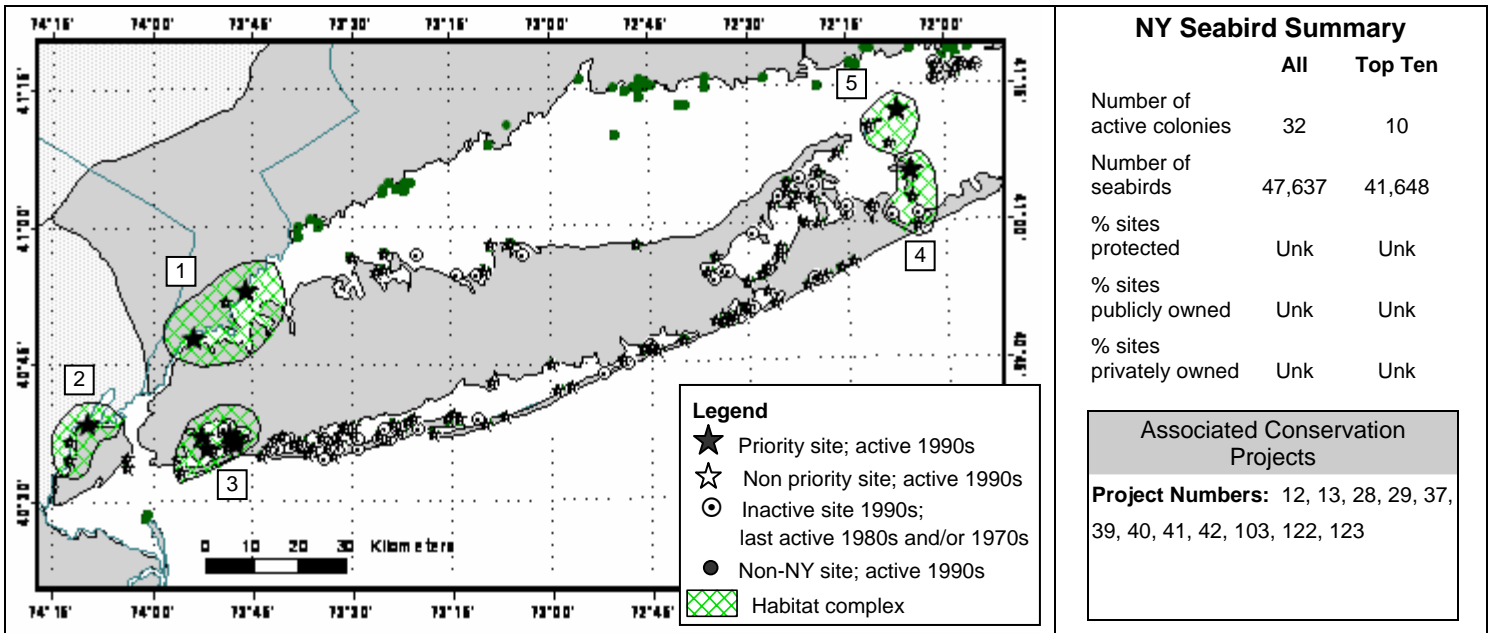


New York Priority Coastal Seabird Habitats



HABITAT COMPLEX				PRIORITY SITES					
ID	Name	N Birds; Spp	Habitats	Priority Sites	Lat	Lon	Status-Owner	N Birds; Spp	Conservation Actions
1	East Bay Group	4560; DCCO, GBBG, HERG	Nesting—3 active sites; Foraging—DCCO <5km inshore shallows; gulls <20km and shoreline	Huckleberry Island	40° 53'	73° 45'	Unkn-Unkn	1980; DCCO, GBBG, HERG	IBA, cormorant droppings killing suitable rookery sites, non-native flora/ fauna, commercial & recreational dev./ overuse; concern of non-native Norway maple may partly replace native hardwoods; potential that site could be used for recreational purposes disruptive to nesting activities; site included as priority in 1997-98 NY State Open Space Plan; monitoring colonial waterbirds should continue
				N & S Brother Islands	40° 48'	73° 54'	Unk-City/Private	2580; DCCO, GBBG, HERG	
2	Arthur Kill Group	1500; DCCO, GBBG, HERG	Nesting—3 active sites; Foraging—DCCO <5km inshore shallows; gulls <20km and shoreline	Shooters Island	40° 38'	74° 09'	Unkn-Unkn	1080; DCCO, GBBG, HERG	
3	Jamaica Bay Group	24,100; BLSK; COTE, FOTE, GBBG, HERG, LAGU, LETE, ROST	Nesting—8 active sites; Foraging—terns <10km estuarine waters, marshes; gulls <20km and shoreline	Breezy Point	40° 33'	73° 55'		6720; BLSK; COTE; LETE; ROST	
				Jo Co Marsh	40° 37'	73° 47'	Unkn-Mixed	10050; COTE, FOTE, LAGU	IBA, commercial / residential development, pollution, recreational development and overuse
				Canarsie Pol	40° 37'	73° 52'	Unk-Unk	2400; GBBG, HERG	
				Ruffle Bar	40° 36'	73° 51'	Unk-Unk	1360; GBBG, HERG	
				Silver Hole Marsh	40° 36'	73° 48'	Unk-Unk	1390; COTE, LAGU	
				East High Meadow	40° 37'	73° 48'	Unk-Unk	1100; COTE, LAGU	Dev of open space in complex most critical issue; incl 230-acres on shore of bay & 302-acre site along beaches of the Rockaway Peninsula hosting breeding Piping Plovers also being considered for dev; pollution ongoing problem; sewage, storm drain outflow, contaminated sediments ongoing issues; swimming and shellfish fishing are prohibited, health advisories warn against fish consumption; portions of complex owned and managed by NPS
4	Gardiners Island Group	10000; BLSK, COTE, DCCO, GBBG, HERG, LETE, (ROST)	Nesting—5 sites (3 active); Foraging—DCCO <5km inshore shallows; terns <10km estuarine waters, marshes; gulls <20km and shoreline	Gardiners Island	41° 05'	72° 06'	Unkn-Private	9200; BLSK, COTE, DCCO, GBBG, HERG, LETE, ROST	IBA, potential for further residential development and increased recreational use of island; site identified as a priority for easements or acquisition in the 1997 NYS Open Space Plan; residential / recreational development and overuse
5	Plum Island Group	27,900; COTE, DCCO, GBBG, HERG, ROST	Nesting—3 active sites; Foraging—DCCO <5km inshore shallows; terns <10km estuarine waters, marshes; gulls <20km and shoreline	Great Gull Island	41° 12'	72° 07'	Unkn-American Mus of Nat History	18920; COTE, ROST	IBA, oil spills are potential threat; area hosts long-term project studying demography & life history of terns; well-managed by staff of Amer Mus of Nat Hist