

Animals of Antarctica



Orca

Orcas are the fastest marine mammals. Orcas can go over 35 mph. Male orcas are 23 to 30 feet long, and weigh 6 tons. Their fin on their back is 6.6 feet high. They use echolocation to find their food and see other things around them. Orcas don't have any natural predators.



Elephant seal

Elephant seals are cool. Elephant seals get their names by their long nose. They stay in the water for about 80 percent of the time, they can also hold their breath for 100 minutes. The bulls are 16 feet long and weigh 6,600 pounds. They have fur which they shed or molt every year. When they're on land they use their fins to push forward, they do this up to 5 mph.



Blue Whale

Blue whales are the biggest and heaviest animal in the world. Blue whales are mammals but not fish even though they live in the sea. They eat 40 million krill a day and krill are small animals like shrimp. They have two blowholes and when they blow out it shoots 40 feet high. Baby blue whales are called calves and they drink 100 to 150 gallons of milk a day.



Emperor Penguin

The color of baby penguins are silver and gray.

Baby penguins weigh about 2 ounces.

Baby penguins are fluffy.

Baby penguins have black heads, and white feet. The female penguin takes turns with the male penguin feeding the baby penguin.



Albatross

Albatross have big and thick bills and they are strong, and it has sharp edge's.The upper part which is called a mandible,it has a large hook.On the sides of the bill are two pretty long tubes. These let albatrosses to measure the exact speed when they fly.Albatrosses have the biggest wings of all birds which are 12 feet long.

