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SHOREBIRDS AT REST

South Carolina's shorebirds face many challenges. Many of these amazing birds are in decline and have an uncertain future. The wide range of pressures on shorebirds include everything from habitat loss to chronic disturbance.

Shorebirds endure some of the longest migrations in the world and their time in South Carolina must be spent resting and feeding. While you are visiting South Carolina's beaches, remember that you can be part of the solution. Our shorebirds need their rest so please...

DON'T DISTURB THE BIRDS!



Howard Costa

SOUTH CAROLINA: A MIGRATION STATION

Each year a shorebird like the Red Knot pictured above will travel nearly 20,000 miles round-trip from South America to their breeding grounds in the Arctic. By its 13th birthday, a Red Knot will have flown far enough to travel to the moon and back. Along the way they and other shorebirds use critical areas along the Carolina coast to rest and feed.



Help us make South Carolina a year-round haven for shorebirds. With your help our beaches will continue to nurture these amazing birds.

Audubon Chapters Along the Coast Support
Critical Bird Habitat

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North America's shorebird species are in decline. One often overlooked reason is the chronic disturbance of birds on beaches. Birds on a public beach may be disturbed over 50 times a day. These birds need time to rest and feed. Many over disturbed birds leave our shores underfed and exhausted. Some simply disappear over the oceans, never to reach the next stop.



We can stop this trend by changing the small things that we do at the beach. Please, while visiting the South Carolina coast don't disturb the birds! Here's a list of DO's and DO NOT's to help maintain shorebird populations.

DISTURBANCE DO NOT'S

DO NOT let your pet chase shorebirds or disturb nests

DO NOT run or walk through large flocks of birds

DO NOT try to get too close to shorebirds

DO NOT create loud noises near shorebird flocks

DISTURBANCE DO'S

DO leash your pet when birds or nests are near

DO move around flocks and not through them

DO observe birds from a distance

DO contact Audubon to learn more about conserving shorebirds

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