

The Piping Plover - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

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[A Pipping plover walking on a beach]

The piping plover is a small shore bird that nests only in North America: in Canada on the Atlantic Coast and on lakeshores and river sandbars in the prairies. It has virtually disappeared from the Great Lakes.

[A Pipping plover nest with eggs]

Eggs are laid in a simple nest scraped in the sand or gravel. Chicks emerge already covered in down and ready to feed on their own.

The plover's most serious threat is human beings. It is officially endangered in Canada.

[A man walking, a sign about the pipping plover]

Efforts are underway to protect the piping plover, but without the cooperation of beach goers, farmers, ranchers, fisherman, and users of off-road vehicles, this spirited little shorebird may become extinct in Canada.

[A Pipping plover walking on a beach]

For more information on the piping plover, write to the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa, K1A 0H3.