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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…

What I learned

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