

Bird Strike Committee-USA Conferences: from JFK in 1992 to SLC in 2022



1975: Largest Commercial Aircraft Destroyed by Birds



Date: 12 November 1975

Aircraft: DC 10

Location: JFK International Airport

Phase of flight: Take-off run

Effect on flight: Aborted take-off

Damage: Engine, landing gear, aircraft destroyed

Wildlife species: Herring and great black-backed gulls

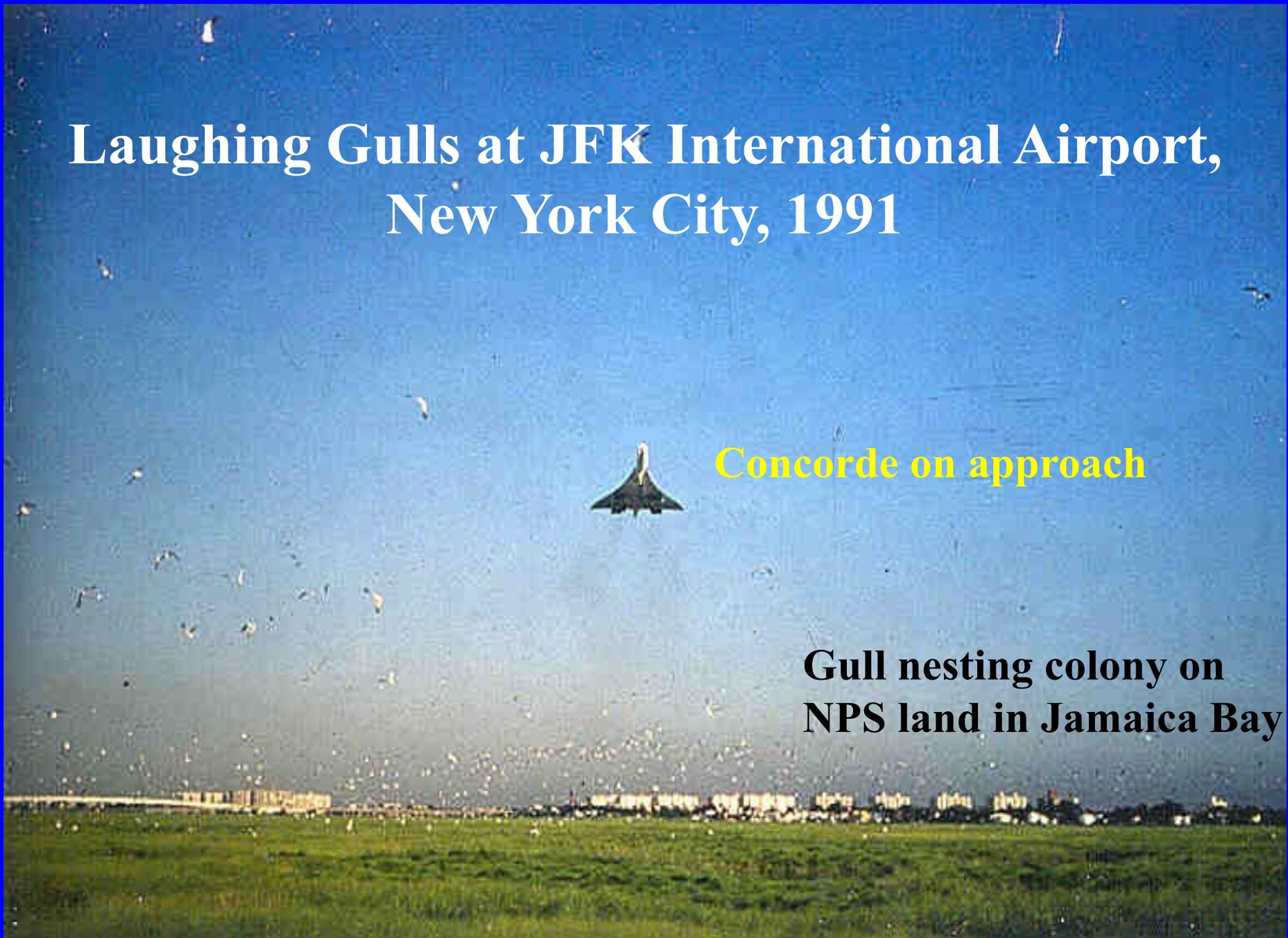
Snapshot of laughing gull nests in Jamaica Bay and strikes at JFK, 1979 - 1990

Year	Nests	Strikes	Comments
1979	15	2	First nests in Jamaica Bay and strikes at JFK
1990	7,600	135	

Laughing Gulls at JFK International Airport, New York City, 1991

Concorde on approach

Gull nesting colony on
NPS land in Jamaica Bay



Laughing gulls in Joco Marsh with view of JFK Airport, 1991



Bird Strikes

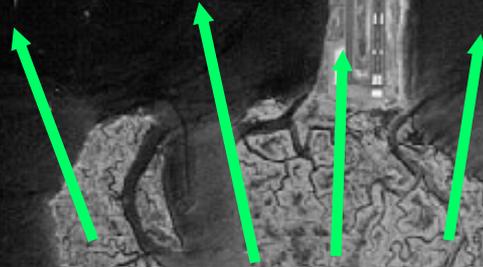
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**Sammy Chevalier, re-
tired long-time head of
the JFK Bird Patrol
Unit, holds remains of
laughing gulls that col-
lided with a departing
airplane.**

JFK International Airport

L. Gull Nesting
Colony

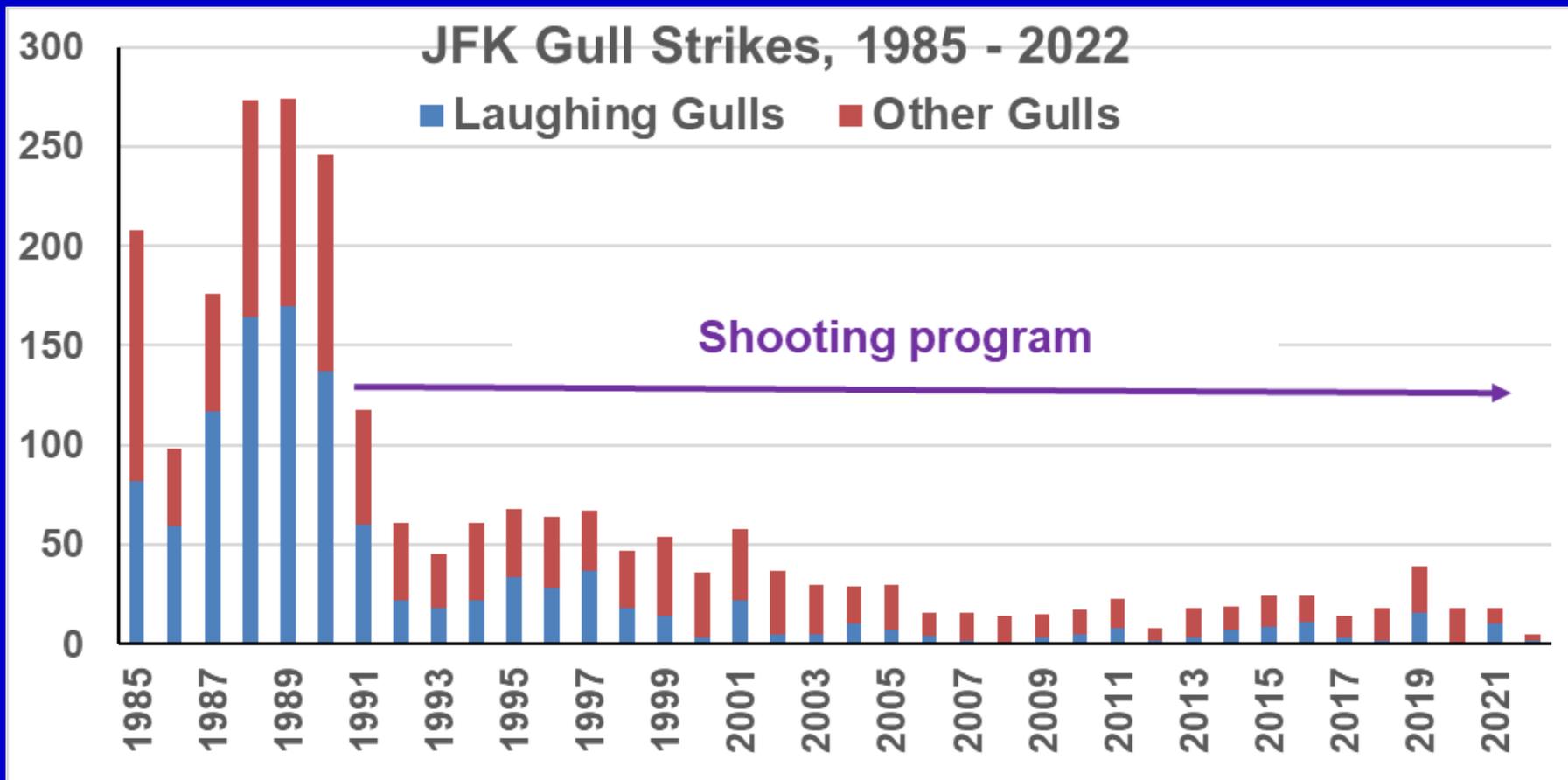


1991: a shooting program was initiated to intercept gulls flying over JFK airport from Jamaica Bay



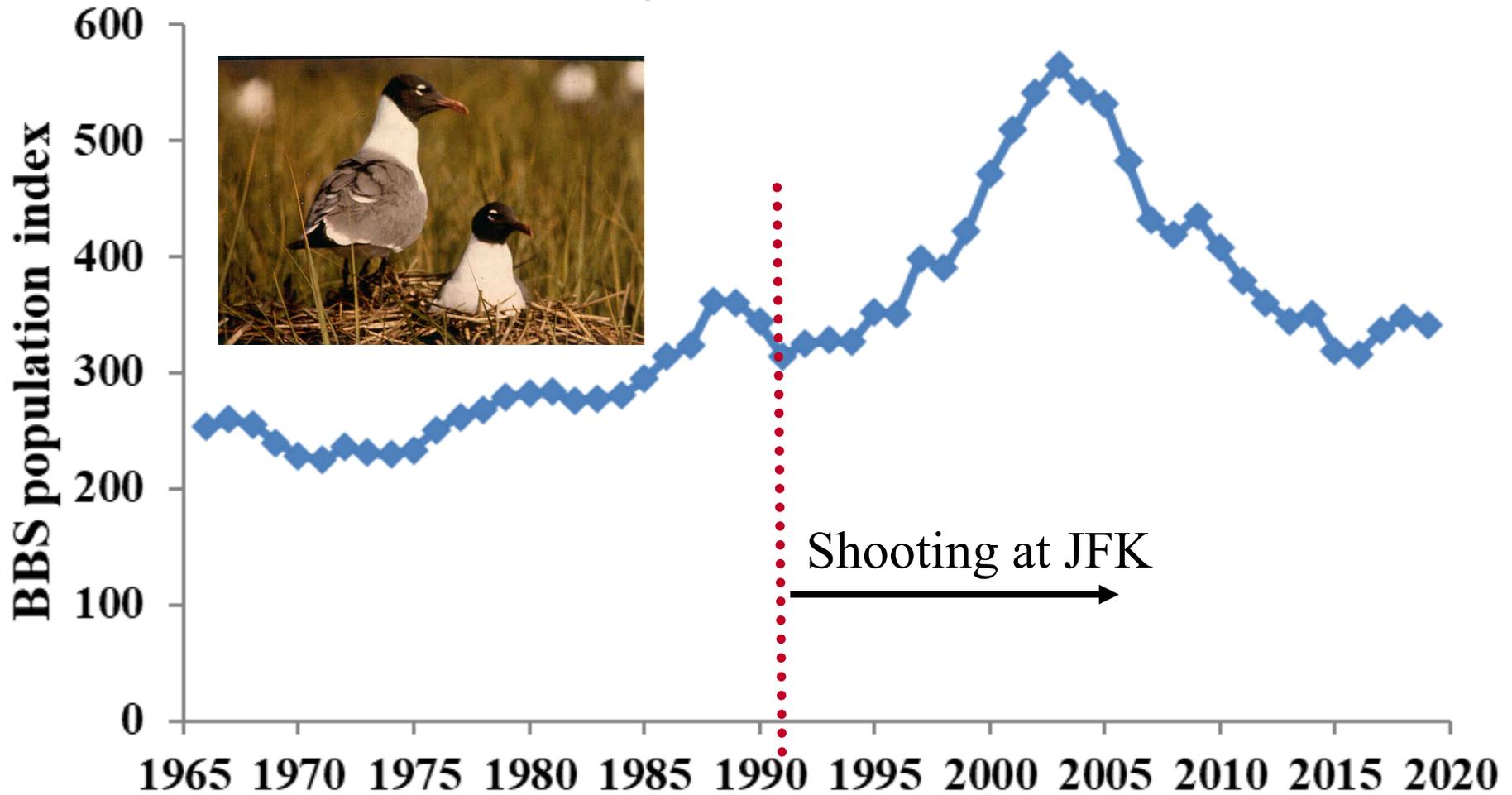
Snapshot of laughing gull nests in Jamaica Bay and strikes at JFK, 1979 - 2000

Year	Nests	Strikes	Comments
1979	15	2	First nests in Jamaica Bay and strikes at JFK
1990	7,600	137	
1991		60	Shooting program initiated
1992	6,875	22	First BSC-USA meeting at JFK
2000	2,720	2	



Graph by Laura Francoeur,
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Laughing gull population index, Atlantic Coast (VA-ME), 1966-2019



* N. American Breeding Bird Survey