



# SOUTHEAST GAP ANALYSIS PROJECT



## Species Modeling Report

### Least Tern

*Sterna antillarum*

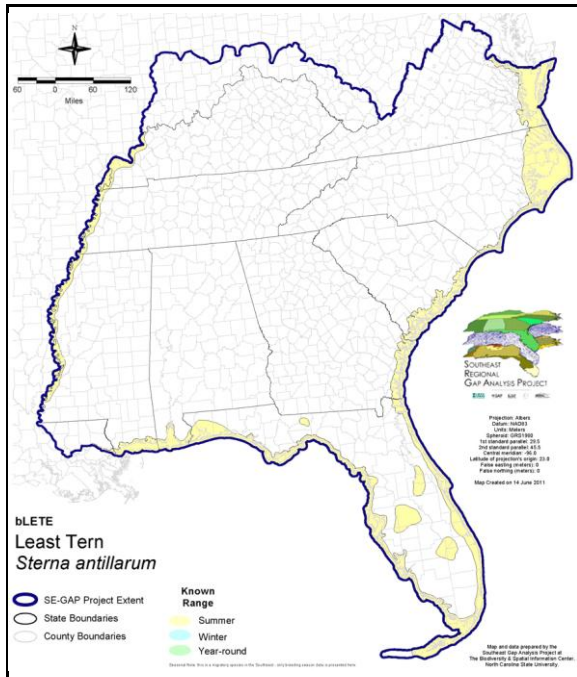
Taxa: Avian  
 Order: Charadriiformes  
 Family: Laridae

SE-GAP Spp Code: **bLETE**

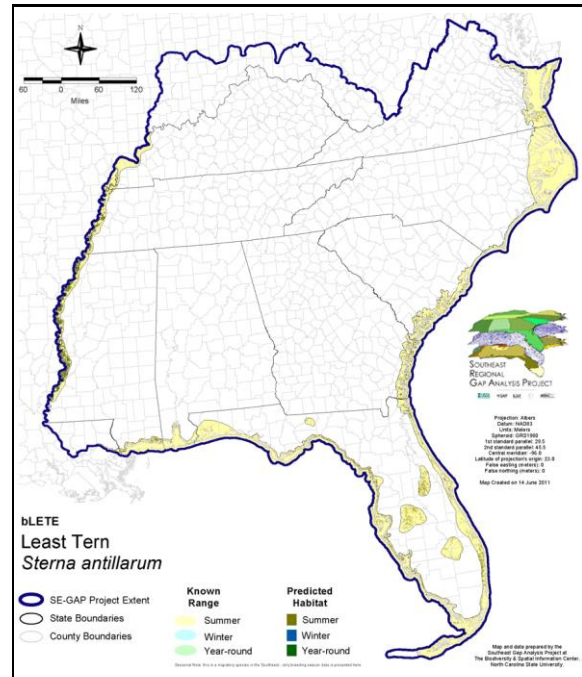
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NatureServe Element Code: ABNNM08100

#### KNOWN RANGE:



#### PREDICTED HABITAT:



Range Map Link: [http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/maps/SE\\_Range\\_bLETE.pdf](http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/maps/SE_Range_bLETE.pdf)

Predicted Habitat Map Link: [http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/maps/SE\\_Dist\\_bLETE.pdf](http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/maps/SE_Dist_bLETE.pdf)

GAP Online Tool Link: <http://www.gapservice.ncsu.edu/segap/segap/index2.php?species=bLETE>

Data Download: [http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/region/vert/bLETE\\_se00.zip](http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/region/vert/bLETE_se00.zip)

#### PROTECTION STATUS:

Reported on March 14, 2011

Federal Status: ---

State Status: CO (SE), CT (T), CT (T), DE (E), FL (ST), GA (R), IA (E), ID (P), IL (LE), KS (E), KY (N), MA (SC), MD (T), ME (E), NC (SC), NC (SC), ND (Level II), NH (E), NH (E), NJ (E), NM (E), NV (YES), NY (T), PA (PE), RI (State Threatened), SC (ST-Threatened), UT (None), VA (SC), VA (SC), QC (Non suivie)

NS Global Rank: G4

NS State Rank: AL (S2B,S4N), AR (S2), AZ (S2M), CA (S2S3B), CO (S1B), CT (S2B), CT (S2B), DE (S1B), FL (S3), GA (S3), HI (SNA), IA (S1), ID (SNA), IL (S1), IN (SNRB), IN (SNRB), KS (S1B), KY (S1S2), LA (S4B), MA (S2B), MD (S2B), ME (S1B), MI (SNA), MO (S1), MS (S3B), MS (S3B), MT (S1B), MT (S1B), NC (S3B), NC (S3B), ND (S1), NE (S2), NH (SHB), NH (SHB), NJ (S1B,S1N), NM (S1B,S4N), NV (SNA), NY (S3B), OH (SNA), OK (S2B), OR (SNA), PA (SNA), RI (S2B,S2N), SC (S3), SD (S2B), SD (S2B), TN (S2S3B), TX (S3B), UT (SNA), VA (S2B), VA (S2B), WA (SNA), WI (SNA), WY (SHB), BC (SNA), MB (SNA), NB (SNA), NF (SNA), NS (SNA), ON (SNA), QC (SNA), SK (SNA)

**SUMMARY OF PREDICTED HABITAT BY MANAGMENT AND GAP PROTECTION STATUS:**

	US FWS		US Forest Service		Tenn. Valley Author.		US DOD/ACOE	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	47,459.1	3	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Status 2	33,055.3	2	61.9	< 1	0.0	0	0.0	0
Status 3	702.5	< 1	416.3	< 1	0.0	0	24,705.1	2
Status 4	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	225.5	< 1
Total	81,216.8	6	478.2	< 1	0.0	0	24,930.6	2
	US Dept. of Energy		US Nat. Park Service		NOAA		Other Federal Lands	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	614.7	< 1	1,082.2	< 1	4,960.3	< 1
Status 2	0.0	0	36,729.8	3	25,508.3	2	10.4	< 1
Status 3	0.0	0	1,820.6	< 1	0.0	0	0.0	0
Status 4	0.0	0	3.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Total	0.0	0	39,168.3	3	26,590.5	2	4,970.7	< 1
	Native Am. Reserv.		State Park/Hist. Park		State WMA/Gameland		State Forest	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	1.8	< 1	0.0	0	0.0	0
Status 2	0.0	0	76.3	< 1	53,800.8	4	0.0	0
Status 3	0.0	0	30,104.5	2	7,255.5	< 1	2,372.2	< 1
Status 4	0.0	0	0.0	0	2,085.8	< 1	0.0	0
Total	0.0	0	30,182.6	2	63,142.1	5	2,372.2	< 1
	State Coastal Reserve		ST Nat.Area/Preserve		Other State Lands		Private Cons. Easemt.	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	467.5	< 1	0.0	0	0.0	0
Status 2	25,799.2	2	24,991.6	2	0.0	0	0.0	0
Status 3	0.0	0	733.8	< 1	224.6	< 1	5,578.1	< 1
Status 4	0.0	0	0.0	0	15.3	< 1	0.0	0
Total	25,799.2	2	26,192.8	2	239.9	< 1	5,578.1	< 1
	Private Land - No Res.		Water		Overall Total			
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	0.0	0	54,585.6 4			
Status 2	0.8	< 1	0.0	0	200,034.7 15			
Status 3	129.9	< 1	0.0	0	74,042.9 5			
Status 4	1,003,439.7	74	28,431.0	2	1,036,286.2 76			
Total	1,003,570.6	74	28,431.2	2	1,364,949.5 100			

GAP Status 1: An area having permanent protection from conversion of natural land cover and a mandated management plan in operation to maintain a natural state within which disturbance events (of natural type, frequency, and intensity) are allowed to proceed without interference or are mimicked through management.

GAP Status 2: An area having permanent protection from conversion of natural land cover and a mandated management plan in operation to maintain a primarily natural state, but which may receive use or management practices that degrade the quality of existing natural communities.

GAP Status 3: An area having permanent protection from conversion of natural land cover for the majority of the area, but subject to extractive uses of either a broad, low-intensity type or localized intense type. It also confers protection to federally listed endangered and threatened species throughout the area.

GAP Status 4: Lack of irrevocable easement or mandate to prevent conversion of natural habitat types to anthropogenic habitat types. Allows for intensive use throughout the tract. Also includes those tracts for which the existence of such restrictions or sufficient information to establish a higher status is unknown.

**PREDICTED HABITAT MODEL(S):**

**Summer Model:**

Habitat Description: Usually forms colonies on bare or sparsely vegetated sand or dried mudflats along coasts or rivers, but also on sandy or shell islands. Prominent use of sand or shell beaches located just above high-tide level, or riverine sandbars on which vegetation is limited by seasonal flooding (Thompson et al. 1997). More recently, has shifted traditional nesting habitats to account for human activities and will nest on agricultural fields, parking lots, bare land associated with airports, and flat, graveled rooftops. Forages in a variety of shallow-water habitats. On marine coasts, feeds primarily in bays, lagoons, estuaries, river and creek mouths, tidal marshes, and lakes. Occasionally forages offshore. Inland feeding sites include rivers, streams, sloughs, marshes, ponds, and reservoirs (Thompson et al. 1997). M. Rubino, 31dec04.

**Hydrography Mask:**

- Utilizes flowing water features with buffers of unlimited from and 250m into selected water features.
- Utilizes open water features with buffers of unlimited from and 250m into selected water features.
- Utilizes wet vegetation features with buffer of unlimited into selected vegetation features.

**Selected Map Units:**

Functional Group	Map Unit Name
Beach	Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Sandy Beach
Beach	Atlantic Coastal Plain Sea Island Beach
Beach	Atlantic Coastal Plain Southern Beach
Beach	Florida Panhandle Beach Vegetation
Beach	South Florida Shell Hash Beach
Beach	Southeast Florida Beach
Beach	Southwest Florida Beach
Beach	Unconsolidated Shore (Beach/Dune)
Brackish Tidal Marsh & Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Central Salt and Brackish Tidal Marsh
Brackish Tidal Marsh & Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Embayed Region Tidal Salt and Brackish Marsh
Brackish Tidal Marsh & Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Indian River Lagoon Tidal Marsh
Brackish Tidal Marsh & Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Tidal Salt Marsh
Brackish Tidal Marsh & Wetland	Florida Big Bend Salt-Brackish Tidal Marsh
Brackish Tidal Marsh & Wetland	Mississippi Sound Salt and Brackish Tidal Marsh
Coastal Dune & Freshwater Wetland	Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Interdunal Wetland
Coastal Dune & Freshwater Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Dune and Maritime Grassland
Coastal Dune & Freshwater Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Southern Dune and Maritime Grassland
Coastal Dune & Freshwater Wetland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Dune and Coastal Grassland
Coastal Dune & Freshwater Wetland	Southwest Florida Dune and Coastal Grassland
Water	Open Water (Brackish/Salt)
Water	Open Water (Fresh)
Wetlands	Lower Mississippi River Bottomland and Floodplain Forest
Wetlands	Lower Mississippi River Bottomland Depressions - Forest Modifier
Wetlands	Mississippi River Low Floodplain (Bottomland) Forest
Wetlands	Mississippi River Riparian Forest
Wetlands	Unconsolidated Shore (Lake/River/Pond)

**Selected Secondary Map Units within 250m of Primary Map Units:**

Functional Group	Map Unit Name
Anthropogenic	Developed Open Space
Anthropogenic	Low Intensity Developed
Anthropogenic	Medium Intensity Developed
Anthropogenic	High Intensity Developed

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