

SKIM AND SCOOP: CONTROLLED PASSAGE WARMUP

Main Idea:

People love penguins. Since they cannot fly, they swim through the ocean looking for fish to eat. Fish are a favorite food of most penguins, but they will also eat squid and shrimp. Since they are such good swimmers, they can easily catch food in their beaks.

There are twenty kinds of penguins in the world, but they all live in the Southern Hemisphere. Emperor penguins are the largest kind of penguin. They can be more than 3 feet tall and weigh more than 35 pounds. The smallest penguin is the fairy penguin. It is only 16 inches tall and weighs only 2 pounds.

People think penguins only live in the snow, but that is not true. Many penguins do live in cold places like Antarctica, but there are lots of penguins who live in warmer places like Australia or the Galapagos Islands. As long as there is cold water full of fish, penguins are happy to live there!