

**Weight**  
 ♂: 2.6 - 7.5 kg  
 ♀: 2.4 - 6.0 kg  
**Length: 70 cm**  
**Bill length**  
 ♂: 4.8 - 6.7 cm  
 ♀: 4.7 - 6.2 cm  
**Bill depth**  
 ♂: 2.2 - 2.8 cm  
 ♀: 1.9 - 2.3 cm

# MAGELLANIC PENGUIN

## *Spheniscus magellanicus*

Penguins of the genus *Spheniscus* are very closely related and look very similar. All of these species have a black head and back with a white belly. In the wild misidentification is unlikely since their ranges only overlap for the Humboldt and Magellanic penguins off the Chilean coast. In addition to coloration size, vocalization and behavior also distinguish the individual species.



*Galapagos Penguins are the smallest of the South American penguins, with an average length of less than 50cm, and an average weight of less than 2.5kg. They have a black head and upperparts, with a thin white line running from the throat, up around the head to meet the corner of the eye.*



*The Humboldt penguin is similar in size to the Magellanic penguin but has only one white band on its upper breast. The pink flesh at the base of the bill is very prominent*



*African Penguins are black above and white below, with a black chin and face patch separated from the crown by a broad white band. They have a narrow black band across the chest and down the flanks towards its legs. Some birds show a double bar on the throat and chest, which is a diagnostic feature of Magellanic Penguins*



*The Magellanic penguin is around 70cm long, and has an average weight of about 4kg. The head and upper parts are black apart from two broad white stripes beneath the throat; one running up behind the cheeks and above the eye to join the pinkish gape, the second running adjacent to the white underparts with which they merge above the legs. Females are slightly smaller than the males, but have similar plumage.*

