



## Penguins, an Aquatic but Flightless Bird

Penguins are aquatic birds, meaning they live a lot of their life in and around the water. Penguins live on every continent in the Southern Hemisphere. They are highly adapted to life in the water and do not fly. There are just 18 species of penguins.

Penguins are aquatic birds, and they live in and near the ocean. A penguin can spend up to 3/4 of its life in the ocean. They spend a lot of their time in the ocean looking for food. Penguins are carnivores and generally eat fish, krill and squid. Penguins catch their food underwater, but raise their young on land.

Penguins have thick strong wings and flippers to push it through the water. Their wings and flippers are well suited to swimming. A penguin's feathers grow all over, like hair on a mammal.

Penguins don't just live in cold climates! The Galapagos Penguins live on tropical islands near the equator. In general, bigger penguins live in colder climates. The extra size helps keep the penguins insulated in colder climates.