

Pigeon Guillemot (seabird)



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Cepphus columba

Pigeon-size black seabird with white wing patches and fire-engine red legs and feet.

diet: fish and marine invertebrates.

size: 30-35cm (12-14in)

*Habitat: Crevice nesters that are generally found on the near intertidal, south wall and along the lower third of Haystack Rock on both sides. Very disturbed by human/dog presence during breeding season and **areas are subject to closure due to nesting sites.***

Nesting: Generally only 2 eggs are laid, pale cream with a ring around larger end on occasion. Brings whole fish to chick both day and night.

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Fun Fact: They have sharp claws and use them to “scale” cliff sides.