



Preliminary results
of nest predator study on Lovells Island
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Lovells Island predator study

- 3 cameras set May 13 – 30 in former least tern nesting colony area
- 2 cameras were set out again July 6 – August 4



And the culprit is ?!



Findings

- Of 10 recorded predation events (eggs destroyed or missing):
 - 4 were due to crows
 - 3 were due to rats
 - 3 were due to rabbits
- However, crows would sometimes show up where a nest had been and look at the camera and than look for a nest
- Rabbits frequently returned to nest sites with or without eggs



Rabbits? burying eggs?

