

Gentoo Penguin

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Gentoo Penguin Latest News

Recently, Gentoo penguins have become the first bird species confirmed to be infected with H5 avian influenza on an Australian territory.

About Gentoo Penguin

- The Gentoo penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*) is a penguin species in **the genus Pygoscelis**.
- It is most closely **related to the Adélie penguin** and the **Chinstrap penguin**.
- **Distribution:** Gentoo penguins are found along the coastlines of the **Antarctic Peninsula, sub-Antarctic islands, and the Falkland Islands** in the southern part of the Atlantic Ocean.
- **Habitat:** Gentoo penguins typically are **found along the shoreline**. This allows the penguins to be able to quickly access food while remaining close to their nest.
- **Characteristics of Gentoo Penguins**
 - Gentoo penguins are the **fastest underwater swimmers** of all penguins
 - It is exclusively found in the **Southern Hemisphere** between 45 and 65 degrees south latitude.

- It is a **diurnal and social bird**, breeding in colonies and remaining together for the rest of the year.
- **Diet:** These are **carnivorous** (piscivorous) birds.
- **Conservation Status: IUCN Red List:** Least Concern.

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