



GOELAND RAILLEUR



SLENDER-BILLED GULL

Chroicocephalus genei

A little larger than the Black-headed Gull which in the wing pattern resembles it a lot. The general aspect is also very close with nevertheless the pale eye, the long neck, the whitish head (absence of cap) in summer, vague or absent parotic spot in winter. The silhouette and the shape of the head and the neck are also different with a fine beak and a receding front as well as a long neck. The legs are also relatively long

Adult nuptial: apart from the white head, overall coloration very often tinged with pink. Dark red beak appearing black from a distance, red legs.

Internuptial adult : most of the time without clear pink coloration. May have a vague parotic spot. Beak and legs lighter than in summer.

Juveniles: pale orange bill with dark tip. Legs pale orange. Wings and mantle with light brown patterns.

Nest : on the ground with or without vegetation, always feathered

Voice: reminiscent of the Black-headed Gull "rerrr" more hoarse and dry.

L. 37-42 cm; W. 90-102 cm.

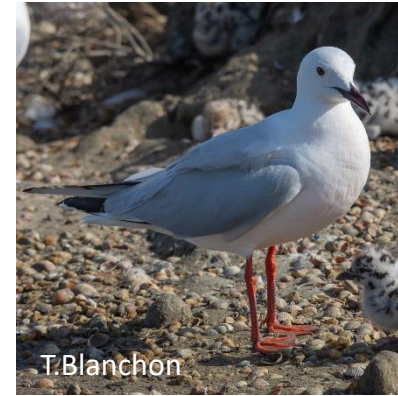
Similar species: Black-headed Gull.

NEST WITH EGGS



C.Pin

ADULT NUPTIAL



T.Blanchon

ADULT INTERNUPTIAL



T.Galewski

FLEDGLING



T.Blanchon

CHICKS FROM 1 WEEK TO 4 WEEKS

1st WEEK



T.Blanchon

2nd WEEK



P.Portier

3rd WEEK



P.Portier

4th WEEK



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