

How to share Bay of Fundy beaches with shorebirds

Shorebirds need our help

To survive their migration, hundreds of thousands of Semipalmated Sandpipers and other shorebirds need calm beaches on the Bay of Fundy for resting. **Giving shorebirds safe and calm spaces to rest in late summer is a great way to help!**

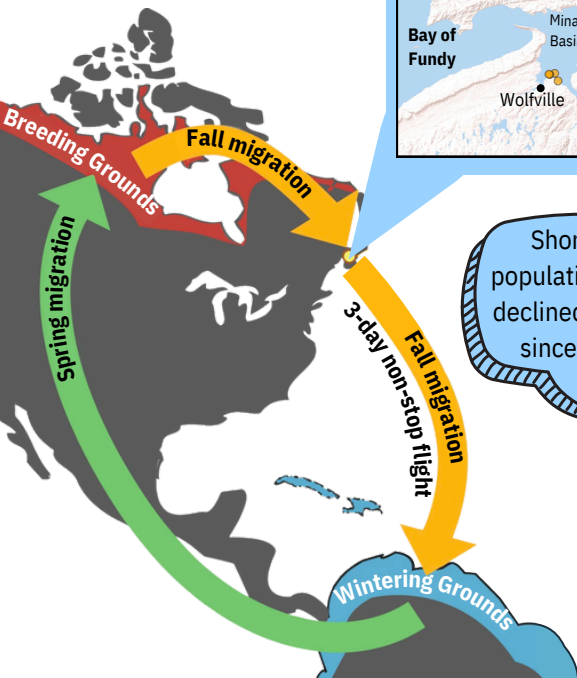
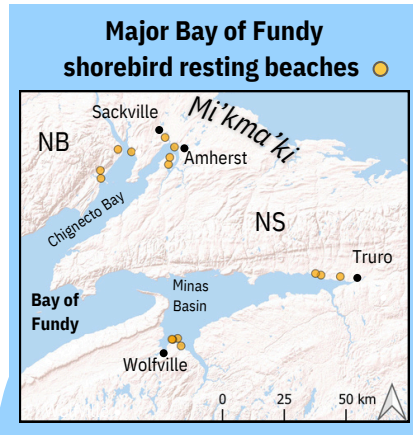
Did you know?

The Bay of Fundy is home to some of the largest flocks of migrating shorebirds in Canada!



Why is disturbance harmful to shorebirds? Shorebirds cannot swim, so they must be well-rested and well-fed to survive their 3-day non-stop flight from the Bay of Fundy to South America. At high tide, shorebirds gather on beaches to rest.

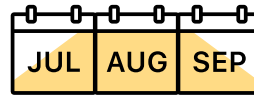
Too much disturbance means too little rest and loss of critical fuel reserves needed for their epic flight.



Shorebird populations have declined by 42% since 1980!



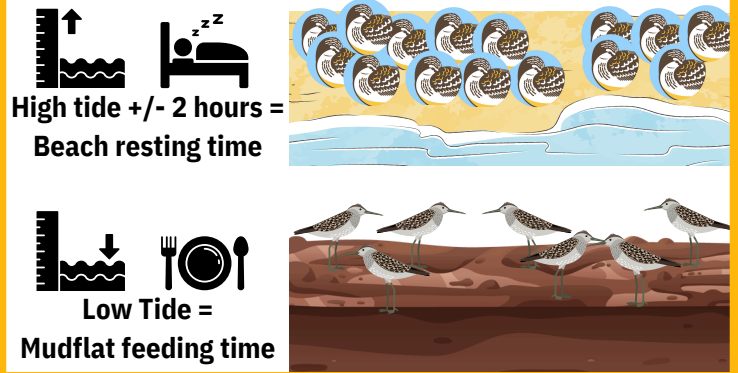
How to keep beaches safe for shorebirds



Migrating shorebirds use Bay of Fundy beaches from **mid-July to mid-September**, peaking in August.



Changing Tides = Changing Shorebird Activities

Be aware of tide times when visiting beaches.



-  Stay about 2 bus lengths (25 m or 80') away from resting flocks. 
-  Keep dogs on leash.
-  Conduct maintenance activities, like mowing dykes, when shorebirds are not present.
-  Avoid loud noises, like fireworks and beach parties, during shorebird resting time.
-  Use a telephoto lens to avoid disturbing flocks.

For more information or to get involved:

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