

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Elegant Tern

*Thalasseus elegans*

The Elegant Tern is a striking seabird known for its slender build, long, orange bill, and graceful flight. Adults display pale gray upperparts, white underparts, and a shaggy black crest during the ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird

**Family:** Laridae

**Habitat:** Coastal beaches and offshore islands

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Near Threatened

**Lifespan:** 15-20 years

**Weight:** 200-400 grams

**Scientific name:** *Thalasseus elegans*

### Did you know?

- Over 90% of the world's Elegant Terns breed on a single island, Isla Rasa in the Gulf of California, making the species vulnerable to localized threa...
- Elegant Terns are known to perform synchronized flying displays during breeding season. They migrate thousands of kilometers between their breeding a...

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