

Wetmore, Doug

CAHA# 2051

From: Britta_Muiznieks@nps.gov
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 2:11 PM
To: Wetmore, Doug
Cc: Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov
Subject: WIPL at CAHA
Attachments: 20070829 email Margo to Fuss-Fwd_ Wilson's Plover data request.pdf

I'm really not sure where this information came from. You may be able to find some of the 2004 info by emailing the folks in the attached email. Unfortunately I don't have the attachments referred to in the email. At least it is a place to start.

(See attached file: 20070829 email Margo to Fuss-Fwd_ Wilson's Plover data request.pdf)

The 1995 info may have come from the Collazo et al document. Sorry I can't be of more help.

FYI. We did have what I think is the first documented WIPL nest this year on Ocracoke. At first it was misidentified as a PIPL nest. A three-egg WIPL nest was found on 6/3/2009, hatched on 7/1/2009 (1 chick/1 egg), and on 7/3/2009 no adults or chicks seen in the area. We don't think it fledged any chicks but at least we know it did hatch!

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"Wetmore, Doug"		
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08/31/2009 03:14 PM	<Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov>	cc
		Subject
	RE: 2007 CWBs at CAHA	

Hi Britta.

This is a statement from the EA that is currently in the EIS. Could you confirm the veracity of this statement or provide a source, because it wasn't cited in the EA.

Thanks.

Wilson's Plover in North Carolina and at Cape Hatteras National Seashore A 2004 survey of the entire coast of North Carolina yielded 232 pairs of Wilson's plover. Of those, Seashore supported just two pair of Wilson's plover on Ocracoke Island. In contrast, in 2004, Cape Lookout National Seashore supported 62 Wilson's plovers, or 26% of North Carolina's population. In 1995, one pair of Wilson's plover was observed holding a territory for the breeding season at Cape Point. However, no nest was searched for, and the pair has not been seen in subsequent years (NPS 2006e, 144).

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From: Britta_Muiznieks@nps.gov [mailto:Britta_Muiznieks@nps.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 10:33 AM
To: Wetmore, Doug
Cc: Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov
Subject: RE: 2007 CWBs at CAHA

The spreadsheet is based on our counts. To make sure our counts were done during the timeframe NCWRC was interested in, Sue and some of her staff came and conducted the walk throughs in conjunction with our staff.

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08/31/2009 11:10
AM

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To
cc
Subject

RE: 2007 CWBs at CAHA

Hi Britta.

Sandy told me that the 2007 data was based on NCWRC counts. Is this spreadsheet from their counts?

Just making sure things are properly cited in the document.

Thanks.

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Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 7:07 AM
To: Wetmore, Doug

Cc: camérons@coastalnet.com; Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov
Subject: 2007 CWBs at CAHA

Doug-

Unfortunately this is what happens when we don't get enough time to properly go through our data. HQ wanted the report today and these are the mistakes that happen. Our reported COTE nest numbers are way off (possibly inverted but still off by one). We will make the correction for the 2007 data in the 2009 CWB Report.

We did a thorough review of our 2007 numbers and this is what we came up with:

Peak Nests Counts (maximum number of nests counted in the colony during the season):

LETE: 290
COTE: 18
BLSK: 2

Last week of May/first week of June:

LETE: 263 210(should subtract 53 nests from this total since these were counted the week of July 13-19 and July 20-26 and are probably renests)
COTE: 18
BLSK: 2

I'm attaching the raw data so you can use whatever numbers you want to use (and check our math!).

(See attached file: 2007 CWB data.xls)

Call if you have any questions.

Britta

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08/28/2009 01:13 PM

Please respond to camérons@coastalnet.com

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camérons@coastalnet.com,
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RE: CWB database

To

cc

Subject

Hi Britta,

Since we have to cover the whole coast during these surveys it's not possible to get it all done within a window so no, we did not use exact start/end dates. Our goal is to try to hit sites during peak incubation.

Many sites along the coast are only visited once and we are forced to use that count, but some sites such as CHNS and CLNS have multiple counts. In these cases we probably would have used a peak count for the entire seashore (versus just selecting peak counts at each site) since there can be movement between colonies and we would have tried to use a date close to when other sites in the area were surveyed (e.g. rooftops, dredge islands) again to avoid double counting.

Hope this makes sense and let me know if you have additional questions.

Also, I don't have the NCWRC databases on my new work computer, but I do have a backup hard drive and could get additional information if you need it (e.g. survey dates used). You could also contact Dave Allen for this information.

Best,
Sue Cameron

-----Original Message-----

>From: Britta_Muiznieks@nps.gov
>Sent: Aug 28, 2009 7:36 AM
>To: "Wetmore, Doug" <dwetmore@louisberger.com>
>Cc: camerons@coastalnet.com, Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov
>Subject: RE: CWB database

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>Doug-

>We're searching for the files that were used for the 2008 report but
>Doug McGee thinks they were on the old bird computer that died and then
>the external drive where the files were backed up on also died. I'm
>not ingnoring you, just searching for files. We did include Green
>Island in our totals.

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>Sue-

>One quick question since you are still "in the loop". When you
>conducted your surveys did you have exact start and end dates (i.e.
>last week in May and first week of June)? So let's say you had 10 LETE
>nests on June 6 and then you had 15 LETE nests on June 9, would you
>have a strict cut off date and use the 10 nests (not 15)?

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>Thanks,

>Britta

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>From: camerons@coastalnet.com [mailto:camerons@coastalnet.com]

>Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 8:46 AM

>To: Wetmore, Doug

>Subject: RE: CWB database

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>Hi Doug,

>I had one more thought...I'm not sure if CHNS #s included green island,
but

>the numbers you list for NCWRC probably don't.

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: "Wetmore, Doug"

>Sent: Aug 26, 2009 3:40 PM

>To: Susan Cameron

>Subject: RE: CWB database

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>Hi Sue.

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>The NPS CWB report for 2008 lists the following numbers for CHNS in 2007:

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>263 LETE,

>91 COTE,

>16 BLSK

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>and the NCWRC provided the following for 2007:

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>194 LETE

>18 COTE

>0 BLSK

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>Any thoughts on why the numbers are different?

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>Thanks.

>

>~Doug

>in our estuarine. Please let me know if you have any questions or need
>additional information.
>
>Best.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Wetmore, Doug [mailto:dwetmore@louisberger.com]
> Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 4:38 PM
> To: Susan Cameron
> Subject: RE: CWB database
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> Hi Sue.
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> Could you send me the CWB database spreadsheet? I think you sent
>it
> to John Walsh at our company, but he no longer works here and I
can't
> seem to locate the spreadsheet on our system.
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> Thanks.
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> ~Doug
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>	Least		192	165	152
218	199		882	127	174
>	Tern		5	3	8
8	3			1	2
>	-----+				
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>	>	-----+	-----+
>	240		282
>	8		7
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>	Forster'		113	936	933
161	111		867	812	108
>	s Tern		8		
0	7				6
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>	>	-----+	-----+
>	828		103
>			4
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>	Common		276	224	261
212	169		952	888	113
>	Tern		1	7	8
2	9				1
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>	>	-----+	-----+
>	570		498
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>	Gull-bil		268	233	161
155	249		137	154	258
>	led Tern				
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08/29/2007 03:20 PM

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Subject Fwd: Wilson's Plover data request

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----- Message from "Susan Cameron" <camerons@coastalnet.com> on Tue, 28 Aug 2007 16:01:13 -0400

To: <MargoGZ1@aol.com>

Subject: RE: Wilson's Plover data request

Hi Margo,

We completed the first coast-wide survey for breeding Wilson's plover in 2004 and we just finished a second survey this summer. Prior to 2004, John Fussell counted breeding Wilson's plovers in 1989 when he was conducting a coast-wide survey for piping plovers. That survey was fairly complete, but did not include estuarine islands, where we do find some nesting Wilson's, and it missed a couple of barrier island beaches. I've attached data from the 1989 and 2004 surveys along with a report that includes a summary of our findings from the 2004 surveys. I'm still compiling and entering results from this year's survey, but can get these to you when I'm finished.

I have less information on staging areas for WIPLs. My technician has been conducting shorebird surveys along Bogue Inlet for the past three years and starting this year, noticed good numbers of WIPLs using the east end of Bear Island (34°38'30.7"/77°07'16.2") during migration w/ a peak count of 70 on 8/14/07. I have also seen good numbers on the south end of Topsail Beach (34°20'46"/77°39'34.2"). The following is a list of others who may have anecdotal information on good staging areas for WIPLs in NC: John Fussell (jfuss@clis.com), Britta Muiznieks w/ Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Britta_Muiznieks@nps.gov), Walker Golder w/ NC Audubon (WGOLDER@audubon.org), Jon Altman w/ Cape Lookout National Seashore (Jon_Altman@nps.gov). I would imagine portions of Cape Lookout National Seashore, Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Bird Shoals might be staging sites for WIPLs, but the aforementioned folks might have a better idea.

I hope this helps. Please let me know if you need anything else. Also, if you don't hear from me within the next month or so with 2007 survey results, zip me a reminder email.

Best,
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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2007 4:37 PM

To: camerons@coastalnet.com

Subject: Wilson's Plover data request

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Hello Sue,

I am currently working on a Wilson's Plover conservation plan for WHSRN. I would like to request any reports or data that you may have on Wilson's Plovers in North Carolina. All data is welcome. I will be putting together a rangewide list of all breeding, staging and wintering sites for WIPL including numbers of birds if known. Any information you wish to contribute will be of value and you will of course be properly credited for all data used.

Do you have plover/shorebird contacts for SC and VA? Also, If you know of any other individuals I should contact about WIPL, please send me their email addresses.

Best,

Margo

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