

A FIELD GUIDE TO PLUMAGE PROGRESSION IN CASPIAN TERN YOUNG

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One- to two-day old chick: *(small downy chick in center of photo, surrounded by adults)*



5- to 6-day old chicks:



2-week old chick with parent:



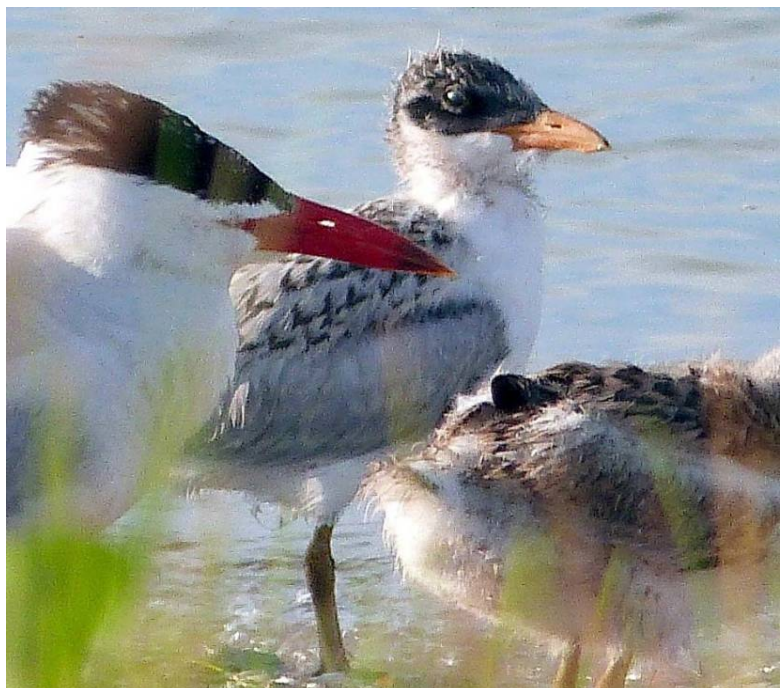
Nearly 3-week old chick with parent:



2-week old chick (in foreground) and nearly 4-week old chick (background):



4-week old chick (in background):



Caspian Tern fledgling (*on right; note bright orange bill*):



One-year old (a.k.a., second-year or SY) **Caspian Tern** (*note brown-tipped beak*):



Adult in non-breeding plumage:



More photos comparing plumage stages:

