

Emperor Penguins

Emperor Penguins live in Antarctica. They are the largest and heaviest of all the different types of penguins around the world.





Male and female Emperor Penguins are similar in size and have distinctive yellow patches on the side of their heads and around their neck area.

At breeding time Emperor Penguins travel over the ice and gather in large groups called colonies.



A female Emperor Penguin lays a single egg. After the egg has been laid the mother goes back to the water to forage for food. The male Emperor Penguin looks after the egg.





The egg takes two months to hatch. The mother is still looking for food so the penguin chick continues to be looked after by its father.



Eventually the mother returns. In her stomach she is storing a lot of fish.

She feeds the chick by bringing the fish back up from her stomach. The father then goes off to hunt.