

# Yellow-eyed Penguins

## Lessor Known Species

(Only 5 world stamp issues feature the Yellow-eyed Penguin)

The Yellow-eyed penguin is one of the rarest of the 17 species of penguins. It only lives in New Zealand. The yellow-eyed is the fourth largest of the world's penguins and has a distinguishing feature of a yellow eye and bright yellow stripe that runs through the eye and around the back of the head. It feeds on a variety of fish including opal fish, arrow squid and red cod. Their predators are man, wild cats, and ferrets. Dogs are a constant threat to the adult penguin.



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The countries of Aitutaki, Christmas Island, Cook Island, Niue, Norfolk Island, Penrhyn Island, Pitcairn Islands, and Solomon Islands used the head of the Yellow-eyed penguin in over-prints, souvenir sheets, and booklets as the logo for their 20<sup>th</sup> International Ornithological Congress meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand.