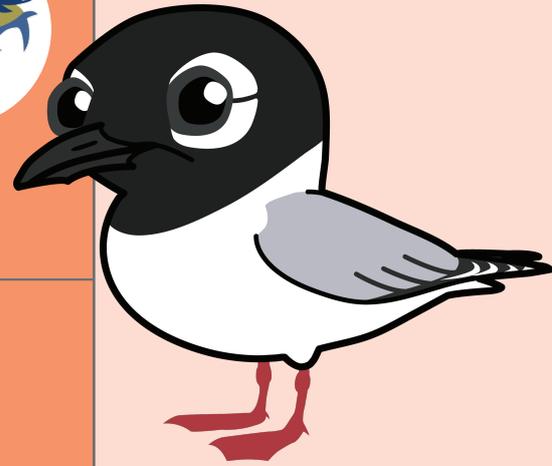


SAUNDERS'S GULL

Scientific name: *Saundersilarus saundersi*

SAUNDERS'S GULL



IUCN status
Vulnerable



Type of waterbirds
Seabird

Identification

29–32 cm

Underwing tips black patch contrasting white edges

Breeding plumage has black head and nape, with white crescents around eyes, the black head turns white with grey marks around neck and behind eyes in non-breeding season

Greyish upperpart feather

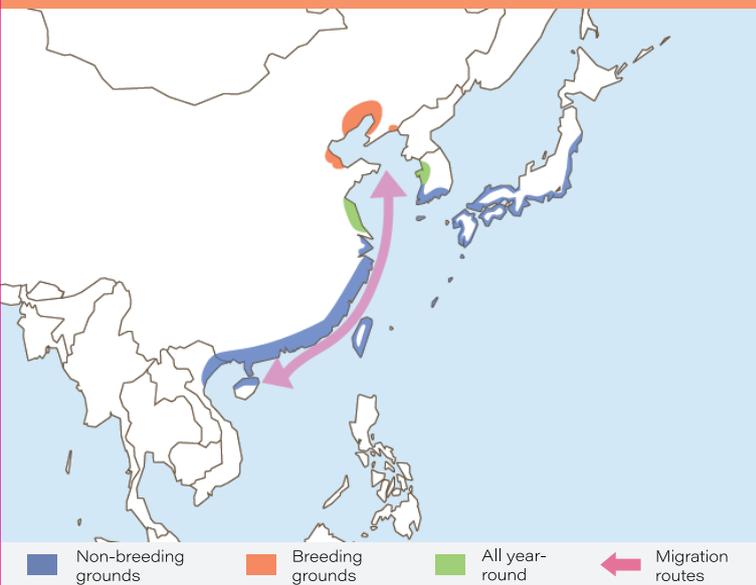
Reddish-orange legs

Short, pointed black bill

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Map of distribution

Migration distance: > 2,000 km



Habitats

Primarily a coastal species. Breeding habitat restricted to common seepweed saltmarsh habitats. Inhabit estuarine and coastal tidal flats in non-breeding season.

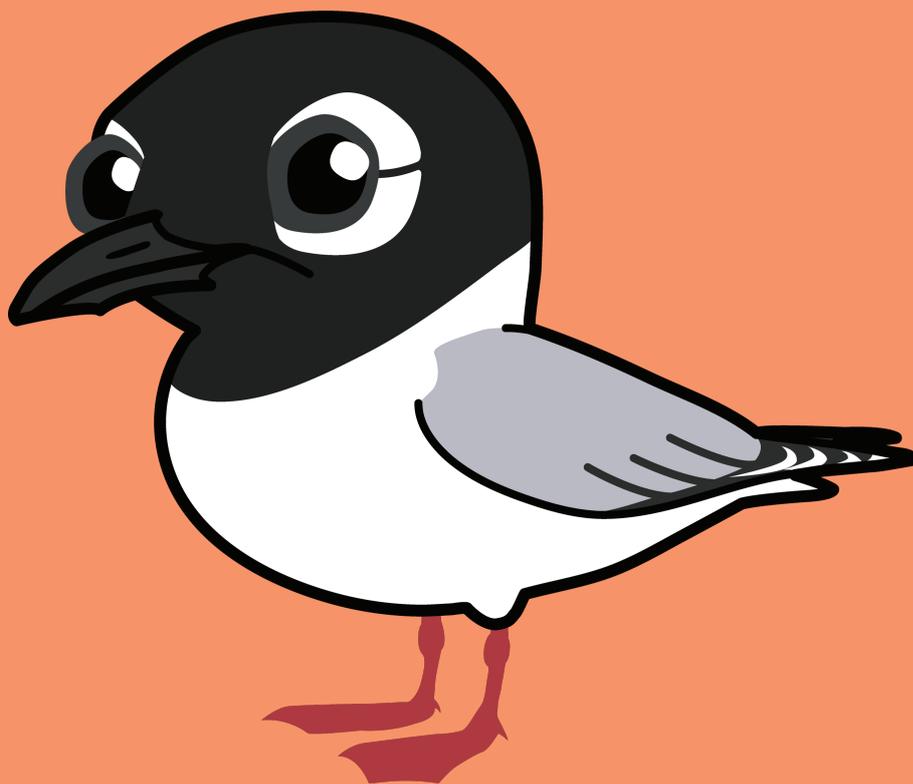
Global estimated population

14,400 mature individuals

Main Threats

Habitat loss and degradation of tidal flat and saltmarshes due to reclamation and land use change, especially the site with seepweed in breeding grounds, invasive species, egg collection.

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<https://www.eaaflyway.net/seabird-working-group/>



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