

THERE ARE

22

SPECIES OF ALBATROSSES

WORLD ALBATROSS DAY

JUNE 19



WANDERING ALBATROSS

> 11 kg

- Weighing over 9 kg, large males exceed 11 kg
- Among the largest of any flying bird

> 3.5 m

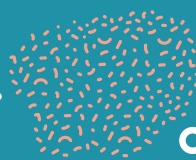
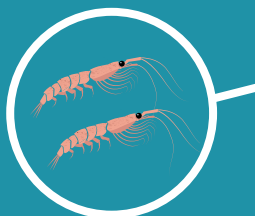
- One of the largest wingspans in the world (from 2.51 – 3.5 m)
- Coming ashore on Sub-Antarctic islands to breed
- Their plumage changes with age
- They lay single eggs

20,000

- There are approximately 20,000 in the world today

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18 species of albatrosses breed on the Southern Ocean/South Atlantic islands



Most species of albatross eat squid as the main component of their diet. In addition, they eat fish, crustaceans and krill, especially in the Southern Ocean

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Only one species, the Light-mantled Albatross, breeds along the Antarctic Peninsula, within the Antarctic Treaty System area

Visitors travelling with IAATO members are required to keep at least 10 metres (30 ft) from nesting and 25 metres (75 ft) from displaying albatrosses

