

SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

Sterna vittata subsp. bethunei Antarctic Tern

Group: Chordata (vertebrates), Aves (birds), Charadriiformes (Waders, gulls and auks), Laridae

Status: *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*: endangered
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999: Endangered

Endemic Status:



A complete species management profile is not currently available for this species. Check for further information on this page and any relevant Activity Advice.

Key Points

- **Important:** Is this species in your area? Do you need a permit? Ensure you've covered all the issues by checking the Planning Ahead page.
- **Important:** Different threatened species may have different requirements. For any activity you are considering, read the Activity Advice pages for background information and important advice about managing around the needs of multiple threatened species.

Further information

Check also for listing statement or notesheet pdf above (below the species image).

Conservation Advice

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Permit: A permit is required under the Tasmanian *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* to 'take' (which includes kill, injure, catch, damage, destroy and collect), keep, trade in or process any specimen or products of a listed species. Additional permits may also be required under other Acts or regulations to take, disturb or interfere with any form of wildlife or its products, (e.g. dens, nests, bones). This may also depend on the tenure of the land and other agreements relating to its management.