

Pelagic Cormorant (seabird)



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Phalacrocorax pelagicus

Smallest of the 3 Cormorants, very slender bill, shiny greenish black feathers with white rump patches (breeding).

diet: fish - hunt in shallow areas for small fish and crabs - but can dive as deep as 55 meters (about 180 ft)

size: 51-76cm (20-30 in)

Habitat: High cliff ledges - Look for cormorant nests on the south and north walls of Haystack Rock (hint: find white guano covered areas).

Nesting: 1-8 eggs, bluish or greenish laid in a nest made of grasses, seaweeds and marine debris cemented together with guano that attaches to ledge/cliff.

Fun Fact: Cormorants do not have waterproof feathers - this is why you may see them with their wings outstretched - they are drying them out.