

## Get involved with waterbird surveys to...

Contribute to a growing dataset of observations of the diversity of waterbirds in Saint John.

Get involved with local conservation efforts to protect birds.

Explore new, exciting coastal areas.

Witness changes in diversity and abundance of birds throughout the seasons

Help contribute to oil spill preparedness planning in the region



Photo Nature Saint John

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The Port of Saint John waterbird surveying project was created by Nature NB, Nature Trust of New Brunswick, and the Saint John Naturalists' Club. This project is supported by the New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund.



## Port of Saint John Waterbird Survey Project

Coastal Birdwatchers Wanted!

Photo Adam Cheeseman

## What birds do we look for?



**Plovers**

*Photo Brian Stone*



**Gulls**

*Photo Brian Elliot*



**Waders**

*Photo Carmela Melanson*



**Sandpipers**

*Photo Leannevry Richardson*



**Sea Ducks**

*Photo Brian Stone*



**Other Waterfowl**

*Photo Melissa Fulton*

## Project Background

The goal of this project is to collect information on the distribution and abundance of waterbirds in the Port of Saint John

The project began in 2019 as a baseline study funded through Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Coastal Environmental Baseline Program



*Photo Daisy Landry*



*Photo Brian Stone*

Since then, it has grown into a large citizen science initiative that you can be a part of!

Birders from across the region travel to a variety of coastal sites around Saint John to monitor waterbirds, contributing to our knowledge of what birds use the area and when.

**33 Survey Sites**



## What is this information used for?



**Inform oil spill preparedness:**  
Data is used to assess oil spill risk to local wildlife



**Inform future projects, studies, and assessments**



**Detect changes to bird distribution and abundance from pressures like human disturbance, climate change, etc.**

## What do volunteer birders do?

Visit site(s) each season to count waterbirds and identify disturbances using the survey form

Submit survey form to Nature NB via email or mail

Receive support from Nature NB staff as needed

## Learn More

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