

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## African Penguin

*Spheniscus demersus*

The African Penguin, also known as the jackass penguin for its donkey-like bray, is a medium-sized penguin native to the southern African coastline. With a distinctive black facial mask and a pattern...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird

**Family:** Spheniscidae

**Habitat:** Coastal beaches and offshore islands

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Endangered

**Lifespan:** 10-15 years in the wild

**Weight:** 2.2–3.5 kg

**Scientific name:** *Spheniscus demersus*

### Did you know?

- Despite living in Africa's warmth, African Penguins have densely packed feathers and a layer of fat to keep them warm in cold ocean waters.
- African Penguins are the only penguin species found in Africa. They communicate with a variety of vocalizations, including a braying sound that sound...

### What I learned

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