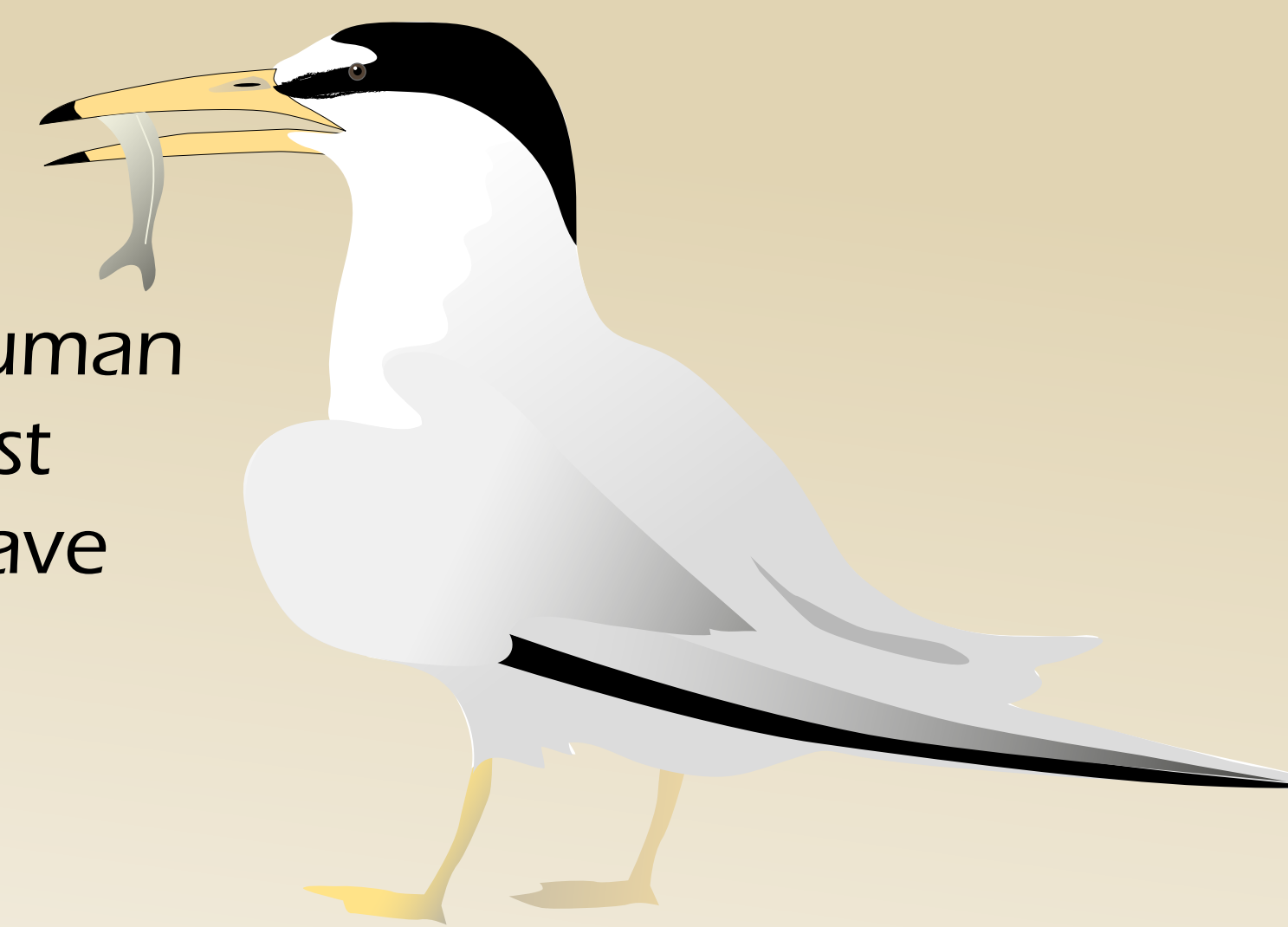
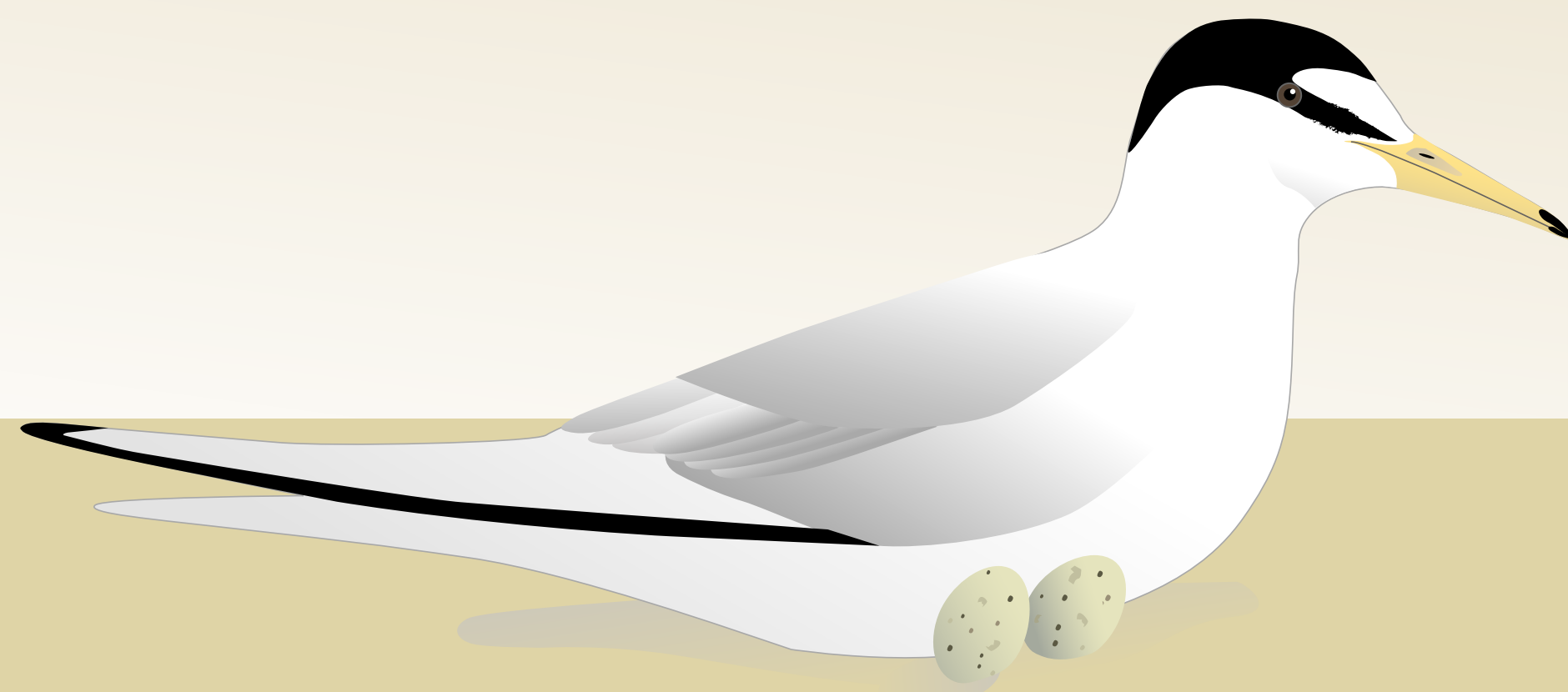


The California Least Tern

The California least tern is the smallest tern in North America. They can be seen during the months of May through September flying along the shoreline. Terns feed on bait-sized fish such as smelt and herring. They catch fish in their bills by plummeting headlong into the water.

The California least tern is an endangered species due to the loss and disturbance of coastal habitats. Historically, least terns nested next to estuaries on sandy beaches and salt flats with sparse vegetation. As the human population along the California Coast has increased, the habitat of the least tern has decreased. In order to help the species continue to survive, we have created nesting habitat and provided protection from non-native predators.



People of all ages creating a nesting habitat for the California least tern.

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