

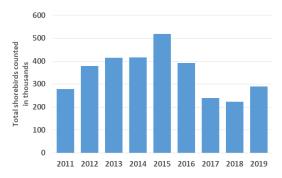


## Pacific Flyway Shorebird Survey - Update May 2020

Point Blue Conservation Science would like to THANK YOU, our integral partners, for supporting conservation of migratory shorebirds and their habitats. Last winter, we completed the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of long-term, multi-scale monitoring in many locations!

#### The Numbers and Details

During last winter's survey, >200 biologists and citizen scientists counted close to 290,000 shorebirds across 38 project areas in California, Oregon, and Washington! Overall shorebird density in 2019 was higher than the previous two years but was still lower than average over the previous eight years of about 350,000. Over much of the West Coast, November was drier than normal which allowed most surveys to go forward on their scheduled dates. While from a coordinating perspective this was very helpful, it likely caused some shifts in areas of high bird use in locations that rely on rainwater to provide shorebird habitat.



The most common species encountered was Dunlin (>110,000), followed by American Avocet (>31,000), Least Sandpiper (>20,000), and Western Sandpiper (>20,000). Of course, there were many thousands more "peeps" recorded that included many Dunlin, Least, and Western Sandpipers.

To complete the coverage of the west coast of North America our partners in coastal British Columbia, Canada, and estuaries of western Mexico, also contributed data. PFSS is part of the <u>Migratory Shorebird Project</u>, which consists of over 40 partner agencies and organizations in 13 countries from Canada to Chile.

#### **Resources and Data Visualization**

Visit our website (<u>www.pointblue.org/pfss</u>) and data visualization tools (<u>www.pointblue.org/pfss/exploredata</u>) including an interactive map (<u>www.pointblue.org/pfss/datamap</u>).

### **Data Sharing**

We strive to promote shorebird conservation by collaborating and sharing data! Please inquire directly...

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