

BEACHED BIRD SURVEYS, JUNE-AUGUST 1989 (NSO)

Few counts were conducted during the long, hot summer of 1989. The beaches were crowded with tourists and few NSO participants felt for walking along the tideline for other reasons than a bath.

On the mainland coast of Noord-Holland, Larus-gulls were most numerous, with the Herring Gull predominating. Oiled specimens were recorded rarely. Two Gannets were found entangled in nylon thread (juvenile, July) and fish net (immature, June). The odd Fulmars were found in July.

The island of Griend was visited and counted in late July. Species composition was more complex here, with 2 Gannets, 101 Eiders, 4 Oystercatchers, 1 Turnstone, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 1 Curlew, 28 Larus-gulls, and 1 Kittiwake. Again, one of the Gannets was found entangled in nylon thread. One Herring Gull was found with a hook and nylon fish thread in the proventriculus. Few of the birds found were oil contaminated.

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