-period (2024)
Norton Point, Edgartown	594	71	0, poor, fair	681
South Monomoy Island, Chatham	516	5	0, poor, fair	129
Duxbury Beach, Duxbury	291	316	0, poor, fair	385
Crane Beach, Ipswich	239		fair	289
Sandy Neck Beach Park, Barnstable	200	141	0, poor	-
North Monomoy Island, Chatham	196		0	0
Plymouth Long Beach, Plymouth	196	146	fair	42
Dead Neck Sampsons Island, Barnstable	180	72	0, poor	23
Barney's Joy/Little Beach, Dartmouth	160	244	0, poor	192
Eel Point, Nantucket	131	3	0, poor	0

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.

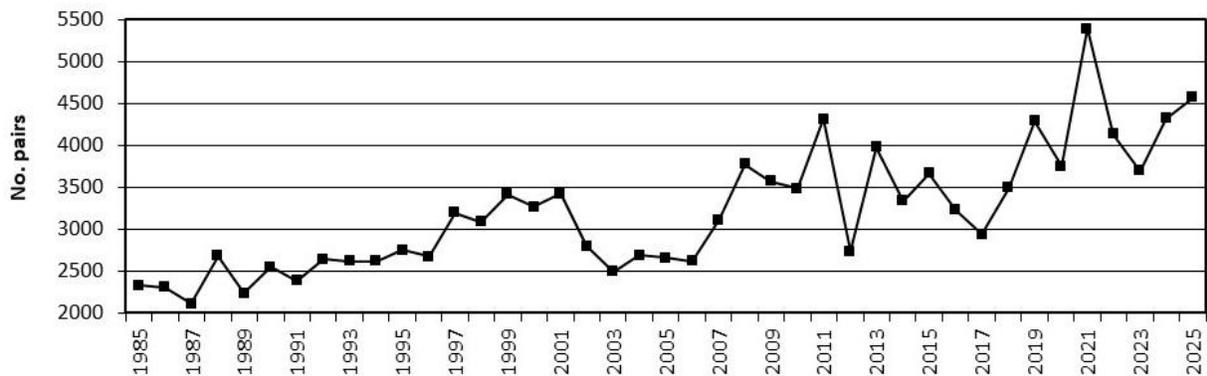


Figure 5. Number of nesting Least Tern pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2025.

Black Skimmer

Summary, 2025

Number of nesting sites:	4
Number of pairs, A-period:	20
% change in number of pairs from 2024:	-33.3
Additional pairs, B-period:	3
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	7 (0 - 30)

Black Skimmers decreased from 30 pairs in 2024 to 20 pairs in the A-period. This year Skimmers were present at four sites instead of two sites as in 2024. As in 2024, most were concentrated at Norton Point, Edgartown (**Table 5**).

Table 5. Abundance and productivity of Black Skimmers in Massachusetts, 2025.

Site	No. pairs, A-period (2025)	No. pairs, B-period (2025)	Productivity (2025)	No. pairs, A-period (2024)
Norton Point, Edgartown	20	0	F	29
Minimoy Island, Chatham	0	1	0	0
Plymouth Long Beach, Plymouth	0	1	0	0
Sarson Island, Oak Bluffs	0	1	0	0

The overall trend for Black Skimmers, which are at the northern end of their breeding range in Massachusetts, has been strongly upward since 2014 (**Fig. 6**).

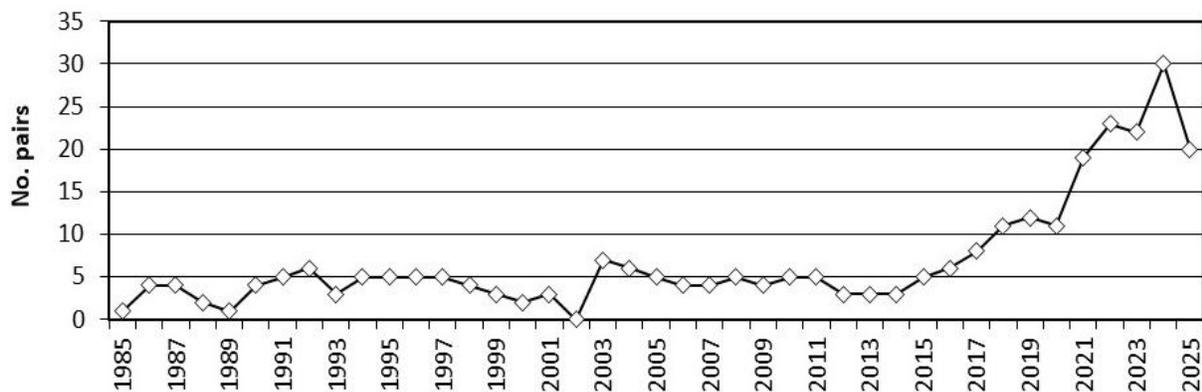


Figure 6. Number of nesting Black Skimmer pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2025.

Laughing Gull

Summary, 2025

Number of nesting sites:	1
Number of pairs, A-period:	9860
% change in number of pairs from 2024:	33.9
Average number of A-period pairs, 1985 - present (range)	2060 (542 - 9860)

Compared to 2024, Laughing Gulls increased 33.9% to 9,860 pairs, a record high. In contrast to 2024, this year there was just a single colony at South Monomoy Island, Chatham. The abundance estimate

was based on transect counts in 2025 but was judged to be accurate within 10%. **Table 6** provides additional detail.

Table 6. Abundance and productivity of Laughing Gulls in Massachusetts, 2025.

Site	No. pairs, A-period (2025)	No. pairs, B-period (2025)	Productivity (2025)	No. pairs, A-period (2024)
South Monomoy Island, Chatham	9860	-	good	7360

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.

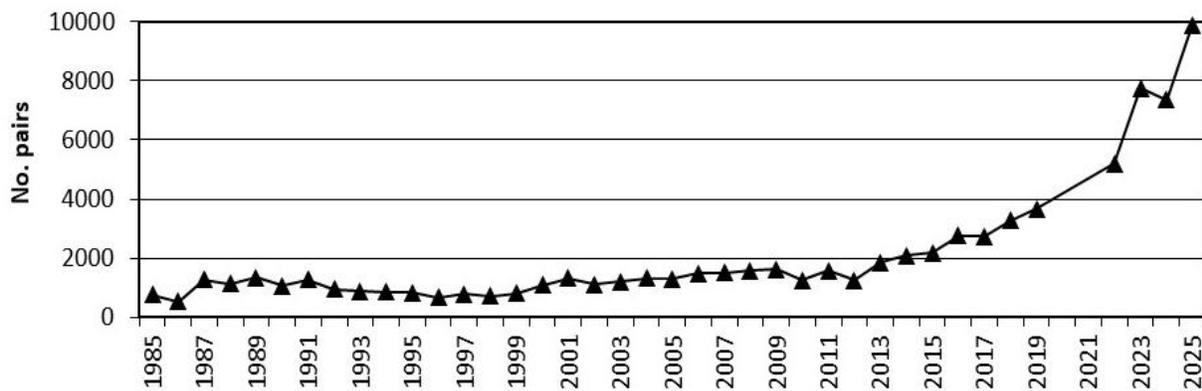


Figure 7. Number of nesting Laughing Gull pairs in Massachusetts, 1985 – 2025.

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Appendix A. Numbers of pairs and productivity of terns, Laughing Gulls, and Black Skimmers nesting in Massachusetts in 2025. 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.

Site	Roseate Tern			Common Tern			Arctic Tern			Least Tern			Black Skimmer			Laughing Gull			Notes	Source ^c
	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
NORTH SHORE																				
Bagwell Island, Ipswich	[ND] ND (ND)				ECGA															
Blackwater River Group, Salisbury	[ND] 0 (ND)				ECGA															
Brace Cove, Gloucester	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Central Square, East Boston	[ND] 0 (ND)			62* A			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			Single visit 6/8.	Zendeh
Chaces Island, Newbury	[ND] 0 (ND)			Single visit 6/13.	USFWS															
Chelsea Creek, East Boston-Chelsea	[ND] 0 (ND)			6* A			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			Single visit 6/8. Surveyed from a distance; COTE presumed to be nesting.	Zendeh
Children's Island, Salem	[ND] 0 (ND)			68 A			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			COTE colony was present in 2022, 2023, and 2024, but not previously reported.	MAS
Clubhead Creek, Rowley	[ND] ND (ND)			ND (2*) (A)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			2 COTE overhead and territorial; single visit 6/27.	ECGA
Coffins Beach, Gloucester	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[6] 4 A	0		[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Constitution Beach, Boston	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Crane Beach, Ipswich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			239	N	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
General Edwards Bridge, Rte 1A, Revere-Lynn	[ND] 0 (ND)			29* A			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			Single visit 6/8. Surveyed from a distance; COTE presumed to be nesting.	Zendeh

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Georges Island, Boston	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Good Harbor Beach, Gloucester	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Ipswich Salt Marshes, Ipswich	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			Single visit 6/27.	ECGA
KLM Street/ Curley Center, Boston	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Lords Island, Ipswich	[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			[ND] ND (ND)			Single visit 6/27.	ECGA
Lovell's Beach, Boston	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[6] 10 (13)	[A] A (A)	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Mystic River Bridge, Somerville-Everett	[ND] 0 (ND)			31* A			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[0] ND (0)			[ND] 0 (ND)			Single visit 6/8. Surveyed from a distance; COTE presumed to be nesting.	Zendeh
Newbury Town Beach, Newbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			80 (48)	AI (AI)	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Newburyport , Newburyport	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			128 (48)	AI (AI)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Parker River NWR, Newbury/Rowley	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			67 (113)	A (A)	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				USFWS
Plum Island River Group, Newbury	[ND] 0 (ND)			11* A			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			Single visit 6/13. Surveyed by boat; COTE presumed to be nesting.	USFWS
Rainsford Island, Boston	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				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)			Single visit 6/27.	ECGA

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Sandy Point, Ipswich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[64] 72 (72)	[A] A (A)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DCR
Snake Island, Winthrop	[0] 0 (0)			1 (1)	N (N)	G	[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
Spinnaker Island, Hull	[ND] 0 (0)			54 (70)	A (A)	F	[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)				MAS
Tinkers Island, Salem	[0] ND (ND)			[0] ND (ND)			[0] ND (ND)			[0] ND (ND)			[0] ND (ND)			[0] ND (ND)				MAS
Two Penny Loaf, Gloucester	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
West Beach, Beverly	[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)			[36] 40 (40)	[A] A (A)	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DCR
Woodbridge Island, Newburyport	[ND] 0 (ND)			+*	N	0	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			Single visit 6/13. Abandoned nests and broken eggshells present; no COTE adults present.	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
Bumpkin Island, Hull	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Duxbury Beach, Duxbury	[0] 0 (0)			1 (2)	N (N)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[147] 291 (316)	[AI] AIN (AI)	OPF	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			A nor'easter on 5/22 may have impacted preA LETE nest count (only one of seven colonies was surveyed before 5/22).	DBR

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Site	Roseate Tern			Common Tern			Arctic Tern			Least Tern			Black Skimmer			Laughing Gull			Notes	Source ^c
	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Ellisville Harbor State Park, Plymouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Ellisville Shifting Lots, Plymouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			16	AI	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Fisher Lane, Bourne	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Fourth Cliff, Scituate	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[64] 84 (96)	[A] A (A)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Grape Island, Weymouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Humarock, Scituate	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Lawrence Island, Bourne	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Musquashicut Pond, Scituate	[0] 0 (0)			[2] 3 (6)	[A] A (A)		[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Nantasket Beach (private), Hull	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Nonquit, Dartmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[+] 12 (44)	[A] A (A)	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			COTE PreA pairs: 150 adults counted from shore but this was probably a mix of birds from other colonies as well.	LCES
Peddocks Island, Hull	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Pleasant Beach, Cohasset	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[5] 6 (0)	[A] A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Plymouth Long Beach, Plymouth	[0] 0 (0)	N		15 (21)	N (N)	P	[0] 0 (0)	N		196 (146)	N (N)	F	0 (1)	N (N)	0	[0] 0 (0)	N		Most COTE B-nests are likely renests rather than new pairs.	Plymouth
Rexhame Beach, Marshfield	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
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	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Saquish, Plymouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Gosselin
Saquish, Plymouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DBR
The Glades, Scituate	[0] 0 (0)			0 (10)	A (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)			[18] 70 (72)	[A] A (A)	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
UPPER CAPE																				
24 Willis Lane, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[8*] 0	[A]	0	[0] 0 (0)			[32] 30 (33)	[A] A (A)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			COTE courting and copulating; no eggs detected.	MAS
Acapesket Beach, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[20*] 1*	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			LETE courting; no eggs detected.	MAS
Allens Harbor, Harwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[2*]	[A]	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			2 LETE copulating; no eggs detected.	MAS
Bank Street Beach, Harwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Harwich
Bayview / Howes (private), Dennis	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Belmont Condos, Harwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[24] 28 (3)	[A] A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Black Beach, Falmouth	[36*]	[A]	0	(15*)	(A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			3 (6)	A (A)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			COTE courting; ROST courting and copulating; no eggs detected.	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

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Craigville Beach Association, Barnstable	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Crosby Landing, Brewster	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[67] 4 (32)	[A] A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Dead Neck Sampsons Island, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			1 I		0	[0] 0 (0)			[114] 180 (72)	[A] A (A)	OP	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Dowses Beach, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Barnstable
Dr. Botero, Dennis	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
East Sandwich Beach, East Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			4 (4)	I (I)	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Sandwich
Falmouth Harbor Jetty, Falmouth	[17*]	[A]	0	[28*]	[A]	0	[0] 0 (0)			[20] 6	[A] A	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			COTE and ROST courting and copulating; no eggs detected.	MAS
Gray's Beach, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			28	AI		[ND] 0 (ND)			22	AI		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Great Island - Smith Point, Yarmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[40] 76 (88)	[A] A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Great Island Causeway, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Great Island Lagoon, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Harbor Point Road, Barnstable	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Kalmus Beach, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[43] 43	[A] AN	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Barnstable
Little Island Beach, Falmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Long Beach, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[56] 50 (64)	[A] A (A)	F	[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	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Menauhant Beach, Falmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				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	[24*] 0 (0)	[A]	0	[24*] 0 (0)	[A]	0	[0] 0 (0)			[56] 0	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			COTE and ROST courting; no eggs detected.	MAS
Paine's Creek, Brewster	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Parker's River Beach, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Popponeset Spit, Mashpee	[0] 0 (0)			[44*] 0	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			8*	A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			COTE courting; LETE courting and scraping in habitat; no eggs detected.	MAS
Radio City Beach, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Red Jacket Beach, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Red River Beach, Harwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Harwich
Riviera / Blue Water, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Rushy Marsh Pond, Barnstable	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Sagamore Beach, Sandwich	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Sandy Neck Beach Park, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			200 (141)	A (A)	OP	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Barnstable
Saquatucket Bluffs (private), Harwich	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Scorton Neck (Torrey), Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			57	A	PG	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Scorton Shores, East Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)				Sandwich															
Scusset State Park, Sandwich	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Seagull Beach, Yarmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[32] 0	[AI] AI	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Sippewisset, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
Smuggler's / Bass River Beach, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Smuggler's Beach to Red Jacket Beach, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
South Cape Beach, Mashpee	42*	A	0	[12*] 0	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[22] 3	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			COTE courting and copulating; ROST courting; no eggs detected. Visit on 6/4 used for LETE A-pairs.	MAS
South Middle Beach, Yarmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
South Village Beach, Dennis	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (2)	A (N)	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Dennis
Spring Hill Beach, Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			43	N	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Sandwich
Squaw Island Road, Barnstable	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Squaw Island, Barnstable	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[80] 40 (64)	[A] A (A)	P	[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)			[48] 48	[A] AI	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			MAS	
Town Neck Beach, Sandwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			61	N	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			Sandwich	
Trunk River / Moors, Falmouth	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[16] 14 (33)	[A] A (A)	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			MAS	
Washburn Island, Falmouth	[74*] 0 (0)	[A] A	0	[39*] 0 (0)	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[34] 8 (0)	[A] A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)		COTE and ROST courting; no eggs detected. LETE West colony visit on 6/2 used for A-count.	MAS	
West Dennis Beach, Dennis	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (2)	A (N)	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			Dennis	
Wing's Island, Brewster	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			MAS	
Winstead Inn / Inn on the Beach, Harwich	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			MAS	
Woodneck Beach, Falmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			MAS	
Wychmere, Harwich	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[102] 44 (96)	[A] A (A)	0	[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	

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Armstrong Beach, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[24] 24 (33)	[A] 1 (1)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Ballston Town Beach, Truro	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				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	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				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	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Clafin Landing / Chatham Bars Inn, Chatham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Coast Guard Eastham, Eastham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[3] 1 (17)	[N] 1 (A)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Coast Guard Truro, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (8)	[A] 1 (1)	OF	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Cockle Cove, Chatham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Corn Hill Beach, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[14] 9 (20)	[A] 1 (A)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Duck Harbor, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (16)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Dyer Prince Beach, Eastham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Exit 9, 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	Roseate Tern			Common Tern			Arctic Tern			Least Tern			Black Skimmer			Laughing Gull			Notes	Source ^c
	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Fisher Beach South, Truro	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
Fisher Beach, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (5)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Forest Beach, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[16] 8 (22)	A A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Great Island, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)				NPS															
Harding Beach, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[40*] 0	A A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			LETE courting; no eggs detected.	MAS
Hardings Shores, Chatham	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Hatches Harbor, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)				NPS															
Head of Meadow, Truro	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
Head of the Meadow, Truro	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[1] 17 (23)	[I] I (I)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NPS
Herring Cove, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)				NPS															
High Head, Truro	[0] 0 (0)				NPS															
Jeremy Point, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			7 (36)	N (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			Visit on 6/2 used for LETE A-count.	NPS
Lecount Hollow, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)				NPS															
Lieutenant Island SW (including Crescent Island), Wellfleet	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Lieutenant Island-NW, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
Longnook, Truro	[0] 0 (0)				NPS															
Marconi Beach, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)				NPS															

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b			
Marconi Station, Wellfleet	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[1] ND (14)	[N] (A)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					NPS
Minimoy Island, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			20*	N		[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (1)	(N)	0	[0] 0 (0)				On 6/15 20 COTE scrapes.	USFWS
Mission Bell, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (11)	[A] A (I)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					NPS
Morris Island 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 Island 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)			60	I	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)			196	I	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			Likely more LETE arrived after A-count but no official B-count conducted		USFWS
North Spit, Orleans	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			61 (33)	I (I)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					Orleans
Pleasant St. Beach, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					MAS
Quitnesset, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[13] 20	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					MAS
Race Point Beach, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (1)	[A] A (N)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					NPS
Race Point North, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[36] 14 (25)	[A] I (I)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					NPS

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Site	Roseate Tern			Common Tern			Arctic Tern			Least Tern			Black Skimmer			Laughing Gull			Notes	Source ^c	
	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b			
Race Point South, Provincetown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (1)	[A] A (IN)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					NPS
Ridgevale Beach, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[40*] 0	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			LETE present during PreA- and A-periods but only courting during the PreA-period; no eggs detected.	MAS	
Scatteree Landing, Chatham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)					MAS
South Beach - Middle Island, Chatham	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (28)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					MAS
South Beach (Nauset), Orleans	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			19 (6)	I (I)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					Orleans
South Beach (North of Break) (Lighthouse Beach), Chatham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)					MAS
South Beach (South of Break), Chatham	[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)			17 (57)	AI (AI)	OP	[ND] 0 (0)			[ND] 0 (0)					MAS
South Monomoy Island, Chatham	20 (2)	N (N)	0.59 fl/n	19317	E	F	[0] 0 (0)			516 (5)	I (I)	OP	[0] 0 (0)			9860	E	G	20% of COTE and LAGU colonies were sampled on transects; estimates likely accurate within ±10%. ROST estimate is a minimum; not all nests were found.	USFWS	
South Sunken Meadow, Eastham	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)					MAS
Tern Island, Chatham	[0] 00 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			26 (67)	A (A)	0	[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 (14)	[A] A (I)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)					NPS
BUZZARDS BAY																					
Acoaxet, Westport	[ND] 0 (ND)			1	I		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)					MAS

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
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)			[160] 160 (244)	[A] A (A)	OP	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Bird Island, Marion	2807	N	0.88 fl/n	2719*	N	0.65 fl/n	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			COTE census on 5/30; used as A-count.	DFW
Blackenship Cove, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Bourne Cove, Wareham	[0] ND (ND)			[0] ND (ND)			[0] ND (ND)			[0] ND (ND)			[0] ND (ND)			[0] ND (ND)				MAS
Cedar Island, 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 (3)	[A] A (I)	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DCR
East Beach, Westport	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				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)			Single visit 5/28.	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 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				DCR
Gravel Island, 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)			[39] 36 (18)	[A] A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				DCR

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Jug Rock, Dartmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Little Harbor Beach, Wareham	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Little Island, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Long Beach Point, Wareham	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Long Island, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			Single visit 5/28.	DFW															
Meadow Island, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Padanarum Harbor East, Dartmouth	[0] 0 (ND)				LCES															
Pine Island (Angelica Point and Strawberry Point), Mattapoisett	[ND] ND (ND)			Single visit 5/27.	DFW															
Planting Island Cove, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Planting Island, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Ram Island, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Ram Island, Mattapoisett	1203	N	0.86 fl/n	2793	N	0.69 fl/n	[0] 0 (0)				DFW									
Richmond Pond, Westport	[0] 0 (0)				LCES															
Round Hill, Dartmouth	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
Round Island, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			Single visit 5/28.	DFW															

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Salters Pond, Dartmouth	[0] 0 (0)				LCES															
South Shore Marshes, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			Single visit 5/28.	DFW															
Speaking Rock, Westport	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Stewart's Island, Marion	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Swift's Beach, Wareham	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Timmy's Rock, Dartmouth	[ND] 0 (ND)			[36] 106	[A] A		[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
Ward's Rock, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			Single visit 5/28.	DFW															
West Island Town Beach, Fairhaven	[0] 0 (0)				LCES															
West Island, Fairhaven	[ND] ND (ND)			Single visit 5/28.	DFW															
Westport Town Beach / Baker's Beach / Cherry&Webb, Westport	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Westport Town Beach, Westport	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
Winsegansett Heights, Fairhaven	[0] 0 (0)				LCES															
ELIZABETH ISLANDS																				
Churches Beach Cuttyhunk, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Copicut Neck, Gosnold	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Nashawena Island-Baret's Island, Gosnold	[ND] ND (ND)			Not surveyed in 2025.	DFW															
Nashawena Island-Canapitsit, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW															
Nashawena Island-Quicks Hole, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW															
Naushon Island - Crescent Beach, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW															
Naushon Island - French Watering Hole, Gosnold	[ND] ND (ND)			Not surveyed in 2025.	DFW															
Naushon Island - Kettle Cove, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW															
Naushon Island - Tarpaulin Cove, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW															
Naushon Island - West Beach, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW															
Naushon Island-Robinson's Hole, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW															
Pasque Island-Cobbly, Gosnold	[ND] ND (ND)			Not surveyed in 2025.	DFW															
Pasque Island-Quicks Hole, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW															
Pasque Island-Robinson's Hole, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				DFW															
Penikese Island, Gosnold	23	N	1.55 fl/n	1705	N	1.27 fl/n	[0] 0 (0)				DFW									
West Pond Cuttyhunk, Gosnold	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
MARTHA'S VINEYARD																				

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Arruda's Point / The Jetties, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)				TTOR															
Barges Beach, Gosnold	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
Bend in the Road, Edgartown	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Big Gravel Island, Oak Bluffs	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Black Point Pond, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)				BW															
Caleb's Pond Preserve, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															
Caleb's Pond, Edgartown	[0] ND (ND)			Last visit 5/30.	BW															
Cape Higgon, Chilmark	[ND] 0 (ND)				BW															
Cape Pogue Elbow / The Narrows, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			27	I	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Cedar Tree Neck, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)				BW															
Chappaquiddick Point Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															
Chilmark Pond Preserve, Chilmark	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															
Chilmark Pond, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			4 (12)	I (I)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Cove Meadow Preserve, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															
Cow Bay, Edgartown	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Cracktuxet Trust Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			23 (31)	I (I)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Dogfish Bar, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[7] 4	[I] N	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Dougs Cove Preserve, Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (ND)			Visit on 6/3 used as A-count.	MVLBC															
East Tashmoo, Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
Eastville Beach, Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			4 (8)	A (A)	F	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Edgartown Great Pond (Job's Neck), Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)				BW															
Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															
Edy's Island, Chilmark	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Gammel Point / formerly Yorke Allen, Edgartown	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Great Rock Bight Preserve, Chilmark	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															
Harthaven, Oak Bluffs	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Haystack Island, Edgartown	[ND] 0 (0)				MAS															
James Pond Preserve, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															
Joseph Sylvia State Beach, Edgartown	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Lamberts Cove, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[1]	[I]	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Leland / East Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)				TTOR															
Lighthouse Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			14	I	E	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Little Beach / Eel Pd., Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[140] 23	[A] I	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			LETE PreA count was 2 days before a nor'easter that overwashed the entire colony.	BW

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Little Gravel Island, Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
Little Neck, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)				TTOR															
Lobsterville Beach, Aquinnah	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Long Point, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (3)	A (I)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Lucy Vincent Beach, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)				BW															
Menemsha Neck Preserve, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															
Mink Meadows, Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			13	A	G	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Moshup Beach, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC															
Nomans Land Island NWR, Chilmark	[ND] 0 (ND)			Single visit 6/17.	USFWS															
North Neck Highlands Preserve, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															
Norton Point, Edgartown	83	A	P	2100	N	F	[0] 0 (0)			594 (71)	I (A)	OPF	20	I	F	[0] 0 (0)				NULL
Oyster Pond, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			93 (10)	I (I)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Paul's Point, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (ND)				BW															
Pease's Pond, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)				BW															
Philbin Beach, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (0)				BW															
Quammos Preserve, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															
Quansoo, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			12*	A	0	[0] 0 (0)			60	A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			COTE courting; no eggs detected.	MAS
Quenomica Preserve South, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC															

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Sarson Island, Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (0)			[11] 8 A	[A] A	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (1) A (1)		0	[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Sepiessa Point Reservation, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC									
Seven Gates, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW									
Short Cove Preserve, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC									
South Beach, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				BW									
Spring Point, Chilmark	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				BW									
Squibnocket Beach / Long Beach, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW									
Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Aquinnah	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC									
Stonewall Beach, Chilmark	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW									
Sylvia State Beach Oak Bluffs, Oak Bluffs	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS									
Tashmoo Preserve, Tisbury	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC									
Tisbury Great Pond Beach, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MVLBC									
Wasque, Edgartown	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			13	1	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
Watcha Pond, West Tisbury	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				BW									
West Tashmoo, Tisbury	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			1	1	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				BW
Wilfrids Pond Preserve, Tisbury	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				MVLBC									
Windmill House, Edgartown	[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)			[0] 0 (ND)				BW									
NANTUCKET																				
Capaum Pond, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF									

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	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b	No Pairs	M ^a	P ^b		
Chase Links Circle, Nantucket	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
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)			[15] 15 (2)	[A] A (N)	0	[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)			5	N	0	[0] 0 (0)			131 (3)	N (I)	OP	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF
Great Point, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			26 (55)	I (I)	F	[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
Millie's Bridge/Hither Creek, Nantucket	[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)			[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS
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 (1)	N (N)	0	[0] 00 (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
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

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Quidnet / Sesachacha Pond / Greenhills, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
Sheep Pond, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 00 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				NCF									
Smith Point / Esther Is., Nantucket	[0] 0 00			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[10] 40 (0)	[N] N (N)	P	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				Nantucket
Smith's Point, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)				MAS															
South Pastures (Madequecham Valley to Tom Nevers), Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)				NCF															
Squam Pond, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (26)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Squam Pond, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)				NCF															
The Galls, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[3] 0 (1)	[N] A (N)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				TTOR
The Glades, Nantucket	[ND] 0 (ND)				TTOR															
The Haulover, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)				NCF															
Tuckernuck Is. - Bigelow's Point, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)				TLT															
Tuckernuck Is. - East Pond, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)				TLT															
Tuckernuck Is. - Whale Point, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[1] 0 (0)	[N]	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			During the Pre-A period ~150 LETE adults were present through ~6/15 but did not show any nesting behaviors.	TLT
UMass Field Station, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)				NCF															
Wanoma / Tom Nevers, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			19 (22)	A (A)	0	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS

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Washing Pond Road, Nantucket	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
Wauwinet, Nantucket	[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)			0 (3) (A)	0		[0] 0 (0)			[0] 0 (0)				MAS
Western Ave (west of Surfside), Nantucket	[ND] 0 (ND)				MAS															
TOTAL, 2025	4136			29096			0			4570			20			9860				
TOTAL, 2024	3618			27019			0			4318			30			7365				
% change, 2024 - 2025	14.3			7.7			0			5.8			-33.3			33.9				

^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.