

The Roseate Tern - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

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[Roseate tern flying]

There are fewer than 150 pairs of the endangered roseate tern in Canada. A fleeting glimpse of this delicate, white gull-like seabird is often all we see.

The roseate breeds amongst other tern species on islands off Canada's eastern provinces.

[Roseate tern on a rock]

Adults have distinctive long tail streamers and often a pinkish breast. They have a unique call.

[Roseate tern fledgling in a human hand]

Pairs hatch one or two chicks, but usually only one survives. Human activities and predation have caused the population to decline.

[Roseate tern flying]

Private citizens, such as Pubnico resident Ted D'Eon, are helping to restore one of Canada's most important roseate colonies near Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

For more information about the roseate tern, write to the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa, K1A 0H3.