

Additional observations of orange-billed terns in l'Albufera de Valencia during 2007

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The following video captures and digital images were obtained in l'Albufera de Valencia, East Spain, in 2007. Two adult unidentified orange-billed terns could be observed this year.

The first tern was recorded on a single occasion during courtship period, joining courting terns at the nesting colony of Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*) on 9 May 2007. This individual paired with Sandwich Tern and raised one young in l'Albufera de Valencia during 2006. It wore a yellow PVC ring at the left tarsus (see <http://www.freewebs.com/jidies> for details). See images 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The second tern was recorded on 12 and 13 July 2007. It was an adult with identical plumage features of the previous one, recalling Elegant Tern (*Sterna elegans*): long orange bill with paler tip, long shaggy crest and white rump. Black legs, with yellowish rear parts of tarsus and soles. See images 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

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Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4



Image 5



Image 6



Image 7



Image 8



Image 9



Image 10



Image 11



Image 12



Image 13