

Piping Plover Update
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Photo by Krista Hayward

The Piping Plovers on Indian Point are growing up and preparing for their migration south. They are practicing their flying and fattening up for their long journey. The birds should be taking off any day now, but at least some of them are still enjoying the Hook. Until they leave, we ask that you either refrain from bringing your dogs to the beach for a little while longer, or at a minimum have them on leash. If a dog were to injure or kill a plover, it is a federal offense that has a large fine and potential jail time. It is also very stressful for the birds to be chased by dogs when they are preparing for migration. We've done so well this summer with four healthy chicks and two parents - better than other locations in Casco Bay - so let's give the birds a little more protected time!

Thank you all for your enthusiasm, interest and efforts to support these wonderful birds. A special thank you to our CCLT team of volunteers and the Indian Island landowners for their careful surveillance over the past 7 weeks. CCLT will be hosting our plover experts from Maine Audubon and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for our Fall Celebration on September 30th and we hope you will join us to learn more about the 2023 plover season.