#### Snowy Egret (SNEG) Nesting Stage Guide



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











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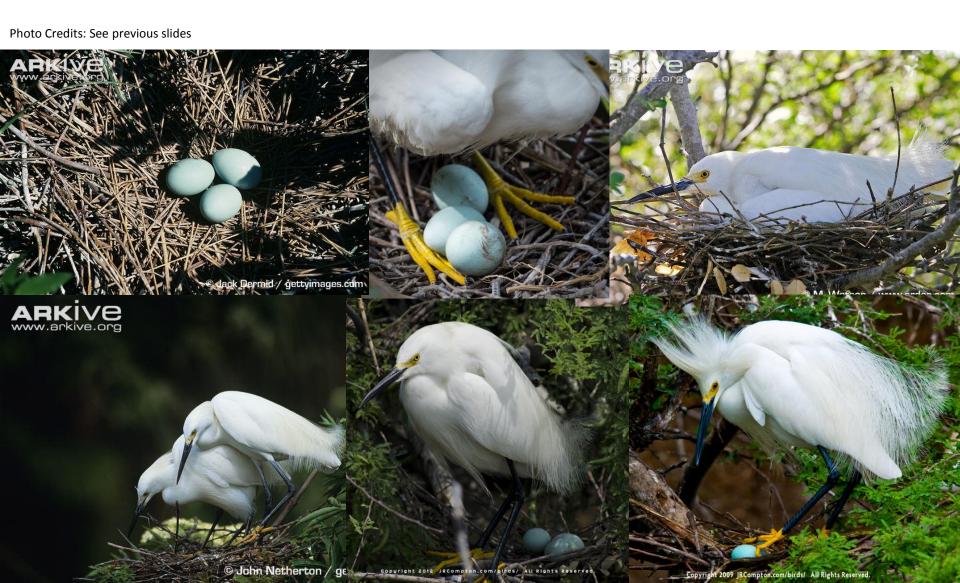








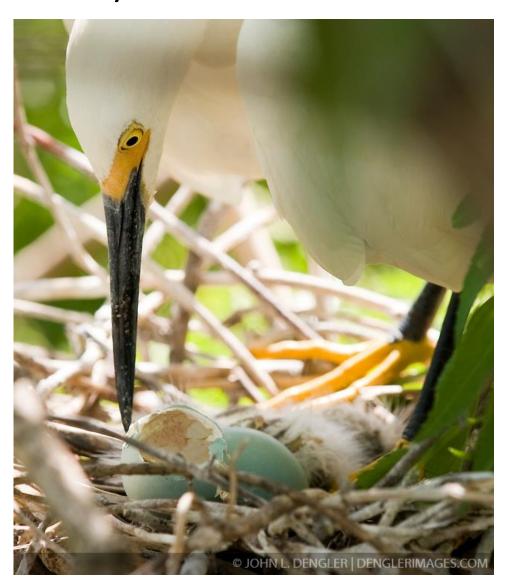




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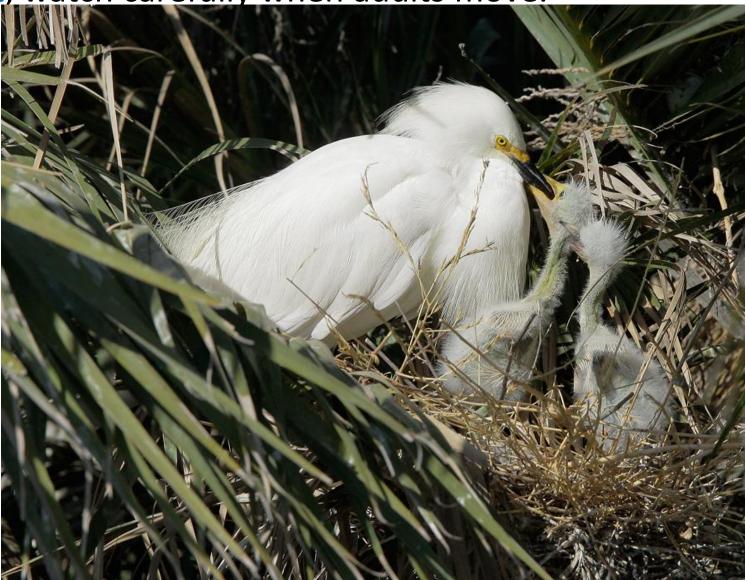
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Stage 3 - chicks (usually) standing; most/all down replaced by juvenile plumage, parents continuously at nest.

















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