

Wandering albatrosses

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About Wandering albatrosses

- It is the world's largest flying bird, with a wingspan reaching an incredible 3.5 metres.
- These birds are oceanic nomads: they spend most of their 60 years of life at sea and only come to land to breed.
- These are found almost exclusively in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Their playground is the vast Southern Ocean — the region between the latitude of 60 degrees south and the continent of Antarctica.
- Marion Island and Prince Edward Island together support about half of the entire world's wandering albatross breeding population.
- Habitat: They breed on several subantarctic islands, which are characterized by peat soils, tussock grass, sedges, mosses, and shrubs.

- They are monogamous and pairs mate for life.
 - Conservation status
 - IUCN: Vulnerable
 - Threats: The most likely cause is longline fishing, as they become hooked and will drown, as well as the ingestion of plastics, which kills both chicks and adults.
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Q1) What is the sub-Antarctic zone?

It is a region in the Southern Hemisphere, located immediately north of the Antarctic region. This translates roughly to a latitude of between 46° and 60° south of the Equator.

Source: [Albatrosses are threatened with extinction — and climate change could put their nesting sites at risk](#)

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