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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…

What I learned

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