

Western snowy plover conservation at Oceano Dunes



Overview

The coastal dunes of Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) provide a scenic landscape and an abundance of activities for outdoor enthusiasts. They are also home to a unique variety of plants and wildlife including one of the largest breeding populations of federally threatened Western snowy plovers in the state of California.

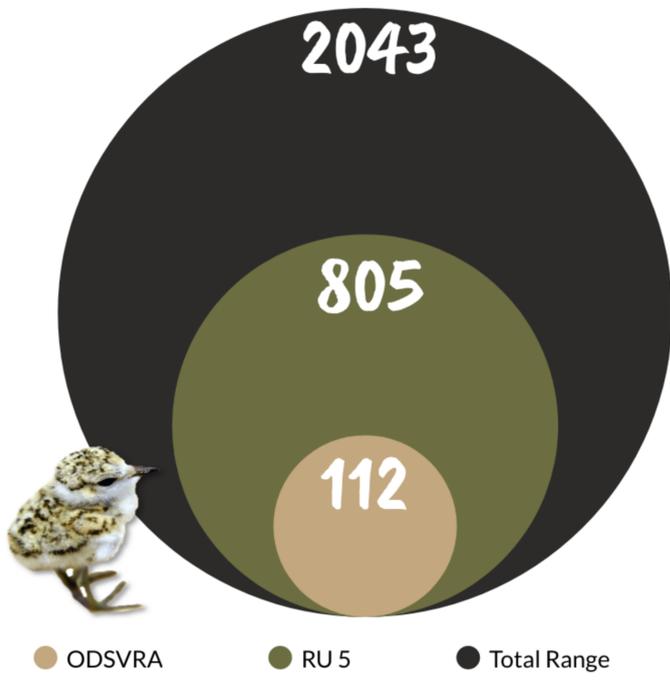


For management purposes, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service divided the geographic range of the Western snowy plover into six Recovery Units; **Oceano Dunes SVRA sits in Recovery Unit 5**, which includes Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties.

The recovery goals for Western snowy plover include reaching 3,000 breeding adults, 1,200 of these in Recovery Unit 5, with a productivity rate of one fledgling per breeding male.

Plover Population Distribution

Average Number of Breeding Adults from 2009-2019



Average % Contribution of ODSVRA to RU5

13.9%

Average % Contribution of ODSVRA to Total Range

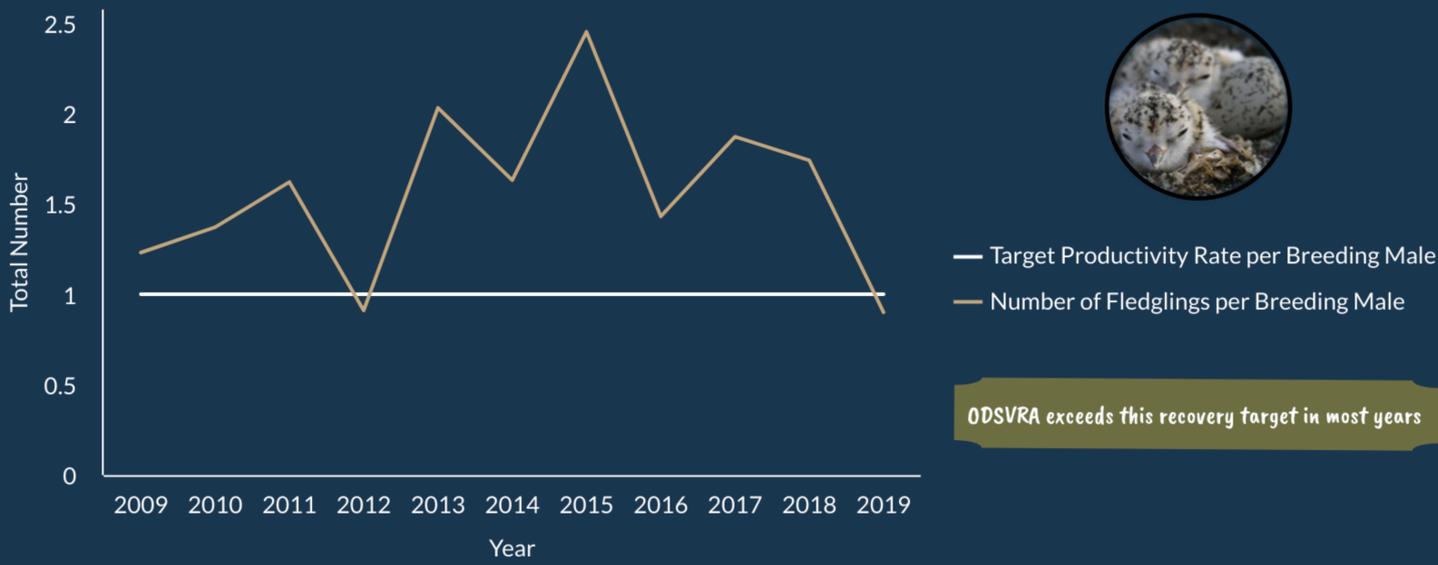
5.5%

Average % Contribution of RU5 to Total Range

39.4%

Plover Breeding Success

Number of Plover Fledglings per Breeding Male in ODSVRA from 2009-2019



Other Listed Species Found at ODSVRA



Photos by USFWS

<https://www.fws.gov/ventura/>

Sources: California Department of Parks and Recreation Oceano Dunes District-2019 Annual Report. USFWS Breeding Window Surveys for Snowy Plovers on U.S. Pacific Coast