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## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Least Tern sightings.—I have initiated research on the population dynamics and site requirements of Least Terns on the Texas coast to identify possible causes of a recent decline in breeding pairs. Both adult and young terns will be marked with colored patagial tags (streamers) during the 1979, 1980, and 1981 breeding seasons. Tags will be placed on both wings and will bear a single letter and digit for individual recognition of birds. Anyone observing Least Terns marked in this manner is requested to record the following: date. time, specific location, tag color, alphanumeric symbol, general activity, plumage, association with other birds, observation distance and direction, and name, address, and telephone number of observer. Also, further information is needed concerning concentration areas (feeding, loafing, courting, nesting) used by Least Terns in Texas. Information recorded on such sites should include that requested above, excluding tag description. Please send all information to: Bruce C. Thompson, Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843. Also, report sightings of marked terns to: Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, USFWS, Laurel, Maryland 20811.

## ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE ANNOUNCEMENT

The required six months' notice is given of the possible use of plenary powers by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature in connection with the following name listed by case number (see Bull. Zool. Nom. 35, part 3, 19 February 1979): 2233 Sterna cerulea Bennett, 1840 (Aves): proposed conservation under the plenary powers.

Comments received early enough will be published in the Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature. Responses should be sent in duplicate (if possible within 6 months of the date of publication of this notice in Bull. Zool. Nom. 35, part 3) to R. V. Melville, The Secretary, International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, SW7 5BD, England.