

# Arctic Tern

Status: Threatened or species of concern in certain states.

Distribution: The Arctic Tern has a worldwide, circumpolar breeding distribution.

Field Marks: Medium-sized birds with grey and white plumage, a red beak and feet, white forehead, black nape and crown, and white cheeks.



Voice: Variety of calls, the two most common being the alarm call, made when possible predators enter the colonies, and the advertising call.

Behavioral Clues: Plunges into water from flight; may hover briefly before plunging. Occasionally catches flying insects.

Nest The nest is usually a depression in the ground, which may or may not be lined with bits of grass or similar materials.

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Worlds longest  
migrating animal:  
North to South Poles.  
(24,000 miles)

