A

Arctic Tern



Photo by Serguei Ponomarenko, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Arctic Terns migrate farther than any other bird — up to 44,000 miles each year.

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B

Blue-billed White-Tern



Photo by Eric VanderWerf, via eBird (Cornell Lab of Ornithology)

Fun Fact

This tern lays its egg directly on a branch with no nest at all.

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C

Christmas Shearwater



Photo by Cameron Rutt, via eBird (Cornell Lab of Ornithology)

Fun Fact

Christmas Shearwaters can drink seawater, thanks to a special gland that removes the salt so they can stay hydrated while living far out on the ocean.

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D

De Filippi's Petrel



Photo by Pablo Gutiérrez Maier, via eBird (Cornell Lab of Ornithology)

Fun Fact

This petrel spends almost its entire life at sea, returning to land only to breed.

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E

Eastern Great Egret



Photo by John Cull, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

They hunt by standing perfectly still until a fish swims close enough to strike.

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F

Great Frigatebird



Photo by Nik Borrow, via iNatutralist

Fun Fact

Great Frigatebirds can stay soaring for over a week without landing, using rising warm air to stay aloft.

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G

Laughing Gull



Photo by Dan LaVorgna, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Named for its loud, laughing-like call.

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H

Hawaiian Petrel



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Fun Fact

A rare seabird that nests high on mountains.

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Island Collared-Dove



Photo by Peter Ericsson, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Known for its soft, gentle cooing.

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J

Jouanin's Petrel



Photo by Carsten Meyer, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Jouanin's Petrels can fly for days without landing, using ocean winds to glide effortlessly over the waves.

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K

Kermadec Petrel



Photo by Todd Burrows, via eBird (Cornell Lab of Ornithology)

Fun Fact

Kermadec Petrels can change their feather color, ranging from light to dark, even within the same nesting colony — a rare trait among seabirds.

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L

Laysan Albatross



Photo by John Bruin, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Laysan Albatrosses can live over 60 years, making them some of the longest-lived seabirds on Earth.

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M

Masked Booby



Photo by ev3olution, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Has a dark mask around its eyes.

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N

Newell's Shearwater



Photo by Adrian Burke, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Skims low over waves while flying fast.

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O

Osprey



Photo by daricrogers, via iNaturalist.

Fun Fact

Ospreys can rotate their feet forward or backward, giving them a super-strong grip on fish even when they're flying.

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P

Pterodroma Petrel



Photo by Christian Reynolds, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

The Pterodroma petrel can glide for hours without flapping its wings, using powerful ocean winds to "surf" the air above the waves.

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Q

Quiet Storm-Petrel



Photo by Steve Young / Alamy

Fun Fact

Quiet Storm-Petrels are known for their silent, gliding flight, skimming low over the waves as they hunt tiny sea creatures.

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R

Red-tailed Tropicbird



Photo by joshywillo, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Has long red tail streamers.

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S

Sooty Tern



Photo by Jory Teltser, via eBird (Cornell Lab of Ornithology)

Fun Fact

Can stay at sea for years without landing.

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T

Tufted Puffin



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Fun Fact

Tufted Puffins can dive more than 200 feet underwater to catch fish using their wings like flippers.

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U

Ulili (Wandering Tattler)



Photo by Pickin, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Ulili makes a sharp whistling call while flying, which helps warn other birds of danger along the rocky Pacific shores.

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V

Vega Gull



Photo by Casey H. Richart, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Vega Gulls can float on the ocean for hours, resting safely on the waves like little boats.

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W

Wedge-tailed Shearwater



Photo by Stephen John Davies, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Makes spooky wailing sounds at night.

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X

Xantus's Murrelet



Photo by Nancy Christensen, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

One of the smallest Pacific seabirds.

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Y

Yellow-nosed Albatross



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Fun Fact

Yellow-nosed Albatrosses can sleep while gliding over the ocean, using the wind to stay in the air with almost no effort.

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Z

Zino's Petrel



Photo by Stephen John Davies, via iNaturalist

Fun Fact

Zino's Petrels return to land only a few weeks each year, spending the rest of their lives flying over deep ocean waters.

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