



Snowy Plovers at a Glance



Photo: T. Paine

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Overview

Point Reyes has its first fledges of 2013! One male fledged two of his chicks and another male fledged one. A chick is considered fledged when it reaches 28 days of age and has the ability to fly. Many are still running around on the beach, growing daily and developing their flight feathers. With one nest still left to hatch and young chicks on the ground, human disturbance is still a great threat to their survival. Be courteous and walk low on the beach.

Current stats:

- 1 nesting pairs
- 21 nests, 58 eggs
 - 10 hatched, 1 currently incubating
 - 10 failed due to wind, predators, tide, and infertility
- 28 chicks
 - 10 currently running around
 - 3 fledged!



Photo: C. Campbell

Docent Program

The Western Snowy Plover Docent program is still in full swing, tabling every weekend day and holidays. Many other wildlife sightings have occurred at Point Reyes, including the family of river otters who hang out in the lagoon. Look for the next update at the end of August. If you have any questions, please email Carolyn Campbell at Carolyn_Campbell@partner.nps.gov.

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