

charging. The plover would give way to a laughing gull by walking out around the gull by 1 foot. One ruddy turnstone displaced another ruddy turnstone. A female moved from side to side making bill contact, raising (both) heads high, and each time ♀ moved in front of the ♂ place her tail against the males breast (5 times), then female partially drooped wing as she stood facing away from the ♂ which then (the ♂) mounted the female and ^{which was translated through its body to its head} after wagging its tail back and forth, forcefully bent the tail downward and to the side of the ♀'s tail which she held up for cloacal contact. The ♂ continued to remain on back but further mating was not completed. ^{Frequently male will forcefully shove backs of females without female rejection} Apparently the wagging of the tail is important in preparing for the contact. Another pair were in mating position when the other gulls promptly left to an individual who was throwing bread into the air. The female immediately left from under the male. Food apparently dominates the instincts. Paired gulls generally remain together on islands and if one leaves the other will follow. They move independently sometimes within a group but if a male shows interest in the ♀ of the pair the paired male will move over to defend and drive away the intruder.



Birds on SW island at exactly 8:30 AM are:

- 8 laughing gull
- 10 ruddy turnstones
- 1 l. belled dowitcher
- 1 black-bellied plover
- 4 sanderlings

Other birds noted in area other than 8:30 census: 2 coot, 1 boat-tailed grackle on W island, 40 redwings landed on SW island for 1 minute, one redwing held on to tail of another for 10 seconds in Combut, 2 royal terns flew by, 2 black skimmers flew by, 2 meadowlark, 4 savanna sparrow feed in opening away from grass or vegetation cover, 1 common loon, 5 long-billed dowitchers

At 10:00 2 laughing gulls and 1 sanderling only birds on either W or SW island. The population varies from day to day and hour to hour.

Birds on fishing pier at 4:30 P.M. 3 great blue heron, 5 willet, 6 sanderling, 24 Forrester tern, 5 long-billed dowitcher, 5 laughing gulls, 1 black-bellied plover

Birds on fishing pier at sundown: 4 sanderling, 2 eared grebe, 2 laughing gulls, 2 great blue heron, 3 black skimmers, 1 willet, 6 ruddy turn stones, 1 spotted sandpiper. 80% islands + reefs underwater