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Juv. Pectoral Sandpiper 25 September 1983

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THE 1983 FALL SHOREBIRD SEASON AT JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE

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Thirty-five species of shorebirds were noted at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge (JBWR), Queens Co., during the period 24 June-12 November 1983. I visited the refuge forty-seven times during this period and endeavored to census every species at least once a week, to note the arrival dates of adults and juveniles of 17 migrant species, and to add to my photographic collection.

I have previously published a description of my techniques, census areas, shorebird historical data, and National Park Service management policy in *The Kingbird* (32: 85-96, 1982; also see 33: 94-102, 1983). This year for the first time I was able to extend my survey into early November, to document the tail end of several species' migration. Table 1 presents this year's census data, Table 2 notes the arrival dates of adults and juveniles, plus a 5-year summary of their arrival dates, and Table 3 summarizes my 1981-83 surveys.

SELECTED SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Black-bellied Plover: This year's peak count of 1,127 birds 3 September was nearly 50% higher than previous years' maxima. Numbers of roosting birds declined less drastically this year in late September to mid-October, probably owing to the infrequent occurrence of Peregrine Falcons.

Lesser Golden-Plover: This species continues an upward trend, with 68 birds on 11 dates (vs. 33 birds on 14 dates in 1982 and 19 birds on eight dates in 1981).

Semipalmated Plover: This year's peak count of 1,203 birds 18 August was over 50% higher than previous years' maxima.

American Oystercatcher: Numbers appeared to have stabilized this year, possibly owing to limited undisturbed breeding habitat in Jamaica Bay.

American Avocet: not recorded this fall for the first time since 1976. Solitary Sandpiper: A bird present 17-23 July was an adult; all other fall birds have been juveniles.

Willet: A total of 83 birds on 33 dates reflects a still-increasing local breeding population (63 birds on 28 dates in 1982 and nine birds on eight dates in 1981).

Hudsonian Godwit: The season total was eight or nine individuals.

Marbled Godwit: The season total was two individuals.

Red Knot: This species continues an upward trend, with per

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August. Also impressive was the number of juvenile birds noted from mid-September into early November, far exceeding the last two years' totals.

Ruddy Turnstone: This species continues an upward trend, with peak counts increasing by 100% each year, this year's maximum was 235

birds 18 August.

Sanderling: Sanderlings principally visit the East Pond to roost, with little foraging activity taking place. They favor a sandy spit along the west side of the pond, opposite a small brushy island near the north end. Each year their numbers have plummeted in mid-September. I formerly attributed this decline to disturbance from raptors. I now suspect that a carpet of short grass emerging at this time causes the birds to shift their roost to a beach east of the IND railroad tracks, where their molted plumage blends more evenly against a sandy background.



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Semipalmated/Western Sandpiper: The difference between these species' molt schedules continues to impress me. Of the small number of juvenile Semipalmateds present late October-early

November all were heavily worn, but none exhibited obvious body molt. Adult Semipalmateds observed in the first half of September showed considerable body molt, but none were seen in full winter plumage. An adult Western on 22 August was in full winter plumage, most juveniles exhibited obvious body molt after mid-September, and the lone bird on 8 November was in first-winter plumage.

Little Stint: An adult in worn breeding plumage was observed and photographed 17-22 July. Details of this first New York State report

will appear in a future issue of The Kingbird.

Baird's Sandpiper: The season total was one individual.

Pectoral Sandpiper: A below-average season except for a large influx of juveniles the weekend of 24-25 September. The total of 42 birds 24 September nearly tripled the previous high count of 15 on 2 October 1982.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper: An adult in worn breeding plumage 16 July at the East Pond was probably the same individual present here 18-24 July 1981 (see T. H. Davis, 1981, *Kingbird* 31: 198-201); details to NYS Avian Records Committee.

Curlew Sandpiper: Two worn, molting adults were noted, 17 July-6

August and 22-23 July.

Stilt Sandpiper: I have no ready explanation for the 5-year 28-day spread of juvenile arrival dates cited in Table 2. In most species the first juvenile is represented by one or two individuals, and greater numbers do not appear for a week or two following. Following seeing the first juvenile stilt this year on 7 August, I did not see another for over a week; perhaps I missed these earliest individuals in other years. Regardless of the arrival date, peak numbers of juvenile Stilts pass through JBWR 1-10 September (see Table 3).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper: The season total was one individual.

Ruff: A molting adult was observed at the East Pond 30 August (H. McGuinness, T. Stiles).

Short-billed Dowitcher: A lingering molting juvenile was observed to 29 October; my previous late date was 11 October 1982.

Long-billed Dowitcher: The first juvenile was noted 8 October, despite determined searching the previous two weekends; juveniles of this species are the last to arrive each year at JBWR.

Wilson's Phalarope: The season total was 10-12 individuals. Red-necked Phalarope: The season total was two individuals.

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	6/24	6/25	7/1	7/9 2	7/10	<u>7/16</u>	7/17	<u>7/20</u>	<u>7/23</u>
Plover, Black-bellied				2		1	(2)	1	2
Lesser Golden-									
Semipalmated				7	5	35	40	\checkmark	60
* Killdeer	5	5	2	26	19	20	20	√_	4
* American Oystercatcher	.8	4		4	11	3	4	2	1
Yellowlegs, Greater	3	1		15	13	93	60	$\sqrt{}$	70
Lesser			2	6	3	10	10		25
Sandpiper, Solitary							1		(1)
* Willet		4		1			1		1
* Sandpiper, Spotted				7	5	2	4	. 🗸	3
Whimbrel									1
Godwit, Hudsonian									1
Marbled					(1)				
Ruddy Turnstone								(1)	12
Red Knot							1	10	12
Sanderling						1	2	4	15
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	2	1		8	30	395	480	$\sqrt{}$	600
Western							1	2	1
Little Stint							1	1	
Sandpiper, Least				55	20	105	100		40
White-rumped									(2)
Baird's									
Pectoral						1	(2)		(1)
Sharp-tailed						1			
Dunlin							1	1	1
Sandpiper, Curlew							1	1	2
Stilt								2	6
Buff-breasted									
Ruff									
Dowitcher, Short-billed			40	676	340	738	634	\checkmark	400
Long-billed									2
Common Snipe									
* American Woodcock									
Phalarope, Wilson's									
Red-necked									
No. Species	4	5	3	11	10	13	19	18	24
No. Individuals	18	15	44	807	447	1405	1365		1263
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	7/20	T/01	010	0/0	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/1/4	0/1/
Plover, Black-bellied	14	7/31 10	8/6 116	<u>8/9</u> 220	$\frac{8/10}{\checkmark}$	8/12 260	<u>8/13</u> √	<u>8/14</u> √	<u>8/16</u> √
Lesser Golden-	250	,	600	07/	,	0.65	,	,	,
Semipalmated	250	· √,	620	876	√ <u>_</u>	865	- √ <u> </u>	√ <u></u>	√ 11
* Killdeer	8	$\sqrt{}$	4	4	7	4	3	3	11
* American Oystercatcher	2	3	10	1	11	9	17	8	5
Yellowlegs, Greater	176	\checkmark	210	200	\checkmark	168	$\sqrt{}$	Ý	.√.
Lesser	45	$\sqrt{}$	55	73	· √	25	\checkmark	\checkmark	√-
Sandpiper, Solitary			_	_	_		_		_
* Willet	(1)	_	1	1	1	(1)	1	1	2 2
* Sandpiper, Spotted Whimbrel	4	3	2	2	1	4	2		2
Godwit, Hudsonian				1	2	2	2	2	1
Marbled									
Ruddy Turnstone	37	48	125	60	177	180	130	✓ .	125
Red Knot	200	\checkmark	600	736	\checkmark	620	/	\checkmark	340
Sanderling	9	85	310	50	80	25	<i>7</i> 5		260
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	1745	\checkmark	1550	2220	\checkmark	2235	√		√
Western	2				•	1	2	(1)	•
Little Stint								• •	
Sandpiper, Least	73	$\sqrt{}$	95	28	\checkmark	34	38	$\sqrt{}$	/
White-rumped	1	2	(1)		4	2	4	2	`3
Baird's			` ′						
Pectoral	3	1						(2)	
Sharp-tailed								` '	
Dunlin				1	1	2	1	1	1
Sandpiper, Curlew	1	1	1						
Stilt	9	\checkmark	6	10	11	23	22	35	/
Buff-breasted		•							· •
Ruff									
Dowitcher, Short-billed	355	$\sqrt{}$	340	410	/	145	150	/	180
Long-billed	3	2	6	9	` 5	6	12	/	10
Common Snipe						_		٧ .	
* American Woodcock									
Phalarope, Wilson's							(1)	2	
Red-necked							(-)	_	
No. Species	20	19	19	19	19	20	21	21	19
No. Individuals	2938	17		4905	19	4611	21	41	15
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	8/17	8/18	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24	8/26	8/27	9/3
Plover, Black-bellied	$\overline{}$	670	$\overline{}$	480		$\overline{\mathcal{T}}$	$\overline{}$		1127
Lesser Golden-	•		•		1	1			
Semipalmated	\checkmark	1203	\checkmark	865	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	/	190
* Killdeer	\checkmark	6	3	4	3	4	4	7	5
* American Oystercatcher	4	16	2	10	1		15	10	10
Yellowlegs, Greater	\checkmark	332	\checkmark	304	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$	480
Lesser	\checkmark	75	\checkmark	83	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	64
Sandpiper, Solitary									(1)
* Willet	1	5	4	6	2	2	2	3	6
* Sandpiper, Spotted	2	2		5	2	1	2		1
Whimbrel		1				1		2	
Godwit, Hudsonian		1	1	1	2	1	2	2	4
Marbled								1 1	1
Ruddy Turnstone	√ ,	235	\checkmark	50	√ ,	75	\checkmark	\checkmark	35
Red Knot	$\sqrt{}$	650	\checkmark	250	400	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$. √ <u>.</u>	136
Sanderling	\checkmark	266	$\sqrt{}$	12	3	3	\checkmark	· √	210
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	$\sqrt{}$	1730	$\sqrt{}$	1305	√	· 🗸	V	- 1 √ · 1	310
Western			1	9	6	6	24	√ .	6
Little Stint	,		,						
Sandpiper, Least	\checkmark	35	√_	58	√	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	·	43
White-rumped	1	2	2	8	4	6	6	6	7
Baird's	_						_		
Pectoral	3	1	1				7		(1)
Sharp-tailed		_				_	-		
Dunlin	1	2		1	1	2	2	1	2
Sandpiper, Curlew	,	_	,						
Stilt	\checkmark	6	\checkmark	12	. 8	6	\checkmark	. 🗸	15
Buff-breasted									
Ruff	,	4	,	0=	,	,	see te	ext	-
Dowitcher, Short-billed	√,	175	√ .	95	$\sqrt{}$	√	$\sqrt{}$	√	50
Long-billed	\checkmark	' 18		17	2	3	1	1	14
Common Snipe									
* American Woodcock	•		1		-4		2	•	
Phalarope, Wilson's	2	1	1	4	1		3	3	1
Red-necked									1
No. Species	20	22	19	21	22	21	22	21	24
No. Individuals		5432		3579					2719
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Table 1. JBWR 1983 Fall Shorebird Censuses

(all counts were taken at high tide)

Plover, Black-bellied	$\frac{9/4}{1/2}$	$\frac{9/5}{1/2}$	9/10 860	9/11	9/17 350	9/18	<u>9/20</u>	<u>9/24</u> 585	<u>9/25</u>	10/1 260
Lesser Golden-	v	1	2	ž1	9	° 5	7	11	7	_00
Semipalmated	· 🗸	\checkmark	135	\checkmark	58	\checkmark	110	66	/	18
* Killdeer	1	•	11	2	6	3	3	1	2	3
* American Oystercatcher	13	1	3	2	4			4	4	
Yellowlegs, Greater	\checkmark	\checkmark	176	\checkmark	142	\checkmark	√,	13	\checkmark	22
Lesser	\checkmark		66	\checkmark	50	· /	· 🗸	33	<i>\</i>	10
Sandpiper, Solitary			1							
* Willet	4		1	1	5	2	3	4	4	3
* Sandpiper, Spotted	1	2	(1)	1	(2)	(1)	1		(1)	
Whimbrel				(1)		5		6		
Godwit, Hudsonian	3	2	1	1					1	1
Marbled			1	1	1		1	1		
Ruddy Turnstone	\	√.	25	\checkmark	22	\checkmark	18	8	8	8
Red Knot	\checkmark	\checkmark	60	112		\checkmark	125	92	\checkmark	40
Sanderling	60		8	3	. 3	5	2			
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	\checkmark	\checkmark	575	\checkmark	374	$\sqrt{}$	190	.348	\checkmark	95
Western	5	3	17	6	24	\checkmark	1	5	2	2
Little Stint										
Sandpiper, Least	√	\checkmark	40	\checkmark	34	\checkmark	35	34		12
White-rumped	4	6	9	5	5	6	3	6	4	3
Baird's			1	1						
Pectoral			3	1	7	6	11	42	39	1
Sharp-tailed		_								
Dunlin	1	2	1	1	3	7	3	32	36	90
Sandpiper, Curlew		_								
Stilt	14	2	27	\checkmark	35	\checkmark	12	10	(10)	3
Buff-breasted				(1)	1	(1)				
Ruff	,	,			40	,	,		,	
Dowitcher, Short-billed	\checkmark	√ _	44	√,	48	\checkmark	· 🗸	42	\checkmark	20
Long-billed	4	3	18	\checkmark	6	$\sqrt{}$	4			
Common Snipe	1									
* American Woodcock				4	٠	•			1	
Phalarope, Wilson's	1	_	•	1	5	2				
Red-necked	1	2	2	1						
No. Species	22	19	26	28	24	23	21	20	21	17
No. Individuals			2088		1274			1343		591
Coverage: East Pond	abd	bcd	abcd	bc	abcd	bc	bc	abc	bcd	bcd
West Pond					e	e	e	e	e	ef
* = breeds locally () = reported by others $\sqrt{\ }$ = numbers not counted										

\	10/2	10/8	10/14	10/15	510/23	10/29	10/30	11/5	11/8	11/12
Plover, Black-bellied	292	420			510			520	710	22
Lesser Golden-		3					v			
Semipalmated	3	13			1			1		
* Killdeer	7	1	1				3	1	1	
* American Oystercatcher	(1)									
Yellowlegs, Greater	16	38	1	5	140	15	57	125	79	8
Lesser	18	8			8	1				
Sandpiper, Solitary										
* Willet	4	3	2							
* Sandpiper, Spotted Whimbrel										
Godwit, Hudsonian										
Marbled										
Ruddy Turnstone	6	2		1	4	3	1	7	10	
Red Knot	40	45		20	104	25	8	<i>7</i> 5	115	32
Sanderling	3	6		4	1	1	15	10	90	1
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	80	10		2	8	6	- 8	4	4	
Western	2								1	
Little Stint										
Sandpiper, Least	10	5			1					
White-rumped	10		6	1	6		2	1	5	1
Baird's										
Pectoral	1	10		8	2	2	3	1	2	
Sharp-tailed	_ 1								2	
Dunlin	80	445	42	70	1497	600	- √ ·	950	1950	138
Sandpiper, Curlew										
Stilt	2				1					
Buff-breasted										
Ruff	10			1		4				
Dowitcher, Short-billed	18	5		1		1		_	1.4	
Long-billed		3						5	14	
Common Snipe								1		
* American Woodcock										
Phalarope, Wilson's Red-necked										*
	4.0			40	40	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	_
No. Species	18	16	6	10	13	10	10	13	12	6
No. Individuals		1017	132		2283		. 1 1	1701		202
Coverage: East Pond West Pond	abcd	bcd	bcd	bcd	abcd e	abcd	abcd e	abcd	abcd	abcd
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Table 2. 1983 Arrival Dates of Adults and Juveniles Plus Five Year Span of Arrival and Average Arrival Dates

			Adu	lts	Juveniles		
	19	83	5 yr. span of		5 yr. span of		
	1st ad	1st juv.	arr. dates (yrs. noted)	aver. arr. date	arr. dates (yrs. noted)	aver. arr. date	
Plover, Black-bellied	late July	(8/30)	late July*		8/30-9/11 (3)	Sept. 2	
Lesser Golden-	8/23	9/10	8/14-25 (4)	Aug. 21	9/1-11 (3)	Sept. 7	
Semipalmated	7/9	8/22	7/9-11 (3)	July 10	8/11-22 (4)	Aug. 18	
Yellowlegs, Greater	(6/22)	8/7	6/22-30(3)	June 27	8/7-15 (3)	Aug. 13	
Lesser	7/1	8/6	6/26-7/1 (4)	June 29	8/1-9 (5)	Aug. 5	
Ruddy Turnstone	(7/20)	8/21	7/20-23 (3)	July 22	8/21-28 (3)	Aug. 24	
Red Knot	7/17	8/22	7/17-22 (3)	July19	8/18-22(3)	Aug. 21	
Sanderling	7/16	8/26	7/16-22 (3)	July 19	8/23-28 (3)	Aug. 26	
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	6/25	8/9	6/25-7/10 (4)	July 1	8/9-15 (4)	Aug. 12	
Western	(7/12)	8/12	7/12-24 (3)	July 16	8/12-22 (3)	Aug. 17	
Least	late June	8/6	6/26-28 (3)	June 27	7/26-8/8 (4)	Aug. 3	
White-rumped	(7/21)	9/18	7/18-31 (3)	July 23	9/13-10/2 (4)	Sept. 20	
Pectoral	7/16	(8/26)	7/11-16 (3)	July 15	8/22-29 (3)	Aug. 26	
Dunlin	7/12	9/18	earliest 7/12**		9/5-18 (4)	Sept. 13	
Stilt Sandpiper	7/20	8/7	7/12-20 (3)	July 16	7/26-8/22 (5)	Aug. 12	
Dowitcher, Short-billed	7/1	8/9	6/26-7/3 (4)	June 29	8/8-15 (5)	Aug. 10	
Long-billed	7/23	10/8	7/18-23 (3)	July 21	9/26-10/8 (3)	Oct. 2	

^{*} difficult to determine, lingering non-breeding birds present every summer.

^{**} only scattered adults before the 2nd week of September.

Table 3. Summary of Shorebird Surveys 1981-83 at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, New York

	June	July	July	July	August
	21 - 30	1-10	11 - 20	21 - 31	1-10
No. Visits in Period	4	10	10	10	9
Plover, Black-bellied	1-1	1-2	5-1.4	9-10	9-75
Lesser Golden-					
Semipalmated		2-6	10-20	10-222	9-530
*Killdeer	4-7	10-11	10-13	10-12	9-8.6
*American Oystercatcher	3-4.3	6-4.8	8-7.4	9-6.3	6-8.5
American Avocet	0.07	0.10	10.04	10.05	0.100
Yellowlegs, Greater	3-2.7 1-4	8-12 9-12	10-34 10-28	10-97 10-44	9-128 9-62
Lesser Solitary Sandpiper	1-4	9-12	10-20	10-44	9-02
*Willet	2-2.5	1-1	4-1.2	5-2.2	6-1
*Sandpiper, Spotted	1-2	7-4.1	10-4.7	10-4.6	9-3.3
Upland		, 1,1	10 1.7	10 1.0	1-2
Whimbrel			1-1	2-1	
Godwit, Hudsonian			4-1.5	8-2	8-2.3
Marbled		1-1		1-1	
Ruddy Turnstone			1-1	10-17	9-58
Red Knot			4-4.3	10-104	9-272
Sanderling			5-11	10-61	9-111
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	2-1.5	4-14	10-198	10-996	9-1548
Western			5-2.2	9-2.2	7-1.9
Little Stint	2.2	(1/	2-1	10.70	0.70
Sandpiper, Least	2-3	6-16	10-86	10-79 4-1.5	9-62
White-rumped Baird's			1-1	4-1.5	9-4.4
Pectoral			7-2.7	10-2.9	5-2.4
Sharp-tailed			3-1	10-2.7	J- Z. -I
Dunlin			2-1	1-1	3-1
Sandpiper, Curlew			2-1	7-1.1	6-1.2
Stilt			5-4.2	10-6.9	9-14
Buff-breasted					
Ruff		1-1	1-1		
Dowitcher, Short-billed	1-3	9-164	10-485	10-637	9-460
Long-billed			2-6	10-3.3	9-11
Common Snipe		0.1			1-1
*American Woodcock	1-1	2-1		0.1	2.1
Phalarope, Wilson's				2-1	2-1
Red-necked					
Total Species in Period	11	14	27	26	25
Average Species/Visit	5.2	6.8	14.3	19.8	20.0
Av. Birds/Visit Censused	19	200	894	2400	3351
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^{* =} breeds locally # visits noted in period — average/visit censused

Table 3. Summary of Shorebird Surveys 1981-83 at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, New York

	August 11-20	August 21 - 31	Sept. 1-10	Sept. 11 - 20	Sept. 21 - 30
No. Visits in Period	10	12	11	10	8
Plover, Black-bellied	10-353	12-552	11-503	10-249	6-206
Lesser Golden-	1-1	3-1.3	5-1.4	9-6.6	7-5.3
Semipalmated	10-782	12-669	11-215	10-75	8-38
*Killdeer 1	10-5.7	12-4.9	10-7.7	10-7	8-9.6
*American Oystercatcher	8-13	10-6.5	9-4.3	5-6.2	3-3
American Avocet		2-1	2-1	4-1	2-1
Yellowlegs, Greater	10-182	12-288	11-257	10-268	8-64
Lesser	10-42	12-42	11-30	10-24	8-21
Solitary Sandpiper		1-1	3-1	4-1.3	
*Willet	8-1.8	10-2.3	7-3.4	7-3.9	5-3.6
*Sandpiper, Spotted	9-3.2	8-2.5	11-1.3	8-1.3	5-1
Upland	1-1				
Whimbrel	3-1.7	4-1.3		4-2.8	2-3.5
Godwit, Hudsonian	8-2.8	9-2	8-2.8	8-1.1	6-1.7
Marbled		1-1	9-1.3	9-1.2	5-1
Ruddy Turnstone	10-107	12-44	11-18	8-9.2	4-9
Red Knot	10-387	12-213	11-54	<i>7-7</i> 6	4-73
Sanderling	10-125	12-96	10-92	10-2.4	3-1.3
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	10-1432	12-1109	11-374	10-241	8-147
Western	5-1.2	12-6.8	11-9.3	9-6	6-1.8
Little Stint					
Sandpiper, Least	10-51	12-54	11-42	10-34	8-27
White-rumped	10-3.9	12-10	10-19	8-6	8-3.1
Baird's		2-1	2-1	4-1	1-1
Pectoral	5-1.6	7-4.2	8-2.5	10-4.8	8-15
Sharp-tailed					
Dunlin	7-1.3	6-1.5	10-1.2	10-25	8-29
Sandpiper, Curlew	2-2	1-1			
Stilt	10-17	12-13	11-23	10-12	8-8.1
Buff-breasted			2-1	4-1	•
Ruff	10.000	10.114	44.54	40.05	0.00
Dowitcher, Short-billed	10-209	12-114	11-56	10-37	8-22
Long-billed	10-14	11-8.1	11-9.5	9-3.6	5-7.8
Common Snipe		1-1	1-1	1 1	1-1
*American Woodcock	(10	1-1	2-1	1-1	1-1
Phalarope, Wilson's Red-necked	6-1.3	9-1.9 2-2	1-1	4-2.5	
			7-1.7	1-1	
Total Species in Period	26	32	31	31	28
Average Species/Visit	20.3	21.3	22.5	23.4	19.2
Av. Birds/Visit Censused	3736	3266	1735	1106	524
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Table 3. Summary of Shorebird Surveys 1981-83 at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, New York

	October	October	October		4
	1-10	11-20	21-31		Maxima
No. Visits in Period	8	9	7	No.	Date(s)
Plover, Black-bellied	8-170	9-72	7-258	1127	9/ 3/83
Lesser Golden-	4-2	3-1.3	1-3	21	9/11/83
Semipalmated	8-11	6-7.2	5-5.8	1203	8/18/83
*Killdeer	8-8.3	8-12	5-5.2	26	7/ 9/83
*American Oystercatcher	2-1.5			25	8/14/82
American Avocet	3-1	2-1		1	15x,8/28-10/12
Yellowlegs, Greater	8-74	9-96	7-69	519	9/ 6/82
Lesser	8-15	7-16	6-7.5	102	8/ 1/82
Solitary Sandpiper				1	10x, 7/17-9/19
*Willet	6-2.2	4-1.3	4-1	6	8/22/83, 9/3/83
*Sandpiper, Spotted		2-1	2-1	8	7/18/82
Upland				2	8/ 2/81
Whimbrel				6	9/24/83
Godwit, Hudsonian	5-1.8	6-2	3-2	8	8/15/81
Marbled	3-1	4-1.8	1-2	2	9x, 9/4-10/25
Ruddy Turnstone	7-2.9	3-1.7	4-2.3	235	8/18/83
Red Knot	5-25	5-6.8	6-25	736	8/ 9/83
Sanderling	3-3.7	4-6.8	6-27	310	8/ 6/83
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	8-82	8-35	7-11	2235	8/12/83
Western	5-1.6	6-2.2	2-3	24	8/26/83, 9/17/83
Little Stint				1	7/17-22/83
Sandpiper, Least	8-9.4	4-2	2-1	315	7/18/82
White-rumped	6-6.2	9-4.4	6-5.2	58	9/ 7/81
Baird's	2-1	1-1		1	12x, 8/22-10/11
Pectoral	8-6.9	6-4.2	5-2.4	42	9/24/83
Sharp-tailed				1	7/18-24/81,7/16/83
Dunlin	8-109	9-87	7-779	1950	11/ 8/83
Sandpiper, Curlew				2	4x, 7/23-8/16
Stilt	7-12	7-7.3	5-2.6	59	9/ 6/81
Buff-breasted				1	6x, 9/5-18
Ruff				. 1	7/10/82, 7/19/81
Dowitcher, Short-billed	6-15	2-3	1-1	805	8/ 1/82
Long-billed	4-5.8	7-6.3	4-6.5	22	3x,8/2-30
Common Snipe	1-1		1-1	1	6x, 8/1-11/5
*American Woodcock		1-2	1-1	2	10/17/81
Phalarope, Wilson's	1-1			5	9/17/83
Red-necked				3	8/29/82
Total Species in Period	26	25	24		
Average Species/Visit	17.8	14.6	$\frac{24}{14.0}$	28	9/11/83
Av. Birds/Visit Censused	540	346	1201	5432	8/18/83
Try. Direct Visit Censused	0.10	310	1201	0102	3/10/00

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