



CALIFORNIA LEAST TERN NESTING

April 1 through August 31, 2026



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Code Sections 3503 and 3505 fully protect the nests of birds and prohibit disturbances. Violation of the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act or the California Endangered Species Act is **punishable by law through fines and/or jail time.**



ATTENTION PILOTS

The California Least Tern is a federal and state-listed **endangered species**. It is a migratory bird that arrives along the California coast in the spring. The Port of Los Angeles has an established Least Tern nesting site on Pier 400. **Aircraft may not disturb the birds.**

Disturbances include:

- Circling the site
- Performing fly-overs
- Low flying (lower than 400 feet)
- Conducting engine-out failure simulations
- Aircraft with banners are an additional hazard

All aviators are to **avoid Pier 400** in the Port of Los Angeles (see map) from April 1 to August 31 to **protect the nesting birds** and to avoid causing a disturbance or bird strikes.

Thank you for your assistance in protecting the endangered California Least Tern by avoiding the Pier 400 Nesting Site.

Your cooperation is appreciated.