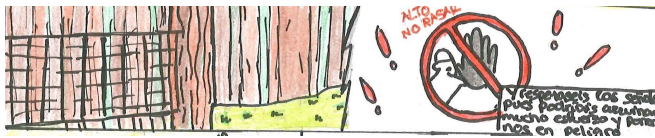


## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Follow the **paths**.
- Watch your **steps**.
- Respect the **rules**.



- If you take your **pets** with you, remember to **have them tied**.

'If you help me, I will  
always give you my chant'

**THANKS A LOT!**

## OUR PROJECT

The IES NÚM. 1 – Libertas and the technicians in charge at the Natural Park in Las Lagunas in La Mata bet with the environment is to let you all know about the issues with the Kentish Plover community (Charly) and raise awareness among the population to get the recovery of my species.

**COMMUNICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT FOR THE PRESERVATION THE KENTISH PLOVER.**



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# #AyudaACharly

 **Kentish plover**



## WHO AM I?

Ok, let me introduce myself.: I am *Charadrius alexandrinus*. aka *Charlie* the Kentish Plover for friends.



I am a **small bird**, no more than 6.70 inches and about 17 wings-spread.

I am **very fast**, and I am very nervous when I'm hungry. I love eating little **insects**, **worms** and some **small mollusks** I find along the **seaside**.



The **feathers** of my **chest** and **stomach** are **white**, and they're **brown** at my **back**. I've got **dark spots** in my **forehead** and around my **eyes**. It is a kind of **mask** I use. My **legs** are **dark**, long and **thin**. And my **beak** is **black**, short and **narrow**.

## WHERE DO I LIVE?

I love water, that's why I live near **beaches** and **wetlands**.

In the **last 10 years** my people has **decreased** almost a **70% in Spain**. We are **only 6000 couples left**.

I'm very **shy** so my partner and me have our **nest** on our **own** or with other few couples near us, in **small groups**.



We **nest** in **sandy, open areas** and **free of vegetation**; it is very risky, but this is our habit. The **eggs** of our brood are **light brown** and **dark spotted**. They are usually **3** of them and my partner and me **hatch** them for over **24 to 27 days**.



## SHOULD I TELL YOU MY PROBLEM?

Ok. Now that you know a little about my life let me tell you that we are suffering some problems from a few years ago.



Our **breeding season** is **from April to August**, and you all know that our beaches are very crowded at this time of the year. Many of our **eggs** are (accidentally) **destroyed** by **humans**, and sometimes even other animals (**cats** and **dogs**) **destroy our nests**.



Another problem is when the machines **clean the seashore**, they leave it very clean but at the same time they sometimes obliterate our nests too. What a pity!

Fortunately, we have some small hideouts: Natural Parks. In those places we feel protected and safe, although **there are people who don't respect the rules**. They are dangerous.