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Animal Fact Sheet

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Northern Fur Seal

Callorhinus ursinus

Callorhinus ursinus survives in the cold North Pacific by an approach that is the opposite of a true seal's: instead of a thick blubber layer, it relies on the densest fur of any mammal except the se…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Otariidae
Habitat: Open ocean and rocky subarctic islands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 12-25 years
Weight: Female: 30-50 kg, Male: 150-270 kg
Scientific name: Callorhinus ursinus

Did you know?

- Male Northern Fur Seals can fast for over two months during the breeding season while aggressively defending their territories.
- A fur seal thermoregulates by holding a flipper out of the water while floating, because the flippers are the only part of the body not insulated and…

What I learned

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