

The ***ROSEATE TERN*** is a coastal bird that often nests on rocky islands with little plant cover. The birds feed mostly on fish and mollusks.

This species used to be widespread along the Atlantic coast, but their numbers have vastly declined, in part due to rivalries with other birds and due to increased hunting in their wintering grounds in South America.

The roseate tern is now endangered in New York state, the United States, and Canada. Its population is estimated to have fallen significantly since the 1930s.

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