## Seabird Monitoring Program Stewards of the Coast & Redwoods



Seabird Protection Network





















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## The Nest











































































## Do these wings really work?











## Just the beginning...

- Only 10% of juveniles survive their first year
- Black Oystercatcher fledging success: 15% per nest (Monterey Co 2012)
- Black Oystercatchers reach sexual maturity at about 5 years but need to become sufficiently skilled at foraging to successfully feed a family
- Western gulls have to survive 4 years before reaching adulthood
- All cormorant species reach sexual maturity at 2 years

Sensitive Wildlife Area

## PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

from Harbor Seal Pupping Areas & Black Oystercatcher Nesting Sites





Federal & State Laws Protect Marine Mammals & Birds Breeding on California Coastal Rocks

## DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED, HARM, HARASS, OR DISTURB WILDLIFE

The area is being monitored—violators are subject to penalties. Contact BLM California Coastal National Monument at (831) 421-9546

