

## Snowy Plover nesting in Sand City, Monterey County as of May 1, 2015

Point Blue Conservation Science

Five Snowy Plover nests have been documented to date in 2015 on the beachfront immediately south of Fort Ord Dunes State Park (Figure 1). Multiple pairs of plovers, including 4 different color-banded females, are currently utilizing this stretch of beach for nesting, which represents a substantial increase in use compared to 2014. To date, no measures have been employed to protect these nests from trampling and at least three nests have already been lost, including one to human trampling. Due to the substantial use of this beach by the public, a portion of the lower beach should be cordoned off with post and cable fencing and informational signage for protection of these vulnerable nests.



Figure 1. 2015 Snowy Plover nests at Sand City, CA, as of May 1, 2015. Nest locations are accurate to +/- 5m. All nests were observed from the lower beach. Point Blue Conservation Science.