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We confirmed that the CO/UNB pair on the N end of the island fledged two chicks. Early on the north pair had 3 chicks (we were only able to band 2) and we thought they lost the third chick prior to fledging. These chicks had already been counted as fledged.

The 11/UNB pair on the southern end has also fledged 2 chicks. The only issue is that one of these chicks was not banded and we banded two chicks for this pair. At this point it is possible that this pair actually fledged three chicks, two of which were banded and one that was not. The vegetation is getting so tall in the area that making observations from offshore is difficult and the chicks would hide the minute we came ashore. We must have missed the third chick. If we had any reason to believe there was a third chick we would have made more attempts to try to band it but since we also have to worry about disturbing the nesting common terns we did not want to disturb the colony unnecessarily.

We have now confirmed 28 total fledged chicks this year from 23 pair. We will try to keep an eye on this family group to see if they are traveling with two or three chicks.

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