



TOM YAWKEY WILDLIFE CENTER HERITAGE PRESERVE



You are at South Island, part of the Yawkey Center. These beaches are mostly undisturbed so they provide protected feeding and resting areas for various seabirds including the Brown Pelican, Royal Tern and shorebirds such as the federally threatened Piping Plover. They also provide excellent nesting locations for state threatened Least Tern and Wilson's Plover and the federally threatened Loggerhead seaturtle.

Human disturbance is detrimental to beach nesting birds. Camouflaged eggs can be crushed by unknowing humans. When humans approach birds will abandon their nests and unprotected nests become susceptible to overheating or aerial predators. Repeated disturbance is stressful because birds spend more time flying and less time foraging and resting. Because of Yawkey Center's importance to coastal birds and other wildlife, please stay out of closed areas. **DOGS ARE PROHIBITED YEAR ROUND** anywhere on the island and camping is not allowed May 15 – September 15.



Least Tern chick



American Oystercatcher adult



Wilson's Plover adult