

# Plovers at a Glance



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## Beach News with Kate and Jess 2007 Plover Season: Current Stats

Two more nests have hatched as of this week. These two nests were two of four nests that have been laid in the restoration area this year. For now it seems the males prefer the restoration area for brooding the chicks (totaling 5 chicks).

The other two nests laid in this area did hatch earlier in the season. One of these broods (two chicks) have already fledged, while the other male and two chicks have been found brooding closer to North Beach.

### The Plover News as of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007

- **28** nests so far/ 6 re-nests
  - 82% of nest exclosed (23/28)
  - 18% of nest unexclosed (5/28) – only 1 nest made it to hatch
  - 60% of the nests have hatched (17/28)
  - 21% of nests have failed due to predation, tides, or unknown factors
  - 5 nests left to hatch
- **5** nests are being incubated (15 potential chicks)
  - 59% hatch success so far (49 eggs hatched/83 eggs laid)
  - 17% of laid eggs failed due to tides, predation (14 eggs/83 eggs laid)
  - 4% of laid eggs failed to hatch at all (5 eggs/83 eggs laid)
- **4** broods are being cared for along the beach (9 chicks)
- **13** chicks fledged
  - 27% fledgling success (13/49 eggs hatched)
  - 53% chick loss (26 birds/49 eggs hatched)



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