

2010 Channel Islands Bald Eagle Nest Update

(as of April 28, 2010)

We are happy to report more exciting bald eagle news from the islands! Since the last update, the 2 West End (Catalina Island) eggs hatched, and a chick has been seen in both the Sauces Canyon and Baby's Harbor nests on Santa Cruz Island! And to top that off, a chick has been found in the Lopez Peak nest on Santa Rosa Island. This is the first time in 60 years a chick has hatched on Santa Rosa Island!

Catalina Island

- Seal Rocks Nest: 1 chick (hatched 3/26)
- Pinnacle Rock Nest: 1 chick (hatched 3/30)
- Two Harbors Nest: 2 chicks (hatched 3/27 and 3/28)
- Twin Rocks Nest: nest failed
- Rattlesnake Canyon Nest: 2 chicks (hatched 3/28 and 3/29)
- West End Nest: 2 chicks (hatched 4/14 and 4/16)
- Middle Ranch Nest: 1 confirmed egg (may be a second). Due to hatch early May.

Santa Cruz Island

- Pelican Harbor Nest (K-10/K-26): 2 chicks (hatch dates 4/3 and 4/5)
- Sauces Canyon Nest (A-27/A-28): 1 chick, 1 egg (hatch date ~4/25) 1st time successful in 3 years of breeding attempts
- Malva Real Pair nesting at Carl's Peak (A-17/A-11) (NEW nest): 2 eggs
- Cueva Valdez Pair (A-16/A-00) at Baby's Harbor (NEW nest): 1 chick (confirmed on 4/27)

No nests have been found so far for the following pairs: Fraser Point, Fry's Harbor, Yellowbanks, Willows

Santa Rosa Island

- Trap Canyon: new nest site has not been found
- Lopez Peak: 1 chick (hatched ~4/13) Unknown if second egg. First chick on SRI since 1950!

The current overall scorecard is:

- Number of currently known active nests: 11 (6 on Catalina, 4 on Santa Cruz, 1 on Santa Rosa)
- Number of nests with eggs: 3-4 (1 on Catalina, 2 on Santa Cruz, 1 on Santa Rosa?)
- Number of eggs being incubated: 5-6
- Number of chicks: 13 (8 on Catalina, 4 on Santa Cruz, 1 on Santa Rosa)

IWS photo of new nest from the Cueva Valdez Pair (located at Lady's/Baby's Cove on Santa Cruz Island)

