



Plovers at a Glance 2009



Final Stats

Nest Success

- 21 nests (from 11-12 breeding pairs)
 - 14 nests hatched (with at least 1 egg)
 - 7 nests lost (1 to wind, 2 to tides, 4 to predation)
- Nest Hatching Rate - 67% (nest hatched/total nests)

Egg Hatch Success

- 60 eggs laid
 - 38 eggs hatched
 - 3 eggs failed to hatch
 - 19 eggs lost
- Egg Hatching Rate - 63% (eggs hatched/eggs laid)

Chick Success

- 38 chicks hatched
 - 8 chicks have fledged
 - 30 chicks lost (due to predation or unknown)
- Fledging Rate - 21% (chicks fledged/chicks hatched)

September Update

The snowy plover breeding season has now come to a close. The last chick fledged on September 8, bringing the total up to eight fledglings in 2009. This compares with five fledglings in 2008, 24 in 2007, and a mean of 16 plover fledglings from 1995 to 2008 (NPS data). Thanks to everyone involved in the snowy plover recovery and snowy plover docent programs for your hard work and dedication. See you on the beach!



NPS Photo

Snowy plover docents contacted over 3,600 park visitors during the plover nesting season and logged nearly 760 volunteer hours. Well done!



(c) Callie Bowdish

Wintering snowy plovers in flight.

If you have any questions about the program, please call (415-464-5124) or email me at Andrew_Gajewski@nps.gov.

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