

On the beach
Out to sea
All year round

Pacific Gull *Larus pacificus*

The **Pacific Gull** is about twice the size of a Silver Gull and has a dark back and wings, with a black stripe across the tail. The tips of both parts of the bill are orange. Juveniles remain as brownish coloured birds until their third year when they complete the moult into the black and white plumage of the adults. The main diet is scavenged dead fish or marine animals.

Beak-to-tail: 50 – 65 cm



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Silver Gull *Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae*



Fifty years ago, the **Silver Gull** was considered to be uncommon, but it has benefitted from human activity and it is now very common. It nests in huge colonies at Mud Island, often travelling to nearby rubbish tips to scavenge for food. Its natural habitat is the shorelines and the ocean.

Beak-to-tail: 38 – 42 cm