



In the main part of its range, the Brandt's Cormorant is tied to the rich food sources associated with upwellings of the California Current. In the nonbreeding season, when the effects of this current diminish, populations redistribute along the coast, occurring where food is locally available.

# Brandt's Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax penicillatus*

## World range

Breeds in colonies on gentle slopes on windward side of islands, or steep cliffs with ledges along the Pacific Coast from southern British Columbia southward to Baja California. Winters along coast from southern Alaska southward to Baja California.

## Where to see it on Alcatraz

Found year-round. Over 900 pairs nest on cliffs, primarily on the west side of the island.

## Common disturbances while nesting

Easily scared from nests by approaching humans or boats. Empty nests prone to predation by gulls. Vulnerable throughout breeding season, especially during its early stages.

## Breeding cycle

