

Beach-nesting Bird Signs- How To

New Signs.

Many organizations are dealing with funding shortages this year, and as a consequence, supplies for posting beach-nesting bird sites this year may be hard to come by. To help, we came up with a design for cheap and simple signs as an alternative for our partners. Something they can easily reproduce themselves with a printer and laminator, or by going to a copy center. Before posting, partners need to coordinate with FWC regional staff.

In the past, various partners have relied on laminated paper signs for informational signs. So they do work, but there were a few problems- the signs fade, and water can penetrate and cause the print to bleed where the nails/staples have gone through the laminate. We have tried to fix these problems by; 1) including only one color (some colors fade more quickly than others), and 2) adding two areas of solid laminate where the nails/staples can be driven through thereby preventing water from reaching the paper. Follow the steps below:

1. Print the sign (copy centers may have inks available that fade less than others)
2. Cut off the excess paper.
3. Cut out the corners.
4. Laminate using pouches with 10-mil thickness (copy centers may have laminates that prevent fading)
5. Attach sign to post by nailing or stapling through the solid plastic corners.

Sign types.

Snowy Plover, American Oystercatcher, Black Skimmer, and Least Tern.

