

Amsterdam Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We have the smallest population of all albatross and petrel species.
- 2) We are endemic to the French Southern Territories.



Weight: 8 kg

Generation length: 27.2 yrs

Wingspan: 3 m

First breeding age: 9 yrs

Body length: 1.1 m

Adult population: 92

Number of breeding territories: 1

Southern Royal Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We only breed in New Zealand, on Campbell Island, Auckland Islands, and Taiaroa Head.
- 2) Southern Royal and Wandering Albatrosses are the heaviest of all albatross and petrel species.



Weight: 10 kg

Generation length: 42.3 yrs

Wingspan: 3.3 m

First breeding age: 12 yrs

Body length: 1.15 m

Adult population: 27,200

Number of breeding territories: 1

Balearic Shearwater

Key facts:

- 1) We are endemic to the Balearic Islands in Spain.



Weight: 500 g

Generation length: 15 yrs

Wingspan: 93 cm

First breeding age: 4 - 6 yrs

Body length: 39 m

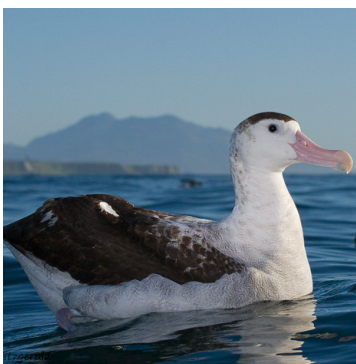
Adult population: 19,000

Number of breeding territories: 1

Antipodean Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We only breed in New Zealand, on the Antipodes, Campbell, Chatham and Auckland Islands.



Weight: 8.5 kg

Generation length: 27.4 yrs

Wingspan: 3 m

First breeding age: 12 yrs

Body length: 1.1 m

Adult population: 50,000

Number of breeding territories: 1

Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We are endemic to the Tristan da Cunha islands, a British Overseas Territory in the Atlantic Ocean.



Weight: 2.9 kg

Generation length: 23.7 yrs

Wingspan: 2.15 m

First breeding age: 5 yrs

Body length: 75 cm

Adult population: 35,000 - 73,500

Number of breeding territories: 1

Black-browed Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We breed in Chile, Falkland Islands (Malvinas*), French Southern Territories, Australia, New Zealand and South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur)*.



Weight: 4.7 kg

Generation length: 21.5 yrs

Wingspan: 2.5 m

First breeding age: 10 yrs

Body length: 95 cm

Adult population: 1,400,000

Number of breeding territories: 6

Black-footed Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) Our breeding sites are on low-lying islands, so flooding from storms and sea-level rise caused by climate change has destroyed much of our habitat.
- 2) We breed in Japan and the USA (Hawaiian Islands, and the Minor Outlying Islands).



Weight: 3.5 kg

Generation length: 22 yrs

Wingspan: 2.4 m

First breeding age: 5 - 8 yrs

Body length: 74 cm

Adult population: 139,800

Number of breeding territories: 2

Black Petrel

Key facts:

- 1) We only breed in New Zealand, on the Great and Little Barrier Islands.



Weight: 700 g

Generation length: 34 yrs

Wingspan: 1.15 m

First breeding age: 4 yrs

Body length: 46 cm

Adult population: 5500

Number of breeding territories: 1

Buller's Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We only breed in New Zealand, on Snares and Solander islands, the Chatham Islands, Rosemary Rock and Three Kings Islands.



Weight: 2.8 kg

Generation length: 16.5 yrs

Wingspan: 2.13 m

First breeding age: 12 yrs

Body length: 80 cm

Adult population: 50,000 - 99,999

Number of breeding territories: 1

Campbell Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We are endemic Campbell Island in New Zealand.



Weight: 4 kg

Generation length: 28.2 yrs

Wingspan: 2.5 m

First breeding age: 10 yrs

Body length: 95 cm

Adult population: 43,286

Number of breeding territories: 1

Chatham Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We are endemic to the Chatham Islands in New Zealand.



Weight: 4.7 kg

Generation length: 21.7 yrs

Wingspan: 2.4 m

First breeding age: 7 yrs

Body length: 90 cm

Adult population: 11,000

Number of breeding territories: 1

Grey-headed Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We breed in Australia, Chile, French Southern Territories, New Zealand, the Prince Edward Islands (South Africa), and South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur)*.
- 2) We have been recorded circumnavigating the Earth in just 46 days.



Weight: 3.25 kg

Generation length: 30 yrs

Wingspan: 2.2 m

First breeding age: 8 yrs

Body length: 81 cm

Adult population: 250,000

Number of breeding territories: 6

Grey Petrel

Key facts:

1) We breed in the French Southern Territories, New Zealand, Australia, Tristan da Cunha islands (UK) and South Africa.



Weight: 1 kg

Generation length: 16.5 yrs

Wingspan: 1.3 m

First breeding age: 7 yrs

Body length: 48 cm

Adult population: 151,500

Number of breeding territories: 5

Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross

Key facts:

1) We breed in South Africa and the French Southern Territories.

2) We are the lightest (in weight) of all albatross species.



Weight: 2.55 kg

Generation length: 23.7 yrs

Wingspan: 2 m

First breeding age: 8 yrs

Body length: 76 cm

Adult population: 82,000

Number of breeding territories: 2

Northern Giant Petrel

Key facts:

1) We breed in South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur)*, South Africa, French Southern Territories, Australia and New Zealand.

2) Southern and Northern Giant Petrels are the heaviest of all petrel species.



Weight: 5 kg

Generation length: 17 yrs

Wingspan: 2.10 m

First breeding age: 10 yrs

Body length: 90 cm

Adult population: 23,600

Number of breeding territories: 5

Laysan Albatross

Key facts:

1) We breed the USA (Hawaiian Islands, and the Minor Outlying Islands), Japan and Mexico.

2) The oldest known bird in the world is a Laysan Albatross named Wisdom. She was 71 in 2023, and breeds on the Midway Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. That's her!



Weight: 3.2 kg

Generation length: 28.5 yrs

Wingspan: 2 m

First breeding age: 7-9 yrs

Body length: 81 cm

Adult population: 1,600,00

Number of breeding territories: 3

Light-mantled Albatross

Key facts:

1) We breed in Australia, South Africa, South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur)*, New Zealand, and the French Southern Territories.

2) We migrate the furthest south of all albatross and petrel species.



Weight: 3.1 kg

Generation length: 44 yrs

Wingspan: 2.2 m

First breeding age: 12 yrs

Body length: 85 cm

Adult population: 58,000

Number of breeding territories: 5

Northern Royal Albatross

Key facts:

1) We only breed in New Zealand, on the Chatham Islands and Taiaroa Head.

2) Taiaroa Head is the only mainland albatross breeding site in the world - all other species breed on off-shore islands.



Weight: 9 kg

Generation length: 27 yrs

Wingspan: 3.05 m

First breeding age: 8 yrs

Body length: 1.15 m

Adult population: 17,000

Number of breeding territories: 1

Pink-footed Shearwater

Key facts:

- 1) We only breed in Chile.
- 2) We spend our lives flying over the open ocean, and mainly breed in remote islands meaning we can be difficult for scientists to research, so some data about our species is unknown.



Weight: 0.61 kg **Generation length:** 18.3 yrs

Wingspan: 1 m **First breeding age:** unknown

Body length: 48 cm **Adult population:** 59,146

Number of breeding territories: 1

Salvin's Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We only breed in New Zealand.
- 2) We spend our lives flying over the open ocean, and mainly breed in remote islands meaning we can be difficult for scientists to research, so some data about our species is unknown.



Weight: 4.9 kg **Generation length:** 23.1 yrs

Wingspan: 2.5 m **First breeding age:** Unknown

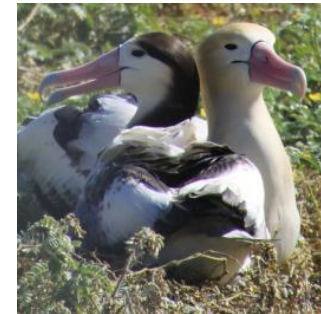
Body length: 90 cm **Adult population:** 79,990

Number of breeding territories: 1

Short-tailed Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We breed in Japan and the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea.



Weight: 4.4 kg **Generation length:** 24.1 yrs

Wingspan: 2.3 m **First breeding age:** 6 yrs

Body length: 89 cm **Adult population:** 1734

Number of breeding territories: 2

Shy Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We only breed in Australia, on Albatross Island, Pedra Branca and the Mewstone.



Weight: 4.4 kg **Generation length:** 20.1 yrs

Wingspan: 2.6 m **First breeding age:** 6 yrs

Body length: 90 cm **Adult population:** 31,600

Number of breeding territories: 1

Sooty Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We breed on the Tristan da Cunha islands (UK), South Africa, and the French Southern Territories.



Weight: 3.4 kg **Generation length:** 30 yrs

Wingspan: 2 m **First breeding age:** 12 yrs

Body length: 85 cm **Adult population:** 21,234 - 28,656

Number of breeding territories: 3

Southern Giant Petrel

Key facts:

- 1) We breed in Antarctica, Argentina, Australia, Chile, Falkland Islands (Malvinas)*, French Southern Territories, Tristan da Cunha, South Africa, and South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur)*.
- 2) Southern and Northern Giant Petrels are the heaviest of all petrel species.



Weight: 5 kg **Generation length:** 21.3 yrs

Wingspan: 2.1 m **First breeding age:** 7 yrs

Body length: 87 cm **Adult population:** 95,600 - 108,000

Number of breeding territories: 9

Spectacled Petrel

Key facts:

- 1) We are endemic to the Tristan da Cunha islands, a British Overseas Territory in the Atlantic Ocean.
- 2) We spend our lives flying over the open ocean, and mainly breed in remote islands meaning we can be difficult for scientists to research, so some data about our species is unknown.



Weight: 1.3 kg

Generation length: 25.8 yrs

Wingspan: 1.47 m

First breeding age: unknown

Body length: 55 cm

Adult population: 20,000

Number of breeding territories: 1

Tristan Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We are endemic to Gough Island in Tristan da Cunha, a British Overseas Territory in the Atlantic Ocean.



Weight: 7.3 kg

Generation length: 28.7 yrs

Wingspan: 3.5 m

First breeding age: 10 yrs

Body length: 110 cm

Adult population: 3400 - 4800

Number of breeding territories: 1

Wandering Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We breed in Australia, French Southern Territories, South Africa, and South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur)*.
- 2) Southern Royal and Wandering Albatrosses are the heaviest of all albatross and petrel species.



Weight: 10 kg

Generation length: 23.3 yrs

Wingspan: 3.6 m

First breeding age: 12 yrs

Body length: 120 cm

Adult population: 20,100

Number of breeding territories: 4

Waved Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We are endemic to Ecuador.



Weight: 4 kg

Generation length: 28.3 yrs

Wingspan: 2.5 m

First breeding age: 6 yrs

Body length: 90 cm

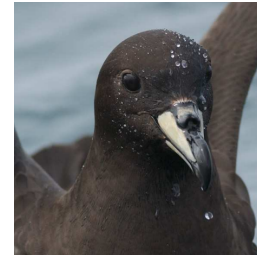
Adult population: 34,700

Number of breeding territories: 1

Westland Petrel

Key facts:

- 1) We are endemic to South Island in New Zealand.
- 2) We are affected by climate change - tropical storm Ita in 2014 destroyed half of our breeding sites.
- 3) We are in the top 10 seabird species most likely to be caught in New Zealand longline and trawl fisheries.



Weight: 1.6 kg

Generation length: 30.2 yrs

Wingspan: 1.4 m

First breeding age: 7.5 yrs

Body length: 55 cm

Adult population: 7900 - 13,700

Number of breeding territories: 1

White-capped Albatross

Key facts:

- 1) We only breed in New Zealand - 95% on Disappointment Island, and the rest on the Antipodes and Auckland Islands.
- 2) We spend our lives flying over the open ocean, and mainly breed in remote islands meaning we can be difficult for scientists to research, so some data about our species is unknown.



Weight: 4.4 kg

Generation length: 23.1 yrs

Wingspan: 2.56 m

First breeding age: Unknown

Body length: 99 cm

Adult population: 203,600

Number of breeding territories: 1

White-chinned Petrel

Key facts:

1) We breed in South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur)*, South Africa, French Southern Territories, New Zealand, and the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)*.

2) We are partly nocturnal foragers - we fly over the ocean to find food both during the day and night.



Weight: 1.25 kg Generation length: 24.7 yrs

Wingspan: 1.47 m First breeding age: 6 yrs

Body length: 55 cm Adult population: 3 million

Number of breeding territories: 5

Human

Key facts:

1) The tallest known person was 272 cm tall - that's less than the wingspan of some albatrosses!

2) There are 195 countries in the world today, and our species live in parts of all of them.



Sir David Attenborough, a human male who loves nature and animals, with a Wandering Albatross chick.

Weight: 70 kg Generation length: 26.9 yrs

Body length: 165 cm First breeding age: 26.9 yrs

Adult population: 6 billion (8 billion total)

Number of breeding territories: 195

Western Honey Bee

Key facts:

1) We are native to Europe, the Middle East and western Asia, but live all around the world.

2) Our global population is unknown as it is very difficult to count us - in just one hive, there can be up to 80,000 bees.



Weight: 0.2 g Generation length: 38 days

Wingspan: 20 mm First breeding age: 38 days

Body length: 15 mm Adult population: Unknown

Number of breeding territories: Unknown

Common Ostrich

Key facts:

1) Unlike albatrosses and petrels, we are not migratory and cannot fly. Instead of flying, we have evolved to run! We are the fastest land birds, running up to 70 kilometres per hour.



Weight: 110 kg Generation length: 16.8 yrs

Wingspan: 2 m First breeding age: 3 yrs

Body length: 210 cm Adult population: unknown

Number of breeding territories: 17

Emperor Penguin

Key facts:

1) We are migratory, but we cannot fly. Instead of flying, we evolved to swim! We swim up to 1200 kilometres away from our breeding site, and can dive down to 564 metres to find food.



Weight: 40 kg Generation length: 11.5 yrs

Wingspan: 89 cm First breeding age: 4 yrs

Body length: 130 cm Adult population: 595,000

Number of breeding territories: 1