SEA TURTLE REPORT

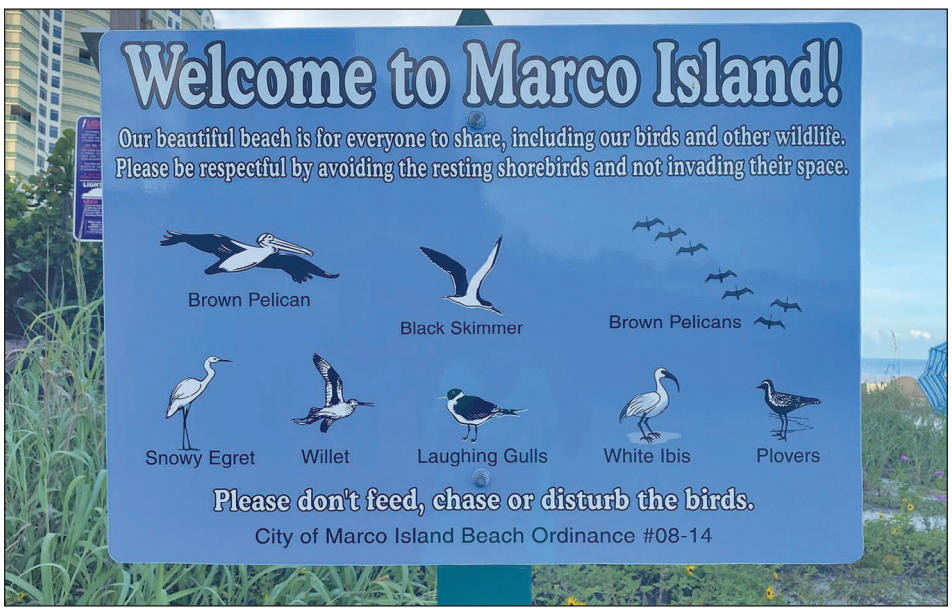
Sea Turtle Season Winding Down

By Maria Lamb

Sea turtle nesting season is winding down and according to the sea turtle monitors, the last nest on the main beach hatched Sunday. By the end of the week, the only unhatched sea turtle nests are located past the breach on Sand Dollar Island and one on Hideaway Beach. Sea turtle monitors will be checking on the remaining nests.

Migratory Birds are Here! If you've been to the beach in the last week, you've noticed the arrival of new migratory birds every day. Brittany Piersma, biologist for the Audubon of the Western Everglades (AWE), recently sighted a flock of western and semipalmated sandpipers arrived at Resident's Beach. "They nest in the Arctic and travel thousands of miles," said Piersma. "We have been documenting banded birds from many different states. Some of them may stay in our area all winter whereas others may travel further south, even to South America."

Winter Shorebird Stewardship has begun, and our winter steward Jeanene Jewett (JJ) will be on Residents Beach with other volunteers on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. JJ is also a sea turtle monitor.



A wildlife sign at South Beach reminding us to share the beach with our wildlife.



Photos by Maria Lamb

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Sea Turtle Activity Update September 10 - 16, 2024

Beach	Nests		False Crawls		Hatched Nests		
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	Disoriented
Barefoot	222	255	187	496	107	206	17
Delnor Wiggins	55	58	75	167	21	51	0
Vanderbilt	221	326	199	430	119	264	15
Parkshore	213	221	188	394	77	171	12
City of Naples	244	337	277	392	71	248	9
Keewaydin Is.	421	525	658	918	182	380	0
Sea Oat Island	10	31	17	82	0	19	0
Marco Island	97	126	231	429	37	82	10
Kice and Cape Romano	135	157	190	271	34	106	3
10,000 Islands	129	119	134	178	59	56	0
Collier County Totals	1747	2155	2156	3757	707	1583	66

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