

The Pigeon Guillemot is one of the few members of the auk and puffin family to lay two eggs. They also feed in shallower water than most auks, puffins or murrelets, diving down to depths of 30 to 60 feet to capture its pray, using its wings to swim.

Pigeon Guillemot

Cephus columba

World range

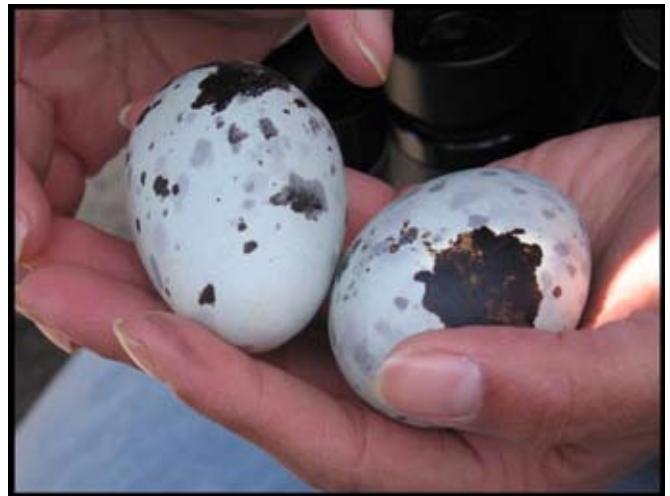
Nests on rocky coastlines along the Pacific Coast from northern Alaska southward to southern California. Also along Pacific Coast of Russia to northern Japan. Winters in most of breeding range, but forced out of farthest northern areas by sea ice. Forages in near-shore waters.

Where to see it on Alcatraz

Nests in crevices and pipes on cliffs around 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 when adults first return to Alcatraz in early April.



Breeding cycle

