Occurrence of Shorebirds at Select GGNRA Beaches as Recorded by Beach Watch
Surveys, 1993-2006
Total Number of Surveys by Month

|  | Muir Beach | Rodeo Beach | Baker Beach | China Beach | Ocean Beach N | Ocean <br> Beach C | Ocean Beach S | Thornton Beach N | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 24 | 25 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 140 |
| February | 22 | 19 | 17 | 9 | 8 | 14 | 10 | 14 | 113 |
| March | 22 | 26 | 22 | 12 | 5 | 16 | 19 | 15 | 137 |
| April | 21 | 26 | 19 | 12 | 5 | 18 | 12 | 16 | 129 |
| May | 21 | 24 | 18 | 11 | 4 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 123 |
| June | 20 | 26 | 17 | 12 | 6 | 17 | 12 | 10 | 120 |
| July | 24 | 26 | 23 | 12 | 5 | 18 | 13 | 15 | 136 |
| August | 22 | 24 | 25 | 12 | 6 | 17 | 16 | 14 | 136 |
| September | 21 | 26 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 130 |
| October | 23 | 20 | 21 | 12 | 6 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 121 |
| November | 16 | 23 | 21 | 12 | 8 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 125 |
| December | 26 | 23 | 22 | 13 | 8 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 136 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 262 | 288 | 245 | 145 | 76 | 193 | 170 | 167 | 1546 |

Total Kms of Beach Surveyed by Month

|  | Muir Beach | Rodeo Beach | Baker Beach | China Beach | Ocean Beach N | Ocean Beach C | Ocean <br> Beach S | Thornton Beach N | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 13.5 | 16.1 | 24 | 2.9 | 15.52 | 51.2 | 11.92 | 28.39 | 163.53 |
| February | 12.96 | 12.25 | 20.4 | 1.72 | 12.64 | 46.88 | 8 | 32.01 | 146.86 |
| March | 13.74 | 17.12 | 26.4 | 2.36 | 7.44 | 51.2 | 15.2 | 38.12 | 171.58 |
| April | 12.54 | 17.57 | 22.8 | 2.4 | 7.84 | 57.6 | 9.6 | 41.6 | 171.95 |
| May | 12.6 | 16.28 | 22.8 | 2.16 | 6.4 | 54.4 | 12 | 32.79 | 159.43 |
| June | 12 | 17.99 | 20.4 | 2.35 | 9.28 | 54.4 | 9.6 | 25.12 | 151.14 |
| July | 14.4 | 17.75 | 27.6 | 2.38 | 7.84 | 57.6 | 10.4 | 34.4 | 172.37 |
| August | 13.2 | 16.52 | 29.82 | 2.37 | 8.8 | 54.4 | 12.8 | 33.51 | 171.42 |
| September | 12.6 | 17.89 | 23.88 | 2.28 | 7.6 | 51.2 | 10.66 | 38.77 | 164.88 |
| October | 13.38 | 13.41 | 25.2 | 2.26 | 9.12 | 48 | 10.4 | 26.86 | 148.63 |
| November | 9.48 | 15.09 | 25.2 | 2.43 | 14.08 | 48 | 12.8 | 31.2 | 158.28 |
| December | 14.97 | 14.32 | 26.4 | 1.93 | 12.64 | 44.8 | 11.92 | 34.55 | 161.53 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 155.37 | 192.29 | 294.9 | 27.54 | 119.2 | 619.68 | 135.3 | 397.32 | 1941.6 |

Total Number of Surveys by Year


## Average Shorebird Density by Month (Birds/Km)

|  | Muir Beach | Rodeo Beach | Baker Beach | China Beach | Ocean <br> Beach N | Ocean Beach C | Ocean Beach S | Thornton Beach N | All <br> Beaches Combined |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 4.37 | 4.72 | 31.08 | 62.07 | 45.49 | 85.53 | 121.98 | 48.33 | 54.86 |
| February | 4.48 | 7.18 | 37.06 | 46.51 | 40.90 | 65.44 | 218.00 | 36.27 | 50.88 |
| March | 1.38 | 5.90 | 22.50 | 36.86 | 12.50 | 74.10 | 167.63 | 48.35 | 52.91 |
| April | 2.39 | 8.88 | 19.04 | 62.50 | 41.84 | 130.94 | 213.44 | 51.37 | 74.59 |
| May | 1.27 | 3.01 | 4.61 | 24.07 | 64.38 | 74.63 | 41.75 | 4.91 | 33.59 |
| June | 0.75 | 2.56 | 0.05 | 0.85 | 0.11 | 2.48 | 2.40 | 0.04 | 1.44 |
| July | 1.18 | 3.21 | 1.74 | 30.67 | 3.95 | 42.43 | 26.54 | 3.87 | 17.86 |
| August | 2.58 | 6.48 | 3.05 | 70.89 | 0.57 | 114.80 | 18.98 | 8.06 | 41.79 |
| September | 3.65 | 8.05 | 6.57 | 94.74 | 55.66 | 158.40 | 70.73 | 35.88 | 68.18 |
| October | 6.13 | 8.80 | 11.67 | 95.13 | 18.31 | 127.90 | 105.00 | 50.19 | 63.61 |
| November | 3.38 | 9.48 | 31.51 | 151.85 | 58.95 | 110.00 | 166.25 | 95.45 | 79.32 |
| December | 6.21 | 4.89 | 31.06 | 68.39 | 24.92 | 134.53 | 118.79 | 79.88 | 72.02 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 3.19 | 6.01 | 16.41 | 62.60 | 32.11 | 92.34 | 105.16 | 39.15 | 51.01 |



Monthly Observed Shorebirds as Percentage of Total Observed

|  | Muir Beach | Rodeo Beach | Baker Beach | China Beach | Ocean Beach N | Ocean Beach C | Ocean Beach S | Thornton Beach N | All <br> Beaches Combined |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 12\% | 7\% | 15\% | 10\% | 18\% | 8\% | 10\% | 9\% | 9\% |
| February | 12\% | 8\% | 16\% | 5\% | 14\% | 5\% | 12\% | 7\% | 8\% |
| March | 4\% | 9\% | 12\% | 5\% | 2\% | 7\% | 18\% | 12\% | 9\% |
| April | 6\% | 14\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 13\% | 14\% | 14\% | 13\% |
| May | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 11\% | 7\% | 4\% | 1\% | 5\% |
| June | 2\% | 4\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| July | 3\% | 5\% | 1\% | 4\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% |
| August | 7\% | 9\% | 2\% | 10\% | 0\% | 11\% | 2\% | 2\% | 7\% |
| September | 9\% | 12\% | 3\% | 13\% | 11\% | 14\% | 5\% | 9\% | 11\% |
| October | 17\% | 10\% | 6\% | 12\% | 4\% | 11\% | 8\% | 9\% | 10\% |
| November | 6\% | 12\% | 16\% | 21\% | 22\% | 9\% | 15\% | 19\% | 13\% |
| December | 19\% | 6\% | 17\% | 8\% | 8\% | 11\% | 10\% | 18\% | 12\% |

## Monthly Observed Shorebirds as Percentage of Total Observed



## Species Richness by Month

|  | Muir Beach | Rodeo Beach | Baker Beach | China Beach | Ocean <br> Beach N | Ocean Beach C | Ocean <br> Beach S | Thornton Beach N | Avg. All Beaches Combined | Avg. \% of Maximum Richness (Avg all beaches combined / 21, the total \# of species observed) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4.88 | 23\% |
| February | 6 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4.75 | 23\% |
| March | 5 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4.50 | 21\% |
| April | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 6.88 | 33\% |
| May | 5 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 5.50 | 26\% |
| June | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2.75 | 13\% |
| July | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 5.25 | 25\% |
| August | 9 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 7.13 | 34\% |
| September | 7 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 6.38 | 30\% |
| October | 8 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5.63 | 27\% |
| November | 7 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5.00 | 24\% |
| December | 8 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5.13 | 24\% |



Abundance of Shorebird Species: Overall Average Density (Birds/Km) by Beach

|  | Muir Beach | Rodeo Beach | Baker Beach | China Beach | Ocean Beach N | Ocean <br> Beach C | Ocean Beach S | Thornton Beach N |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sanderling | 0.60 | 2.18 | 11.73 | 25.64 | 18.20 | 71.48 | 60.79 | 20.37 |
| Willet | 0.45 | 0.44 | 2.61 | 19.28 | 8.35 | 12.19 | 35.67 | 13.69 |
| Marbled Godwit | 0.51 | 0.23 | 1.44 | 5.56 | 4.93 | 7.15 | 6.52 | 4.02 |
| Whimbrel | 0.17 | 0.14 | 0.24 | 3.56 | 0.04 | 0.98 | 0.41 | 0.10 |
| Least Sandpiper | 0.04 | 0.10 |  |  |  | 0.30 |  |  |
| Black-bellied Plover |  | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.04 |  | 0.10 | 0.31 | 0.01 |
| Long-billed Curlew | 0.14 | 0.05 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 1.38 | 0.92 |
| Western Sandpiper | 0.01 | 0.25 |  | 0.15 |  | 0.03 |  |  |
| Short-billed Dowitcher |  |  | 0.003 |  |  | 0.01 |  |  |
| Semipalmated Plover |  | 0.05 |  |  |  | 0.01 |  | 0.01 |
| Killdeer | 0.53 | 2.21 | 0.003 |  |  | 0.01 | 0.03 |  |
| American Avocet | 0.01 |  |  |  |  | 0.01 |  |  |
| Black Turnstone | 0.33 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 4.68 | 0.55 | 0.01 |  |  |
| Dunlin |  | 0.01 |  |  |  | 0.005 |  | 0.01 |
| Black Oystercatcher | 0.37 | 0.18 | 0.06 | 2.72 |  | 0.002 |  |  |
| Ruddy Turnstone |  |  |  |  |  | 0.002 |  |  |
| Greater Yellowlegs | 0.01 | 0.03 |  | 0.07 |  |  |  |  |
| Lesser Yellowlegs |  |  |  | 0.07 |  |  |  |  |
| Long-billed Dowitcher |  | 0.01 |  |  |  |  | 0.05 |  |
| Red Knot |  |  |  | 0.04 |  |  |  | 0.03 |
| Wandering Tattler | 0.05 |  | 0.003 | 0.65 |  |  |  |  |

## Average Shorebirds Observed/Survey and

 Average Shorebird Density Across all Beaches, by Month|  | Total <br> Shorebirds <br> Observed | Avg. <br> Shorebirds <br> Observed | Avg Density |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |$|$| January | 8972 | 64.09 | 54.86 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| February | 7472 | 66.12 | 50.88 |
| March | 9079 | 66.27 | 52.91 |
| April | 12826 | 99.43 | 74.59 |
| May | 5356 | 43.54 | 33.59 |
| June | 218 | 1.82 | 1.44 |
| July | 3079 | 22.64 | 17.86 |
| August | 7163 | 52.67 | 41.79 |
| September | 11241 | 86.47 | 68.18 |
| October | 9455 | 78.14 | 63.61 |
| November | 12554 | 100.43 | 79.32 |
| December | 11633 | 85.54 | 72.02 |



Average Willet Density by Month (Birds/Km)

|  | Muir Beach | Rodeo <br> Beach | Baker Beach | China Beach | Ocean <br> Beach N | Ocean <br> Beach C | Ocean <br> Beach S | Thornton Beach N | All <br> Beaches Combined |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 0.59 | 0.37 | 4.96 | 7.24 | 12.56 | 30.43 | 69.55 | 16.13 | 19.53 |
| February | 0.46 | 0.57 | 1.86 | 14.53 | 29.19 | 15.70 | 157.13 | 11.18 | 19.04 |
| March | 0.58 | 0.70 | 8.64 | 6.78 | 4.44 | 14.71 | 42.76 | 26.44 | 15.78 |
| April | 0.32 | 0.57 | 1.54 | 9.17 | 14.16 | 9.46 | 11.77 | 12.28 | 7.86 |
| May | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 1.41 | 1.05 | 4.42 | 0.82 | 0.92 |
| June | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.13 |
| July | 0.00 | 0.23 | 0.40 | 13.45 | 0.38 | 0.90 | 0.38 | 0.20 | 0.66 |
| August | 0.23 | 0.61 | 1.74 | 41.77 | 0.11 | 2.87 | 1.25 | 0.45 | 2.05 |
| September | 0.79 | 0.50 | 3.94 | 67.98 | 2.50 | 6.00 | 14.63 | 10.42 | 7.00 |
| October | 0.75 | 0.75 | 2.34 | 50.88 | 1.54 | 16.25 | 30.38 | 23.31 | 12.99 |
| November | 0.74 | 0.46 | 2.30 | 12.35 | 6.25 | 29.71 | 39.84 | 33.69 | 20.07 |
| December | 0.94 | 0.63 | 2.84 | 8.29 | 12.10 | 26.03 | 77.35 | 28.19 | 20.61 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 0.45 | 0.44 | 2.61 | 19.28 | 8.35 | 12.19 | 35.67 | 13.69 | 10.44 |

Average Marbled Godwit Density by Month (Birds/Km)

|  | Muir Beach | Rodeo Beach | Baker Beach | China Beach | Ocean Beach N | Ocean Beach C | Ocean Beach S | Thornton Beach N | All <br> Beaches <br> Combined |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 0.74 | 0.19 | 0.29 | 2.07 | 0.45 | 9.51 | 15.52 | 4.23 | 5.04 |
| February | 0.39 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 8.14 | 2.06 | 7.27 | 11.38 | 4.22 | 4.21 |
| March | 0.07 | 0.06 | 1.10 | 8.47 | 3.76 | 12.07 | 4.93 | 1.68 | 4.87 |
| April | 0.24 | 0.00 | 12.59 | 18.33 | 9.31 | 18.54 | 30.83 | 9.35 | 12.56 |
| May | 0.08 | 0.00 | 1.58 | 8.80 | 47.66 | 4.50 | 1.67 | 0.24 | 3.98 |
| June | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.74 | 0.83 | 0.00 | 0.33 |
| July | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.00 | 3.06 | 5.28 | 2.12 | 0.78 | 2.21 |
| August | 1.06 | 0.67 | 0.23 | 2.95 | 0.34 | 8.60 | 2.66 | 0.42 | 3.26 |
| September | 1.03 | 0.56 | 0.80 | 8.77 | 1.58 | 2.73 | 1.31 | 3.87 | 2.29 |
| October | 0.75 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 6.19 | 2.96 | 4.31 | 2.98 | 2.42 | 2.56 |
| November | 0.32 | 0.46 | 0.28 | 1.23 | 0.92 | 4.79 | 0.78 | 9.94 | 3.68 |
| December | 1.27 | 0.21 | 0.15 | 3.11 | 5.46 | 6.25 | 8.05 | 9.12 | 4.90 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 0.51 | 0.23 | 1.44 | 5.56 | 4.93 | 7.15 | 6.52 | 4.02 | 4.22 |

## Average Sanderling Density by Month (Birds/Km)

|  | Muir Beach | Rodeo Beach | Baker <br> Beach | China Beach | Ocean Beach N | Ocean <br> Beach C | Ocean Beach S | Thornton Beach N | All Beaches Combined |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 1.11 | 2.48 | 25.58 | 39.66 | 32.47 | 45.53 | 36.24 | 27.90 | 29.62 |
| February | 1.23 | 4.82 | 34.41 | 20.35 | 9.65 | 42.19 | 49.50 | 20.81 | 27.06 |
| March | 0.00 | 2.98 | 12.77 | 20.34 | 4.30 | 46.86 | 119.93 | 20.17 | 31.82 |
| April | 0.08 | 5.46 | 2.94 | 17.50 | 11.35 | 100.85 | 169.06 | 25.79 | 51.18 |
| May | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.49 | 1.39 | 14.69 | 64.94 | 29.42 | 1.95 | 25.60 |
| June | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| July | 0.00 | 0.28 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.38 | 29.69 | 9.62 | 0.03 | 10.55 |
| August | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 102.39 | 13.75 | 5.97 | 34.75 |
| September | 0.00 | 1.40 | 1.59 | 2.63 | 51.58 | 149.45 | 53.66 | 21.07 | 57.63 |
| October | 2.62 | 2.24 | 8.49 | 25.22 | 12.39 | 107.15 | 71.44 | 23.64 | 46.89 |
| November | 0.95 | 5.24 | 28.89 | 128.40 | 51.70 | 74.81 | 125.63 | 51.47 | 54.72 |
| December | 1.14 | 2.37 | 27.08 | 45.60 | 7.20 | 102.12 | 33.39 | 42.55 | 45.74 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 0.60 | 2.18 | 11.73 | 25.64 | 18.20 | 71.48 | 60.79 | 20.37 | 34.74 |

Average Whimbrel Density by Month (Birds/Km)

|  | Muir Beach | Rodeo <br> Beach | Baker <br> Beach | China Beach | Ocean <br> Beach N | Ocean <br> Beach C | Ocean <br> Beach S | Thornton Beach N | All <br> Beaches Combined |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 |
| February | 0.00 | 0.16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.06 |
| March | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.35 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.12 |
| April | 0.48 | 0.51 | 0.61 | 9.17 | 0.26 | 1.75 | 0.10 | 0.19 | 0.95 |
| May | 0.63 | 0.43 | 1.05 | 9.26 | 0.00 | 3.68 | 2.42 | 0.43 | 1.89 |
| June | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.43 | 0.00 | 1.31 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.48 |
| July | 0.28 | 0.00 | 0.83 | 15.97 | 0.13 | 2.78 | 2.31 | 0.00 | 1.45 |
| August | 0.15 | 0.06 | 0.30 | 6.33 | 0.00 | 0.70 | 0.00 | 0.42 | 0.46 |
| September | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.05 |
| October | 0.00 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.88 | 0.00 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 |
| November | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 |
| December | 0.20 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.04 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 0.17 | 0.14 | 0.24 | 3.56 | 0.04 | 0.98 | 0.41 | 0.10 | 0.48 |

Occurrence of Shorebirds, Gulls, and Terns at Select GGNRA Beaches as Recorded by Beach Watch Surveys, 1994-2005

Average Density by Month (Birds/Km): Shorebirds, Gulls, and Terns; All Beaches Combined

|  | Shorebirds | Gulls | Terns |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| January | 54.86 | 78.47 | 0.02 |
| February | 50.88 | 65.72 | 0.00 |
| March | 52.91 | 35.94 | 0.03 |
| April | 74.59 | 29.76 | 1.82 |
| May | 33.59 | 36.89 | 4.69 |
| June | 1.44 | 46.96 | 4.74 |
| July | 17.86 | 83.87 | 15.44 |
| August | 41.79 | 116.68 | 9.31 |
| September | 68.18 | 123.24 | 2.61 |
| October | 63.61 | 81.91 | 0.86 |
| November | 79.32 | 83.46 | 0.82 |
| December | 72.02 | 66.30 | 0.02 |



Monthly Totals of Observed Birds as Percentage of Overall Total Observed Birds, All Beaches Combined

|  | Shorebirds | Gulls | Terns |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| January | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| February | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| March | $9 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| April | $13 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| May | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| June | $0 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| July | $3 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| August | $7 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| September | $11 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| October | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| November | $13 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| December | $12 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $0 \%$ |



