

Forster's Tern (FOTE) Nesting Stage Guide

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Stage 2 – Downy chicks in nest or colony, watch for feeding or adults standing.



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Stage 3 – Larger, at least partially feathered chicks, adults near.



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Stage 4 – Fledging young, fully feathered chicks in colony.



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