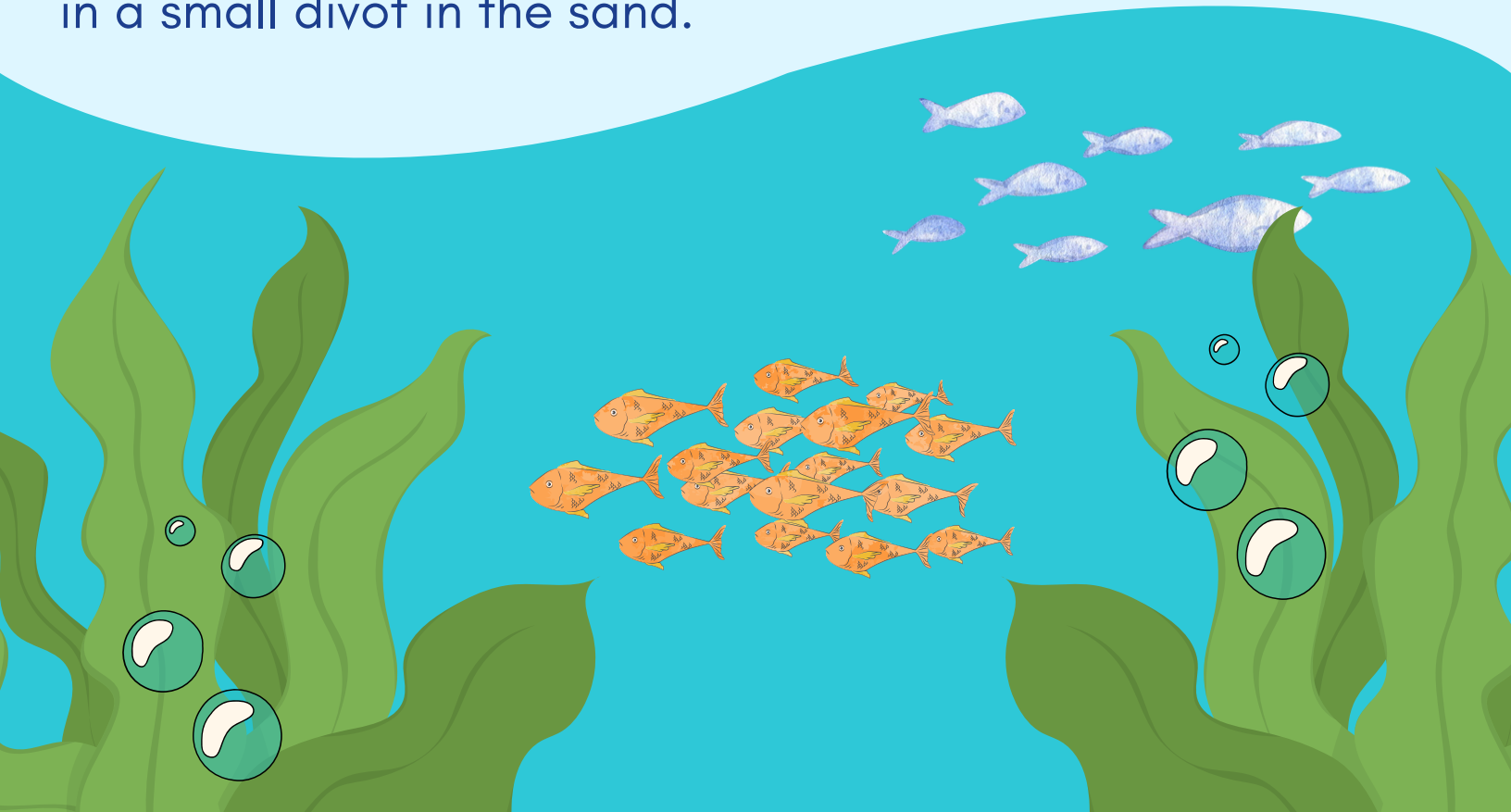


WESTERN SNOWY plover



The Western Snowy Plover is a small tan, white, and black shorebird listed as Threatened under the US Endangered Species Act.

Native to the Pacific Coast, Western Snowy Plovers range from Washington to Baja California. They nest March through September, laying their eggs in a small divot in the sand.



More about the

WESTERN SNOWY plover!



Male and female Western Snowy Plovers take turns incubating the eggs, however the female plover often leaves the nest shortly after the eggs hatch.



The male plover raises the eggs for around a month and then the chicks are on their own.



Female Western Snowy Plovers can lay 1-3 clutches per year, typically with three eggs to a clutch. Within a few hours of hatching, Western Snowy Plover chicks are self-sufficient. They eat the same diet of small arthropods, mollusks, worms, and insect/crustacean larva that adult birds eat.





HOW TO HELP!



It is estimated that there are around 3,000 Western Snowy Plovers left in the wild. During nesting season, many known Western Snowy Plover habitats are fenced off in order to protect the birds from human impact.

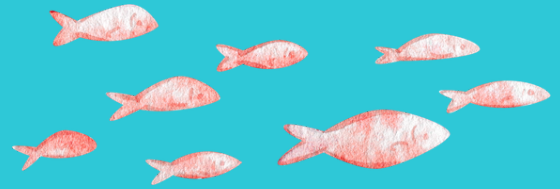
You can help the Western Snowy Plover by staying away from these fenced off areas, as well as any birds or nests. Other actions, such as keeping dogs away from nesting areas, refraining from throwing or flying objects that mimic predators (such as frisbees, balls, drones, kites, etc.), and cleaning up food, drink, and trash left on the beach can also help protect the Western Snowy Plover.



If you find a Western Snowy Plover nest not in a protected beach area, please distance yourself from the nest and call the wildlife organization that oversees the area, (ex. US Fish and Wildlife Service, State Parks, etc.), to report the nest.

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VIDEOS



More about nests and young:

Western Snowy Plover nests consist of a divot in the sand, often next to small plant, driftwood, or shells. They rely on camouflage to protect themselves and their young from predators.

Videos of nests and chicks:

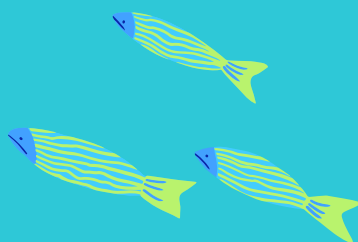
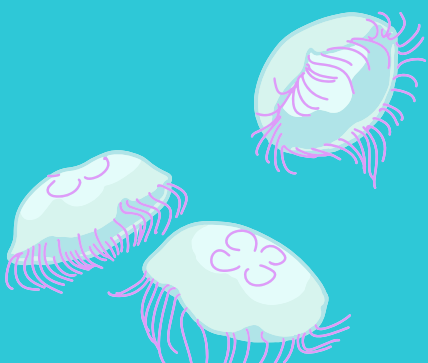
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To learn more about Western Snowy Plovers, a video from the National Park Service is linked below.

Informational Video:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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