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Tufted Puffin

Fratercula cirrhata

The tufted puffin (Fratercula cirrhata) is the largest of the three puffins, a sooty-black North Pacific auk that in the breeding season grows a white face mask, a huge orange bill and two long straw…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Alcidae
Habitat: Rocky coastal cliffs and offshore islands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-25 years
Weight: 750-800 grams
Scientific name: Fratercula cirrhata

Did you know?

- Unlike many other seabirds, Tufted Puffins can carry multiple fish crosswise in their bills at once, thanks to a unique hinge in their jaws.
- A tufted puffin can carry twenty or more fish crosswise in its bill at once, pinning each one against backward-pointing spines on the roof of its mou…

What I learned

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