

Emperor Penguins

Appearance

An Emperor Penguin can grow over 1 metre tall! Adults have smooth feathers with white tummies. Emperor Penguins have black wings, backs and heads with some orange feathers on their necks. Penguins have long, sharp beaks that are mostly black. Penguins have scaly black feet with sharp claws.



Did you know

that Emperor Penguins are amazing swimmers and divers! They can stay under water for up to 22 minutes!



Chicks

Chicks have very fluffy grey feathers when they are first born. Chicks are kept safe in their Mum or Dad's brood pouch. When the chicks get older, they stay with other chicks while their parents go fishing. Groups of penguin chicks are called creches.

Habitat

Emperor Penguins live in Antarctica. It is a very cold place to live and no people live there. In the Winter it can get to -60°C but only the males live there in the Winter. In the Winter the males huddle together to keep warm. Emperor Penguins survive by living in a colony.



Diet

Emperor Penguins have to waddle up to 80km to reach the sea. Once they reach the sea they swim looking for fish, squid and krill.



Did you know

that Emperor Penguins are the biggest type of penguin in the world!