

The Emperor Penguin

The emperor penguin is the largest of the 17 types of penguins. Penguins are birds but they cannot fly. Instead, their flipper-like wings and webbed feet help them to swim well.

Habitat

Emperor penguins live in the coldest place on Earth: Antarctica. They survive because they have a thick layer of feathers and fat to keep them warm. When it is very cold, they stand together in a huge group called a huddle.

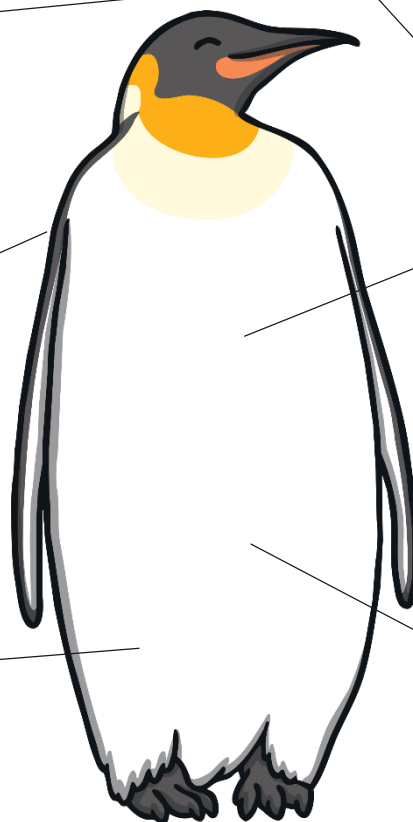
Body

The adult emperor penguin can grow to about 130cm tall. That is about the same as a six year old boy or girl! They look similar to the king penguin but they are much taller.

Yellow-gold patches.

Small but strong wings so that they can quickly swim through water.

Webbed feet to help them swim and strong claws to grip the ice when they shuffle along.



A long, hooked beak to help catch their food: fish, squid and krill.

Thick layer of feathers and fat to keep warm.

The brood pouch. This flap of skin keeps the eggs warm.

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Did you know...?

- A group of penguins in the water is called a raft.
- They can swim underwater for up to 22 minutes.

