

STOW LAKE GREAT BLUE HERON COLONY CHRONOLOGY: 1993-2008

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All nests at Heron Island unless indicated Strawberry Island.

- 1993** Nest # 1: 2 hatched, 2 fledged
- 1994** Nest # 1: 3 hatched, 3 fledged
- 1995** Nest # 1: 0 hatched
(Parents sat on eggs for six months before giving up.)
Nest # 2: 3 hatched, 3 fledged
- 1996:** Nest # 1 2 hatched , 2 fledged
Nest # 2 2 hatched, 2 fledged
Nest # 3 2 hatched, 1 fledged
Nest # 4 3 hatched, 0 fledged
- 1997:** Nest # 1: 4 hatched, 4 fledged
Nest # 2: 4 hatched, 4 fledged
- 1998:** Nest # 1 3 hatched, 3 fledged
- 1999:** Nest # 1: 4 hatched, 4 fledged
LATE NEST # 2: 4 hatched, 4 fledged (July-August 1999)
LATE NEST # 3: 3 hatched, 0 fledged (July-August 1999)
(Parents abandoned chicks in August)
- 2000** -Nest # 1
(Heron island) 3 hatched 3 fledged (April-June, 1999)
Nest # 2
(Strawberry Isl.) 3 hatched, 3 fledged (April-June, 1999)
Nest # 3
(Heron Island) 3 hatched, 3 fledged (July-Aug. 1999)
Nest no. 4
(Heron Island) 3 hatched, 3 fledged (July-August 1999)
Nest no. 5
(Heron Island) 2 hatched, 0 fledged (July -Aug. 2000)
(Parents abandoned chicks in August)
- 2001** -Nest #1 0 hatched (Parents incubated eggs for six months)
- 2002** -Nest # 1

(Heron island) 3 hatched, 3 fledged (hatch date: March-fledged
May, 2002)
Nest # 2
(Heron Island) 4 hatched, 4 fledged (hatch date: April)
Nest # 3
(Strawberry Isl.) 2 hatched, 2 fledged (hatch date: May)

2003 - all nests on Heron Island

Nest #1 2 hatched, two fledged
Nest # 2 2 hatched, two fledged
Nest # 3 4 hatched, four fledged

2004 Season-10 chicks fledged from all four nests

Nest #1
Nest #2
Nest #3
Nest #4

Total chicks fledged as of 2004: 71 chicks in 11 seasons

2005- 10 chicks from 4 nests

Nest no. 1 3hatched 2fledged
Nest no. 2 3 hatched 3fledged
Nest no. 3 3 hatched 3 fledged

Late Nest 4 2 hatched-June 20th, 2 fledged August 2005
Arrived at Stow May 10, 2005-constructed new nest
Sitting on eggs May 20, 2005

Total chicks fledged: 10

2006- total 16 chicks from 6 nests

Nest no. 1 -2 chicks- 2 fledged
Nest no. 2- 2 cks-2 fledged
Nest no. 3 – 2cks-2 fledged
Nest no. 4-4 cks hatched-4 fledged

Late nests: left side of tree: July 8, 2006
Nest no. 5 -3 cks hatched –3 fledged (left side of tree)
Nest no. 6- 3 cks hatched- 3 fledged (right side of tree)

Best season ever.

2007 – 14 chicks from 6 nests

2008 – 3 nests 8 chicks

2009 – 3 nests 10 chicks

GRAND TOTAL FLEDGLINGS: 129

Notes:

- a. Original, nest from 1993 - fell into Stow Lake and sunk on Jan. 24, 2000 (This nest appears in Heron Island video by IDG Films)
- b. Nest from 1996 fell into peddle boat on December 31, 1997-now on display at Audubon Canyon Ranch, Exhibit Hall.
- c. Heron Island at Stow Lake-opposite Stow Lake Boathouse
- d. Great Blue Herons began nesting in 1993 at Stow Lake. The colony was discovered by field ornithologist Nancy DeStefanis.

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