Great Egret (GREG) Nesting Stage Guide

Stage 0 - Pre-nesting: birds at or near colony, courtship, mating, roosting, nest construction.

















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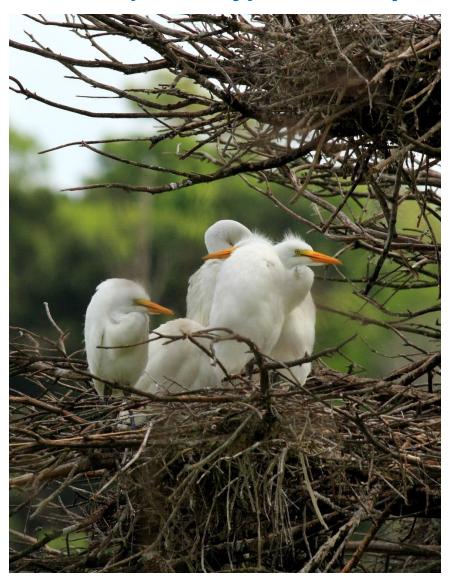




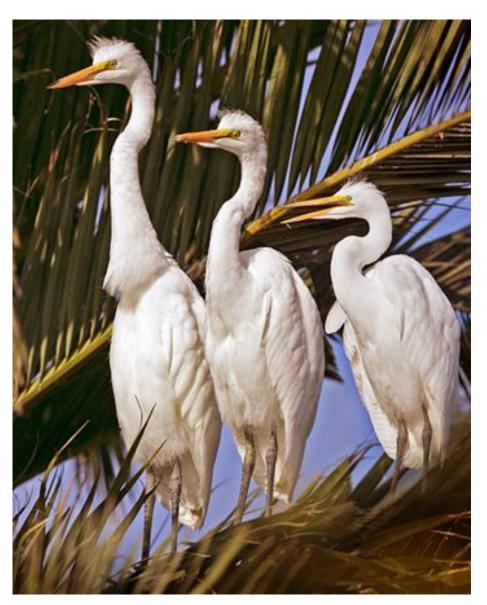




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Stage 5 - **young often off nest**, on nearby branches; record number of chicks and time off nest.



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