

## 5. Extreme Behavior

**California Gull** (*Larus californicus*)

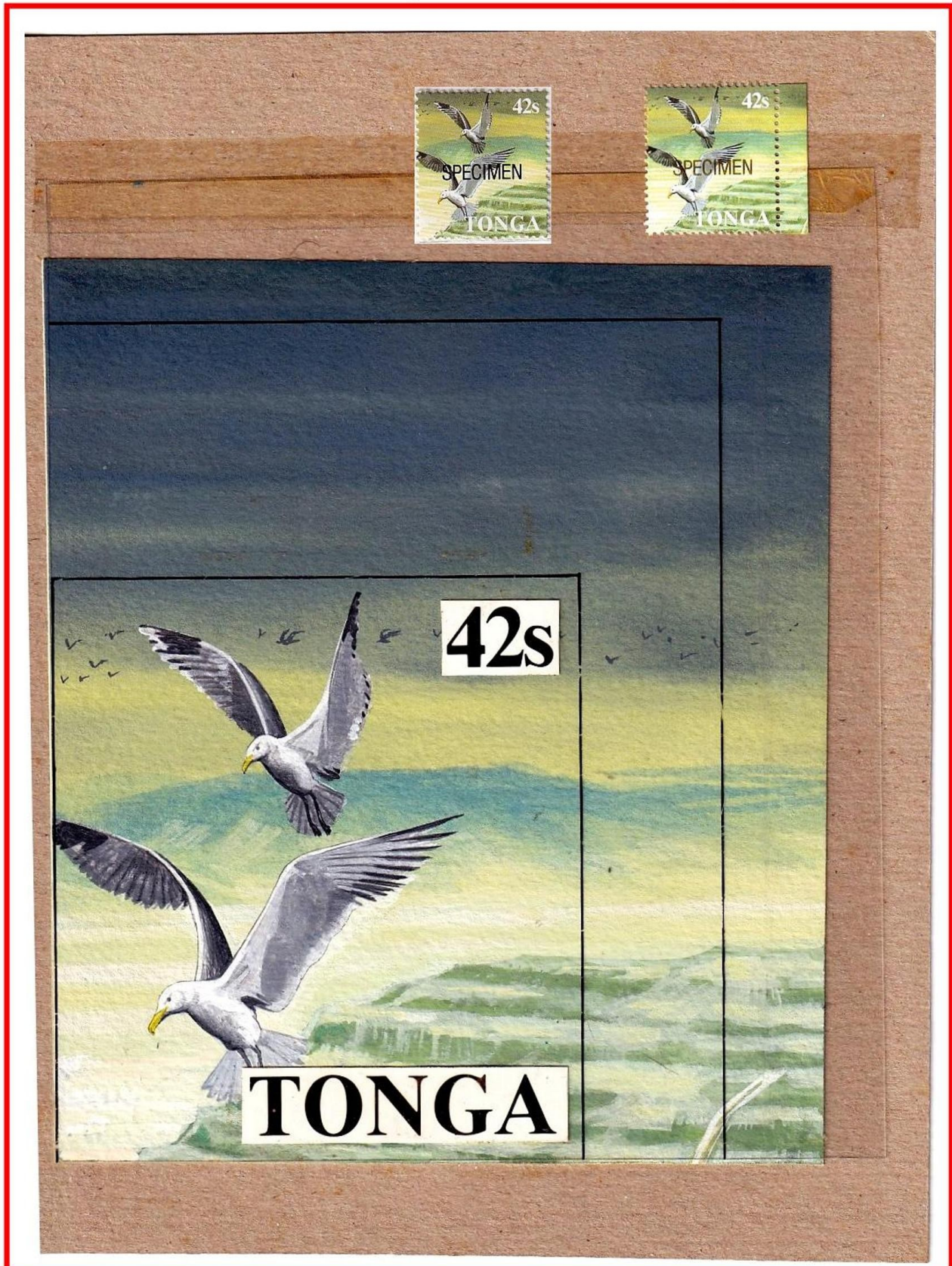
**Behavior-** Maintains Osmotic balance by excreting excess body salt

Contrary to its name, the California gull is the state bird of Utah. They have salt gland located just above their eyes, which excrete large loads of salt, consumed by drinking sea water / sea food. Sea water has 3% of salt which is 3 times saltier than the body fluid of a gull. These glands connect to tubules, leading to a canal, which then opens at nasal cavity.

### 5.1 Excreting Salt from eyes

EXTREME BIRDS

**Geographical Distribution** - North America , Pacific Coast



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18.2cm x 18 cm Original Hand painted Artwork with overlay . Specimen Ovpnt Black and Gold varieties also displayed above