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## Least Tern [interior population], *Sternula antillarum* Family: Laridae                      Group: Birds

**Current Status:**            **Endangered**            [also State-listed: Endangered]

**Status Details**            The Least tern was first listed on **May 28, 1985**. It is currently designated as **Endangered** in the U.S.A. (AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA\_Miss. R. and tribs. N of Baton Rouge, MS – Miss. R., MO, MT, ND, NE, NM, OK, SD, TN, TX – except within 50 miles of coast). The published range of this species includes: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, **New Mexico**, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas. *(Please note, the current range of this species may be quite different from the published range).*

**Lead Region**            The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service **Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region (Region 3)** is the lead region for this entity.

**Critical Habitat**            NO (as of 20 June 2006)

**Recovery Plan**            A recovery plan for the interior populations of the Least Tern is available at: [http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/recovery\\_plans/1990/900919a.pdf](http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/recovery_plans/1990/900919a.pdf)

**Special Rules**            None listed as of 20 June 2006

**USFWS Refuges in New Mexico**            BITTER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (Chavez County)

**Life History**            Available at:    [http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/life\\_histories/B07N.html](http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/life_histories/B07N.html)

### Habitat

**Conservation Plan**            None listed for New Mexico as of 20 June 2006

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Change in Genus (*Sterna* to *Sternula*) per:  
American Ornithologists' Union. 2006. Forty-seventh supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union check-list of North American birds. Auk 123(3):926-936.



## Selected Federal Register Documents ♦ Least Tern [interior population]

SPECIEZnm has edited the full list of Federal Register documents to include only those affecting the listing status or critical habitat of the species.

Date	Citation Page	Type
28-MAY-85	50 FR 21784-21792	Final Listing, Endangered
	<b>Title:</b> Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Interior Population of Least Tern to be Endangered	

Date	Citation Page	Type
29-MAY-84	49 FR 22444-22447	Proposed Listing, Endangered
	<b>Title:</b> Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Interior Least Tern Proposed as Endangered	

Date	Citation Page	Type
30-DEC-82	47 FR 58454-58460	Notice of Review
	<b>Title:</b> Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Review of Vertebrate Wildlife for Listing as Endangered or Threatened Species ( <i>First appearance in Federal Register</i> )	

All Federal Register postings from 1995 onward are available on-line at:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

Some listed species Federal Register documents pre-1995 are available from the USFWS / TESS site

[http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\\_public/StateListing.do?state=NM&status=listed](http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/StateListing.do?state=NM&status=listed)