



## Plovers at a Glance 2009



Photo: Callie Bowdish

### July Update

The middle of the snowy plover nesting season has brought increased activity out on the beach. Our most current count brings the total number of nests up to 17 so far this year (compared to 21 for all of last year). We also recently had our first fledgling of the year with, hopefully, many more to come. The plovers' yearly success is based on the number of fledged chicks. Check back again next month for another update.

### Current Stats

#### Nest Success

- 17 nests
  - 4 nests hatched (with at least 1 egg)
  - 6 nests lost (1 to wind, 2 to tides, 3 to predation)
  - 7 nests currently being incubated

#### Egg Hatch Success

- 49 eggs laid
  - 10 eggs hatched
  - 2 eggs failed to hatch
  - 21 eggs currently being incubated
  - 16 eggs lost

#### Chick Success -

- 10 chicks hatched
  - 1 chick has fledged
  - 5 chicks currently on the beach (in 3 broods)
  - 4 chicks lost (due to predation or unknown)



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Scrape



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Clutch



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Brood

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