

As Nesting Season Winds Down, FWC says Sea Turtles Had Another Good Season

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INDIALANTIC, Fla. — It's been another good year for sea turtles, as another nesting season winds down.

- **Nesting season runs from May 1 to October 31**
- **Brevard typically has 14,000-16,000 nests overall**
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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission says turtle nests on 800 miles of documented Florida beaches are at 2017 levels -- that's in the neighborhood of 150,000, including Loggerhead, Leatherback and Green turtles.

Brevard County typically tops the lists for nests with 14,000-16,000 overall.

For Donna Simons, hearing that local sea turtles are prospering again this year puts a smile on her face.

She volunteers for Brevard County's Sea Turtle Preservation Society, a group dedicated to protecting the species.

"In the overall picture we were low, but it's a normal low. Nothing unusual, no hurricanes washing them out. [The red tide](#) had no effect, so we are good," Simons said.

FWC expects specific 2018 turtle nest numbers in January.

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