

R2 Sensitive Species (SS)

Recommendations and Evaluations

Common Name: Black Tern

Scientific Name: *Chlidonias niger*

Recommendation: R2 Sensitive Species (SS)

Recommendation Rationale:

FWS status reviews show declining populations in CO and NE, with trend unknown in SD, WY and KS. BBS data show survey-wide declines of 61% over the past 30 years. Very small and localized breeding populations are vulnerable. Habitat trend is downward (medium confidence). Habitat loss and conversion are cited as the primary threat to the species. Sensitive status is warranted.