

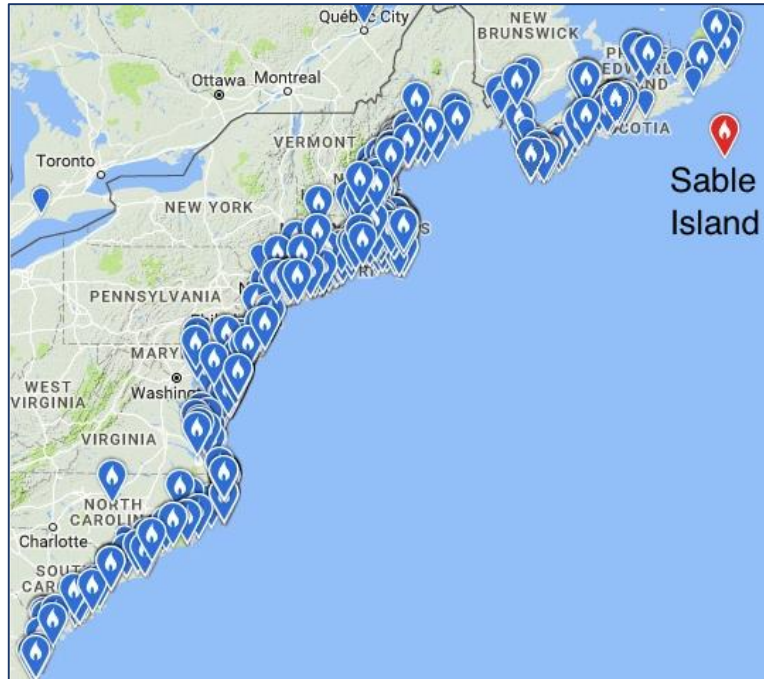
The Ipswich Sparrow Project

Ipswich Sparrows breed on Sable Island, Nova Scotia, but migrate through mainland beaches en route to their wintering grounds in the eastern USA. Sable Island is a relatively small target; how many sparrows survive the journey?

Students from Acadia and Dalhousie Universities have banded 250 sparrows to help answer this question. **We now need your help** finding these banded sparrows on the mainland!

When to Look: October to May.

Where to Look: Sandy dune beaches where marram grass grows, from Massachusetts to Georgia.



Range of Ipswich Sparrows (eBird)

How to Report: Sparrows have **3 colored bands on the left leg and 1 colored band on the right leg** (over an aluminum band).

Tell us where you saw the sparrow, its band colors (from top to bottom on each leg), and the date. Please include photos if you have them!

Send us an [email](#), [post on our Facebook page](#), or include Ipswich Sparrows on an [eBird](#) checklist and describe the colored bands in the comments.



Sparrows are wearing 7 possible color bands: red/white split, red, green, blue, yellow, black, and white.



Ipswich Sparrow with red/white split over aluminum bands on the right leg, and black, white, and blue bands on the left leg (Photo: D. Currie).

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