Plovers at a Glance

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

Snowy plover docents have contacted roughly 2,200 park visitors over an 8-week period. This season visitors have shown an overwhelming enthusiasm for the species and towards our efforts in saving this threatened species. In other news, shorebirds are arriving in larger numbers now. Come check out Semi-palmated plovers, White and Brown pelicans, Caspian terns, cormorants, dowitchers, whimbrels and Least Sandpipers.

The Plover News as of July 16th, 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
  - 57% of the nests have hatched (16/28)

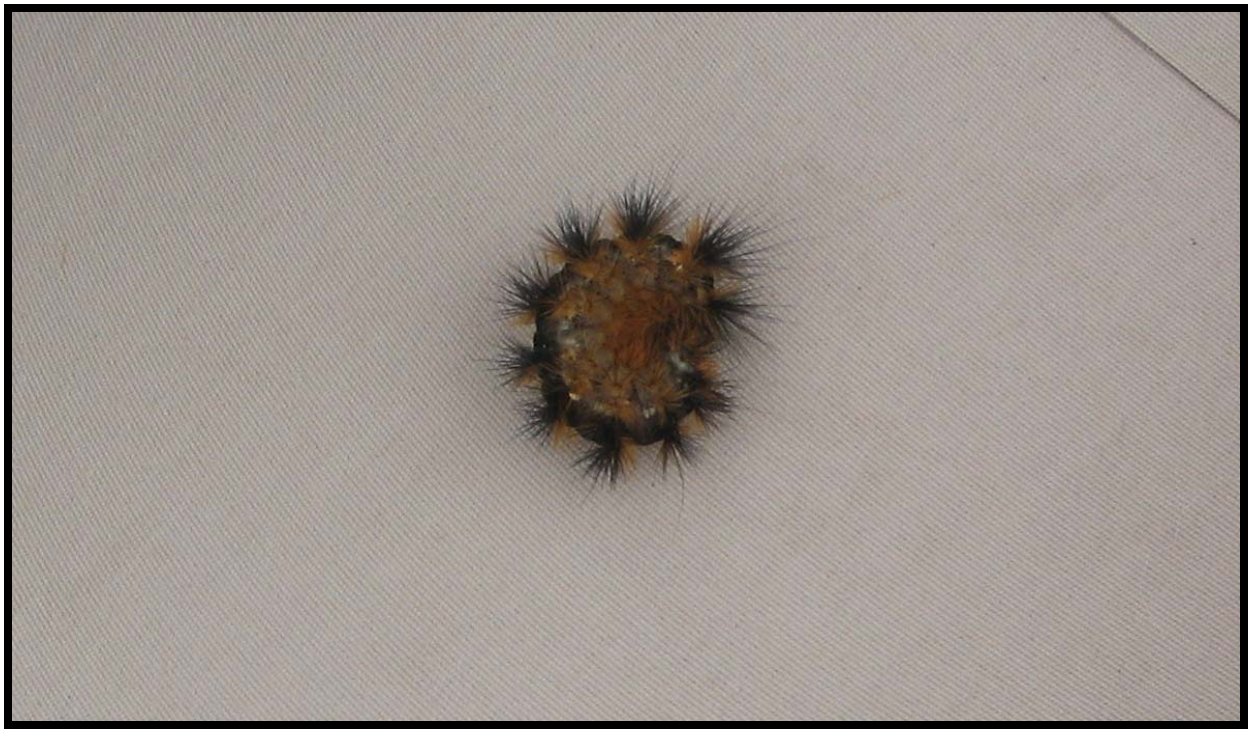
- 7 nests are being incubated (21 potential chicks)
  - 53% hatch success so far (44 eggs hatched/83 eggs laid)
  - 17% of laid eggs failed due to tides, predation (14 eggs/83 eggs laid)
  - 4% of laid eggs failed to hatch at all due to unknown factors

- 1 brood is being cared for along the beach (2 chicks)

- 13 chicks fledged
  - 30% fledgling success (13/44 eggs hatched)
  - 66% chick loss (29 birds/44 eggs hatched)

Can you tell if this is a male, female or juvenile plover???

Check out the latest observations from the Abbott's Lagoon pond…

Actual Size

Can anyone identify this caterpillar?