



Plovers at a Glance 2010



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Snowy plover nest and eggs

August Update

The snowy plover breeding season has now entered the home stretch. Of the 15 recorded nests this year, only one has yet to hatch. With a number of chicks on the beach and a couple eggs being incubated, the success of the plover season has yet to be determined. We hope to add many more chicks to our count of three fledglings so far this year. Check back again next month for another update.

Current Stats

Nest Success

- 15 nests
 - 9 nests hatched (with at least 1 egg)
 - 5 nests lost (2 to predation, 3 abandoned)
 - 1 nest currently being incubated

Egg Hatch Success

- 42 eggs laid
 - 18 eggs hatched
 - 6 eggs failed to hatch
 - 2 eggs currently being incubated
 - 16 eggs lost (6 to predation, 7 abandoned)

Chick Success

- 18 chicks hatched
 - 3 chicks have fledged
 - 7 chicks currently on the beach (in 3 broods)
 - 8 chicks lost (due to predation or unknown)



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On weekends and holidays throughout the summer, **snowy plover docents** give their time by informing park visitors about the status of the "snowies".



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Exclosures are built to protect nests from predators and other disturbances.

If you have any questions about the program, please call (415-464-5146) or email at Andrew_Gajewski@nps.gov.

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