

**ORIGIN AND DISTRIBUTION OF PIPING PLOVERS WINTERING IN SE GEORGIA AND NE FLORIDA.** Patrick R. Leary and Doris M. Leary. 1291 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fernandina Beach, FL, 32034; Phone: (904) 262-3965; P.R.Leary@worldnet.att.net.

Our Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) program offers population data for a survey region extending from south Cumberland Island, GA, to the St. Johns River, Duval County, FL, and principally covering the period 1999 to the present. The program focuses on occupied and seasonal habitats within the survey area, monitoring efforts, compiled banding data, arrival and departure dates, origin and composition of the regional population and historical status. A gallery of digiscoped, banded birds is included in the presentation.