



Snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*)



Black skimmer (*Rynchops niger*)

Florida Shorebird Alliance – Florida’s shorebird partnership network



Florida’s wildlife habitats are facing unprecedented challenges, ranging from climate change to a rapidly expanding human population. Nowhere are these threats more concentrated than along the state’s coastline. Survival of Florida’s vulnerable seabirds and shorebirds relies on community-based conservation.

This type of conservation cannot be accomplished by any one agency and requires the skills, experience, and resources of a broad spectrum of partners. Over the past decade, individuals and organizations concerned about seabird/shorebird conservation have begun to form local and regional partnerships. The Florida Shorebird Alliance (FSA) networks these partnerships together to build a coordinated and consistent approach to shorebird and seabird conservation across the state.

The FSA provides means for partners to share information and conservation tips with each other, monitor nesting seabird/shorebird populations in Florida, and effectively steward important seabird/ shorebird sites statewide.

Resources:

- The Florida Shorebird Alliance website (www.FLShorebirdAlliance.org) provides a central reference for biological information, techniques and protocols, and provides technical assistance to partners throughout the state.
- An advisory group consisting of representatives of all the various partnerships guides development of FSA products.
- A quarterly newsletter, *The Wreck Line*, keeps partners up to date on developments around the state.
- The online Florida Shorebird Database (www.FLShorebirdDatabase.org) consolidates monitoring data collected by partners.

This alliance brings improved seabird/shorebird conservation fully supported by a well-informed and coordinated constituency, including citizens, organizations and agencies.

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