

Yellow Eyed Penguin



Did you know?

○ Rarest Penguins in the World

The Yellow Eyed Penguin is endemic to New Zealand and are considered one of the rarest species of penguins in the world. They appear on the reverse side of the New Zealand five-dollar note.

○ Where do they Live?

They love living in areas of dense vegetation and make nests out of twigs, grass and leaves, carefully formed into a bowl shape.

○ One of the Smallest Penguins

They are one of the smaller species of penguins, growing up to 76cm (30 in) and weighing up to 6kg (3 lbs). They can live up to 20 years old.

○ Protecting Their Eggs

Yellow-eyed penguin partners lay and care for two eggs at a time and share the workload of protecting, feeding and caring for their young.

○ Deepest Divers

They eat a diet of fish, squids and crustaceans. They can swim up to 25km offshore and can dive as deep as 120 metres (393 feet).

○ Endangered Species

They are considered endangered as their population is dropping due to a lack of food. Too many fish are being caught by fishing boats leaving less for the penguins to eat.

The Yellow Eyed Penguin can be found here!

