

Pied Cormorant

Phalacrocorax varius



Adaptation to environment

- Long beak has a sharp hook for catching fish
- Barbs on their feathers allow air to escape and water to penetrate plumage so it can more easily dive deep and stay underwater (unlike ducks whose feathers repel water);
- Once ashore, water is shaken and aired out of feathers
- Webbed feet for swimming.

Feeding relationships

Where do I live? Mangrove Shore Sandy Beaches

What do I eat?

- Fish, invertebrates.

What eats me?

- Birds of prey, pythons.

- Length: 70 - 75cm
- Often perch with wings outspread to air & dry feathers.