

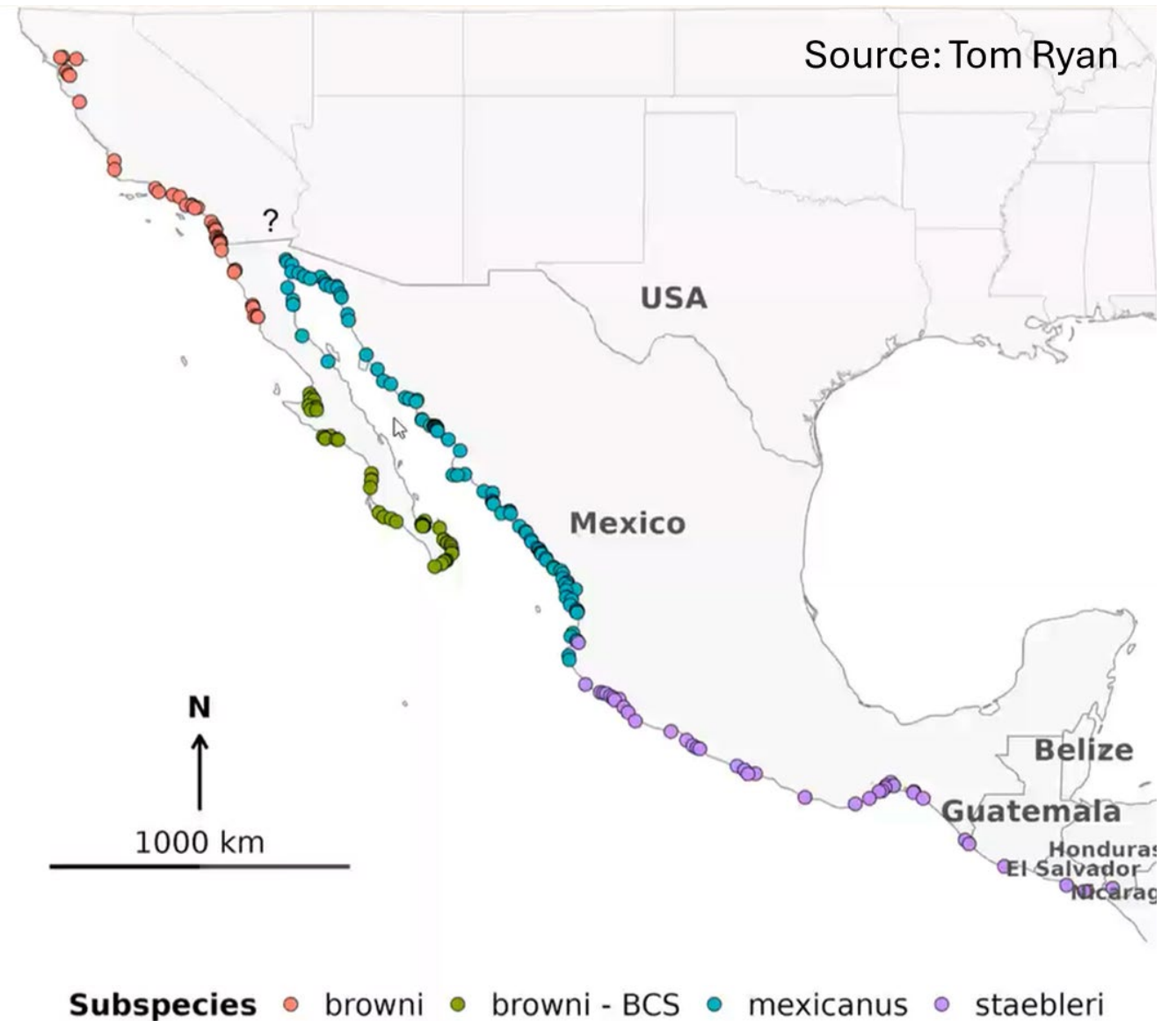
California Least Tern Conservation Collaboration



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Range:
western
subspecies

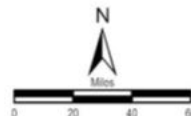


Range: California



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Date: Aug 13, 2025
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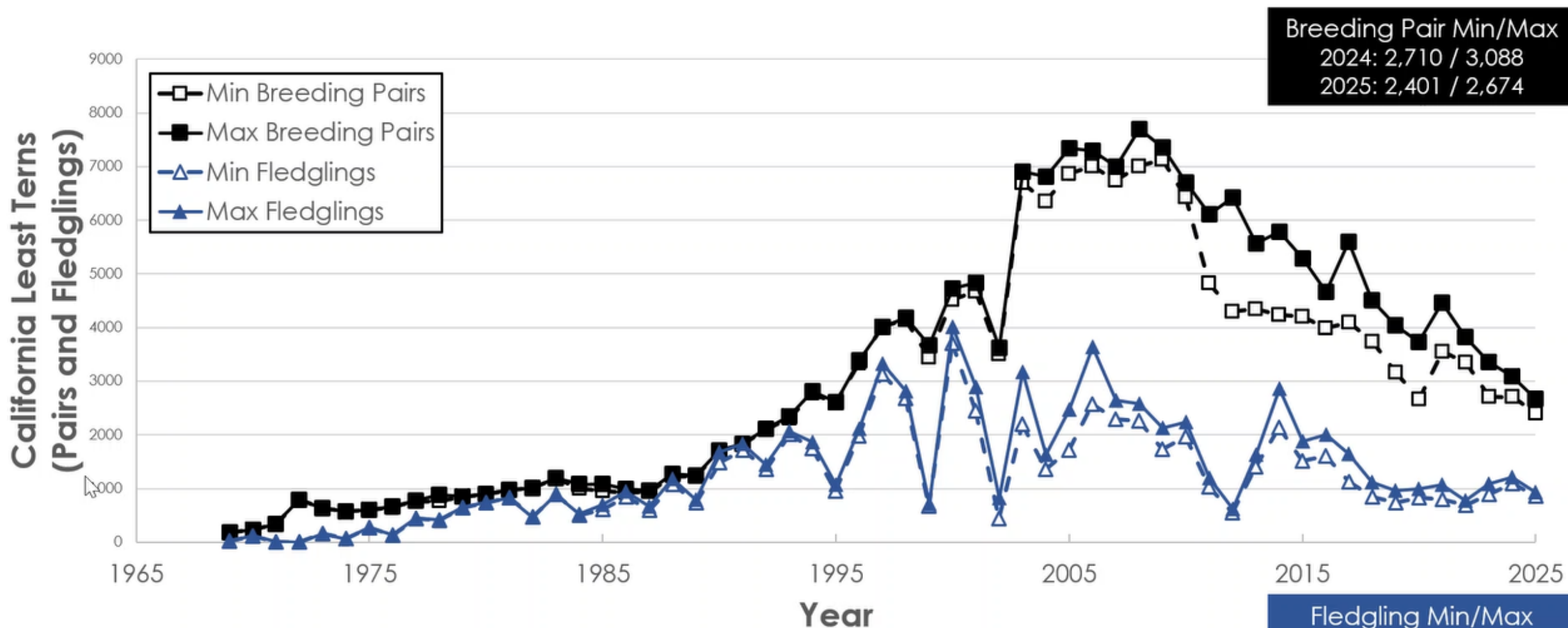
- 0 pairs
- 1-20 pairs
- 21-50 pairs
- 51-200 pairs
- 200-400 pairs
- >900 pairs
- Not reported



Credit: Tom Ryan



Statewide Breeding Population

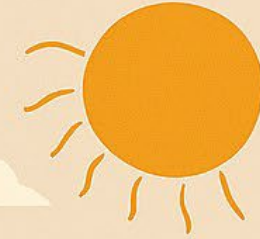


Preliminary data, not for citation.

THREATS TO THE CALIFORNIA LEAST TERN

Development
& Habitat Loss

Predation



Temperature

Human
disturbance

Contaminants
& Toxins

Reduced
Food
Availability

Sea
Level
Rise



Collaborative Efforts

1. Bi-national Working Group for California least tern recovery
2. Tribal Engagement and Indigenous Knowledge

Least Tern Protection Initiative Tribal Gathering

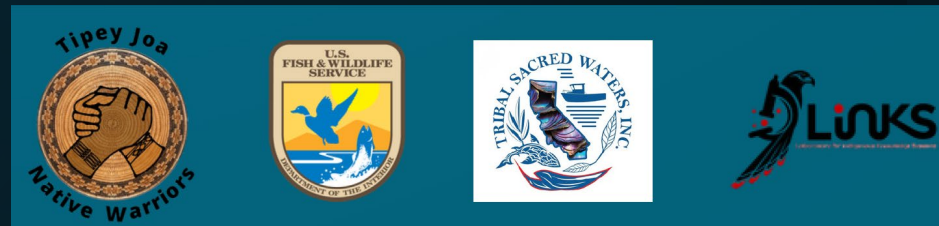
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THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2026

Sellers-Keever Park, Imperial Beach - next to Novo Brazil Brewing

10:00am - 2:00pm

GUEST SPEAKER & STORY SHARING • EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES •
KIDS ART • PLANT RESTORATION ACTIVITY • GUIDED NATURE WALK &
BIRD OBSERVATIONS • CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



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Request for Input

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1. How your Tribe would like to be involved in California Least Tern conservation efforts
 2. Recommendations of Tribal entities, knowledge holders, or community members who may wish to collaborate

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