



Snowy Plovers at a Glance

April 2013

Overview

The western snowy plover breeding season has begun! Some of the plovers on the beach have paired up, laid eggs and are incubating. The first nest was found the first week of April and now has hatched. The first chicks of 2013 have official hit the beach and are running around. One other nest is due to hatch in a couple of days so more chicks are on their way. The 2013 season has had a great start, with early nesting activity and slightly higher numbers from last year.

The first chicks of 2013! One chick is a couple hours old and already fluffy. The other is newly hatched, just out of the egg behind it. Photo by Carlo Arreglo, 5/2/13.



Photo C. Arreglo

Current stats:

- 4 nesting pairs
- 5 nests, 15 eggs
 - 1 hatched
 - 3 currently incubating
 - 1 failed due to wind
- 3 new chicks

Docent Program

There will be a snowy plover docent program this year! The first weekend will be Memorial Day weekend, Saturday through Monday. These extremely dedicated volunteers will be staffing a table at the Abbotts Lagoon trail head. They will be interpreting the snowy plover natural history / biology to the visitors and explaining what the visitor can do to help. We could always use more assistants so please spread the word.

Look for the next update at the end of May. If you have any questions, please email Carolyn Campbell at Carolyn_Campbell@partner.nps.gov.

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