

An endangered species visits Letitia Spit beach over summer

The Little Tern



How can you help?

Keep a distance of at least 100 metres from birds

Take care not to step on nests or eggs

Dogs are discouraged on beach and must be restrained

Vehicles are not permitted on this beach

The Little Tern (species name *Sterna Albifrons*) migrates a huge distance between Asia and Australia every year. It is endangered in NSW because of its low breeding success and vulnerability to disturbance. Adults are only 25 cm long, with a yellow beak when breeding and a black beak at other times. The Little Tern breeds in Australia from September to January, but sometimes birds remain during February. Little Tern nests are just scrapes in the sand near the high tide mark. Chicks and eggs are well camouflaged against the sand and can be easily trampled.

