



## Plovers at a Glance 2009



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Snowy plover nest and eggs - July 19

### Current Stats

#### Nest Success

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

#### Egg Hatch Success

- 60 eggs laid
  - 24 eggs hatched
  - 3 eggs failed to hatch
  - 17 eggs currently being incubated
  - 16 eggs lost

#### Chick Success

- 24 chicks hatched
  - 3 chicks have fledged
  - 6 chicks currently on the beach (in 3 broods)
  - 15 chicks lost (due to predation or unknown)

### August Update

The snowy plover breeding season has now entered the home stretch. The last recorded nest was found on July 19 bringing the total count up to 21 this year. With a number of chicks on the beach and eggs being incubated, the success of the plover season has yet to be determined. We hope to add many more chicks to our count of 3 fledglings so far this year. Check back again next month for another update.



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On weekends and holidays throughout the summer, **snowy plover docents** give their time by informing park visitors about the status of the "snowies".



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**Exclosures** are built to protect nests from predators and other disturbances.

If you have any questions about the program, please call (415-464-5124) or email me at [Andrew\\_Gajewski@nps.gov](mailto:Andrew_Gajewski@nps.gov).

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