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Animal Fact Sheet

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Northern Elephant Seal

Mirounga angustirostris

Mirounga angustirostris is one of the deepest-diving air-breathing animals in the world, routinely working at 300 to 800 m and recorded past 1,700 m, and it spends roughly 90 percent of its life at s…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Phocidae
Habitat: Coastal beaches and islands along the Pacific coast of North America
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 9-13 years
Weight: 400 to 2,300 kg
Scientific name: Mirounga angustirostris

Did you know?

- Despite their massive size, Northern Elephant Seals can travel thousands of kilometers in a single migration between feeding and breeding grounds.
- Elephant seals sleep while diving, drifting downward in a slow spiral hundreds of metres below the surface, and a 2023 study using brain-wave loggers…

What I learned

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