

Be Kind to Animals: Shorebird Safety

Summer is here, which means beach time. Did you know the beaches are already occupied with ducks, sandpipers, plovers, turnstones, knots, curlews, dowitchers, and seagulls.

HOME SWEET HOME

Many birds feed along the water line and also roost in sandy beaches, sand bars, and rock ledges. The roosting areas provide a safe place to rest and preen when feeding areas are crowded with people.

DO NOT DISTURB

Do not disrupt nests by engaging in activities nearby. This could cause them to abandon their nests and even their eggs.

Obey signs that state, "Do not feed" or "Stay away from nesting area."



Be Kind

- Obey all posted signs.
- Do not chase, splash or try to interact with birds.
- Teach young children not to disturb birds.

Co-Exist

- Keep pets on leash and/or away from nesting birds.
- Keep activities away from birds and their nesting areas.

Be safe

- Take food and trash when you leave.
- Fill in holes, these can become sand traps for tiny chicks that have not learned how to fly.