

Point Reyes National Seashore Snowy Plovers at a Glance



May 2013

Overview

The nesting portion of the snowy plover breeding season has reached the half way point for 2013. Nesting activity has been high this year compared to the same time last year. Unfortunately, the hatch success this year has been limited. There have been two nests so far in the 2011 Restoration Area, a great sign that the plovers are utilizing that area and have more space to nest.

Current stats:

- 3 nesting pairs
- 9 nests, 24 eggs
 - 1 hatched
 - 3 currently incubating
 - 7 failed due to wind, predators, tide, and infertility
- 3 chicks



1 nest in the 2011 Restoration Area, a well camouflaged egg.

Docent Program

The first weekend of the Western Snowy Plover Docent program was Memorial Day weekend, Saturday through Monday. Two of our amazing docents set up and staffed the table all weekend, even during the rain showers on Monday. They made many great contacts over the busy holiday weekend.

Look for the next update at the end of June. If you have any questions, please email Carolyn Campbell at Carolyn_Campbell@partner.nps.gov.

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