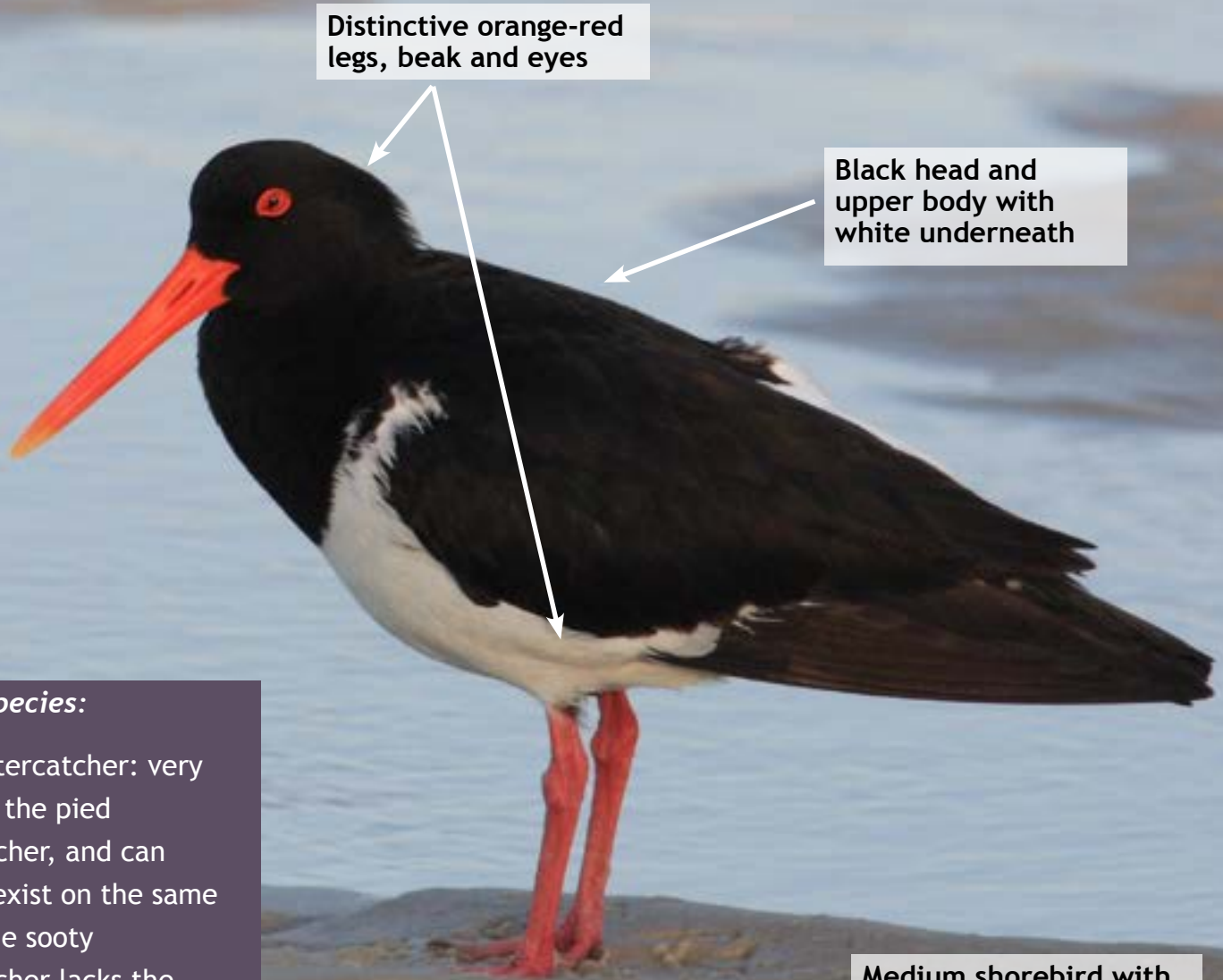


## Australian Pied Oystercatcher *Haematopus longirostris*

### Where to look:

*Mudflats, sandbanks and sandy ocean beaches*



### *Similar species:*

Sooty oystercatcher: very similar to the pied oystercatcher, and can often co-exist on the same beach. The sooty oystercatcher lacks the white feathers and although their beaks and legs are dark red their bodies are completely black

Medium shorebird with long skinny legs and a long beak

Size: 50cm

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