3. Extreme Families

King Penguin (Aptenodytes patagonicus)
Attribute - Only Penguin which does not hop.

3.10 Walks the talk, dose not hop EXTREME BIRDS Geographical Distribution –North of Antarctica

The king penguin has a black head, chin, and throat, with vivid orange, tear-shaped patches on each side of the head. The orange coloration extends to the upper chest. King penguins walk slowly and do not hop. The pupil of a penguin's eye is circular. However, when constricted, the pupils of a king penguin's eye are square. The king penguin has the longest breeding cycle of all the penguin species, lasting 14 to 16 months.

A female king penguin may produce a chick during alternate breeding seasons.

King penguin chicks hatch naked and grow down feathers within a few weeks. The chick is dependent upon its parents for survival until it grows its waterproof feathers, which can be up to 13 months. Like emperor penguins, king penguins do not build nests. Instead, they stand upright and incubate the egg on the tops of their feet under a loose fold of abdominal skin called a brood patch. Unlike emperor penguins, king penguin parents take turns incubating the egg.





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