



**Little Tern**



**Sterne naine**

*Sternula albifrons*

Size clearly lower than the other terns. Long and thin wings. Fast wing beats. Flying on the spot at low height.

Breeding adult: white forehead. Black loreal line. Yellow beak with small black tip. Legs orange yellow. The 2 to 3 external primaries are blackish gray.

Non breeding adult : like the nuptial adult but black beak, white lores and front of the cap lighter from August.

Young: barred upper parts. Dark bar at the front of the arm. Blackish bill with pale yellow base.

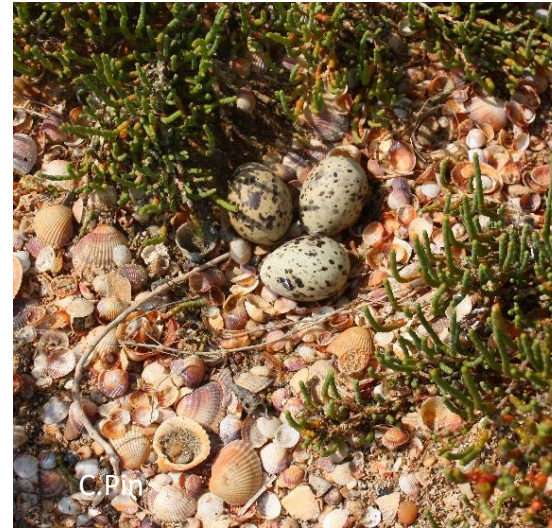
Nest: bowl on the ground, very rarely contains vegetation.

Voice: high-pitched, shrill "kr'rit" calls.

L. 21-25 cm; W. 41-47 cm.

Similar species: other terns

**Nest with eggs**



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**Adult**



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## Chicks from 1 to 4 weeks

**1<sup>st</sup> week**



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**2<sup>nd</sup> week**



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**3<sup>rd</sup> week**



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