

5. Extreme Behavior

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*)

Behavior - Rinses its bill after feeding their babies.

5.12 Fastidious Feeder

Geographical Distribution – Forests of Americas, Africa, Asia

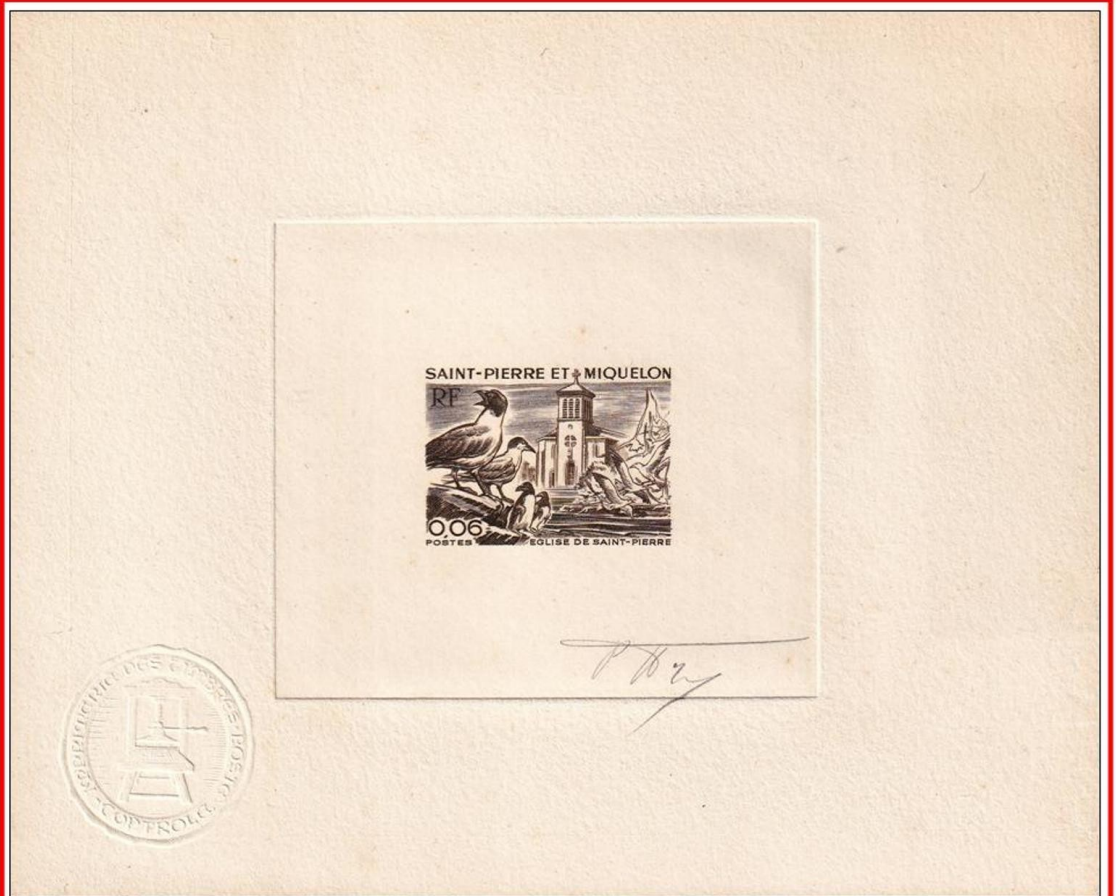
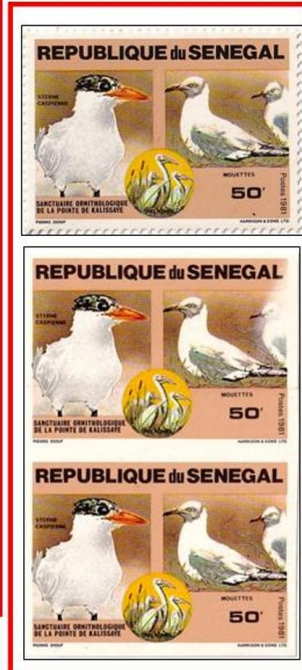
The Caspian Tern is the world's largest tern species. Their diet consists almost entirely of fish. Unlike many other tern species, the Caspian Tern retains its black cap during the winter (non-breeding plumage). Caspian Terns are highly vocal. Chicks vocalize while they are still in the egg! Starting from day one, chicks are fed whole fish, which they swallow headfirst. The oldest known wild Caspian Tern lived to be 26 years old.

The Birdorable Birds

Caspian Tern is one of our cute Birdorable birds! It was added to Birdorable on July 20, 2007. The Caspian Tern is one of our cute Birdorable birds! Caspian Terns are fastidious when it comes to feeding their young. Adults rinse their bills after feeding their babies. If an offered fish is accidentally dropped on the ground, the adult will rinse it off with water before re-offering it to the baby tern.



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