



Mediterranean Gull



Mouette mélanocéphale

Ichthyæetus melanocephalus

Slightly larger than a Black-headed Gull with a more angular head, a larger and shorter bill, wider, slightly shorter and more rounded wings and longer legs.

Adult: black hood going down on the nape of the neck and contrasting strongly with the very light gray top. This hood becomes a dark auricular zone behind the eye in winter. Remiges very white. Beak and legs dark red.

Young and first winter: looks very much like the Herring Gull but very contrasting scaly patterns on top and whiter underparts. The bill is black or dark with red at the base. The legs are dark. In flight, the 1st winter has a lighter upper side, white underwing without patterns, large pale grey coverts, black primary remiges with small light spots towards the tip and a narrow terminal bar on the tail.

Nest: like the black-headed gull

Voice: Distinctive ascending and descending "yea" call.

L. 37-40 cm; W. 94-102 cm.

Similar species: Common Gull, Black-headed Gull.

Nest with eggs



Breeding adult



Chicks from 1 to 4 weeks

1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

