

## END OF SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON APPROACHING

Sea turtle nesting season comes to a close on October 31, but the team at Ecological Associates, Inc. (EAI) is still hard at work. They will continue to monitor the beach multiple times per week until the last marked nest has hatched. Once the season ends, EAI will shift focus to winter bird surveys. This will involve EAI visiting the beach a few times each month to conduct the surveys.

Overall it was a record-breaking season for the sea turtles. Here is a breakdown by species on our beach:

• Loggerheads: 901 nests, 1,229 false crawls (non-nesting emergence)

Green Turtles: 13 nests, 26 false crawls
Leatherbacks: 22 nests, 2 false crawls