

Emperor Penguin

Intro

Have you ever tried to hold your breath against an Emperor Penguin? Well I would say not to even try. Emperor penguins can hold their breath as long as 20 minutes. They have been living longer than any other bird alive. I wrote this essay to inform you about the Emperor Penguin on how they live, what they look like, and all about their young.

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Habitat and Food

These non-flying birds live Southern of the Equator in the icy waters. They live in the center of Antarctica closer to the permanent ice (The center of Antarctica.) The Emperor Penguin eats: Fish, Squid, Krill, Cephalopods, Crabs, and Shrimp.

Young

Mothers usually lay two large eggs in the ice. Before the eggs hatch both parents take care of the egg. The eggs hatch after 30-60 days. The baby Emperor Penguins are called chicks. After the babies hatch they stay in the nests from 2-12 months. Once the egg has hatched they are guarded in till they are old enough to defend themselves. The egg is about 6 inches tall and 4-5 inches long. The parents have an important part in their babies lives. When they hatch they first feed them, then they have to keep them warm, and finally they protect them from animals.

Conclusion

In conclusion the Emperor Penguin is a very cool bird that has some interesting facts about it. I came to school knowing nothing on the Emperor Penguin but now they are my favorite animal. Remember that Emperor Penguins have been alive longer then any other bird, and that the adults are black with a white chest and orange around their chests and yellow around the ears and that the babies are small with black and white feathers. They eat varieties of aquatic animals. I never knew that there were 17 types of penguins, but my favorite is the Emperor Penguin..



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Description

Once the chicks have become adults they look differently. At first they are black and white and their feathers are very fuzzy but once they grow up into adults they are black with a white stomach, they have yellow around the chest and orange around their ears. The males are usually around the size of 37 kg and the females are around 29 kg. The babies are a lot smaller than the adults the chicks are only 6 in.