

Magellanic Penguin

Spheniscus magellanicus



Range: Argentina , Falklands
Chile

Size: ♂: 61-74cm(24-30in)

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Weight: ♂: 2.7-6.5 kg (5.9-14.3 lb)

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Wing: ♂: paddle shape wing

Habitat: Marine, rocky shore

Incubation: 37-48 days

Eggs: 2

Fledge: 13-17 weeks

Sexual maturity: ♂- 60 months

♀- 48 months

Nest: burrow

Social: gregarious in wintering
grounds flocks up to 10,000

Breeding: monogamous

Movement: migratory

Food: Krill, sardines

IUCN: Near Threatened

Subspecies : monotypic

Longevity: Captive: 30 years

Wild: 25 years

Order: Sphenisciformes Family: Spheniscidae

The Magellanic Penguin is a temperate climate species preferring temperatures in the 70s. It is also the only migratory penguin swimming north to Brazil during the non-breeding season. They are distinguished by the double black strap on their breast. They can dive up to 250 feet and swim up to 15 mph. Although its population is large like its close relative the African penguin the Magellanic penguin is threatened by oil spills, overfishing and climate change. This species mates for life and both parents incubate the egg and care for the young.