

Let's learn about penguins!



Gentoo Penguins

I'm a Gentoo Penguin. I live in sub-Antarctic islands, such as Wiencke Island, home to Port Lockroy.

In the water, I am the fastest penguin of them all! I mostly eat crustaceans, fish and squid.

I exchange pebbles with potential mates to decide if we are well suited. We build nests from rocks and pebbles, and raise two chicks instead of one!

Gentoos are the third largest penguin species, but we have the most prominent tails.



Adélie Penguins

Hello there! I'm Ponko, an Adélie penguin. Adélies were named after Adèle, the wife of French explorer Jules Dumont d'Urville, when he discovered them in 1840.

My species lives all around the Antarctic coast. It's a harsh environment, but we are tough little birds! We attack seabirds and seals if we feel threatened. We mainly eat krill and small fish.

I make my nest with pebbles and rocks. If my neighbour has a particularly nice rock, I might pinch it when they're not looking – shh, don't tell anyone!

When diving for food, I can hold my breath for up to six minutes.



Emperor Penguins

I'm an Emperor Penguin chick. I'm super cute and fluffy, because I hatch in the middle of the Antarctic winter, and it's pretty cold! My parents take it in turns to walk miles over ice to the sea and catch food for me. Inside the colony, we huddle together for warmth, taking it in turns to be on the outside of the group so no one gets too cold.

Emperors are the largest species of penguin, but the least common Antarctic penguin. However, new colonies have been discovered from space! Satellite imagery has helped to identify where we live.

Two layers of feathers, a reserve of fat, and smaller beaks and flippers than other penguins help us to stay warm when temperatures can drop to -50°C .



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What do you mean, penguin? I'm a chicken,
isn't that obvious?

