

Seabird Magnet

Lively! Nesting seabirds pack in tight on a rocky island. Seals and sea lions haul out to rest. Anemones, sea stars, barnacles, and other creatures form a vibrant intertidal ring at the bottom. The Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge protects 1,853 of these living islands. Take the lighthouse loop trail to view and learn about a wild community. Listen for the calls of Common Murres. Can you laugh like a murre? Try a raspy and throaty *Urrrrrr...urr urr urrrrrr!*

Common Murre

Brandt's Cormorant

Stay off the Sea Stacks

Climbing on seabird nesting islands and sea stack causes birds to flyaway, leaving eggs and chicks exposed to predators. Please follow the rules: Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge is closed to all public use.



Pelagic Cormorant

Feeding the Crowd

The Pacific Ocean dishes up one of the most bountiful feasts on the planet. Strong currents pull cold, nutrient-rich waters up from the depths to bring food to the surface.

Pigeon Guillemot

Share and Thrive

Crowded living has its benefits. Danger nearby? You'll hear about it quick. Social life buzzes with dates, courtship, and nesting. When seabirds find a big school of fish, the word gets out in the colony.

Black Oystercatcher

Double-crested Cormorant

Steller sea lions

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Federal laws protect seabirds and marine mammals from disturbance. All islands, sea stacks and rocks of Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge are closed to public use. Help wildlife by reporting climbing violations to Oregon State Police 800.452.7888.

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