

# Piping Plover

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**IDENTIFICATION:** The Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) is a small shore bird about 7 inches long with a sand-colored upper side and a white underside. They use the beaches for their wintering grounds. These birds may migrate as early as July.

**FORESTRY CONSIDERATIONS:** These birds are affected by human disturbance but are unlikely to be impacted by forestry activities.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Baldwin and Mobile beaches.



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