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Subject: Re: Studies or protocol for monitoring shorebirds at night?
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Hi Sue, Yes it has been a long time - we miss you!

I generally do not do anything at night given it is daytime all the time in the Arctic summers. We have done a lot of night lighting to capture birds during staging and wintering but it tends to be very disturbing to birds, and many times we cannot locate birds that seem to go somewhere else to roost. A recent GPS tag study in Argentina found that a bunch of our tagged birds left the pastures and went to the coast.

I would look for some infrared or heat sensing binoculars.

Sorry can't help much.

Happy Turkey day to you too.

Rick

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"Hockey is Life - Keep your stick on the ice!" Unknown author

On Wed, Nov 21, 2018 at 11:48 AM Andres, Brad <brad_andres@fws.gov> wrote:

Hey Sue. Glad things are going well. Seems to me safety, identification, and general logistics would limit the value of night surveys. There really are no daylight tides?

Brad

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On Wed, Nov 21, 2018 at 10:13 AM Thomas, Sue <sue_thomas@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi there Shorebird Peeps!

Long time no see. I miss you all! The seabird world is somewhat different from the gentle, convivial shorebird cloud I once shared with you. I'm still actively monitoring shorebirds, some would say obsessively with BLOY, but just more localized to the Salish Sea.

We're currently trying to assess a resource management issue on one of the refuges, but face access issues in winter - virtually no daylight low tides. It's been suggested that one way to get around that would be to conduct shorebird surveys at night. Aside from the obvious issues with id and potential disturbance, has anyone tried to assess the efficacy of night surveys? If so, care to share?

Hope you all are happy and healthy and have a peaceful Thanksgiving!

Sue

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