Piping Plovers
2017 Sightings

Ottawa, Allegan and Muskegon Counties Michigan
#1 - Juvenile fledged in 2017 at Manistee, MI

Sightings:

- 7/20: Holland State Park
- 7/24: Grand Haven State Park
- 7/25 - 7/30, 8/2: Holland State Park seen together with bird #3

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#2 - Female fledged in 2015 at Gulliver, MI. Nested in 2017 at Whitefish Point where it hatched 3 chicks.

Sightings:

- 7/23: Grand Haven State Park
#3 - Female hatched in 2011 at Whitefish Point. She began breeding in 2013 at Vermillion, MI. This summer she nested at Grand Marais, MI.

Sightings:

- 7/26 - 29: Holland State Park with bird #1

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#4 – Male hatched in 2010 at Manistee, MI. First nested and was re-banded in 2013 at Sleeping Bear Point, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. More recently he has been nesting on North Manitou Island. He fledged two chicks there this summer.

Sightings:
- 7/19: Oval Beach, Allegan Co.
- 7/22: Oval Beach, Allegan Co.
Sightings:

- 8/2: Pere Marquette Park, Muskegon Co.

#5 & 6 - One adult male, one juvenile. Alice Van Zoeren/Great Lakes Piping Plover Conservation Team: “This is a father and his offspring. We very rarely get reports of parents staying with their fledglings for migration. The juvenile (on the left, ObXb/O/b) hatched this summer on North Manitou Island in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The dad (ORYXY) hatched on the mainland of Sleeping Bear Dunes NL in 2011. He's been breeding on North Manitou since 2013.”
Sightings:

- May 3 - August 5: Muskegon State Park

#7 & 8 - Pair nested at Muskegon State Park beach area. Fledged 3 young in 2017 (#9, 10 & 11)
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