

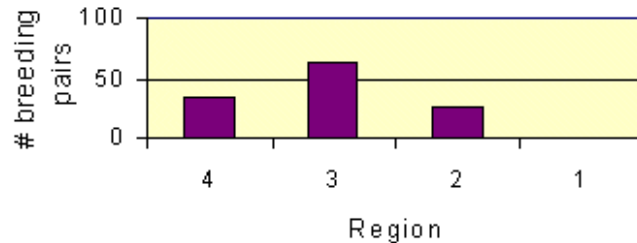


Conservation Status of South Australia's Breeding Seabirds Gulls

Pacific Gull *Larus pacificus*



Distribution:



Range: Endemic to southern Australia, found predominantly on the southern and western coastlines. In SA, recorded most commonly on Kangaroo Island, in the Gulfs and on the Fleurieu and Eyre Peninsulas.

Migratory behaviour: Poorly known, thought to be resident at breeding sites with some dispersal during the non-breeding season.

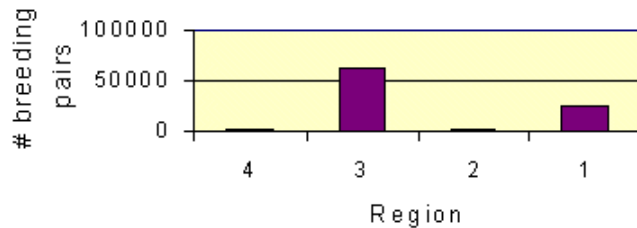
Diet: Carnivorous predators and scavengers, primarily on molluscs, echinoids, fish, birds and other marine animals. They will also take carrion and rubbish from tips.

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Silver Gull *Larus novaehollandiae*



Distribution:



Range: Widespread through the coastlines and offshore islands of Australia and New Zealand. In SA, occurs in all regions and can spread inland when salt lakes fill. (Now pose a significant threat to nesting success of banded stilts that breed on islands in the large inland salt lakes.)

Migratory behaviour: Partly sedentary, dispersive and migratory, however adults are generally faithful to colonies and will return annually.

Diet: Opportunistic scavengers well adapted to urban living. Frequent rubbish dumps, playing fields, airfields and sewage farms, as well as following fishing vessels in pursuit of food.

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