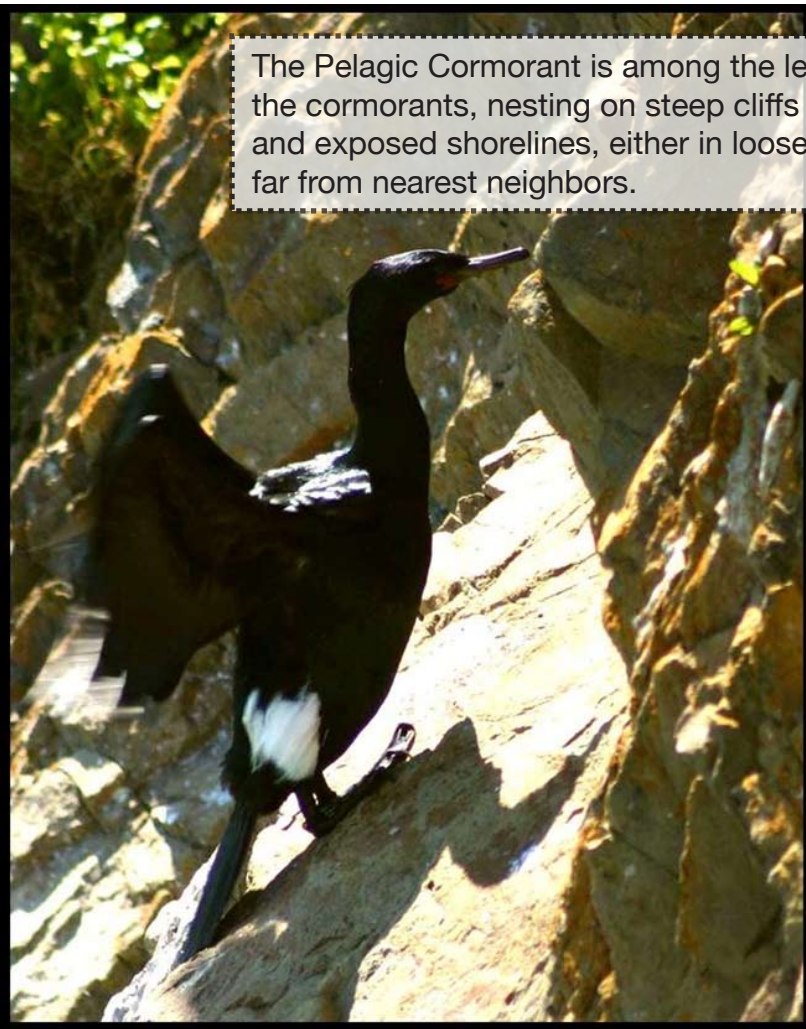


The Pelagic Cormorant is among the least social of the cormorants, nesting on steep cliffs along rocky and exposed shorelines, either in loose colonies or far from nearest neighbors.



Pelagic Cormorant

Phalacrocorax pelagicus

World range

Breeds on rocky coastal areas from northern Alaska south to northern Baja California. Also from Asian Arctic to Japan. Winters from Pribilofs and Aleutian Islands southward to Baja California. Also southward along Asian coast to Hong Kong.

Where to see it on Alcatraz

Only a few nesting pairs found on Alcatraz. Nests on steep cliffs, especially those 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

