



Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross (*Thalassarche chlororhynchos*)

Size: Head and body length, approx. 81 cm; wingspan, approx. 200 cm **Weight:** 1.8 - 2.8 kg

Habitat: Breeds on Gough Island and islands in Tristan da Cunha archipelago; spends non-breeding season in ocean waters **Surviving number:** Estimated at 21,600 - 35,600 breeding pairs



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Born to dive. When the Atlantic yellow-nosed albatross sees fish—brought to the surface by tuna and cetaceans or thrown as scraps from fishing vessels—it dives. But this habit can lead to fatal accidents when longline fishing is involved; the bird dives after bait, ingests the hook and is pulled under. These mishaps have made life more perilous for the albatross during its long sojourns at sea. Making landfall for breeding season in late

August, monogamous pairs build pedestal nests of mud and vegetation, where the female lays a single egg. But because females are more vulnerable to becoming bycatch, populations are diving now.

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