



Snowy Plovers at a Glance

June 2011 Update



OVERVIEW

June was a successful month for our western snowy plover population. We had seven new nests laid, one of which was in front on the newly restored dune habitat. The first fledgling of the season occurred recently, surviving 28 days after hatching. One nest is recently hatched and there are new chicks on the beach again. The docent program is continuing, thanks to a group of very dedicated and hard working volunteers. Over the holiday weekend, they contacted over 500 people at the beach! Look for the next update at the end of July.

CURRENT STATS:

- About 8 breeding pairs
- 11 nests total
 - 4 hatched all eggs
 - 2 failed, 1 rodent and 1 unknown depredation
 - 5 currently incubating
- 12 chicks hatched
 - 8 chicks lost, unknown cause
 - 3 chicks currently on beach
 - 1 chick fledged



Nest in front of newly restored dune habitat.

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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