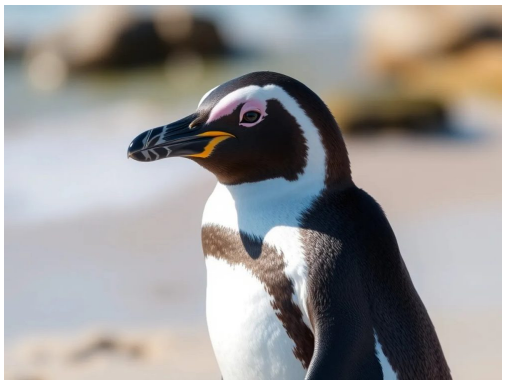
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Animal Fact Sheet

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African Penguin

Spheniscus demersus

The African penguin is the only penguin that breeds on the African mainland and its islands, and it brays like a donkey — hence its older name, jackass penguin. The bare pink patch above each eye is …

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.
- Every African penguin has a unique pattern of black chest spots, as individual as a fingerprint, and researchers use photographs of them to identify …

What I learned

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