



Australian Sea Lion (*Neophoca cinerea*)

Size: Head and body length, females 1.3 - 1.8 m; males 2 - 2.5 m **Weight:** Females 61 - 105 kg; males up to 300 kg **Habitat:** Breeds on about 70 offshore islands in Western and South Australia, and at several mainland sites on the coast of the Great Australian Bight **Surviving number:** Estimated at 14,730



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Nature's nonconformists. There's something about the Australian sea lion that makes it act differently than its cousins around the world. Alone among pinnipeds, it does not synchronize its breeding season; rather, females at different sites give birth at different times throughout the year. Mothers are fiercely dedicated to their young, staying with them continuously for about the first 10 days and tending them for up to three years.

Males have nothing to do with raising offspring, but defend their territories with gusto. This singular species is among the rarest of its kind, and fatal fishing accidents are making it rarer still.

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