

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Oct 11, 2012 | the end

All five of the turtles put back in the nest from 118, to give them a few more days to get ready (totally absorb their yolk sac & their shell harden), made it to the ocean. These were the last hatchlings of the 2012 season. Thanks to all of the volunteers, your time & effort were greatly appreciated.

By: mommakaren | Date: Oct 8, 2012 | end of the Turtle 2012 Season

Thank you for the great turtle season we had this year 2012. Here is some of the data I compiled from the yellow pad you fill in. Total number of volunteer hours: 4464. Education project, "Come Crawl With Us": 507 guest not counting the number of campers that joined us for the morning patrols and inventories. Had a very special visitor today, Jeremy who was an intern a couple of years ago. He has been all over taking care of our turtles, all species. Thanks.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Oct 8, 2012 | last day of official survey

Inventory of nest 118 was a successful end to a great season. 99 out of 105 hatched and there were even a few babies still in the bottom of the nest. 6 volunteers and 3 guests got to watch the "last" turtles make it to the water. 5 turtles and 6 eggs were placed back in the nest to give them a few more days. Nests 108 and 115 (zone 1) were also inventoried neither produced any hatchlings.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Oct 7, 2012 | tracks going to the water

More turtles out of 118. Quite a lot of tracks. Tomorrow is the last day of the season.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Oct 6, 2012 | only 2 to go :(

No activity this morning

By: Tina | Date: Oct 5, 2012 |

Inventoried nest #117 this morning with 6 visitors looking on. They did not get to see any hatchlings but enjoyed the morning. Hatch rate was less than 50%.

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By: momma karen | Date: Oct 5, 2012 | to all turtle volunteers

A big thank you to all turtle volunteers for 2012. You were wonderful. Looking forward to seeing you next year.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Oct 5, 2012 | 118 is the last to hatch.

Nest 118 (zone 3) hatched. Inventory is Monday morning. Meet at the visitors center @7:15 am. This will be the last day of turtle patrol for 2012. All remaining nests (108 & 115) will be over 75+ days. They will be inventoried Monday too.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Oct 4, 2012 | back to nothing

No activity today

By: Peggy Willenberg | Date: Oct 3, 2012 | New Environmental License Plate!

This post has been edited due to a conflict of interest. Please see the Friends of Hunting Island license plate at <http://www.friendsofhuntingisland.org/license.html>

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Oct 3, 2012 | suprise this morning

more out of nest 117 . including 3 stragglers just coming out of the nest at 730 am . saw all three to the water.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Oct 2, 2012 | more info

nest 117 is in zone 4.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Oct 2, 2012 | nothing new nooo wait something happened

nest 117 hatched inventory set for friday morning at 7:30 am . still meet vistor center at 7:15 am.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Oct 1, 2012 | same same

nothing new to report

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 30, 2012 | "crowd" shows up but no action

4 volunteers this morning but no activity :(.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Sep 29, 2012 | all is quiet on the nest front

still quiet no new hatchings this morning

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 28, 2012 | still waitin

Another uneventful morning.

By: Mary Alice | Date: Sep 27, 2012 |

Thanks Buddy for the update on Nest #115.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 27, 2012 | nothing new

No new activity.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 26, 2012 | one more down 4 to go.

2 volunteers & 8 visitors were present at nest 116 inventory. Unfortunately the star attraction did not show. No live babies (no dead either) .the guests got a excellent education about sea turtles,as well as a beautiful walk on the beach.nest 116 numbers were not as good as hoped. 30 eggs hatched 45 did not.nest 115 has not hatched its at 64 days.

By: Mary Alice | Date: Sep 25, 2012 |

Has nest #115 in Zone 1 hatched?

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Sep 25, 2012 | nother quiet day

no activity today

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 24, 2012 | another nothing day

Nothing new happening. Just a nice walk on the beach.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 23, 2012 | another one hatched

Nest 116 in zone 4 hatched . I was told lots of tracks. Inventory is Wednesday September 26 @ 7:30am . Best to meet @ visitors center @7:00am. All non volunteers are responsible for their own park admission hope to Cya there.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 22, 2012 | educational saturday

No new hatchings inventory of nest 114 did not give good numbers (57% hatching success & 15% emergence success) . 17 visitors got a treat watching one hatchling start his long journey.

By: Bonnie | Date: Sep 21, 2012 | Patrol good for the soul.

With a beautiful quiet patrol on the beach this morning sure gives the mind and soul much to appreciate. Not much activity except a few more hatchlings made it to the ocean from nest#114. With only 5 more nests to hatch we are nearing the end of 2012 turtle season. What a GREAT season!!!!

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 20, 2012 | notter nothing today

Nothing today just cooler then normal walk on the beach

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Sep 19, 2012 | no missed nest today

5 more to hatch. 6 still in the ground. Wild (missed) nest are inventoried the day it is found unless it obviously just hatched. Nests 119&120 hadn't so those two are completed.

By: Carol/Alan Welch | Date: Sep 19, 2012 | Wednesday Team

Nest #114 hatched. All others showed no activity. Nice cool, cloudy morning on the beach. Took a couple pictures of zone 4 before we left the beach. Because we live in town, we don't see many sunrises during the off-season for Turtles, so I wanted to capture one more, lol! It has definitely been a wonderful ride this season. 5 more nests to go, I think, but that may not be counting wild nests. Buddy will clarify.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Sep 18, 2012 | another day another missed nest

yep nest 120(zone 3 in wrack line just b4 nest 118) another wild(missed nest) . the racoons or foxes(think fox) helped to find this one by digging it up . looks like it hatched week or so ago. probably good hatch rate but hard to tell these 4 legged diggers have no finesse.lots of hatched egg shells. this keeps up might get to 130 . FYI no known nests hatched still waiting.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Sep 17, 2012 | 119 location

nest 119 was found in zone 2 just north of the moby mat. north of the volly ball net.

By: Bonnie | Date: Sep 17, 2012 | Wild Nest

Wow! Nest 119 wild nest, interested in knowing what Zone location?

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Sep 17, 2012 | suprise for monday

yep counter is right nest 119 found this morning . wild nest (missed nest).looks like it hatched few days ago . 109 of 120 hatched.two of the nests(111&112 yesturday had around 50% hatch rate. nest 110 had around 90%.

By: Peggy Willenberg | Date: Sep 16, 2012 | OOPS!

Sorry about the double post. Hope to see you all at the upcoming luncheon!

By: Peggy Willenberg | Date: Sep 16, 2012 | Last day on the beach :-)

I'll let Buddy supply the numbers. We had three inventories today--the hatch ratio was fair, but two live hatchlings emerged from each nest, much to the delight of 24 guests! Thanks to Karen, Buddy, Denise, and all the day leaders and volunteers for a great experience! Can't wait for May!

By: Peggy Willenberg | Date: Sep 15, 2012 | Saturday report

Nest inventory of #113 right by the campground. Lots of digging, but we finally found the nest and six live hatchlings! The total was 64 hatched and 44 unhatched. Our 20 guests were thrilled to see the hatchlings make their way to the water!

By: Bonnie | Date: Sep 14, 2012 | Quiet Friday/No activity/No inventory

Thanks to the three Friday turtle volunteers and their two guests(pro prospective new members)for helping to check the few remaining nests. No activity today, but the season isn't quite over until everyone of the darling little hatchlings makes it to the sea :-)

It's been an exciting season and everyone can be proud of the positive difference they have made with our turtle conservation program.

Kudos to all, especially our co-ordinators and dayleaders.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 13, 2012 | busy upcoming weekend

Nest 113 (zone 2) beach in front of the campground & nest 112(zone 4) on Saturday 9/15.

Nest 110 &111 both in zone 4 on Sunday 9/16. Anyone wishing to attend these inventories are welcomed.

Best to meet @ the Hunting Island Visitor Center @ 6:45 a.m.

Nests 110 & 111 hatched last night. Lot more hatchlings came out of nest 112. FYI only 6 nests left to hatch :(

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 12, 2012 | wednesday happenings

Nest 113(zone 2)hatched . Inventory will be Saturday September 15 @ 7:30 a.m. anyone wishing to attend please meet volunteers @ 6:45 am @ the Hunting Island Visitors Center. Everyone is responsible for their on park admission.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 11, 2012 | sunday monday tuesday nothing happening

All's quiet on the turtle nest front since Saturday. On monday nest 109 (Zone 3) hatched a couple but waiting for more to set the inventory date. Cooler temperatures are possibly slowing incubation. FYI nest 18 is at 30 days.

By: Peggy Willenberg | Date: Sep 8, 2012 | Saturday report

Nest 105 in zone 4 hatched, with many tracks heading towards the sea. Two inventories today, and neither was good news. Nest 65 in zone 4 contained 4 hatched eggs and 57 unhatched ones. Nest 95 in zone 2 had a good hatch rate, but contained many dead hatchlings. Let's hope for better news tomorrow!

By: Bonnie | Date: Sep 7, 2012 | Friday

Nest#107 last nest in zone 6 hatched. Nest#103 in Zone 2 inventoried with good hatch rate. Another nest inventory in Zone 1 unfortunately don't know the details.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 6, 2012 | clarification answer

Yes to first question. Both relocated and in situ. 3rd question no not really.

By: Peggy Willenberg | Date: Sep 5, 2012 | Clarification?

"Great hatch rate but poor emergence rate"--does that mean there were quite a few dead hatchlings in the nest? Were these 'in situ' nests, or nests we moved? Quite disturbing to think the eggs hatched but the hatchlings were not able to climb out of the nest...what could we do better, if anything?

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 5, 2012 | tuesday update on wednesday morning

Nest 103 hatched in zone 2. Inventory of nests 92(zone 4)&93 zone 2. 93 had great hatch rate but poor emergence rate. 3 other nests in same area, had same issue. 92 did great.

By: Carol Welch | Date: Sep 5, 2012 | Wednesday Team

Alan and I had zone 1 and 2 today, with no new activity found. We had inventories of nests 98 and 106 in zone 4. There was a strong live hatchling near the top of nest #106 who made it to the ocean safely. Hatch rates very good. Nest #99 in zone 3 was also inventoried; good hatch rate, no hatchlings. Beautiful day on the beach! Alan and I found out this morning that the campground hosts for this summer are people we knew from Georgia where we are from! Small world!

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Sep 3, 2012 | monday update

nest 102 in zone 2 hatched. inventory of nest 97 in zone 1 . great hatch rate.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Sep 2, 2012 | sunday update

Nests 82,98,106(zone 4),and 99(zone 3) hatched. Inventory of 3 nests in zone 3. 87,85,& 77.

By: Peggy Willenberg | Date: Sep 1, 2012 | September!

Can you believe it is September 1 already! We had three inventories today, all in zone 1. Inventory of nest 101 gave us a hatch rate of 81 out of 87 eggs--really good! The other two nests inventoried were not quite as good, but had a moderate success rate. Nests 92 in zone 4 and 93 in zone 2 hatched . Four visitors enjoyed watching the inventories today. Have a wonderful holiday weekend from the Saturday crew!

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Aug 31, 2012 | quiet friday

nothing new today inventory of nest 68. 64 % hatch rate.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Aug 30, 2012 | thursday update

Nest 90(zone 6)&nest 97(zone 1) hatched . Inventory of nest 79 in 3.decent hatch rates. Wednesday had nests 88,96,&101 hatch all in zone 1

By: Carol Welch | Date: Aug 29, 2012 | Team Wednesday

According to Wednesday's Day Leader, Don Gregory, we had an inventory in zone 2, nest #73 I think he said. Also three nests hatched in zone 1, but I am sorry I don't have the nest numbers. If I can find out that info I will post it.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Aug 26, 2012 | sunday update

No activity today and as the little widget in the left hand corner reads, its been 14 days since last nest. This marks end of nesting but we still have 47 nests remaining that need monitoring. Nest 89 in zone 4 was inventoried today. Nice hatch rate (90%+) .no new hatching today

By: Peggy Willenberg | Date: Aug 25, 2012 | Beautiful Saturday!

What a gorgeous, COOL morning on the beach! Nest 91 in zone 1 has hatched--there were many, many tracks ending right at the high tide line! Inventory of nest 59 in zone 3 revealed 116 of 119 hatched. Two guests were present and were quite impressed with the process. Walking back through zone 3, we found a large male horseshoe crab upside down in the sand. Luckily he was still alive and swam away quickly after we returned him to the ocean.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Aug 25, 2012 | quirt thursday

Thursday was quiet day.

By: Carol Welch | Date: Aug 24, 2012 | Wed Team

Anything happen on Thursday?

By: Bonnie | Date: Aug 24, 2012 | Quiet morning inventory time.

Another quiet morning on the beach. I guess the mama turtles are exhausted from the very successful nesting season are heading to deeper water for some R&R. Now it is the hatchlings we must look after until all nests have hatched. Today in Zone 2 we inventoried Nest#80 with a 85% hatch rate and Nest#52 with a very poor hatch rate. Still have more than 50% of our nests to monitor every day. Keep up the great work volunteers the baby hatchlings need you help :)

By: Carol Welch | Date: Aug 22, 2012 | Team Wednesday

No new nests today. Two inventories in Zone 3, nest #s 71 and 75, both had good hatch rates. Found a hatchling coming out of one of the nests and saw him/her safely to the ocean. Met a nice couple on the beach from Lady's Island. They were absolutely thrilled with getting to see the hatchling; she is going to become a turtler next season. MommaKaren was there to guide us. Always enjoy seeing her and Buddy on the beach.

By: Diane | Date: Aug 19, 2012 | Fairly quiet

No new nests or crawls Sunday. Inventoried 2 nests, one on 4 and one on 3. #69 on 3 had an excellent hatch rate-110 of 113. No dead or live hatchlings. Didn't hear results for the other nest.

By: Th | Date: Aug 18, 2012 |

Thank you !!

By: Peggy Willenberg | Date: Aug 18, 2012 | Busy Saturday!

No new nesting activity, but three inventories to perform, one each in zones 2, 3, and 4. Three live hatchlings were found, and the nest 56 inventory in zone 2 was well-attended by guests from the campground. Good hatching percentage was reported on all nests, with nest 56 topping the list with 122 hatches out of a total of 125 eggs laid! Good job Momma Turtles!

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Aug 17, 2012 | nest 50

Nest 50 is at 61 days.

By: Thacker Family | Date: Aug 17, 2012 |

Was wondering if nest 50 has hatched yet ? Cannot find any relevance to it in the notes!!??Hoping to come out early Sat. morning and see hatching's.You guys do a GREAT job..cannot wait until next year to join the Turtle Patrol!! Have a Great Day ya'll !!

By: Bonnie | Date: Aug 17, 2012 | Quiet morning/active hatchings

No new nests, quiet morning with calm seas. Inventoried Nest#57 in zone 2 at the campground. Nest#60 at south end of zone 2 was inventoried at the Thursday evening turtle inventory educational program. Also inventoried Nest#63 in Zone 4(In Situ-115 hatched plus 6 unhatched).

By: Teresa Roundy | Date: Aug 16, 2012 |

Sorry - I can spell. There is a disconnect between what I type and what comes out!

By: Teresa Roundy | Date: Aug 16, 2012 | Tuesday Zone 4 Report

In zone 4 nest 64 hatched. Nest 60 or 62 (could not read the number.) piped, and we rescued a baby stuck on it's back in the pip crater. Nest 63 also piped.

By: Karen M | Date: Aug 16, 2012 |

No new nests. 2 inventories. Nest 61 (in situ) in zone 1 had 80 hatched and 9 unhatched with 1 dead baby in the nest. I didn't hear about the other inventory. Also one nest hatched in zone 3 or 4 but didn't get the nest number.

By: Carol Welch | Date: Aug 15, 2012 | Wednesday Team

No new nests today. #56 hatched in Zone2 (north end) with lots of tracks heading straight for the ocean. In Zone 3; #54 hatched, and #48 pipped. In Zone 4; #74 pipped.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Aug 15, 2012 | disorientation

All hatchlings made it to the water. just took longer to get there. When the hatchlings emerged they crawled parallel to the ocean. till the light goes away then they reorient and crawl toward the water.

By: Peggy | Date: Aug 14, 2012 | Misorientation event

Buddy--what happened with this nest (57)? Were there tracks headed the wrong direction? Were there dead hatchlings? I understand the concept but not the evidence of the event. Thanks for any additional information.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Aug 14, 2012 | tuesday update

No new nests. Nests 60, 57 (zone 2) and nest 63 (zone 4) hatched. 63 had one baby that the volunteers named rocky. Rocky made it to the water and swam away. Nest 57 was big misorientation event. Possible a flashlight on the beach.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Aug 13, 2012 | mon 8/13

no activity today nest wise . inventory of nest 53. nest 55 hatched.

By: Diane | Date: Aug 12, 2012 | It ain't over til it's over

Three nest inventories, 46 and 49 on section 3, didn't catch the other number on 4. Very good hatch rates and a few fire ants for good measure. One new nest on 3 and two false crawls in 5/6. The girls aren't done yet. Everybody worked together to get the work done, but it made for a long morning.

By: Peggy | Date: Aug 11, 2012 | Big rainstorm reconfigures things

There was a heavy thunderstorm last night at the beach, and zone 4 looks completely different. The wrack is up in the trees and bushes! No new nesting activity, but two excellent inventories. Nest 51 produced 101 baby turtles with only 10 unhatched eggs. Nest 44 had 86 eggs hatched and only 7 unhatched. Good work momma turtles!

By: Teresa Roundy | Date: Aug 10, 2012 | Friday's Report

No activity on Friday, just a lovely day to walk the beach. Nest #47 in Zone 4 was inventoried, with a hatch rate of 52 out of 54 eggs.

By: Carol Welch | Date: Aug 9, 2012 | Wednesday Team

Thanks Buddy, for the update on Wednesday's inventories. Good numbers

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Aug 9, 2012 | what's been happening

Nest 43(zone 6),46,&49(both in zone 3) all hatched . Lots of tracks from each nest. Wednesday's morning inventories were in the 90% hatch success range. Two inventories Wednesday evening were in the 80% range. 73 visitors saw one straggler hatchling (nest 42) start his long journey to sea.

By: Karen M | Date: Aug 9, 2012 |

Quiet morning. No crawls. Nests 40 and 47 hatched in zone 4.

By: Carol Welch | Date: Aug 8, 2012 | Wednesday

No new nests today. Two inventories in zone 2. #40 hatched in zone 4. I was not in on the inventories, so maybe someone else can give us details. Nice cloudy day on the beach, with a little, brief drizzle. Started off a little threatening, but storm went around us.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Aug 6, 2012 | monday update

nest 117 in zone 4 . two inventories nest 35 in 3 nest 34 in zone 4. both had good hatch rates. 35 had best with 98%.

By: Diane | Date: Aug 5, 2012 | When no news is just no news

Several emergencies reported today, although I didn't hear nest numbers, and at least one crawl but I didn't hear a report of a new nest. How helpful am I as a blogger? We reported a half hour later today, so I probably got too much sleep.

By: Peggy | Date: Aug 4, 2012 | Quiet Saturday morning

It was a quiet day today with no new nests, crawls or waterspouts! Nest 28 produced a stunning hatch of 125 out of a total of 129 eggs laid! Good luck to those 125 new little lives as they swim off into the massive Atlantic.

By: Bonnie | Date: Aug 3, 2012 | Exciting Friday Patrol for my family

Nest#35 in Z-3 and Nest#34 in Z-4 hatched this morning. Took my visiting daughter and grand daughter (age12) on patrol this morning and while doing inventory in Z-3 they got to see a live hatchling make it to the ocean. Naturally they were thrilled and are now hooked on turtles :)

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Aug 3, 2012 | is nesting over well.....

Inventory zone 3 nest 37. No new activity, but Fripp Island had nest this morning so just maybe not over yet.

By: Karen M | Date: Aug 2, 2012 |

No new nests today. 2 inventories in zone 3 this morning. Nest 33 had lots of hatchlings but didn't hear what happened with nest 39.

By: Carol Welch | Date: Aug 1, 2012 | hatchlings love a cloudy am

No new nests today. As we checked nest #27 in zone 4, a hatchling was emerging. We saw it safely to the ocean. In Zone 3, I think something similar occurred to nests 37 and 39. Must have been the cloudy and somewhat dark morning. Inventory of nest #19 in Z4 produced 80 hatched and 35 unhatched with no live or dead hatchlings.

By: Turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 31, 2012 | tuesday last day of July.

Inventoried nests 15 ,22 & 31. Good numbers for all. No new nesting activity.

By: Tina | Date: Jul 30, 2012 | Monday's team

We inventoried 23 & 26 and nests 33, 25 & 39 in zone 3 hatched. No new nests!

By: Diane | Date: Jul 29, 2012 | They're boiling now

Nest 29 boiled up right in front of a team's eyes this a.m. with 50-60 babies making for the water. Hope they got photos. Inventoried nest 7, a little less than a 50% hatch rate, one live baby in the bottom, surprisingly strong. We saw it to the ocean safely. Nests 15 and 19 hatched but few tracks. The team on section 3 was probing last we heard but didn't hear the result.

By: Peggy | Date: Jul 28, 2012 |

We almost needed traffic control today in zone 4 when a nest inventory produced two live hatchlings. A crowd of guests made the little fellows into film stars as they photographed/videoed the hatchlings' every move on the way to the water!

By: Abby | Date: Jul 28, 2012 |

Nest 102 was also an old nest? What about 100 Has it been inventoried?

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jul 27, 2012 | nest 100

102 hatched 13 unhatched 6 dead (1 used for inventory sample) 1 suprisingly live turtle. even after 5 days still had the get up n go.

By: Abby | Date: Jul 27, 2012 |

Has Nest #100 hatched? If so, when?? Has it been inventoried? If so, when? What was the results??

By: Bonnie | Date: Jul 27, 2012 | Turtle gals still nesting

Nest #116 in Z-4; Inventoried #12 in Z-2 disappointed hatch rate:(; Nest #26 in Z-1 looks like it boiled last night. Yeah!

By: Karen M | Date: Jul 26, 2012 |

Quiet morning on the beach. Interesting crawl in zone 2 but no nest found. Inventory of nest 8 had no live hatchlings.

By: Carol Welch | Date: Jul 25, 2012 | Wednesday

No new nests found today, nor false crawls. Had two inventories in zone 4, #14 and #20. Cannot speak to the details of nest #14 inventory, but we found a hatchling in nest #20. Everyone worked as a team, and with Buddy's guidance, saw the hatchling to the ocean. A very good day!

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jul 24, 2012 | im only human kinda ???

oops nest 12 is n 2 . and yes Susan its not pip on 14 that was hatch out on sun

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jul 24, 2012 | they starting to pop like popcorn

nest 115 in zone 1 . some egg thieves got to it first. left 10 behind . but not many laid. bunch of nests hatch . zone nest 12 ,zone 3 nest 1 (FINALLY 82 days)and zone 4 nests 10 ,18, 21.

By: Susan D (Saturday) | Date: Jul 23, 2012 | Nest 14, zone 3

Hi! Did nest 14 pip or it just wash-over? It's by the southern-most beach entrance after the south beach bath house. See you soon!

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jul 23, 2012 | We are number 3

nest 114 in zone 2 . 2012 now has 3rd place on Hunting Island yearly nest count. next is sight is 1992 130 . long shot. FYI nest 8 hatched.

By: Diane | Date: Jul 23, 2012 | Question for the Turtle Whisperer

So, Buddy, 100 did pip? It did look like it, just didn't make sense until Samantha told me it was older.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jul 22, 2012 | NEW record

2012 currently tied for 3 with 1994. number 2 spot is 1992 with 130. but hooray 2012 has broken record for most non nesting crawls on hunting Island 212. 1998 had 203

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jul 22, 2012 | found two months later

nest 100 was an early nest, laid on May 10. found on July 10. two crawls on same spot one was a nest other was not???

By: Diane | Date: Jul 22, 2012 | And another thing

Understand Nest 100 might have been an older nest when discovered. Saw a definite depression but a hole in the back like a ghost crab and no sign of baby tracks.

By: Diane | Date: Jul 22, 2012 | A couple of hatches

The stranger who shot by us doing 70 on 21 must have been seething as he sat in front of us for 20 minutes waiting for the gate to open. Hot but quiet walk except for section 4 with two nest hatches and a false crawl. Thanks to Karen W.'s grandson, Grant, for being our guest prober, even though we didn't have an opportunity to use his skills.

By: Peggy | Date: Jul 21, 2012 |

Interesting day today in zone 2! One of our mommas could not seem to make up her mind and produced a false crawl that looped up, down, and around at least three times! Several campers were eagerly awaiting our arrival to see if a nest was present, but momma turtle had not found the area to her liking and left without nesting. Hopefully she will be back!

By: Phil Gaines | Date: Jul 21, 2012 | Director of S.C. State Parks

Spent Friday morning on Turtle Patrol with an awesome group of volunteers! What a great experience. Thanks to all the volunteers for you do!! Hunting Island is a special place made even more special by her friends who look after the park and all its resources. Thanks again for making a difference!
Phil Gaines, Director of State Parks

By: osman | Date: Jul 21, 2012 | biber hapi

good website. thanks.

By: Bonnie | Date: Jul 20, 2012 | Welcomed Guests & Nest

Inventoried Nest 3 Zone 1(111 eggs hatched). Nest#113 Zone 2 with 1 false crawl in Z2 and Z4. The TGIF had several guests with us this morning including Phil Gaines, Director of SC Parks and Jeff Atkins, HISP manager.

By: Karen M | Date: Jul 19, 2012 | Big Turtle Birthday for Don in Zone 4!

Wow! Today was Don B.'s birthday and he was the sole team patrolling in zone 4. The turtles must have been planning a big surprise for him as there was one momma leaving the beach and a little further down was another momma laying her eggs! Altogether there were 2 false crawls and 3 nests in zone 4 - 110 (67 eggs), 111 (115 eggs), and 112 (98 eggs). All the teams came to help and everyone got to see the last momma leave the beach! Tina took lots of pictures so I hope some make it to the blog.

By: Alan Welch | Date: Jul 18, 2012 | ooops on previous Wed entry

Ooops, that would be NO activity in Zones 1 or 2 today; sorry about that!

By: Alan | Date: Jul 18, 2012 |

10 activity in zone 1 or 2. Shelley located nest #109 (this was initially thought be #110) in Zone 3. Zone 4 had 3 false crawls. Unfortunately no new evidence of hatching was found. We were joined by 7 guests today.

By: Cyndi | Date: Jul 17, 2012 | Tuesday - Cooler & Active... Nest #108

In the far north of Zone 1, John Jenkins probed his first intact nest, #108! Yay!! Karen and her team found two false crawls in Zone 4 and inventoried Nest #5, liberating 3 more babies. The top sand is very dry and powdery this year, making it difficult for those turtles to get out of their hole. Howard & Buddy had another non-nesting emergence (turtle sighting!) in Zone 5.

By: Tina | Date: Jul 16, 2012 | Vacation Day

Our ladies decided to take the day off today! We didn't have any new nests, false crawls or any nests hatch out ! Very quiet morning.!

By: Diane | Date: Jul 15, 2012 | It's Raining Turtles

Great day to have some youngsters along as guests. We didn't find anything on section 2, but nest 3 on sec. 1 hatched, Buddy reported a nest on 6, and section 4 had 2 nests. Didn't get there in time to help probe or dig but the family got to see tracks, eggs, and the process. Must have been a false crawl on 3.

By: Peggy | Date: Jul 14, 2012 |

We were so fortunate this morning that several children witnessed hatchlings making their way back to the sea. This is something they will not forget--the best "teaching experience" there is! :)

By: Bonnie | Date: Jul 14, 2012 | Full Circle of Life

Hooray!

I'm looking forward to inventory time. It is the most rewarding to see the full circle of life. Love watching hatchlings make their track to the ocean. Makes all the early morning walks worthy of our volunteer's efforts!

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 14, 2012 | FINALLY!!!!!!

2 non nesting crawls 1 in zone 4 1 in zone 5 . Nest 5 hatched between 3 n 5 this morning. 8 stragglers on the beach to the thrill of volunteers and guests.

By: Peggy | Date: Jul 14, 2012 |

Eight hatchlings on the beach this morning from nest #5! Main hatch last night?

By: Bonnie | Date: Jul 13, 2012 | Break in heat wave

Down pour this morning stopped once we arrived at the park and turtle patrol had a nice breeze for a change! Nest #104 in Zone 6, plus 1 false crawl in 6 and 2 false crawls in 4.

Busy season with 195 total false crawls to date.

Could this be the end of our latest HEAT WAVE :-)

All you turtle volunteers...stay cool!

By: Abby | Date: Jul 13, 2012 |

Buddy Do you remember the couple s name? Are there any photographs?

Thanks Abby

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 12, 2012 | answer Abby

Couple who had cabin on south end. With help of people on Fripp

By: Karen M | Date: Jul 12, 2012 | Nest 103

Beautiful but quiet morning on the beach. Nest 103 in zone 2.

By: Abby | Date: Jul 11, 2012 |

Diane. & Buddy Thanks for the data update

Buddy, in 1984, who recorded & monitored turtle nesting?

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 11, 2012 | wed update

Nest 102 in zone 2 . Non nesting crawl in zone 4. Diane & Abby my research into sea turtle nesting history on Hunting Island shows that in 1984 there was 150+ nests. 8 yrs b 4 the fohi & 6 yrs b 4 park staff took care of nests.

By: Diane | Date: Jul 11, 2012 | 1992 was the record year

Abby, I remembered either Karen or Buddy reported the record in last year's blog, so I searched. The answer is 130 nests in 1992.

By: Abby | Date: Jul 10, 2012 |

What is the highest recorded # of nests for Hunting Island & what year?

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 10, 2012 | FYI

We are 14 nests and 5 days ahead of 2010. Also on strange but true note. We got both nests 100 and 101 on same day in 2010.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 10, 2012 | tuesday

Nest 100 in zone 3 and nest 101 in zone 1. 2 more non nesting crawls. Both non nesting crawls in 2

By: Zone 5 | Date: Jul 10, 2012 |

Thanks, Cyndi. Had any of the eggs survived, I'd have adopted the nest just for the novelty. ;)

By: Cyndi | Date: Jul 9, 2012 | no nests in zone 5

So if you were wondering, the 1 in Zone 5 of the chart follows Diane's idea...it is the Russ Point nest.

By: Tina | Date: Jul 9, 2012 | Monday Madness

The heat is getting brutal and is starting to effect everyone. We had 3 nests today and there was some confusion about nest #'s but.. Zone 1 had nest #97 and one false crawl, Zone 3 had 2 false crawls and nest #99, I believe it was zone 4 that had nest #98. Next nest is the big 100!!!! Reminders went out about how to prepare for and deal with the heat. Please heed the advice, our turtles are important but our fellow "turtler" team mates and their well being is even more important!

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jul 9, 2012 | monday update

nest 97 in zone 1 , nest 98 in zone 4 and nest 99 in zone 3. 3 non nesting crawls. 1 in zone 1 and 2 in zone 3.

By: Trudy Messinger | Date: Jul 9, 2012 | rehydration

Hi everyone, Karen just called to make sure that we all bring water to rehydrate. With this heat water alone does not do the trick, we need to make sure that we restore our electrolites. SPN rehydration will do just that. Let me know if you want to know more. Tanks Trudy

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jul 8, 2012 | just two crawls and two mysteries

no nests just two non nesting crawls. 1 in zone 3 . 1 in zone 4 . the one in zone 4 was made by a mamma turtle with the guidance system of a smart missile.

By: Diane | Date: Jul 8, 2012 | Slow Day

The light breeze Sunday was a break from a week of sweaty morning beach patrols. And the girls must have slept in after a week of partying. On the walkie on 1, we could hear from sections 2, 4, 5, but not 3, which is where we think there was a crawl and maybe a nest.

By: Cyndi | Date: Jul 8, 2012 | Webwitch can't tell witch day is witch...

Sorry for counting error. My only excuse: being on an island on the wrong coast...I got the days mungled up, so I shorted my own marvelous Tuesday team! (And messed with other days' totals, too...) Now I am back on the mainland, and I think the chart is correct, but only you can prevent forest fires.//.\.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jul 7, 2012 | sat update

nest 95 in zone 2 and nest 96 zone 1 . 7 non nesting crawls. 1 in 2 4 in 4 2 in 5.sat volunteers did awesome job today even being short handed. On a sadder note lost a comrade. my bike that has faithfully taken me to zone 5/6 whenever tide was far enough out for over a year n half gave up the ghost today, she will be missed.

By: Diane | Date: Jul 7, 2012 |

Buddy, since section 5 is literally a wash this year, maybe we should start walking Russ Point.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jul 6, 2012 | russ point nest

nest 94 at russ point ,unfortunly lost to predators. thanks to thursday Karen for passing nest location on from Kim and David of Beaufort Kayak Tours.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 6, 2012 | friday 7/6

Nest 91 in zone 1 (watched nest by the Ann Howell and her sister.nest 93 in zone 2(turtle seen returning to water after nesting by two sisters) nest 92 in zone 4. 3 non nesting crawls. 1 in zone 1& 2 in zone 4.FYI we are 11 nests and 7 days ahead of 2010.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 5, 2012 | thursday part 2

Nest 89 in zone 4 ,nest 90 in zone 6

By: Karen M | Date: Jul 5, 2012 | Nests 86-88

The girls must have enjoyed 4th of July fireworks because we had many false crawls and at least 3 nests! Nest 86 in zone 4, nest 87 in zone 3 (finally found this one - thanks to Tina who saw the momma nesting last night), and nest 88 in zone 1. There were also 2 possible additional nests being probed in zone 4 but I didn't hear whether nests were found.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 4, 2012 | revision on 85

Tammy (aka Tina) actually found nest 85 . Good job great team work Wednesday team.

By: Carol Welch | Date: Jul 4, 2012 | Wacky Wednesday

4 false crawls this morning in Zone 4, and I think Buddy had a couple false crawls in 5...correct me if I am wrong, Buddy.

By: Frances Bruner | Date: Jul 4, 2012 | #83, #84, and #85

False crawl in Zone 2. 3 false crawls and 2 nests were in Zone 3 - #83 was moved with 84 eggs, #84 was moved with 97 eggs. One of those false crawls in Zone 3 - Buddy went by and decided Momma was creatively nesting and he found #85 - left in situ. Thanks to team 4 for their help in Zone 3 and finding a false crawl. And thanks to everyone else and our guests. There might have been some other activity, but this is all I know. Have a Happy Fourth!!

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 3, 2012 | tuesday comes roaring back with

Nests 79 & 82 in zone 4 . Nests 80 & 81 in zone 2. 1 non nesting crawl in zone 4. Now T next time you will believe me :) thank u T

By: karen | Date: Jul 3, 2012 | Nest numbers

We had nests #79,#80,#81,#82 Today. Nest # 83 Will be tomorrows nest number. Is this correct?

By: karen | Date: Jul 3, 2012 |

We had 4 nest today. two in Zone #2 and 2 in Zone #4. Is that correct? false crawls unknown.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jul 3, 2012 | monday july 2 update

Nest 78 in zone 4 .2 non nesting crawls in 3 & 4

By: karen | Date: Jul 1, 2012 |

We also had a false crawl in Zone 2

By: Diane | Date: Jul 1, 2012 | Slow for the holidays

This is often our busiest weekend (and it was--for trash) but the girls seem to be staying in the slightly cooler water this Sunday. One nest on 3, a false crawl on 1, and it appears from the count, even after Buddy probed, another false crawl on 3. Hot, hot, hot.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 30, 2012 | early genetic data

Some of the genetic data has come back for 2012(none yet for Hunting Island) . We are seeing remigrants. Those turtles coming back to nest that nested in 2010. Will be exciting to see the results from Hunting Island.check seaturtle.org to see.

By: Chris | Date: Jun 30, 2012 |

Wow....these mamas are continuing to work us to the bone finding these nests!
today = 2 nests, both in the wrack; one in zone 3 and one in zone 4....and 2 false crawls, both in zone 4.
Lots of visitors today!!!!

By: Bonnie | Date: Jun 29, 2012 | Summer heat is here

TGIF team had 6 false crawls plus nest#73 in Zone 2 and #74 in Zone 4. Great team work everyone. Heat index rising,volunteers....suggest you carry drinking water during morning patrol to prevent heat exhaustion.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

By: Karen M | Date: Jun 28, 2012 | Correction to last post

OOps - make that - Mostly quiet morning - a few false crawls and 2 nests. Nest 71 in zone 3 near the lighthouse and nest 72 in zone 4.

By: Karen M | Date: Jun 28, 2012 | Nests 71 and 72

Mostly quiet morning - a few false crawls and 2 nests. Nest 71 in zone 2 near the lighthouse and nest 72 in zone 4.

By: Carol Welch | Date: Jun 27, 2012 | wacky wednesday quiet

No nests this morning in Zones 1-4. The sunrise was beautiful on this clear, cool morning. Even more debris on the beach, if that is possible.

By: karen | Date: Jun 26, 2012 | nest #70

Nest #70 was found in Zone #4. 129 eggs and 3 drowned rats later the nest had been relocated. Thank you Julie and Howard.

By: Cyndi | Date: Jun 26, 2012 | Another nest on Tuesday...

Some say we may be cursed on Tues... but Karen's team found Nest #70 in Zone 4 before the rains came in again this morning.

I'm off to the wilds of the Pacific Northwest for a week and a half, but I'll be keeping up with turtles and teams. Whenever I get a signal, I'll update the stats. Maybe a nest will hatch???

By: Tina | Date: Jun 25, 2012 | Mondays team

Monday's team is still rockin and rolling! We had nest # 68 in zone 4 that we relocated to higher and more stable ground. Nest # 69 was in zone 3 along with a false crawl! Buddy had a false crawl in zone 5. At this time in 2010,(the year we had 111 nests) we only had had 56 nests!

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jun 24, 2012 | sunday pulls back ahead.

nest 67 in zone 6 . 9 non nesting crawls this morning. 2 each in zones 1,2,4 . 1 each in zones 3,5 and 6.

By: Diane | Date: Jun 24, 2012 | Hawksbill?

Finally found a picture of tracks that looked like the ones we saw on section 3 this a.m. If I'm right, they were Hawksbill tracks.

By: Diane | Date: Jun 24, 2012 | Diamond back, what were you thinking?

Couldn't keep track of all the reports this morning, so we'll have to wait for someone else to blog Sunday. Section 3 had one false crawl with tracks that looked different from a loggerhead--a bit smaller and the depressions were crescent shaped rather than v shaped. Also found a confused diamond backed terrapin who came out of the ocean and was 4/5 up the beach headed toward the forest bluff. She stopped when we came close, so decided we needed to back off to let her get where she was going.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jun 23, 2012 | sat breaks the tie to take second place

nest 64 , 65 in zone 4 nest 66 in zone 6

By: karen | Date: Jun 23, 2012 |

Thanks for the stats.

By: Chris | Date: Jun 23, 2012 |

Wonderful job today Saturday Turtle Team...Everyone pitched in to help on a day with 3 nests (one predated by foxes), 3 false crawls, and a real live Mama in Zone 4!!!!!!

By: Bonnie | Date: Jun 23, 2012 | Possible record season????

Buddy, Thanks for the stats. Wonder if we will break a 100 nests this season? We have certainly seen more mama turtles on the beach this nesting season(WOW 5 and counting):-)

By: Abby | Date: Jun 23, 2012 |

Buddy Thanks for updates Love keeping up with stats

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 22, 2012 | case anyone was curious

How is this year stacking up? Turtles nesting this year would've last nested 2009 & 2010(except any first time nesters) ,included 2011 just for kicks.

2011- 28 more nests then same date, 31 days until nest 63

2010-13 more nests then same date, 7 days until nest 63

2009-24 more nests then same date, 17 days until nest 63

FYI - season started over a week early.

By: Bonnie | Date: Jun 22, 2012 | Goofed editing

Oops! Nest#62 also in Zone 1.

By: Bonnie | Date: Jun 22, 2012 | Tricky nesting ladies

The TGIF team had(7)false crawls. Nest #61>(one nest pradated by raccoon and fox family leaving 30 eggs on top of sand for volunteers to relocate)at North end of Zone 1.

Do we need to start caging in Zone 1&2??? Emily's team has had all the nests this season.....way to go Emil & teammates.

Nest#63 in Zone 4 had egg chamber outside the body pit which was finally located by Buddy. I wonder when we might see our special girl"Stumpy"?

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jun 21, 2012 | thurs second update

another nest (60) in zone 2. close to the light house.

By: KarenM | Date: Jun 21, 2012 | Busy Morning!

Lots of crawls and nests this morning, including a crawl in zone 1 with 5-6 body pits. 2 different probers did not find a nest there. Nests 56 and 57 were found in zone 2, next 58 in zone 1, and nest 59 in zone 3. I see the nest count is up to 60 but don't know where that last one was found.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 20, 2012 | finally girls find zone 3

Nest 54 & 55 in zone 3. One non-nesting crawl in zone 4

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jun 19, 2012 | Awwwww sappy item(is it littering???)

zone 5 did not find a nest found a strange item(no not a deer mauled raccoon, I know nuttin bout that Mr Vinny).A love letter in a bottle. but Rob or Bob next time you send a love letter in a bottle seal it better , note got soaked. im sending it back on its way . Charleston is not very far from here,

By: Karen | Date: Jun 19, 2012 | Tuesday

Today we had 1 nest in Zone 3 and 3 false crawls. We also had visitors from Haywood Community College form NC. One more False crawl in 2

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jun 19, 2012 | School was in Prof Karen teaching

nest 53 in zone 3 also 3 non nesting crawls in 3 . 1 non nesting crawl in zone 2. group from Haywood Community College Attended turtle walk today. They were in zone nest was found (4 of them at least).

By: Tina | Date: Jun 18, 2012 | Mondays team

Two nests today and one false crawl. Nest 51 in zone 3 near the lighthouse and nest 52 in zone 2 just past the south end of the campground. The false crawl was in zone 2 also.

By: Diane | Date: Jun 17, 2012 |

Wow, Buddy, if I'd known about more nests on 3, I'd been down to help. Sounded like everything was pretty much under control.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 17, 2012 | And now the rest of the story

Nest 46 ,48,49,and 50 found in zone 3. Nest 47 found in zone 4.two mommas were spotted this morning. One momma was seen possibly twice. This mom was desperate to nest, she emerged around 9 am in zone 3 . The few people on the beach let her nest in peace. They waited to take pictures when she was on way back to the ocean. A family from ridgeland told me about the nest. With their help I secured nest 50.

By: Diane | Date: Jun 17, 2012 | Five nests on Sunday

And somebody must have found even more, as the number climbs to 50 on Sunday. That you, buddy? Or did Howard find additional nests at the south end of 4?

By: Diane | Date: Jun 17, 2012 | Busy Day for Some

Tide was very high today, lapping up a good bit of the beach on section 2. Section 3 had 2 nests, one must have been near the lighthouse as it was found quickly; the other close to the bath house. Latter left in situ. Nest on 4 as well. Gorgeous morning with a light breeze. Can this be June?

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 16, 2012 | sat update

1 non nesting crawl in zone 3.lotta wind from the northeaster.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 16, 2012 | Happy World Sea Turtle Day

Today is world sea turtle day. A day to celebrate sea turtles and sea turtle conservation. Its also Dr Archie Carr's birthday, the father of sea turtle biology.

By: Joy | Date: Jun 16, 2012 |

Thank heaven we found a nest in 4 on Thursday. Of course my grandson & his friend say they outdid the girls since they got to see a 122 egg nest moved.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 15, 2012 | friday update

Nest 44 in zone 2, nest 45 in zone 4

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 15, 2012 | thursday is non nesting day for 2012

3 non nesting crawls for Thursday. 2 in zone 1 1 in zone 4.

By: Joy | Date: Jun 14, 2012 |

My granddaughter Jessica, her friend Kelly & I walked zone 3 with Don on Wednesday. The girls were thrilled to help cover & cage nest 42. Only 15 but I think we have some future turtles.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 13, 2012 | wacky wednesday adds to their lead

Nest 42 in zone 3 & nest 43 in zone 6. 3 non-nesting crawls in zone 2

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 12, 2012 | sea turtle rhyme

Three sea turtles crawled all in a row. Why they didn't nest no one knows.
1 Non nesting crawl in zone 3, zone 4, & zone 5. Total of 3 for the day.

By: Tina | Date: Jun 11, 2012 | Ooops

Ooops! I should have said 2nd time in less than 1 week we have daylight appearances!

By: Tina | Date: Jun 11, 2012 | mamas on the beach

We had an exciting morning down at the campground! Team A started up zone 2 and when they saw turtle tracks and realized there was only one set, her incoming tracks. Yup, Mama was on the beach and had yet to lay her clutch of eggs. Linda and Perry were the lucky ones who witnessed mama go through the whole process! Our girls must be out partying late, this is the 2nd time in less than 2 wks we have had daylight appearances. That was nest 41, we also had a false crawl in zone 1.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jun 10, 2012 | busy last few days

no Diane you Sara n Connie are excellent turtlers. I trust ya. Monday team might be busy. but many of the crawls were turtles who nested sat night. its getting harder to find good places to nest, turtle that nested in 4, had crawl out water three times to find a place.

By: karen | Date: Jun 10, 2012 |

What about the 10 false crawls this am. Monday team look out. Mommas must have had something going on Saturday night.

By: Diane | Date: Jun 10, 2012 | Everywhere a nest

Busy Sunday! 4 nests scattered on 2,3, and 4 (37-40) and what we finally decided was a false crawl on 1 after about 90 minutes of probing and a deep hand dig to no avail. Buddy, please don't tell us you found a nest there.

By: Tina | Date: Jun 10, 2012 | June 9th. Better late than never!

Technically it is June 10th.(just barely) But on the morning of June 9th we had three nests and one false crawl. Nest 34 was in zone 3 right next to nest 25. Nest 35 was in zone 4 and nest 36 was partially predated in zone 5/6 along with our one false crawl. We were a little shorthanded but everyone pitched in a little bit extra and got the jobs done. Team C in zone 4, y'all did a fantastic job. Great teamwork guys!

By: Bonnie | Date: Jun 8, 2012 | A nest plus special guests

Wow! Mother Nature has not been kind to our beach lately :-(
(7) false crawls and Nest#33 in Zone 3.
Off duty ranger Jeff Cucinella, daughter Bella and her friend were guests with us this beautiful morning.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 7, 2012 | lots of crawls excuse me your eggs are showing

7 more non-nesting crawls 5 in 4 1 in 3 & 1 in 5 also nest 13 was almost lost to dune collapse. Relocated further back on the dune. Northeaster tide did a lot of damage.

By: Cyndi | Date: Jun 7, 2012 | Apologgerhead

Sorry, I guess I can't count any more... all Tuesday teams are awesome and put up with me! Stats fixed. :-)

By: Abby | Date: Jun 7, 2012 |

Please Note Nest #29 found on Tue June 5 was located in Zn 2 (in front of the campground) Found by Team A Prober MaryAlice Faulkner Lolita Watson and Abby Morris

By: Carol Welch | Date: Jun 6, 2012 | Wet Whacky Wednesday

Whacky Wednesday was a soggy mess! Nest # 31 was found in Zone 3 by Tim/Frances Bruner. Found the nest under the wrack and relocated 100 eggs. Nest #32 was found in Zone 4. Alan probed, I dug, but no eggs. Buddy spent maybe 3-5 min on it, and just like magic, he found eggs! We don't call him the "Master" for nothin'! Don't like not being able to find eggs, but Buddy is a great inspiration and motivator, so I bet we find 'em next time, lol!

By: turtlebuddy | Date: Jun 5, 2012 | overload?

Cyn brain was overloaded got little mixed up. False crawl was in zone 5, not 6. 2 false crawls in zone 3 not zone 2. Maybe that momma turtle was curious as to what those humans were doing to the nest. Just kidding

By: karen | Date: Jun 5, 2012 |

Thanks to all that were there today. Ryan, one of our youngest "turtlers" helped relocate nest #28. that was his first. Good job Ryan.

By: Cyndi | Date: Jun 5, 2012 | Full Moon Lay It on Us - Turtle on the Beach!

Such a busy morning. That moon watching us all... Three Nests: #28 & #30 in Zone 1, and #29 in Zone 3. Also, false crawls in Zones 6, 4, and two in 2. And if that wasn't enough, as Karen's team on 1 was leaving the beach, they turned around, and a momma came out of the surf in the daylight to nose around the tide line wrack and then head back out to sea before I could get up there from 4. Watch for Tina's photos...

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: Jun 4, 2012 | congratulations

Congratulations to Tina for finding her first nest. Great Job probing

By: Tina | Date: Jun 4, 2012 | Mondays team

Great day for Mondays team. We had nest 26 in zone 1 with 108 eggs and nest 27 with 107 eggs in zone 4. The nest in zone 4 was under about 15 inches of rack and just below high tide line so we relocated just a bit higher to keep it dry. Vinnie the deer and his merry band of thugs are doing a great job of keeping Reggie Raccoon and Co busy on the marsh project. We also had 3 false crawls in zone 3.

By: Diane | Date: Jun 3, 2012 | #25 on 3

Tide was high with only a narrow band of beach to patrol between water and wrack on section 4. Gorgeous day with a light breeze and lower temps. Team on 3 found tracks toward the south side of the section. Sounded like a lot of probing before the nest was found. #25

By: Bonnie | Date: Jun 1, 2012 | Lots of guests, no nests

A beautiful huge red sunrise and a soft breeze welcomed our volunteers and 12 guests this morning. We

hope the Thompson and Hoagland families learned much about our turtle program and will come back soon.

No nest for our guests to see, just 2 false crawls in Zone 4.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 31, 2012 | thursday update

Non- nesting crawl in zone 4. Total 57 non-nesting crawls b 4 June 1st this year. We had 59 all of last year.

By: Frances Bruner | Date: May 30, 2012 | Nest #23 and #24

Zone 2 was the place Tuesday night.

#23 was found next to the mobey mat. Tim probed and dug and finally found it. Nest was left in situ.

Thanks to Team Karen for helping in Zone 2. They found nest #24 just past #23. Karen probed, Tim probed, Karen dug, Tim dug and Buddy came along and found the nest. 102 eggs moved higher up in the dunes. And also thanks to Team Welch for covering the south end of Zone 2. We needed lots of help today!!

By: Cyndi | Date: May 29, 2012 | No nests today

Two (2) NNEs-false crawls, Zones 1 and 4.

By the end of patrols, we were damp, but Beryl didn't downpour on us... and she slowed holiday trash to a minimum.

Thanks for coming out to the beach in a storm. We'll look back fondly on today later in the summer when the temp is 90 degrees...

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 28, 2012 | hooray a nest without 10 false ones

Nest 22 today in zone 6 . No other activity. Yesturday nest(21) was a partial depredation. 73 eggs left,43 lost to a misplaced raccoon. Vinny & co took holidays off. Union thang. No nests got washed over the left three days(unless u count the rain) . Just gotta worry about the next three. HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY, ESPECIALLY TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED. THANK YOU

By: Diane | Date: May 28, 2012 | Sunday stroll - Nest #21

We figured on several nests Sunday with all the false crawls last week. Alas, only one false crawl and a predated nest on 4. Will have to get an update on the nest from others, as we didn't hear anything past "there might be some viable eggs." Wind was picking up but the waves weren't as high as last week. Still, Nest #1 was clearly washed over Saturday night.

By: MaryAnn | Date: May 26, 2012 | nest #20

It was a beautiful morning and my first nest of this season! She left us a nest of 94 eggs. The nest was moved to higher ground as it was in the wrack. Nest #1 was washed over in Zone 3.

Let us hope that the current storm will not wreak more havoc on our beloved beach!

By: Bonnie | Date: May 25, 2012 | fickle turtle mamas!

Nest #17 -Zone 1, Nest #18 -Zone 4. Probers are challenged trying to locate nests that are under thick

wrack grass! Lots of activity by our turtle mamas with seven(7) false crawls in zones 4, 5 and 6. Thanks, good job by all.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 24, 2012 | lots of crawls

10 non-nesting emergences (false crawls) and 3 nests for total of 13 emergences (number times a turtle leaves the ocean and comes ashore). Probably a record for one day or very close. very good team work. Nests #14, #15, and #16 all in Zone 4.

By: Teresa | Date: May 24, 2012 | Thursday's Team Rocks

A fantastic group makes up Thursday's team. Great support was given to the zones blessed with large numbers of false crawls and nest to probe. We ROCK!
This year is shaping up to be great for us all.

By: trudy | Date: May 23, 2012 | Turtle Hospital, FL

You can see my pictures of the turtle hospital Marathon Fla. Login to FaceBook account. [click here](#)

By: Carol Welch | Date: May 23, 2012 | Wed

Zone 2, Nest #12, left in situ. Thanks to John Webster for spotting tracks. Body pit was more visable to me than the tracks. She nested in a good spot right up along 2 other nests from 5/19 and 5/20. Nest #13 was found in Zone 4 by Bonnie Wright and Karen Whitehead who were kind enough to give us a hand this morning. They had to move their nest to the dune; had 121 eggs. Said the nest was nestled right on the edge of the rack.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: May 22, 2012 | Dude wheres the sand!!!!!!!!!!!!

7 more Non nesting emergences (false crawls) . we may get 200 this year
4 NNE in 4 and 3 in 5.

By: Tina B | Date: May 22, 2012 |

I love that "deer" Vinny!

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: May 21, 2012 | which way the turtle crawls

here's another interesting set of data
edisto state park has 21 nests and 15 Non nesting emergences (false crawls). that's a total of 36 emergences. town of edisto has 21 nests and 16 NNE. total of 37 emergences. we (Hunting Island) have 11 nests and 26 NNE. total of 37 emergences. very interesting??

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: May 21, 2012 | new job for the night survey group

reggie has been persuaded to relocate his group to our marsh survey project. he and his group will be counting periwinkle snails and crawfish. vinny the deer and co (LLC) were our reps in the negotiations. so if u see vinny or any of his gang yell to um THANKS. lets hope the agreement holds. cuz vinny can be mean.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: May 21, 2012 | adopt a nest

thanks Diane, yes, we now have a adopt-a-nest program that's run through seaturtle.org. for \$25 adoption fee, an adopter can follow a nest through hatching and get updates on that nest. part of the donation goes to helping fund our project. perfect gift for that hard person to find a gift for.

By: Tina B | Date: May 21, 2012 | Score Card

Monday's Score Card

Reggie Raccoon & Co.- 0, zilch, nada!

Monday's Turtle Patrol- 2

We had Nest #10 in Zone 4 this morning that was left in-situ and Nest #11 relocated by Buddy in Zone 6. We also had a false crawl in Zone 3. Go Turtle Team!!!

By: Diane | Date: May 21, 2012 | Adopt-a-Nest

Didn't notice the link at the top of Nest Notes before. Keeping track of our nests is hard via the blog, so I gave nest 9 to a team member for her birthday. She pulled out the eggs and dug the nest so she's the new mama. \$25 tax deductible goes to SeaTurtle.org; we'll get all the tracking info directly from them. My friends may be adopting a few more for their birthdays.

By: Diane | Date: May 20, 2012 | Soggy morning nest

We found nest #9 just south of the campground. Mama started one dig, abandoned it, started back to the water, turned back, did a 360, and ended up nesting about 5 ft from her original dig. Raccoons got 52 eggs but we salvaged 26 and dug a new nest north of the campground next to nest #8. Tropical storm rain and waves were already coming close to the original nest and probably washed over at high tide. We hope something hatches from the remaining eggs.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 19, 2012 | sat update

Nest #8 in zone 2 (1st in that zone this year). Momma laid nest snuggled against a log.

By: Bonnie | Date: May 19, 2012 | Stats

Buddy, Thanks for the interesting stats! Not bad for early in the season.

Anyone care to make a guess on how many nests we'll have this season? What's Reggie raccoon and company scorecard :-)

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: May 18, 2012 | FYI

for anyone wondering how this year is stacking up to last year... On May 18 of 2011, we had nest 1. May 18

of 2012, we had nest 7, but on May 22 of 2011, we had nest 7. more interesting we have 20 non nesting crawls (false crawls) on May 18 2012, in 2011 we didn't hit 20 until June 5.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 18, 2012 | boomarang turtle

Last two days - 2 non nesting crawls in Zone 5. Possibly the same turtle trying to find sand. Both crawls within 15 feet of each other. Zone 4 had Nest #7 today. Sans raccoons.

By: Bonnie | Date: May 18, 2012 | No Reggie raccoon this morning!

On a very cloudy, soggy Friday morning kudos to Team 'B'(Emily, Joy, Ginger, and the Bixlers) for finding Nest #7 in Zone 4 and leaving in situ. Way to go TGIF teams!!!!

By: Carol Welch | Date: May 16, 2012 |

Beautiful partly cloudy morning on the beach, and to our surprise, Bonnie Wright and Mondays' Tina, all the way from Monk's Corner came to help us out. Thanks to both of you! One new nest, #6 in Zone 4, completely lost to raccoons.

By: Cyndi | Date: May 15, 2012 | Running from zone to zone

So I saw this one after seeing the Monday long, crazy crawl in Zone 1...they are really moving!

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: May 15, 2012 | crawls crawls every where but not a nest to see

Just one very interesting crawl this morning. the momma came up in zone 3 in front of the light house crawled all the way to the sand fence. made a circle and crawls back to the water.

By: Tina | Date: May 14, 2012 |

We had a false crawl in zone 2 and a beautiful morning on the beach!

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: May 13, 2012 | no mommas but something sad

no nesting activity on the beach but this afternoon a kemp ridley (juvenile) was found on the beach. unfortunately it had been a victim of a boat strike. Karen Whitehead responded, due to me being in a coma from like of sleep. the turtle was found in bone yard in zone 2

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 12, 2012 | finally a nest

Nest in zone 4 today nest #5. No raccoons

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 11, 2012 | lots of falsies

11 non nesting crawls since nest 4. Sat peeps better get good nite sleep.

By: Bonnie | Date: May 11, 2012 | WOW! Record False Crawls

The turtle girls were very temperamental this Friday morning with 7 false crawls(one in Z2; three in Z3; one in Z4 and two in Z5). Thanks TGIF teams for great GPSing and radio communications. Look out Saturday and Sunday teams it could be a busy weekend :-)

By: Carol/Alan Welch | Date: May 9, 2012 |

Wed 5/9/12 Zone 4, Nest #4 completely predated by raccoons, 61 eggs lost. Outbound tracks found. Thanks to Z3 peeps for the help in completing the patrol while we collected data. NOTE TO ALL: WED Team will probably need more people if anyone knows someone with an interest in the Turtle Program.

By: Cyndi | Date: May 8, 2012 | Nest #3, etc.

The Tuesday team also had a false crawl way down in zone 4. The full moon tide blessed Nest #1 with a washover. All in all a beautiful morning on the beach, breeze and surf and shells.

By: TurtleBuddy | Date: May 8, 2012 | Zone 1 scores

Nest #3 in zone 1. close to the dividing line between 1 n 2. mama made 3 body pits n two egg chambers fore she decided it was high enough. congrats to Grant Davidson on his first nest

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 8, 2012 | Mon update

Our night survey crew (Reggie, the raccoon & co) took care of Nest #2. Zone 4, 96 eggs consumed. Left clean up for the Mon morning crowd.

By: Diane | Date: May 7, 2012 |

Nothing on Sunday either. We'd hoped the moon and high tides would entice the girls but no luck. Beautiful morning though, and we had a chance to try out some of the new equipment.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 6, 2012 | Sat update

Sat no activity.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 5, 2012 | Friday update

No turtle activity just training day

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 3, 2012 | Nest uno

1st nest of season found zone 3. Mark Adams of the nature center reports he saw a sea turtle in the water in front of bathhouse at south beach. Mark was surfing, the turtle was checking out possible nest sites for later that night.

By: turtlebuddy | Date: May 3, 2012 | Wed, May 2 update

No nests but excellant training

By: Cyndi | Date: May 1, 2012 | Nesting Season and Training Begin

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