

The Herring Gull - 60-Second - Captioned for the Visually Impaired

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The herring gull is the commonest gull over most of Eastern Canada. It can be identified by its black wingtips and pink legs.

[A herring gull and a nest with eggs]

It nests on the ground or on cliffs like these.

An adult herring gull may have a wing spread of over 4.5 feet.

[Herring gulls flying]

Although it preys on the eggs and young of other water birds, it's a very useful scavenger in our seaports, and it's often seen in great numbers in plowed fields well inland, where it feeds on cutworms and other insect pests.

[Herring gulls on a rock]

For a more complete story of the herring gull, why not contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa.