

Crazy Creatures

Ichthyopteryx salasi

Ichthyopteryx was a penguin that lived during the Eocene period around 35 million years ago. It was very unusual for a penguin in lots of different ways!

Ichthyopteryx is one of the biggest penguins ever discovered, and was almost 1.5 meters tall. It lived in warm, tropical waters at a time when the Earth was much warmer than it is today.

Time: 35 Million Years Ago

Period: Eocene

King of Penguins

Your task 1: Draw Ichthyopteryx! It had:

A long, chunky body

A thin, pointy beak

A long neck

Long wings adapted for swimming

Thick strong legs

Big webbed feet

Your task 2: Icadypetes was 1.5 meters tall. Is that taller than you? Can you draw how big Icadypetes was compared to you?

Creature Fact!
Icadypetes means
“Diving Bird found in
Peru” - species names
often tell you lots
about where animals
were discovered!

Your task 3: Icadypetes lived in warm waters. What kinds of water do penguins live in today? Do they live cold or warm water?

Your task 4: Most penguins today have short fat beaks. Icadypetes had a long thin beak. What did it use it for?

Your task 5: Many penguins today are black and white which helps them camouflage in cold waters. Icadypetes might have been black and white but might have been all sorts of colours. Colour in the feathers with how you think it looked



Your task 6: Icadypetes was very different from penguins alive today. Can you find four differences?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Research key words:

Penguin
Tropical
Galapagos Penguin

CRAZYOMETER!

How weird do you think this creature was?



Boring!



Yeah Ok



A bit weird



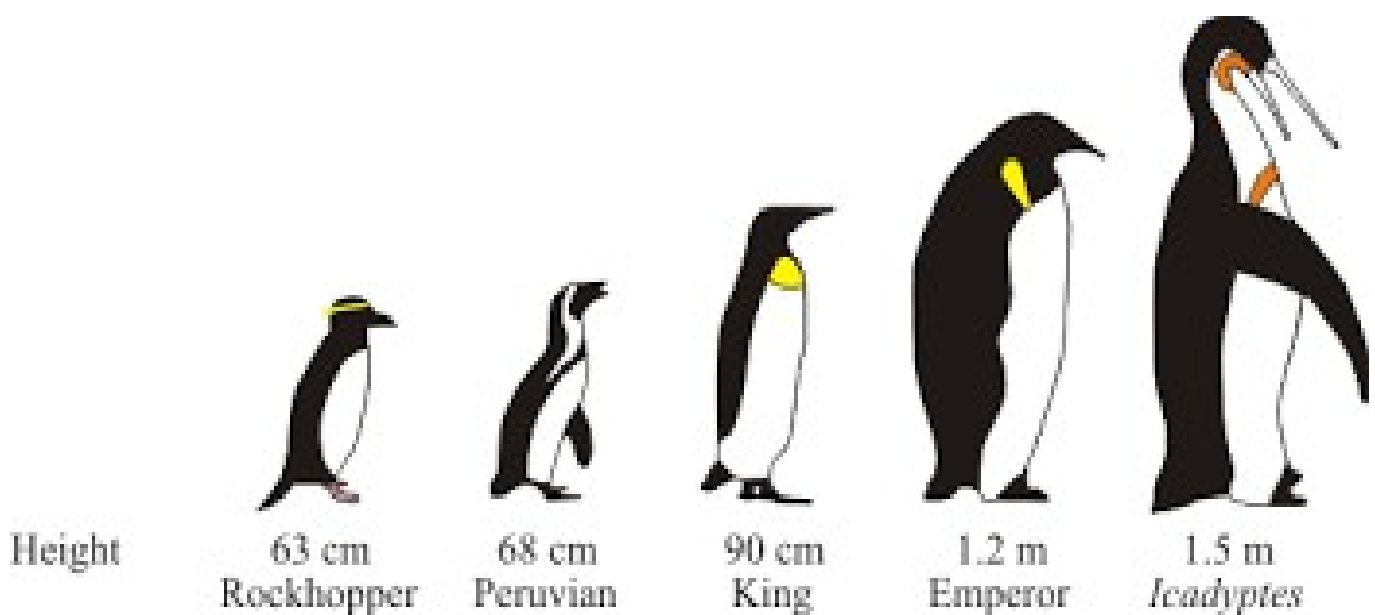
Really weird!



Woah!



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