



Snowy Plovers at a Glance

May 2011 Update



Photo: C. Bowdish

OVERVIEW

The snowy plover season is in full swing. We have fewer birds on the beach this year than in the past. Luckily the ones that are here seem to be doing great! With two nests hatched, there are now chicks on the beach. Also, with some nests due any day there is soon to be more. We are very hopeful with the dune restoration project close to an end and the foredunes complete, that more plover will show up for mid-summer nesting. The first decent weekend was over the Memorial Day holiday which was set up at the North Beach area. It seemed to be a big hit with many visitors engaged and excited about the plovers. Look for the next update at the end of June.

CURRENT STATS:

2 brood with 3 chicks

- Nest 1 hatched on 5/20
- Nest 2 hatched on 5/28
- 5 nests so far
 - 2 hatched
 - 2 currently with 3 eggs a piece, 9 eggs total on the beach
 - 1 failed due to possible predation
- At least 7 plover pairs



If you have any questions, please email Lacey Hughey at Lacey_Hughey@nps.gov or Carolyn Campbell at Carolyn_Campbell@partner.nps.gov. Have a great summer!

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