



Atlantic Puffin (*Fratercula arctica*)

Size: Body length, 26 - 36 cm; wingspan, 47 - 63 cm **Weight:** Approx. 460g **Habitat:** Found throughout the northern Atlantic **Surviving number:** Estimated at 4.8 - 5.8 million



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Love is in the air... and the water. During courtship, Atlantic puffins engage in a hovering flight called "moth flight," as well as pair-swimming together in the ocean. Monogamous couples share in the responsibilities of feeding their young, doing so three to nine times a day after diving deep in pursuit of fish, small crustaceans and squid. But puffin colonies are

hardly a safe refuge for growing families, threatened as they are by egg gathering and hunting by humans and the introduction of feral cats, dogs and rats.

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