



Illinois ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES



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least tern *Sternula antillarum* [state and federally endangered]

The least tern is an uncommon migrant and rare summer resident in southern Illinois. This species winters in South America. The preferred habitat includes rivers and lakes with sandbars or sand islands where it feeds on fishes, insects and other aquatic macroinvertebrates.

Reasons for Concern

- rare and vulnerable nesting locations

