

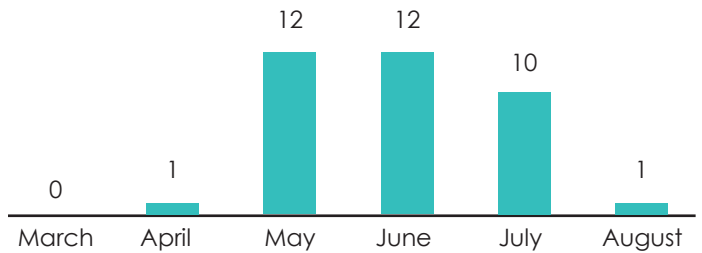
2020 Sea Turtle Nesting Season

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) monitors all nesting activity throughout Florida's coasts every year. Bal Harbour Village was home to 37 sea turtle nests during the 2019 nesting season, most of which were laid between May and July. These nests are protected by federal law until they hatch in the fall, when over 100 sea turtle hatchlings per nest make their way to the ocean by moonlight.

LOCATION OF NESTS OBSERVED IN 2019



BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE NESTS IN 2019



ABOUT LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLES

(Caretta caretta)

- Most abundant species in Florida
- Named for their exceptionally large head with strong jaws, used to crush shellfish
- Threatened due to habitat loss
- Loggerhead nests have accounted for over 95% of all nests in Miami-Dade County since 2010, and 100% of all nests in Bal Harbour Village since 2016

YOU CAN HELP PROTECT SEA TURTLES:



If you observe an unmarked nest or hatchling, please contact the FWC's 24 hour wildlife hotline:
1-888-404-3922



Leave no trace on the beach:

- Pick up your chairs, tables, tents, towels, and all other belongings
- Fill in any holes



Do not disturb any nest, nesting female, or hatchlings. Avoid flash photography, lanterns, and flashlights at night



Close your blinds and curtains at nighttime for oceanfacing windows



Replace your outdoor lighting with "**Low-Shielded-Long**":

- Low Mounted, Low Wattage
- Downward-facing, Shielded bulb
- Long wavelength (amber, orange, red)