

# Penguin Identification Flowchart

Are adult birds taller or shorter than 36" (0.9 m)?

TALLER

SHORTER

**Genus Aptenodytes**  
"The Great Penguins"

Do they nest on ice or land?

ICE

LAND

Emperor Penguin  
*Aptenodytes forsteri*

King Penguin  
*Aptenodytes patagonicus*

Do they have yellow feathers?

YES

NO

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Do they have red eyes and a showy tuft of feathers on their heads?

YES

NO

**Genus Eudyptes**  
"The Crested Penguins"

**Genus Megadyptes**  
"The Large Diver"

Do people debate whether this group of birds is 1, 2, or 3 different species?

YES

NO

Rockhopper Penguins  
*Eudyptes moseleyi*  
*Eudyptes chrysocome chrysocome*  
*Eudyptes chrysocome filholi*

Do they nest in New Zealand or surrounding islands?

YES

NO

Macaroni Penguin  
*Eudyptes chrysolophus*

Are their face feathers primarily white or black in color?

WHITE

BLACK

Royal Penguin  
*Eudyptes schlegeli*\*

\*Some argue that Royal Penguins should be considered a subspecies of Macaroni penguins.

Is the bill surrounded by a thin patch of skin with no feathers?

YES

NO

Fiordland Penguin  
*Eudyptes pachyrhynchus*

Do these penguins only nest on the Snares Islands?

YES

NO

Snares Penguin  
*Eudyptes robustus*

Erect-crested Penguin  
*Eudyptes sclateri*

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