

Population estimates of North American shorebirds, 2006

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This paper provides updates on population estimates for 52 species of shorebirds, involving 75 taxa, occurring in North America. New information resulting in a changed estimate is available for 39 of the 75 taxa (52%), involving 24 increases and 15 decreases. The preponderance of increased estimates is likely the result of improved estimates rather than actual increases in numbers. Many shorebird species/taxa are considered to be declining: current information on trends indicates negative trends outnumbered increasing trends by 42 to 2, with unknown or stable trends for 31 taxa.