

Kittlitz's murrelet

Kittlitz's murrelets are mysterious seabirds that nest in places people rarely visit, at or near mountain tops and slopes, near glaciers or areas that once had glaciers. Kittlitz's murrelets make their nests on the ground, in areas with little vegetation. The nests are hard to find because the spotted orange-brown and grey adults and chicks blend in with lichens and rocks. Females lay just one egg, and both parents take turns incubating the egg and caring for the chick until it leaves the nest. They forage in nearshore areas of the ocean, eating small fish and crustaceans.



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