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## EMPEROR PENGUINS

Emperor penguins (*Aptenodytes forsteri*) spend their entire lives in Antarctica and their colonies occur right around the continent. They are the largest of all living penguins and breed during the Antarctic winter.

**Size:** About 1.2 m (from the tip of beak to the tip of their tails)

**Body mass:** Varies throughout the year. The penguins are fattest before the moult and can weigh more than 40 kg. An emperor that weighs only 22 kg is near starvation.

**Age at maturity:** 3-6 years

**Life span:** About 20 years

**Status:** Near Threatened. Some colonies are in serious decline, one has disappeared already and the effects of climate change are expected to have a negative effect.

