



## Snowy Plovers at a Glance

### September 2011 Update



Photo: C. Bowdish

#### OVERVIEW

The western snowy plover season at Point Reyes National Seashore has come to a close with a bang! Our last chicks fledged on September 21<sup>st</sup> making the grand total of fledglings 11, succeeding previous years since 2007. It was a season full of ups and downs, early morning surveys, some sun mixed in with fog, and very cute chicks! One last gigantic thank you goes out to our dedicated team of docents who staffed the table weekend after weekend on behalf of the snowy plover! They were amazing and we greatly appreciate them! Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Look for the next update at the beginning of the 2012 season!

#### CURRENT STATS:

- About 9 breeding pairs
- 15 nests total
  - 13 hatched 36 eggs
  - 2 failed, 1 rodent and 1 unknown depredation
  - 0 currently incubating
- 36 chicks hatched
  - 25 chicks lost, unknown cause
  - 0 chicks currently on beach
  - 11 chick fledged



Photo: J. Haverty

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