

5. Extreme Behavior

Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*)

Behavior- Strengthens its nest wall by defecating on it.

A Royal tern strengthens its nest perhaps to reinforce it against flooding, as it defecates directly onto the rim of its nest, as in a few weeks, the rim of the nest hardens. The Royal tern is the second biggest tern after the Caspian tern. Terns are able to drink salty sea water.

Royal Terns lay white spotted eggs which measure up to 56mm in length and 40mm in width.

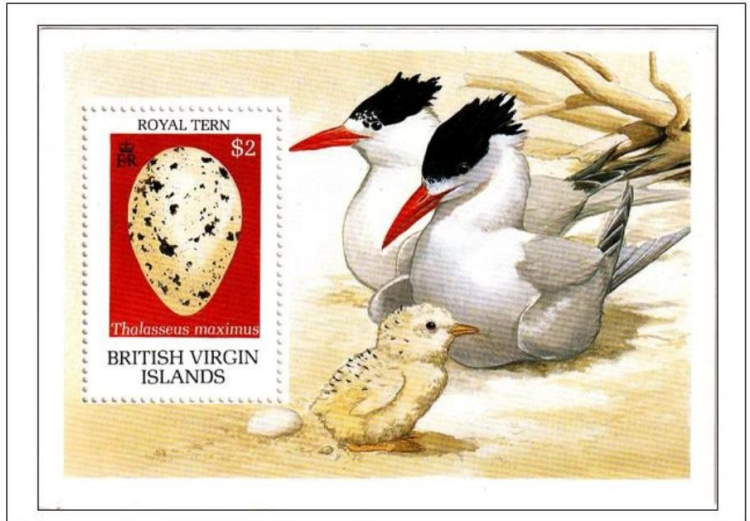
A group of these birds is called a **"highness"** of terns and a group of chicks congregating together, is called as a **crèche** →



5.7 Flood Safety

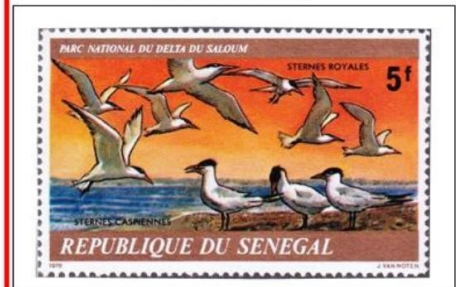
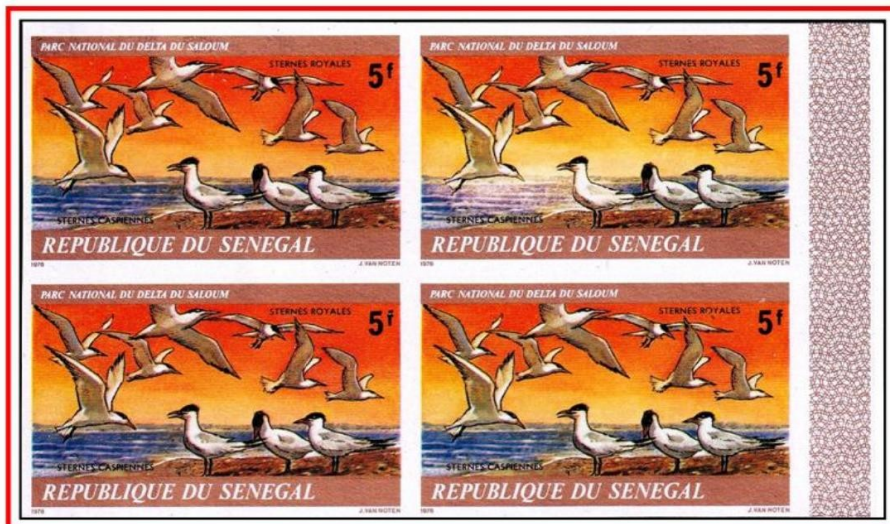
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