

Endangered Hooded Plovers

nest on the south coast

This beach is home to a pair of endangered hooded plovers. Less than 50 of these birds remain in NSW. They need your help to survive. Please stay clear of the nesting areas by walking down by the water's edge and keeping dogs on leashes.



Hooded plover chicks



How you can help

- Keep dogs on leashes at all times.
- Stay clear of shorebird nesting areas.
- Don't let your dog chase birds.
- Stay down by the water when walking to avoid disturbing nesting birds and their chicks.
- Become a Shorebird Volunteer with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Report any "Hoodie" sightings or disruptive behaviour to NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service on 4454 9500.

nests on the beach

Hooded plovers are small, timid shorebirds that nest between August and April. They make shallow nest scrapes in the sand just above the high tide mark and into the dunes.

Eggs and chicks are camouflaged to avoid predators. They are difficult to see and easily

stepped on by beach goers and dogs.

Nesting birds will leave their nests if you get too close. Unprotected eggs and chicks may be taken by predators such as ravens, get too hot or cold or chicks may even starve.