

Otter Count

OTTER COUNT FOR JUNE

The otter count this month was a week before the U.S. Open golf tournament. I'm quite sure this event will bring in more visitors. The Reserve is well prepared. If they take the trail along Headland Cove to the Sand Hill area they will see a beautiful arrangement of flowers! The hills are covered with many beautiful colors. The long awaited rains have had a hand in this!

The kelp has finally come back so our otter friends can take a rest. We are seeing more and more rafts. The final count for June was 30 adults and 5 pups. The count in May was 31/3 so I guess they must have stayed around because they liked the area.

I observed a sea lion perched on top of a high rock close to where our Black-crowned Night Heron is nesting. At first we thought it was dead, but a few moments later he waved one of his flippers at us. If you don't believe me ask Wayne Kelly. He was there when this observation was noted.

Next month otter count will be on Tuesday July 13 at 9:00 AM at the Information Station. Come join us. You never can tell what we will see. Lynne McCammon

Otters, adults/pups

Month	2010	2009
January	17/7	39/8
February	RAIN	20/3
March	15/3	29/10
April	30/8	12/6
May	31/3	44/9
June	30/5	35/2
July		21/4
August		19/1
September		27/2
October		rain
November		27/2
December		23/3

