



Black-headed Gull



Mouette rieuse

Chroicocephalus ridibundus

Small. Can be distinguished from almost all other Larids by the white border on the front of the wing and the black bordered primaries. There is also a clear dark area (dark gray) on the front of the hand, from below adjoining the white border. The wing is pointed, the head small and the neck short and the tail short.

Breeding adult: dark brown hood often appearing black. Light grey underside. Red beak and legs.

Non breeding adult : clear dark parotic spot. Beak and legs red or reddish-brown with the tip of the beak clearly darkened.

Young: marked by a lot of ochre and reddish-brown on the upper parts as well as on the wing. Black caudal bar. Beak and legs fleshy-yellowish, the beak having the dark point.

Nest : Always very vegetated

Voice: Very noisy with the usual call being a hoarse "krrearr".

L. 35-39 cm; W. 86-99 cm.

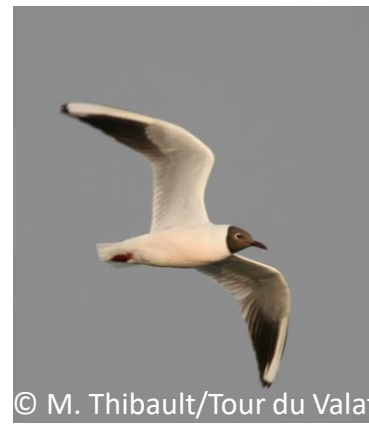
Similar species: Slender-billed Gull, Mediterranean Gull.

Nest with eggs



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Breeding adult



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Non breeding adult



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Fledgling



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Chicks from 1 to 4 weeks

1st week



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2nd week



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3rd week



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4th week



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