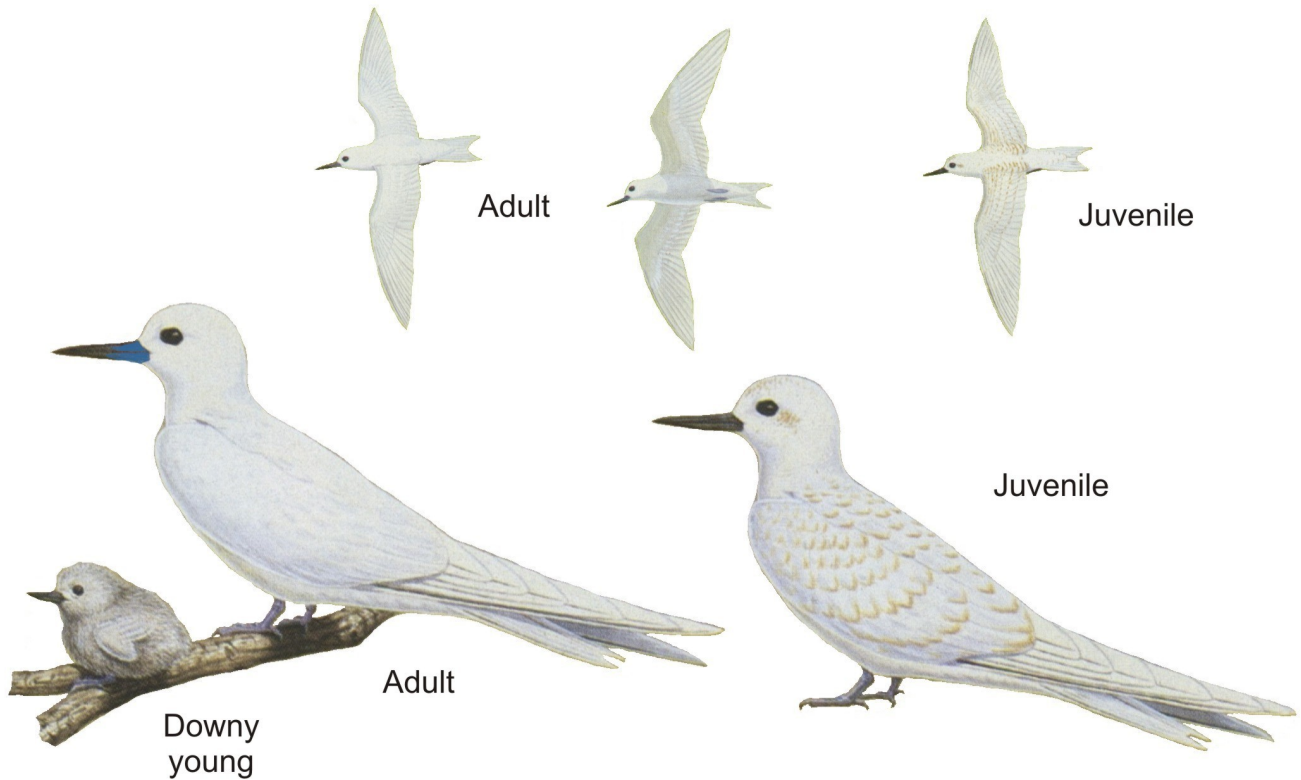


White Tern *Gygis alba*

Species No.: 972 Band size: 05 AY



Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	225 – 241 mm	232 – 241 mm
Tail T1:	74 – 75 mm	72 – 75 mm
Tail T5	100 – 120 mm	98 – 117 mm
Bill:	37 – 43.5 mm	39 – 41 mm
Tarsus:	16.5 – 18 mm	14 – 18 mm
Weight:	100 – 129 g	90 – 130 g

Ageing:

Nestlings fledge in 7 -10 weeks to a distinctive juvenile plumage with back and upper wings having a mottled appearance because white feathers have broad, unevenly washed light brown to ginger brown tips (see illustrations);
 Juveniles (1) have a uniform matt black bill, adults have a black bill with blue-black to dark blue base;
 Matures at one year of age, thus age adults (2+).

Sexing:

Sexes are not plumage or size dimorphic.
 Both sexes incubate.