

Nature Conservancy protects plover habitat

The Nature Conservancy of Canada says it has been able to protect a parcel of coastal habitat along Nova Scotia's South Shore.

The private land conservation organization says about 121 hectares of habitat at Johnstons Pond, near Shelburne, will be protected.

In a statement, the organization says the pond is an undisturbed estuary separated from the Atlantic Ocean by a sandy barrier beach.

The beach is a breeding area for wildlife, including the endangered piping plover and spotted sandpiper.

Its salt marshes, ponds and mud flats are also important for migratory birds, including Canada geese.