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Animal Fact Sheet

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Common Murre

Uria aalge

The Common Murre is a medium-sized seabird known for its striking black-and-white plumage and upright, penguin-like stance. It breeds in large, dense colonies on rocky cliffs along the coasts of the …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Alcidae
Habitat: Coastal cliffs and open ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 900-1,100 grams
Scientific name: Uria aalge

Did you know?

- The Common Murre holds the record for the deepest dive by an auk, reaching depths of over 180 meters (590 feet) in search of food.
- Common Murres lay their eggs directly on bare rock ledges, and the eggs are uniquely pear-shaped so they roll in a circle rather than off the edge. C…

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