

2025 Sea Turtle Nesting Season

KEMP'S RIDLEY TURTLE

RECORD BREAKING NESTING! On 6 June 2025, the number of Kemp's ridley nests found on the Texas coast this year (357) surpassed the previous annual record number of nests (353) set in 2017! Systematic record keeping for sea turtle nests located in Texas began in 1980.

So far this year, **449** nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast including (north to south in state):

- 2 Galveston Island
- 4 Surfside Beach
- 1 Quintana Beach
- 1 Bryan Beach
- 2 Brazoria County, N. of Sargent Beach
- 1 Matagorda Peninsula
- 21 San Jose Island
- 29 Mustang Island
- 250 North Padre Island, including 236 at Padre Island National Seashore
- 123 South Padre Island
- 15 Boca Chica Beach

LOGGERHEAD TURTLE

So far this year, **5** nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):

- 1 Mustang Island
- 4 North Padre Island, including 4 at Padre Island National Seashore

GREENTURTLE

So far this year, **24** nests have been confirmed on the Texas coast, including (north to south in state):

- 1 San Jose Island
- 19 North Padre Island, including 16 at Padre Island National Seashore
- 4 South Padre Island

Data presented are preliminary and subject to change with detection of additional nests and change of species identification when hatchlings are examined.

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