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Animal Fact Sheet

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Horned Puffin

Fratercula corniculata

The horned puffin is the Pacific counterpart of the Atlantic puffin, and it takes its name from a small fleshy spike of dark skin that rises above each eye. It is not a horn in any structural sense b…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Alcidae
Habitat: Coastal cliffs and offshore islands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 500–700 grams
Scientific name: Fratercula corniculata

Did you know?

- Horned puffins spend most of their lives far out at sea, sometimes not touching land for months at a time.
- Its "horn" is a fleshy spike above each eye, grown for the breeding season and shed with the bright bill plates afterwards. Like all puffins it effec…

What I learned

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