The Piping Plover is a small endangered shorebird that breeds on New Jersey beaches from March to August. They lay their eggs in shallow depressions in the sand and bring their tiny chicks to the water’s edge to feed.

Piping Plovers are vulnerable to human disturbance, dogs, predators, flooding, and other threats.

You can help the Piping Plover by being mindful of roped-off areas and following any rules that are posted to protect nesting birds and their habitat. Please leave your dog off the beach where birds are nesting.

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