

Black Turnstone ***(shorebird)***



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Arenaria melanocephala

diet: marine invertebrates, crustaceans, barnacles and limpets. size: 22-25 cm (8.5-10 in)

Habitat: Rocky Shores - at Haystack Rock can be found (rarely-early spring) around the Needles and north side of Rock.

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Short, dark bill, dark legs, upper body dark with white wing stripe, lower back and underside.

Fun Fact: they actually turn stones over looking for food!