

Black Oystercatcher (shorebird)



VERTEBRATE

Haematopus bachmani

diet: limpets, chitons, snails and sometimes small crabs

size: about 42-47cm (16.5-18.5 inches) tall black bird with an elongated orange bill (about 9cm) red eye-ring and pink legs.

Habitat: Rocky Shores - at Haystack Rock can be found around the front intertidal area foraging and in the saddle for nesting. Lays nest in a scrape (small depression with shells and rocks for nesting material). Highly territorial. Lays 2-3 eggs and lives about 15 years with the same mate.

Fun Fact: They don't eat oysters!