

Emperor Penguins

Emperor penguins live in the Antarctic, which is the coldest and windiest place on Earth.



Body

Penguins cannot fly but they do swim very quickly. They use their flippers like wings to help them move underwater. On land they cannot run but they can slide along on their bellies.



Penguins have long, sharp claws so they can grip the ice and snow. Their toes also lift their chick off the frozen ground so it stays warm.

Food

Penguins eat slippery fish so they have bristles on their tongue to grip their food. Emperor penguins can hold their breath underwater for up to 20 minutes so they are good hunters.



Chicks

The chick breaks out of the egg using a hard spot on its beak called an egg tooth. It is small so it can take three days to peck its way out.

Chick feathers are fluffy and warm but they aren't waterproof until they are five months old when they can swim and find their own food. They learn to swim by watching the adult penguins.

