

Supplementary Information

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Camouflage and Clutch Survival in Plovers and Terns

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Table S1. Egg color and pattern characteristics of Least Tern and Snowy Plover clutches. Significant differences are in bold.

Variable		Least Tern (N=24)	Snowy Plover (N=30)	t	p
Mean Lab of the eggs	L	58.1 ± 7.5	55.4 ± 7.7	-1.3	0.20
	a	3.2 ± 1.6	2.4 ± 1.2	-2.2	0.04
	b	12.0 ± 2.9	12.5 ± 2.4	0.6	0.55
Lab of the egg background only	L	63.7 ± 7.7	60.5 ± 8.3	-1.4	0.16
	a	2.3 ± 1.8	1.7 ± 1.3	-1.7	0.10
	b	12.5 ± 3.3	13.4 ± 3.1	1.0	0.31
Lab the egg maculation only	L	43.8 ± 9.1	38.7 ± 11.3	-1.8	0.08
	a	5.3 ± 1.9	4.7 ± 2.3	-1.4	0.18
	b	10.5 ± 2.4	9.2 ± 2.9	-1.8	0.07
Proportion of maculation		0.3 ± 0.2	0.3 ± 0.1	-1.2	0.24

Figure S1. Average reflectance spectra for Snowy Plover (n = 12 eggs from 4 clutches) and Least Tern eggs (n = 6 eggs from 3 clutches).

