

An evaluation of transmitter effects on adult and juvenile Common Terns using leg-loop harness attachments – APPENDIX 1 – Behavioral Codes

Table A1.1. Codes used to record behavior of adult and juvenile Common Terns in the field. Code Type: primary codes refer to the bird's location or major activity whereas Code Type: secondary codes were used in conjunction with primary codes to provide more detailed descriptions of behavior when needed.

Code	Code Type	Description
BN	Primary	standing by nest
FL	Primary	flying
IN	Primary	incubating
LO	Primary	loafing (resting on belly with reduced support from legs)
NB	Primary	no bird/not present
OV	Primary	flying/hovering over nest
SL	Primary	sleeping or bill tucked under wing
SW	Primary	swimming
WA	Primary	walking
AT	Secondary	adjusting or preening around transmitter
BA	Secondary	bathing
BG	Secondary	begging (includes any juvenile vocalization)
CS	Secondary	cleaning scrape
EC	Secondary	eyes closed
FE	Secondary	feeding
FI	Secondary	fighting/chasing another tern
HV	Secondary	hovering
LA	Secondary	landing
PA	Secondary	panting
PL	Secondary	playing
PR	Secondary	preening feathers with bill or scratching head with feet
SO	Secondary	shakeout
TC	Secondary	tending juvenile
TE	Secondary	turning eggs
TS	Secondary	turning or shifting on nest
WI	Secondary	winking
WO	Secondary	wings held down to sides, exposing back/rump to sun
WU	Secondary	wings up