



Exercise caution during
recreational activities
and watch
your step

Vehicles should
not pass through
nesting areas

Safeguarding Terns

During Breeding Season



Do not approach
breeding nests



Avoid attracting groups
of roaming
cats and dogs

Little terns (*Sternula albifrons*), Taiwan's smallest terns, with yellow bills and feet and a black cap on their heads, are mainly seen in summer, but some stay year-round. Migrating from Australia, they're found along coastlines and gravel shores in various locations including Taoyuan, Hsinchu, Miaoli, Changhua, Yunlin, Chiayi, Tainan, Yilan, Hualien, Taitung, and Penghu from April to July.

Distribution of
Little Terns
in Taiwan



During incubation and rearing, both mother and father Little Terns face various challenges, including predation, threats from roaming cats and dogs, flooding, habitat destruction, and human interference like beach diversions, riverbed construction, recreational activities, and egg collection.

Don't feed



Brown noddy

Roseate tern

Black-naped tern

Chinese crested tern

Bridled tern

Great crested tern

Little tern

Taiwan is home to a total of 18 recorded species of terns, among which 7 protected species breed in Taiwan.

These include the little tern, brown noddy, bridled tern, roseate tern, black-naped tern, great crested tern and Chinese crested tern.

Reminder

Do not disturb or harm marine protected wildlife to avoid violating the Wildlife Conservation Act. If you observe suspected illegal activities, please assist in gathering comprehensive evidence and report to your local marine conservation authority.

