

The **CASPIAN TERN** is larger than many gulls and nests on five of seven continents. Endangered in North America, it is common along both coasts and large bodies of water.

The Caspian Tern is known for its long adolescence, with the young dependent on their parents for many months; even in late winter, many adult caspians are trailed by a begging youngster from the previous nesting season.

Its beach nesting areas are vulnerable to disturbance and predation. While the tern's numbers are increasing overall, the species is endangered and threatened in certain geographic regions.

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