

PENGUINS

COLDER CLIMATES



There are 19 species of penguins worldwide, and all of these live in the Southern Hemisphere and spend around 80% of their lives in the ocean.

In order to stay warm in cold environments, penguins have a layer of blubber under their skin. Some will also huddle together in huge colonies and constantly rotate to avoid freezing or overheating.

PENGUIN PARENTS

Many penguins are monogamous, which means that they will have the same partner for the breeding season, and sometimes life. Emperor Penguin fathers are solely responsible for keeping the egg warm between his legs, while the mother goes to hunt for food. Penguin chicks can take up to 3 days to peck and hatch from their eggs.



LITTLEST PENGUIN



The Emperor Penguin from Antarctica is the largest species of penguin standing at 110 centimetres tall, while the smallest is the Little Blue Penguin. Also called fairy penguins, these little birds reach only 30 centimetres in height, and can be found nesting in colonies on the coastlines of New Zealand and Southern Australia. They can dive up to 1300 times each day in search of food.

FLYING THROUGH THE WATER

Although they cannot fly, these birds are graceful and effortless under the waves. Their torpedo-shaped bodies, paddle-like wings and waterproof feathers make them perfectly suited to swimming quickly underwater searching for prey such as fish, krill and squid. Unfortunately, this means that most penguins are quite awkward on land, either waddling over ice or hopping over rocks to make their nest.



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