

# Plovers at a Glance



Photo by Kate Peterlein

## Beach News with Kate and Jess 2007 Plover Season: Current Stats

The plover season is slowly coming to an end. Two nests are still being incubated, while six males continue to brood their young along the beach. This activity will keep us busy through the end of August/beginning of September. Come visit our docents on weekends to learn more about this threatened species.

**Remember:** Keep your eyes out for fall migrating birds along the beaches as we move into August.

### The Plover News as of July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007

- **28** nests so far/ 6 re-nests
  - 82% of nest exclosed (23/28)
  - 21% of nest unexclosed (6/28) – only 1 nest made it to hatch
  - 71% of the nests have hatched (20/28)
  - 21% of nests have failed due to predation, tides, or unknown factors (6/28)
  - 2 nests left to hatch
- **2** nests are being incubated (6 potential chicks)
  - 70% hatch success so far (58 eggs hatched/83 eggs laid)
  - 17% of laid eggs failed due to tides, predation (14 eggs/83 eggs laid)
  - 4% of laid eggs failed to hatch at all (5 eggs/83 eggs laid)
- **6** broods are being cared for along the beach (11 chicks)
- **15** chicks have fledged
  - 26% fledgling success (15/58 eggs hatched)
  - 52% chick loss (30 birds/58 eggs hatched)

Check out other happenings at the Lagoon below...

## THIS WEEK's CHALLENGE:

Identify 3 of PORE's Thistle's Along Abbott's Lagoon Trail and whether they are NATIVE or NON-NATIVE.

First 3 people to e-mail the correct answers WINS a PLOVER PRIZE!

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All Thistle Photos by Kate Peterlein



## CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS BEETLE?

These small, metallic beetles can be seen along the Abbott's Lagoon trail, but if you look closer you will find them by the hundreds in the Coyote Bush along the trail. Happy Trails!



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