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**Subject:** Re: Photos and videos of Snowy Plover nest at Boca Chica  
**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023 10:18:18 AM  
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That pic of the plover on the nest with the launch in the background!!! Wow!

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Great work Stephanie.

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Good morning,

Prior to last week's launch, I worked with CBBEP to put a game camera out on a Snowy Plover nest that was approximately ¾ of a mile South of the orbital launch mount, and we got some great imagery from it that I wanted to share. The adult was incubating the nest at the time of launch, which made for an amazing photo, before fleeing fairly quickly. Turn your sound on to hear how loud the launch was from that distance. We got more photos of the bird back at the nest 4.5 hours later and the adults continued to tend to the nest. A coyote arrived the next night and predated two of three eggs, but the adults have continued to tend to the one remaining egg. Unfortunately I removed the camera on Saturday, but hopefully this pair can successfully hatch and raise the one chick!

 [SNPL nest pics and vids](#)

Thank you,

**Stephanie Bilodeau**

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