

Animal Fact Sheet

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White-tailed Tropicbird

Phaethon lepturus

The White-tailed Tropicbird is a striking seabird recognized for its long, slender white tail streamers and contrasting black wing markings. It is highly adapted to a pelagic lifestyle, spending most...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Phaethontidae

Habitat: Tropical and subtropical oceanic islands and surrounding open ocean

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 16-30 years

Weight: 250-400 grams

Scientific name: *Phaethon lepturus*

Did you know?

- Despite living far out at sea, White-tailed Tropicbirds can travel thousands of kilometers between breeding and foraging sites, navigating vast ocean...
- White-tailed Tropicbirds are known for their incredible aerial courtship displays, which include looping flights and synchronized maneuvers. While th...

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