

Meet the Emperors!

Emperor penguins are one of 17 different kinds of penguins. Penguins are seabirds with feathers and flippers. These birds cannot fly. On land, they stand upright and walk with a waddle.



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Penguin Power

Emperor penguins are the largest penguins. They are mostly black and white. Most emperor penguins live in the icy waters of Antarctica.

Baby emperor penguins have soft, fuzzy feathers called down. As they grow up, they lose the down and grow smooth feathers.



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Emperor penguins dive in the water for food. Penguins eat small fish, squid, and animals with shells, such as shrimp and crab.

A baby chick stays warm under its parent. When emperor penguins are grown, their feathers and a thick layer of fat keep them warm.



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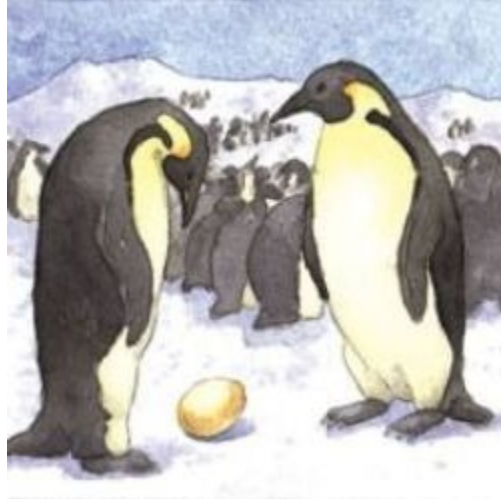
Emperor penguins are strong, fast swimmers. They have short wings, which they use as flippers to paddle underwater.

Emperor penguins also keep warm by huddling in groups called colonies. The penguins take turns moving to the center of the group.

Emperor penguins are playful. They like to run, hop, jump, and slide down

snowy hills on their bellies. That is called tobogganing.

A Penguin Is Born



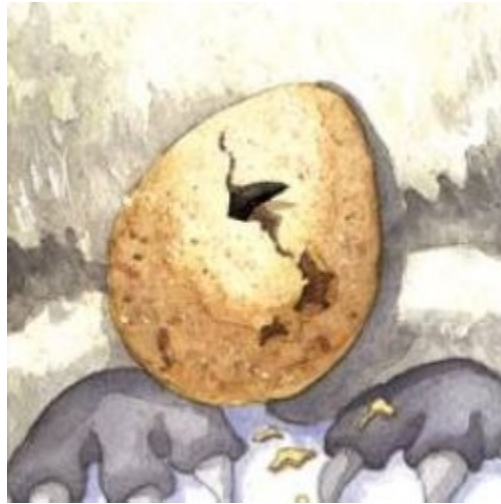
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A female penguin lays one egg.



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The male penguin keeps the egg warm between his stomach and feet.



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The egg hatches.



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A baby chick is born. Both the mother and father care for the chick.