

Plovers at a Glance



Photo by Jess Taylor

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

The Snowy Plover nesting season is quickly coming to an end. With no nests left on the beach, only one male continues to lead three chicks around the beach.

This brood hatched roughly 22 days ago from a unexclosed nest, a daunting task in itself with all the predators roaming the beach. If conditions are right and predators are kept at bay, these last three chicks will bring our fledged chicks to a total of 24 fledglings for the season. Currently park staff has observed 21 fledged chicks out of 63 eggs that hatched.

Plover staff will continue to monitor the beaches for incoming wintering plovers over the next couple of weeks, while also removing enclosures and fencing from the beaches. Stay tuned for the end of season statistics.

The Plover News as of August 17th, 2007

- **Nest Success**
 - **28 nests**
 - **82% of nests were enclosed (23/28)**
 - **21% of nests were not enclosed (6/28) – only 2 nests made it to hatch**
 - **78% of the nests hatched (22/28)**
 - **21% of nests have failed due to predation, tides, or unknown factors (6/28)**
- **Egg Hatch Success**
 - **75% egg hatch success (63 eggs hatched/83 eggs laid)**
 - **17% of laid eggs failed due to tides, predation (14 eggs/83 eggs laid)**
 - **7% of laid eggs failed to hatch at all (6 eggs/83 eggs laid)**
- **1 brood is being cared for along the beach (3 chicks)**
- **21 chicks have fledged**
 - **33% fledgling success (21/63 eggs hatched)**
 - **60% chick loss (38 birds/63 eggs hatched)**