

# ARCTIC TERN

## Fun fact for kids



Arctic terns migrate from the Arctic to the Antarctic, covering about 70,900 kilometers round trip each year, the longest migration of any animal on Earth.



Because of their migratory route, Arctic terns get to experience two summers each year. They follow a zigzagging route, taking advantage of prevailing wind patterns to minimize energy expenditure.



Arctic terns have a relatively long lifespan for a bird of their size, typically living around 20 to 30 years.



Arctic terns are usually found in large colonies during the breeding season. They are highly social birds and are known for their noisy calls, especially when defending their nests or interacting with other terns.



Arctic terns are fiercely protective of their nesting sites and will vigorously defend them against intruders, including humans. They may dive-bomb or screech loudly to ward off potential threats.



While they breed predominantly in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions, Arctic terns can be found throughout the world's oceans during their migration. They follow a somewhat zigzagging route, possibly to take advantage of prevailing wind patterns.



Arctic terns use a variety of vocalizations to communicate with each other, including calls and squawks. These vocalizations play a crucial role in defending territory, attracting mates, and coordinating during migration.

