

Inca Tern. Callao Port, Lima, Peru. 26th July 2015.
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List of Terns, Noddies & Skimmers with References

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Introduction

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Brown Noddy

Anous stolidus [Linnaeus].

[*A.s. stolidus*] Bahamas, Florida & Dry Tortugas (USA) and West Indies W to islands off Yucatan (E Mexico) and S & E to Alacran Reef & Isla San Andres (Belize), Octavia Rocks & Gorgona Island (Colombia), Las Aves to Margarita (Venezuela), Trinidad & Tobago, Guiana & NE Bahia (Brazil) and Trindade, Ascension Island, St. Helena, Tristan da Cunha, Inaccessible Island & Gough Islands (S Atlantic) and the Gulf of Guinea from Guinea E to Cameroon.

[*A.s. pileatus*] S Red Sea & the Gulf of Aden S to islands off Sudan, Somalia & Kenya and Madagascar, Comores, Mascarene Islands, Seychelles, Aldabra Atoll, Laccadive Islands (Indian Ocean) and Nias & Belitung (off Sumatra) to Ryukyu Islands & Bonin / Ogasawara Islands (Japan region) and Houtman Abrolhos Group, Bedout & Lacepede Island (Western Australia), Ashmore Reefs (Timor Sea), Bramble Cay (Torres Strait) S to offshore cays off Cairns (Queensland), Lady Elliot Island, Musgrave Island & Michaelmas Cay (Great Barrier Reef islands), islands in the Coral Sea and Lord Howe Island & Norfolk Island (Tasman Sea) and Fiji, Eua & Kalau Island (Tonga) and S Polynesia E to Sala-y-Gomez (Easter Island region) & Easter Island and Kure E to Moku Manu and Manana (Hawaii). It is also possible this is the form occurring on the Desventurada Islands (E Pacific off Chile).

[*A.s. galapagensis*] Galapagos Islands.

[*A.s. ridgwayi*] Revillagigedo Archipelago, Socorro Island, Tres Marias Island & Isabella Island (all off W Mexico) S to Costa Rica & Cocos Island.

Non-breeding: Disperses to sea.

Other names: Common Noddy, Noddy Tern.

Robert Ridgway (1850-1929), American ornithologist and Smithsonian Curator of Birds from 1880 to 1929.

1st WP Record: Early in October 1912. Wadden Sea, near Husum, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

Killed (Paulsen 1925).

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Lesser Noddy

Anous tenuirostris [Temminck].

[*A.t. tenuirostris*] Seychelles & Mascarene Islands. Probably the Maldives and possibly Somalia. Non-breeding: N to Arabia and S off E Africa to Madagascar.

[*A.t. melanops*] Pelsart Island & Wooded Island (Houtman Abrohos Group, W Australia). Non-breeding: Largely sedentary although storm driven as far S as Freemantle on occasion.

Considered conspecific with Black Noddy by some.

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Black Noddy

Anous minutus [Boie].

- [*A.m. minutus*] New Guinea and Capricorn & Bunker group of islands (S Great Barrier Reef) and probably Quoin Island (Great Barrier Reef), Darnley Island (E Torres Strait), islands in the Coral Sea, Norfolk Island (Tasman Sea), Fiji & Kalau (Tonga) to the Tuamotu Archipelago (French Polynesia).
- [*A.m. worcesteri*] Cavilli Island & Tubbataha Reef (Sulu Sea, SW Philippines), Belitung (off Sumatra) & Borneo.
- [*A.m. marcusii*] Philippines, Palau and Marcus Island & Wake Island (NW Pacific) E thru Micronesia to the Caroline Islands (W Pacific).
- [*A.m. melanogenys*] Hawaiian Islands.
- [*A.m. diamesus*] Clipperton Island & Cocos Island (Costa Rica region, E Pacific).
- [*A.m. americanus*] The Lesser Antilles and coasts of the Caribbean including islands off Central America & Venezuela.
- [*A.m. atlanticus*] St. Peter and St. Paul's Rocks, Fernando de Naronha, Ascension Island, St. Helena (S Atlantic) and Gulf of Guinea.
- Non-breeding: Some forms rarely sedentary while others disperse pelagically.
 Considered conspecific with Lesser Noddy by some.
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Blue Noddy

Procelsterna ceruleus [F.D. Bennett].

[*P.c. ceruleus*] Kiritimati (North Line Islands, Kiribati, C Pacific) & Marquesas Islands (N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*P.c. saxatillis*] Marcus Island (NW Pacific), Taongi & Bikar (Marshall Islands, NC Pacific) E to Gardner Pinnacles, French Frigate Shoals, Necker, Nihoa, Kaula Rock (off Nihoa) & Kaula (all NW Hawaiian Islands).

[*P.c. nebouxii*] Tuvalu (SW Pacific) E to Phoenix Islands (Kiribati) and S to Fiji & Western Samoa.

[*P.c. teretirostris*] Tuamotu Archipelago (French Polynesia) and probably the Cook Islands, Austral Islands & Society Islands (French Polynesia, SC Pacific).

[*P.c. murphyi*] Gambier Islands (Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia).

Non-breeding: Largely sedentary with some dispersing to E Australia.

Other name: Blue Ternlet, Blue-grey Ternlet, Blue-grey Noddy.

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Grey Noddy

Procelsterna albivitta [Bonaparte].

[*P.a. albivitta*] Bay of Plenty (N North Island, New Zealand), Lord Howe Island & Norfolk Island (Tasman Sea, Australia region), Kermadec Islands (SW Pacific) & Ata and probably Eua (Tonga).

[*P.a. skottsbergii*] Henderson Island (Pitcairn group, C Pacific) and Sala-y-Gomez (Easter Island region) & Easter Island.

[*P.a. imitatrix*] San Ambrosio & San Félix (Desventurada Islands, Chile).

Non-breeding: Largely sedentary, occasionally reaching New Zealand.

Previously regarded as a pale morph of Blue Noddy.

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White Tern

Gygis alba [Sparrman].

[*G.a. alba*] Fernando de Noronha, Trindade, Martin Vas Rocks, Ascension Island & St. Helena (S. Atlantic) and Clipperton Islands (off W Mexico) & Cocos Island (off Costa Rica) and Galapagos Islands S to Malpelo Island (off Colombia), Sala-y-Gomez (Easter Island region) & Easter Island and Ne Bahia (E Brazil) and Laysan Island & Kure E to Kaula (W. Hawaiian Islands) and Honolulu and Paracel Islands (South China Sea) E to Wuvulu, Ninigo & Tench Island (Bismarck Archipelago) and Line Islands & Phoenix Islands (C Pacific), Caroline Islands (W Pacific), Kermadec Islands (SW Pacific), Marshall Islands (NC Pacific) & Norfolk Island (Tasman Sea, Australia region).

[*G.a. candida*] Madagascar, Mascarene Islands, Comoros Islands, Seychelles & Chagos Islands (Indian Ocean) E to Tonga, Western Samoa & Society Islands (SC Pacific). It is also possible this is the form occurring on Hatutu (Marquesas Islands, N French Polynesia, C Pacific).

[*G.a. microrhyncha*] Eiao to Fatu Hiva Island (Marquesas Islands). It is also possible this is the form occurring on Hatutu (Marquesas Islands).

[*G.a. leucopes*] Pitcairn & Henderson Island (Pitcairn group, C Pacific).

Non-breeding: Sedentary at some locations or disperses pelagically from others.

Other names: Fairy Tern, Little White Tern (*microrhyncha*).

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Black Skimmer

Rynchops niger [Linnaeus].

[*R.n. niger*] Coasts of S California and coasts from Massachusetts S to Texas and Sonora to Nayarit (W Mexico) and Tamaulipas to Yucatán Peninsula (E Mexico). Non-breeding: California & North Carolina S thru C America to both coasts of Panama.

[*R.n. cinerascens*] Coasts of Colombia S to the mouth of the Amazon and Gulf of Guayaquil (W Ecuador) and large river systems (especially the Orinoco and Amazon) S to Bolivia & NW Argentina. Non-breeding: On the coast from Ecuador to S Chile and Panama to Trinidad & NC Brazil.

[*G.n. intercedens*] The large rivers of E Brazil, E Paraguay, Uruguay & NE Argentina S to Bahía Blanca. Non-breeding: Disperses to the coast.

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African Skimmer

Rynchops flavirostris [Vieillot].

Major rivers and lakes of Africa S of the Sahara from Senegal E to Sudan & SW Ethiopia and S to extreme N Namibia, N Botswana, basin of R Zambezi & S Mozambique. Non-breeding: Area around the basin of the R Gambia and Egyptian stretches of the Nile.

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Indian Skimmer

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Gull-billed Tern

Gelocheidon nilotica [Gmelin].

[*G.n. nilotica*] Europe S to Mauritania & Tunisia and E thru the Middle East, Kazakhstan & Indian Subcontinent to NW China. Non-breeding: NW & E Africa thru Persian Gulf to India.

[*G.n. affinis*] Transbaikalia, Manchuria and Fuzhou & Hainan (E China). Non-breeding: Mainly SE Asia with some to N Australia.

[*G.n. macrotarsa*] Sparsely throughout Australia & its offshore islands. Non-breeding: Highly nomadic.

[*G.n. aranea*] New Jersey S to Florida and W along the Gulf coast to Texas and Great Inagua & Harbour Island (Bahamas), Cuba, Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands. Non-breeding: Coasts of C America S to Peru & Brazil.

[*G.n. vanrossemi*] Salton Sea (California) S thru W Mexico along the coasts of Sonora & Sinaloa and probably islands in the Gulf of California. Non-breeding: S to Ecuador.

[*G.n. gronvoldi*] Coast and river valleys of Cayenne (French Guiana), Bahia & Mexiana Islands in the mouth of the Amazon (E & SE Brazil) S to Uruguay & NE Argentina S to Buenos Aires.

Birds breeding along the coasts of Ecuador and N Peru may be *vanrossemi* or *gronvoldi* or an, as yet, undescribed race.

Note: *G.n. affinis* is a synonym of *G.n. addenda*.

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Caspian Tern

Hydroprogne caspia [Pallas].

Locally from Washington (USA), NE Alberta, S Mackenzie & C Saskatchewan E to Newfoundland (Canada) and S to Baja California & Sinaloa (W Mexico), also Great Lakes region, NE New York and S along Atlantic coast to Florida & Gulf coast to Texas and locally in S Scandinavia, Baltic Sea & Estonia and Black Sea & Turkey to NW Iran, S Russia and Caspian Sea, Aral Sea, Kirghiz steppes to N Mongolia & S Siberia to coastal Liaoning to Kwantung (E China), Taiwan, Hainan, Mekong Delta (Vietnam) and Tunisia, Mauritania, Senegambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Sudan, Somalia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique, N Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, Angola, South Africa, Madagascar, Comores, Aldabra Atoll & Seychelles and Red Sea & Persian Gulf E to Sind (Pakistan) & Sri Lanka and Australia & New Zealand. Non-breeding: Disperses widely. Other name: Taranui (Maori).

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Royal Tern

Thalasseus maximus [Boddaert].

[*T.m. maximus*] S California & Maryland S to Texas. West Indies to Guianas. Non-breeding: S to Peru, Uruguay & Argentina.

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Crested Tern

Thalasseus bergii [Lichtenstein].

[*T.b. bergii*] Namibia to South Africa and Zambezi Delta (Mozambique). Non-breeding: Some movement to S Mozambique.

[*T.b. thalassinus*] Tanzania, Seychelles, Aldabra Atoll & Rodrigues Island (Mascarene Islands). It is also possible this is the form in NW Madagascar. Non-breeding: Some movement to S Somalia.

[*T.b. velox*] Red Sea & NW Somalia E to Myanmar, Maldives & Sri Lanka. Non-breeding: S to Kenya.

[*T.b. cristatus*] SE China and Malaysia to the Philippines, Ryukyu Islands, Bonin or Ogasawara Islands, Taiwan and E & S Australia & Tasmania and islands in SW Pacific to Micronesia, Kiribati (C Pacific) & Society Islands (French Polynesia) and S to Polynesia and E to Tuamotu Archipelago (French Polynesia).

The proposed form *enigma* is included with the nominate.

Other names: Swift Tern, Great Crested Tern, Greater Crested Tern.

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Lesser Crested Tern

Thalasseus bengalensis [Lesson].

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[*T.b. emigratus*] Libya. Non-breeding: Off the coast of W Africa.

[*T.b. torresii*] Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean coast of Pakistan, Maldives & Laccadive Islands E to the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java & Sulawesi to New Guinea, Aru Islands (E Indonesia) and Bedout & Adele Island (W Australia) to Capricorn & Bunker group of islands (S Great Barrier Reef). Non-breeding: N Indian Ocean & SW Pacific.

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Chinese Crested Tern

Thalasseus bernsteini [Schlegel].

Matsu Islands (7' off the coast of Fukien Province, E China in the Taiwan Strait. These islands are administered by Taiwan) and Jiushan Islands (Hangzhou Harbour, Zhejiang Province, E China) and Wuzhishan Islands (Zhoushan City, Zhejiang Province, E China). During the breeding season also recorded from Fukien N to Shandong Province near Tsingtao and Mukuan Tao on the coast of E China. Non-breeding: S to the Philippines, peninsular Thailand, Borneo & the Moluccas and probably islands in eastern Indonesia.

Presumed to be extinct until four adults and four chicks were found by Liang Chieh-teh in 2000 among a Crested Tern colony on Matsu Island in the Taiwan Strait. The total world population is probably counted in the tens.

Heinrich Agathon Bernstein (1828-1865), German physician, zoologist and collector.

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Sandwich Tern

Thalasseus sandvicensis [Latham].

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Cabot's Tern

Thalasseus acuflavidus [Cabot].

[*T.a. acuflavidus*] Virginia (E USA) locally to Campeche Bank (Gulf of Mexico) & Belize and thru the Antilles to S Caribbean. Non-breeding: Caribbean S to S Peru & Uruguay.

[*T.a. eurygnatha*] Locally in Caribbean, off Venezuela & Cayenne (French Guiana) and E Brazil to Buenos Aires (S Argentina) and Patagonian coast of Chubut and Santa Cruz.

Other name: Cayenne Tern (*eurygnatha*).

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as races of Sandwich Tern.

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Elegant Tern

Thalasseus elegans [Gambel].

San Diego Bay (S California), Scammon Lagoon & Isla San Roques (C Baja California), Raza Island, Trinidad Island & George Island (Gulf of California) and S along W coast of Mexico to Nayarit. Non-breeding: California S thru C America to Peru, Ecuador & Mejillones Bay (Chile).

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Little Tern

Sternula albifrons [Pallas].

[*S.a. albifrons*] Ireland, Britain & S Scandinavia across C & SE Russia, W Siberia & W Mongolia and S to the Mediterranean basin and coast of N Africa & the Persian Gulf and Turkey E to NE India, Nepal, Myanmar & islands off Sumatra & Java. It is also possible this is the form at Lake Turkana, Kenya and the Seychelles, Comoro Islands & Sri Lanka. Non-breeding: Coasts of N & W Africa E to NW India.

[*S.a. guineae*] Ghana, Nigeria and Chad to Gabon. It is also possible this is the form in Mauritania & Senegambia.

[*S.a. sinensis*] SE Russia, China, Japan, SE Asia, Philippines & New Guinea. It is also possible this is the form in Saipan (Micronesia) E to Hawaii and New Britain & surrounding waters, N & E Australia & E Tasmania. Non-breeding: N populations mostly move S to Malaysia.

The proposed forms *innominata* & *pusilla* are included with *S.a. albifrons*.

The proposed form *placens* is included with *S.a. sinensis*.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Sterna albifrons*.

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Saunders's Tern

Sternula saundersi [Hume].

Fragmented and local throughout Red Sea S along the coast to Djibouti & Somalia and Persian Gulf, Iran, Pakistan, NW India and Addu Atoll (Maldives) & Amirante Islands (Seychelles). Non-breeding: Red Sea S to Tanzania & Madagascar and E to India & the Malay peninsula.

Other name: Black-shafted Tern.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Sterna saundersi*.

Howard Saunders (1835-1907), British ornithologist and Secretary of the BOU from 1901 to 1907. He was co-editor of the fifth and seventh volumes of '*Ibis*'.

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Least Tern

Sternula antillarum [Lesson].

[*S.a.antillarum*] Bermuda and Maine S to Texas, Honduras and S thru Caribbean to N Venezuela.

Non-breeding: S to Bahia (N Brazil).

[*S.a. athalassos*] Inland rivers of the N Great Plains in E Montana, SC North Dakota, W Iowa, SW Missouri, NW Indiana, C Kentucky, NW Ohio S to C New Mexico, SE Colorado, W Kansas, C Oklahoma, NE Texas, NC Louisiana & W Tennessee. Non-breeding: S to Bahia (N Brazil).

[*S.a. browni*] San Francisco Bay S to Baja and Sonora & Sinaloa (W Mexico). Non-breeding: Central America.

Treated as monotypic by Draheim *et al.* 2010.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Sterna antillarum*.

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Yellow-billed Tern

Sternula superciliaris [Vieillot].

Colombia & Venezuela E to Guyana, Surinam & Guiana and thru the Amazon Basin of Bahia (N Brazil) to N & E Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay & NE Argentina and S to the Rio de la Plata & NE Buenos Aires. Non-breeding: Probably following river courses to the coasts of South America.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Sterna superciliaris*.

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Peruvian Tern

Sternula lorata [Philippi & Landbeck].

Gulf of Guayaquil (Ecuador) S to Peru & N Chile in the Humboldt Current. Non-breeding: Not fully established.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Sterna antillarum*.

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Fairy Tern

Sternula nereis [Gould].

[*S.n. nereis*] Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria & Tasmania.

[*S.n. davisae*] North Island, New Zealand.

[*S.n. exsul*] New Caledonia (SW Pacific).

Non-breeding: Some of populations in Tasmania & W Australia move N.

The proposed form *horni* is included with *S.n. nereis*.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Sterna nereis*.

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Damara Tern

Sternula balaenarum [Strickland].

Cabinda, N Angola, Namibia and SW & S South Africa. Non-breeding: Disperses N to coastal waters off DR Congo, Congo, Gabon, Cameroon, Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Ghana & Côte d'Ivoire.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Sterna balaenarum*.

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Aleutian Tern

Onychoprion aleuticus [Baird].

Hokkaido (Japan) and Sakhalin Island N thru the Sea of Okhotsk & Kamchatka to the Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea and Cape Krusenstern & Kotzebue Sound (N Alaska) S to Aleutian Islands as far W as Attu and E to Copper River Delta, Dry Bay & Kodiak Island (Alaska). Non-breeding: Not fully established but some to vicinity of South China Sea.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Sterna aleutica*.

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Grey-backed Tern

Onychoprion lunatus [Peale].

Guguan & Anatahan (North Mariana Islands, W Pacific) E to Wake Island (NW Pacific), N Marshall Islands (NC Pacific) & Johnston Atoll (N Pacific) and Kure E to Kaula & Moku Manu (Hawaiian Islands) and S thru the Line Islands & Phoenix Islands (Kiribati, C Pacific) to Fiji and E to Austral Islands & Tuamotu Archipelago (French Polynesia). Possibly Samoa & Society Islands (SC Pacific).
Non-breeding: Disperses W to N Moluccas.
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Bridled Tern

Onychoprion anaethetus [Scopoli].

[*O.a. anaethetus*] S Ryukyu Island (Japan region) & Taiwan S thru the Philippines & Indonesia to Australia and Lord Howe Island & Norfolk Island (Tasman Sea, Australia region).
[*O.a. melanopterus*] West Indies, Belize & islands off N Venezuela and W Africa.
[*O.a. antarcticus*] Red Sea, E Africa, Madagascar, Aldabra Atoll, Seychelles & Mascarene Islands thru Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea & Maldives to W India & Andaman Islands (Bay of Bengal).
[*O.a. nelsoni*] W coast of Mexico & Central America.
Non-breeding: Not fully established, presumed disperses to sea.
The proposed forms *recognita* and *fuligula* are included with *O.a. antarcticus*.
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Sooty Tern

Onychoprion fuscatus [Linnaeus].

- [*O.f. fuscatus*] Islands off the coast of E USA from North Carolina S to Florida and the Gulf of Mexico W to Texas & E Mexico off the Yucatan peninsula and Belize to islands off N South America and S to NE Bahia (N Brazil) and islands off W Africa from Senegambia to the Gulf of Guinea including Principe and Ascension Island & St. Helena (S Atlantic).
- [*O.f. nubilosus*] S Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean E to Ryukyu Islands (Japan region) and Greater Sundas & Philippines.
- [*O.f. serratus*] New Guinea, W & N Australia & New Caledonia E thru S Pacific to Easter Island and Kermadec Islands (SW Pacific).
- [*O.f. oahuensis*] Bonin or Ogasawara Islands, Marcus Atoll & Wake Island (NW Pacific) and Kure E to Moku Manu & anana (Hawaiian Islands) S thru C Pacific to Kiritimati (Line Islands).
- [*O.f. crissalis*] Islands off W Mexico & Central America S to Galapagos Islands.
- [*O.f. luctuosus*] Juan Fernández Islands (SE Pacific).
- Non-breeding: Disperses to sea.
- The proposed form *kermadeci* is included with *serratus*.
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River Tern

Sterna aurantia [J.E. Gray].

Along some inland rivers in Iran, E Pakistan, Nepal & India to Myanmar, Yunnan (SW China), Cambodia, Thailand and the Mekong Delta (Vietnam). Non-breeding: Largely sedentary with some birds moving to the coasts of SE Asia.

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Roseate Tern

Sterna dougallii [Montagu].

[*S.d. dougallii*] Nova Scotia to New York & Florida and S thru the Gulf of Honduras & West Indies to islands off N Venezuela and the Azores & NW Europe and S Somalia to Tanzania and S Cape Province (South Africa).

[*S.d. arideensis*] Seychelles S to Madagascar and E to Rodrigues Island (Mascarene Islands).

[*S.d. korustes*] Sri Lanka, Andaman Islands & Mergui Archipelago (off SW Myanmar).

[*S.d. bangs*] Arabian Sea, Ryukyu Islands (Japan region), coastal China & Taiwan S to Greater Sundas and E to S New Guinea, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia and possibly Fiji. It is also possible this is the form on Cocos (Keeling) Islands (SE Indian Ocean).

[*S.d. gracilis*] The Moluccas (C Indonesia) and Abrolhos Islands & Carnarvon Harbor (W Australia) and Northern Territory (Australia) E & S to Lady Elliot Island (Queensland, Australia).

Non-breeding: American populations possibly S to the N coast of South America and E Atlantic birds S to coasts of tropical W Africa between Guinea & Gabon mainly.

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White-fronted Tern

Sterna striata [Gmelin].

New Zealand and Stewart Island, Auckland Island, Chatham Islands and possibly Snares Island (New Zealand region) and Flinders Island & Cape Barren Island (off NE Tasmania)

Non-breeding: New Zealand populations some movement to the N. Australian populations disperses along coast of SE & E Australia.

The proposed forms *aucklandornis* & *incerta* are included with *S. striata*.

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Black-naped Tern

Sterna sumatrana [Raffles].

[*S.s. sumatrana*] Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Bay of Bengal) E to S Japan & China and S thru Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia & New Guinea to NE & E Australia and Yap Islands & Pohnpei (Caroline Islands, W Pacific) & Marshall Islands (NC Pacific) also historically and possibly still Bengal, Bangladesh & S Myanmar. Non-breeding: Populations from Japan and China move S. [*S.s. mathews*] Aldabra Atoll, Amirante Islands, Chagos Archipelago & the Maldives (W Indian Ocean).

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South American Tern

Sterna hirundinacea [Lesson].

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Common Tern

Sterna hirundo [Linnaeus].

- [*S.h. hirundo*] North America & West Indies S to N Brazil and the Azores, Canary Islands, Madeira and Ireland & Britain E thru N Russia to NW Siberia and S to the Mediterranean basin, Tunisia & Libya and E thru Turkey, Near East, Iraq & Iran & possibly as far as Pakistan and Mauritania, Senegambia, Guinea-Bissau & Gabon. Non-breeding: South America and W Africa S of Tropic of Cancer.
- [*S.h. tibetana*] W Mongolia S to Kashmir, Tibet & Sichuan at high altitudes. Non-breeding: E Indian Ocean.
- [*S.h. minussensis*] Transbaikalia E to N Mongolia & S Tibet. Non-breeding: N Indian Ocean.
- [*S.h. longipennis*] NE Siberia S to C Heilongjiang (NE China) and SW to Inner Mongolia & Shanxi (NC China). Non-breeding: SE Asia to Australia.

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White-cheeked Tern

Sterna repressa [Hartert].

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Arctic Tern

Sterna paradisaea [Pontoppidan].

Iceland, Faroe Islands, Ireland, Britain & W France thru Scandinavia E across Asia mostly N of the Arctic Circle to the Bering Strait and Kamchatka and Aleutian Islands & N Alaska to NW & NE Greenland and S to British Columbia & New York and NW Washington state. Non-breeding: At sea off Australia and Antarctic seas including areas of pack ice.

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Antarctic Tern

Sterna vittata [Gmelin].

[*S.v. vittata*] Prince Edward Island, Marion Island, Crozet Islands, Bouvet Island, Kerguelen Island (Indian Ocean). It is also possible this is the form on Heard Island (S Indian Ocean).

[*S.v. tristanensis*] Tristan da Cunha & Gough Island (S Atlantic).

[*S.v. sanctipauli*] Amsterdam Island & St. Paul Island (S Indian Ocean).

[*S.v. georgiae*] South Georgia Island (S Atlantic). It is also possible this is the form on South Orkney Island (Southern Ocean) and South Sandwich Islands & Bouvet Island (S Atlantic).

[*S.v. gaini*] South Shetland Islands (Southern Ocean) and presumed this form S to Marguerite Bay (Antarctic peninsula).

[*S.v. bethunei*] Stewart Island, Snares Island, Auckland Islands, Bounty Islands, Antipodes Islands & Campbell Islands (all New Zealand region) and Macquarie Island (Australia region).

Non-breeding: Some populations remain in the vicinity of breeding grounds while others undertake lengthy movements N to coasts of South America & South Africa.

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Kerguelen Tern

Sterna virgata [Cabanis].

[*S.v. virgata*] Prince Edward Island, Marion Islands & Crozet Islands (S Indian Ocean).

[*S.v. mercuri*] Kerguelen & Heard Island (S Indian Ocean).

Non-breeding: Sedentary.

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Forster's Tern

Sterna forsteri [Nuttall].

British Columbia S to C Californian coast and E to S Ontario, Great Lakes & N Indiana and Long Island S to North Carolina and coast of Gulf of Mexico from Alabama to Tamaulipas (NE Mexico). Non-breeding: S California S to Panama and North Carolina S to Gulf of Honduras.

Johann Reinhold Forster (1729-1798), a clergyman from Danzig who accompanied Cook as naturalist on his second world voyage during 1772 and 1773.

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Trudeau's Tern

Sterna trudeaui [Audubon].

Coast and interior of South America from SE Brazil & Uruguay S to Patagonia and Aconcagua to the Rio Cruces Sanctuary in Llanquihue Province (Chile). Non-breeding: Disperses to the coasts of South America as far N as S Peru and Rio de Janeiro.

Other name: Snowy-crowned Tern.

James de Berty Trudeau (1817-1887), artist, physician, collector and one time Confederate Army general.

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Black-bellied Tern

Sterna acuticauda [J.E. Gray].

R Indus (Pakistan), Nepal & most of India E to W Yunnan (SW China) and S thru Myanmar, N Thailand, Laos, Cambodia & S Vietnam. Non-breeding: Sedentary.

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Black-fronted Tern

Chlidonias albostratus [G.R. Gray].

Interior parts of South Island, New Zealand. Non-breeding: Disperses to coasts of South Island & S North Island (New Zealand).

Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as *Sterna albostratus*.

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Whiskered Tern

Chlidonias hybrida [Pallas].

[*C.h. hybrida*] C France, Biebrza Marsh (Poland), Senne (W Slovakia), Hortobagy National Park (Hungary), Ukraine, Volga-Ural steppes, Kazakhstan, Aral Sea, Turkestan, Kirghiz steppes to S Siberia, C & S China & Taiwan and E thru Turkey to Iraq & E Iran to N & C India & Indochina and S to Mediterranean and Morocco to Tunisia and Mali. Non-breeding: E & W Africa and Malaysia to Indonesia.

[*C.h. delalandii*] Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia & SW Cape Province (South Africa) and Madagascar.

[*C.h. javanicus*] Java, Togian Islands (Sulawesi), Moluccas & New Guinea and Australia & Tasmania. Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 to consist of six races: *hybridus*, *swinhoei*, *indicus*, *javanicus*, *sclateri* & *fluviatilis*.

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White-winged Black Tern

Chlidonias leucopterus [Temminck].

NW Italy and C & E Europe E thru Siberia, Transbaikalia & N Mongolia to Amurland and New Zealand. Non-breeding: Kenya & N Tanzania S to South Africa and Persian Gulf, India, Sri Lanka, E China, Taiwan & SE Asia to Australia & New Zealand.

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Black Tern

Chlidonias niger [Linnaeus].

[*C.n. niger*] S Sweden E thru NC Russia to C Siberia and S to the Algarve (Portugal), S Spain, Sardinia, N Italy, Greece, Sennes (W Slovakia), W Turkey, Armenia & N Caucasus to Caspian Sea, Aral Sea, Turkestan, Lake Balkhash, the Altai & W China. Non-breeding: SC Africa.

[*C.n. surinamensis*] SW & EC British Columbia, N Alberta, Great Slave Lake (SW Mackenzie), NW Saskatchewan & C Manitoba to Nova Scotia and S locally to SC California, N Nevada, N Utah, Colorado & Nebraska E to SC Illinois, Great Lakes, Ohio, NW Pennsylvania & NW New York and Kansas, Indiana & N Vermont. Non-breeding: S to Central America & N South America.

Other name: American Black Tern (*surinamensis*).

1st WP Record (*C.n. surinamensis*): [adult ♂] 10th June 1956. Hafurbjarnarstaðir, Miðnes, Iceland. Hákon Vilhjálmsson. Collected (Pétursson & Þráinsson 1999).

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Large-billed Tern

Phaetusa simplex [Gmelin].

E of Andes to NC Argentina. Non-breeding: Coasts & rivers of E South America.

Previously treated as polytypic with forms *simplex* and *chloropoda*.

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Inca Tern

Larosterna inca [Lesson].

Coasts of Peru & Chile S to Aconcagua. Non-breeding: Largely sedentary with some movement N to Ecuador.

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