

Have you seen this bird?

Help us keep track of an endangered species!



San Diego Audubon

has been assisting with the monitoring and protection of the endangered California Least Tern in Mission Bay for decades, and we need your help!

With all of the recent closures, there are fewer eyes on our beaches and bays. But that isn't keeping the migratory Least Terns from returning to our area, and there is a distinct possibility that these dune-dwelling birds might nest in new and unusual places.

While there are several kinds of tern that you might see in Mission Bay, Least Terns stand out because of their black crown and white forehead, and black wing tips. They are also much smaller than other tern species (roughly half the size). Find out more about how to ID them [here](#).

If you see this bird in Mission Bay (especially if it is landing on open sand somewhere):

- ▶ Let us know by emailing us at conservation@sandiegoaudubon.org.
- ▶ Use [eBird](#) to report sightings. Report it there and we will monitor the site. If you're interested in taking your birding to the next level, eBird is a great smartphone app for tracking the birds that you have seen. Sign up and check it out.

These birds will actively nest on coastal sand dunes in and around Mission Bay from mid-April through mid-September, and we need your help to make sure that they are safe wherever they make landing.

Any inquiries can be sent to conservation@sandiegoaudubon.org.