## Inland Bays Horseshoe Crab Counts: 2007, 2008 and 2009

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## What we've done:

- 2007
  - Three nights at James Farm
- 2008
  - Nine nights at James Farm
  - Two nights at three new beaches
    - Holts Landing
    - Bay Colony
    - Camp Arrowhead



## By the numbers:

- Four beaches over nine nights
- 14 counts from 2008 (up from 3 in 2007)
- >25 volunteers from CIB and CMES students
- 2008 peak ≈7 per meter, ≈ 2007
  - Comparable to Broadkill, Fowlers, Kitts Hummock, North Bowers
- 2008 averages: James Farm comparable to Bennetts Pier, Cape Henlopen, Fortescue, Gandys and Villas



## 2009?

- Training session: Tuesday, 5 May at 7p at CIB
- First count: 7-9-11 May
- Big nights(?):
  - 22-24-26 May
  - -5-7-9 June
- More beaches? More nights?
- More complete counts (every meter) at James Farm?

