



Snowy Plovers at a Glance

August 2011 Update



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OVERVIEW

August was another busy month for the western snowy plovers at Point Reyes. For the first time in two years, we had a male fledge all three of his chicks. This was also the same male that had been utilizing the recently restored habitat at Abbott's Lagoon, a very hopeful sign for things to come. As of this update, all the nests have hatched and our last five chicks are running around on the beach. We are hoping they all make it to fledging in September. Look for the results in our final update at the end of September.

CURRENT STATS:

- About 9 breeding pairs
- 15 nests total
 - 13 hatched 36 eggs
 - 2 failed, 1 rodent and 1 unknown depredation
 - 0 currently incubating
- 36 chicks hatched
 - 24 chicks lost, unknown cause
 - 5 chicks currently on beach
 - 7 chick fledged



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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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