

URBAN WILDLIFE CHRONICLES EGUIDE



BLACK OYSTER CATCHER

HOW TO SPOT ME?

- Look along rocky shorelines, especially where there are tidepools and barnacle-covered boulders.
- I'm hard to miss: jet-black feathers, bright orange-red beak, pink legs, and a bold yellow eye-ring.
- You might hear my whistling peep-peep-peep call as I fly low over the waves or call from the rocks.

DID YOU KNOW?

Despite my name, I don't eat just oysters—I use my powerful beak to pry open mussels, limpets, and other shellfish, often with incredible precision and strength.

HOW TO PROTECT ME?

- Keep dogs leashed and quiet near rocky beaches—oystercatchers nest in shallow scrapes on the rocks and are easily disturbed.
- Stay on paths and avoid stepping on tidepool areas during nesting season.
- Support shoreline cleanups and marine protection efforts to preserve my home and food supply.

REFLECTION PROMPT

What helps you feel grounded—like a rock you can always return to?



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