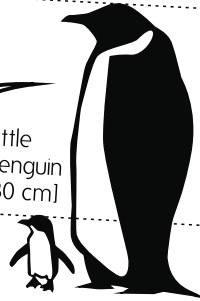


# FACTS

All penguins are dark on the dorsal (back) side and light on the ventral (belly) side. This is called counter-shading and helps to hide from predators in the water.

Emperor Penguin [120 cm]

Little Penguin [30 cm]



## Giants to Little gems!

The Little Penguin is the smallest penguin in the world, standing at only 30 cm. The largest penguin in the world is the Emperor Penguin, standing at 120 cm.

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# Agile Little Travellers

The Little Penguin despite its size and the fact it can't actually fly certainly can get around! Check out these facts!!

- Little Penguins usually feed within 25km off the coast and may make daily round-trips of up to 75k, that's about 800 rugby fields. Not bad considering their size!
- The Little Penguin can't fly through the sky, but they can fly through the water, they reach speeds of up to 6 kph underwater!
- Little Penguins may travel up to 1.5 kilometres from the sea, and climb 300 metres to find the perfect nest site.
- Little Penguins usually dive to depths of 10-20m, although dive depths of 60m have been recorded. That is 200 Little Penguins deep! The average dive time is 24 seconds.



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# Little PENGUIN

Most of Napier's residents have never seen penguins so don't realise that they live near Little Penguin habitats. Traditional nests are in underground burrows, under plants, in crevices, in caves or between rocks. Since people have settled the coast, Little Penguins have also nested under houses and boat sheds, in stormwater pipes & even stacks of timber.

## VITAL STATS

**Family:** Birds

**Life span:** 8-10 years (in wild)  
 up to 20 years (in captivity)

**Weight:** up to approx 900-1100g

**Length:** 30 cm

**Origin:** Coast of New Zealand  
 Chatham Islands, Southern Coast  
 of Australia as far as Sydney.

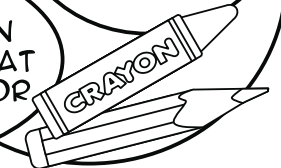
**Diet:** Carnivore

Small schooling fish & squid.



CAN YOU DRAW ME A LOVELY HOME IN THE ABOVE SPACE. WHAT WOULD BE PERFECT FOR A LITTLE PENGUIN?

Sadly the Little Penguin population numbers are declining due to people, predators & pollution.





# FACTS

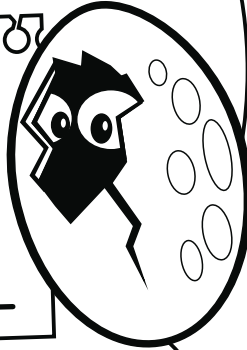
## PENGUIN FAMILY LIFE

- Both Little Penguin parents (Mum & Dad) take turns at incubating the eggs and protecting the nest.
- Little Penguins are approximately one month old when they start to fledge (lose the downy fluff and grow adult feathers).
- By 48-55 days old, the Little Penguin chick is ready to leave the nest.

## Scrambled Words

To find out what a baby penguin is called, unscramble to word opposite:

I H C K C  
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## Birds of a Feather ...

Penguins have feathers. They are shiny, with down and overlap to form a dense layer of protection. This helps to keep water away from their skin. All penguins moult once a year, losing old feathers & regrowing new. At this time, they cannot hunt as they have lost their waterproofing. The moult can take up to two weeks.

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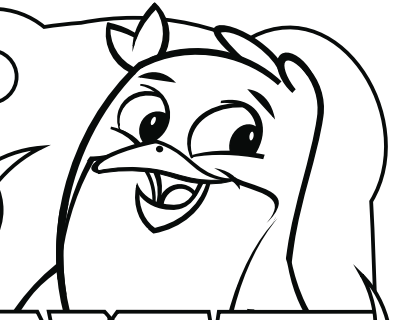
The Little Penguin is commonly referred to as nocturnal as they are often only seen coming to shore at dusk.

This is not true. The Little Penguin are often out hunting throughout the day and socialising, then at night they come back home to breed or sleep.



## Did you KNOW?

Penguins and polar bears NEVER meet – penguins live in the southern hemisphere, polar bears in the northern hemisphere.



## PENGUIN WORDFIND

Y	R	F	I	O	R	D	L	A	N	D
E	O	O	J	A	E	G	M	F	E	M
L	Y	B	C	R	O	E	O	R	K	A
L	A	L	H	K	N	N	C	I	A	C
O	L	O	I	N	H	T	E	C	D	A
W	E	N	N	E	R	O	M	A	E	R
E	G	C	S	O	J	O	P	N	L	O
Y	L	I	T	T	L	E	E	P	I	N
E	X	E	R	O	P	S	R	L	E	I
D	W	E	A	R	L	G	O	Q	K	R
S	P	K	P	S	N	A	R	E	S	Z

There are 17 different species of penguin.

Can you find these penguins in the grid opposite:

- RockHopper
- Chinstrap
- King
- Emperor
- Gentoo
- Fiordland
- Snares
- Royal
- Macaroni
- Little
- Yellow-eyed
- African
- Adelie

## Bird Print Code

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
➤	⬇	↘	⬇	⬇	⬇	↘	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬇	⬅
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
↙	⬇	⬆	➤	↘	⬆	↙	⬆	⬆	⬅	⬅	⬆	➤

Using the birdprint code can you work out the name for a group of penguins?



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