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Animal Fact Sheet

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Northern Gannet

Morus bassanus

Morus bassanus hunts by turning itself into a javelin. From 30 to 40 m up it folds its 1.8 m wings straight back against the body and enters the water at around 90 km/h, penetrating 3 to 5 m on impac…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Sulidae
Habitat: Coastal cliffs and islands in the North Atlantic
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-25 years
Weight: 2.3-3.6 kg
Scientific name: Morus bassanus

Did you know?

- Despite their size and dramatic dives, Northern Gannets can fly up to 65 km/h and migrate thousands of kilometers each year between breeding and wint…
- Gannets defecate to maintain the strict spacing of a colony — nests are placed almost exactly one outstretched neck and bill apart, so that a sitting…

What I learned

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