



Your Speed Matters!



Each spring, shorebirds like least terns, fly thousands of miles from South America to nest and raise their young on the beaches of Gulf Islands National Seashore. Some species are threatened or endangered such as the snowy plovers. Snowy plover adults and chicks frequent the road and shoulders to feed on insects. Least terns get hit flying low over the road defending their nests from humans.

Observe the Speed Limits!



Sadly, in 2010, 155 birds were hit on park roads, 117 in 2011, 29 in 2012, and in 2013, 94 birds were killed.

Help us protect these fantastic fliers.

Gulf Islands Shorebirds

Least tern and snowy plover chicks often wander outside of posted areas and into the road way. They will usually be accompanied by an adult bird. Can you spot all three of the most threatened shorebirds during your visit to Gulf Islands National Seashore?

Snowy Plover



Least Tern



Black Skimmer



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