## **Ancient Penguin Data Cards**

The trait variation data used in this lesson were compiled and merged from the following two resources.

- supporting online material published along with Clarke, J. A., Ksepka, D. T.,
   Salas-Gismondi, R., Altamirano, A. J., Shawkey, M. D., D'Alba, L., Vinther, J., DeVries, T. J.,
   Baby, P. (2010). Fossil evidence for evolution of the shape and color of penguin feathers. Science, 330(6006), 954–957. https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1193604
- appendix published along with Clarke, J. A., Ksepka, D. T., Stucchi, M., Urbina, M., Giannini, N., Bertelli, S., Narvaez, Y., & Boyd, C. A. (2007). Paleogene equatorial penguins challenge the proposed relationship between biogeography, diversity, and Cenozoic climate change. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 104(28), 11545–11550. https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.0611099104

## Harris' penguin Height: 3.6-4.1 ft (110-125 cm) Weight: 50-100 lb (23-45 kg) CIANT SPEAR-RILLED SI ENDER-ENOTED Global climate in this time period Fossil site(s): 1 occurrence in New Zealand between 11,700 years ago to 5.3 mya Temperatures dropped to 2°C below current global Other nearby fossils from this time period: crabs, lobsters, whales average toward the end of this period. The last ice age ended about 11,700 years ago, and the temperatures rose since then to reach the current Local environment at the time the fossil formed: shore environment with beaches and reefs exposed Amount of precipitation was similar to current global to marine currents The map to the left shows the maximum ice coverage in the last ice age. The remaining land is covered with forests, grasslands, desert, and tundra. Paleogeographic maps by C.R. Scotese, PALEOMAP Project

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million years ago (mya)

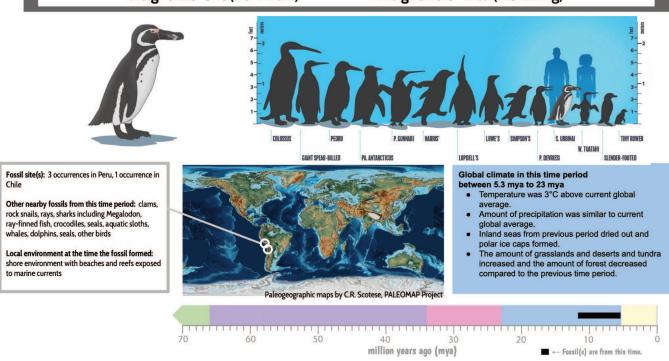
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Fossil(s) are from this time.



## S. urbinai

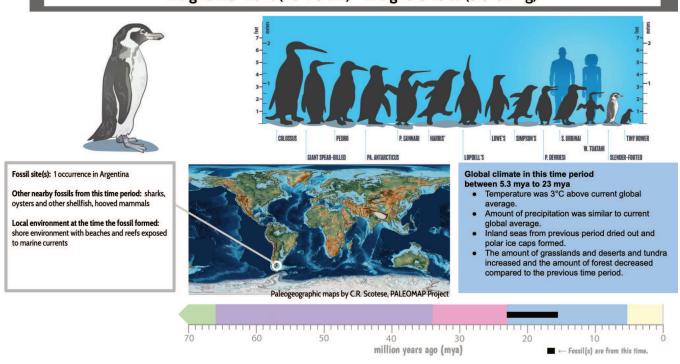
**Height:** 2.3-3 ft (70-91 cm) **Weight:** 10.5-17 lb (4.8-7.7 kg)





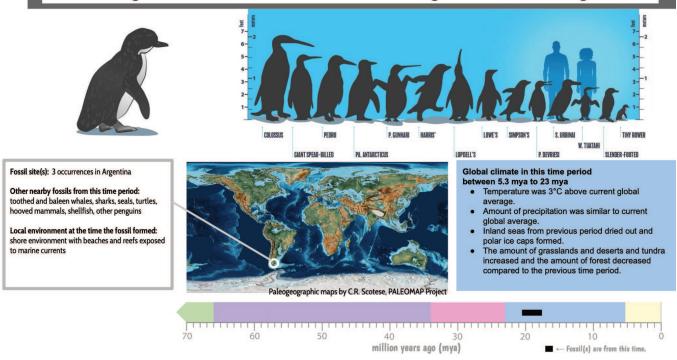
## Slender-footed penguin

Height: 2.3-2.5 ft (70-76 cm) Weight: 8-13 lb (3.6-5.9 kg)



## Tiny rower penguin

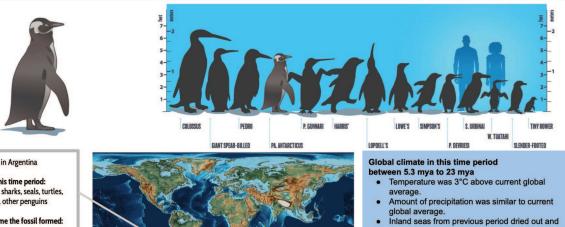
Height: 1.1-1.2 ft (33.5-36.6 cm) Weight: 2.1-2.3 lb (0.9-1.0 kg)





## Pa. antarcticus

Height: 3.6-4.6 ft (110-140 cm) Weight: 75-125 lb (34-57 kg)



Fossil site(s): 3 occurrences in Argentina

Other nearby fossils from this time period: toothed and baleen whales, sharks, seals, turtles, hooved mammals, shellfish, other penguins

Local environment at the time the fossil formed: shore environment with beaches and reefs exposed to marine currents



- polar ice caps formed.
- The amount of grasslands and deserts and tundra increased and the amount of forest decreased compared to the previous time period.



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## Simpson's penguin

Height: 2.3-3.1 ft (70-95 cm)

Weight: 20-40 lb (9-18 kg)



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Fossil site(s): 1 occurrence in New Zealand

Other nearby fossils from this time period: whales, sharks, fish, other penguins, various shellfish, starfish, corals

Local environment at the time the fossil formed: shore environment with beaches and reefs exposed to marine currents



Global climate in this time period

- between 23 mya to 34 mya

  Temperatures dropped from 12°C above current global average to 3°C above current global average by the end of this period.
  - Much higher precipitation occurred than the current global average at the start of this period. It dropped to an amount similar to today by the end of this period.
- Smaller areas of the continents were covered by warm, shallow seas than the previous period.
- Most of the remaining land was covered with forests, with small amounts of grasslands or deserts.





## Lowe's penguin

Height: 2.7-3.7 ft (82-113 cm)

Weight: 40-70 lb (18-32 kg)





Fossil site(s): 1 occurrence in New Zealand

Other nearby fossils from this time period: whales, sharks, fish, other penguins, various shellfish, starfish, corals

Local environment at the time the fossil formed: shore environment with beaches and reefs exposed to marine currents Paleogeographic maps by C.R. Scotese, PALEOMAP Project

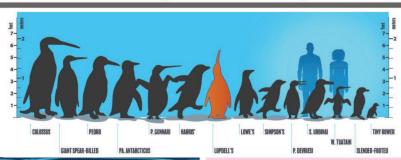
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## Lopdell's penguin

Height: 2.9-3.9 ft (88-119 cm) Weight: 30-90 lb (14-41 kg)





Fossil site(s): 1 occurrence in New Zealand

Other nearby fossils from this time period: whales, sharks, fish, other penguins, various shellfish, starfish, corals

Local environment at the time the fossil formed: shore environment with beaches and reefs exposed to marine currents

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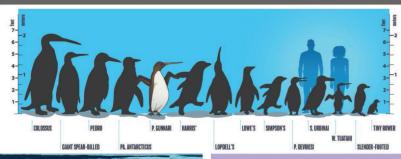


## P. gunnari

Paleogeographic maps by C.R. Scotese, PALEOMAP Project

Height: 3.6-4.1 ft (110-125 cm) Weight: 75-125 lb (34-57 kg)





Fossil site(s): 10 occurrences in Antarctica, occurrence in Argentina

Nearby fossils from this time period: Terrestrial: trees, ferns, opossum-like marsupials, hoofed mammals, sloths, raptors. Marine: crabs, shellfish, sharks

Local environment at the time the fossil formed: shore environment with beaches and reefs exposed to marine currents

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### Global climate in this time period

between 34 mya to 66 mya
 Temperature was 10-12°C above current global

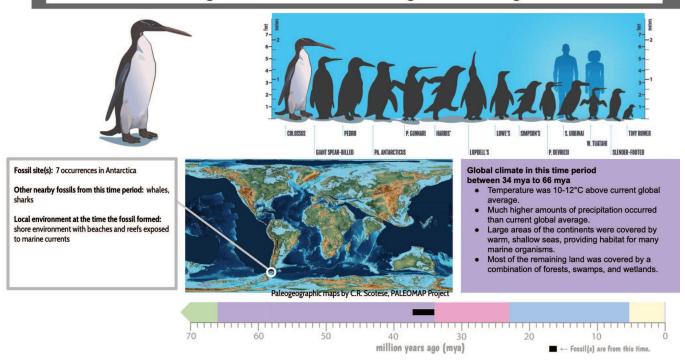
- average.Much higher amounts of precipitation occurred
- Much higher amounts of precipitation occurred than current global average.
- Large areas of the continents were covered by warm, shallow seas, providing habitat for many marine organisms.
- Most of the remaining land was covered by a combination of forests, swamps, and wetlands.





## Colossus penguin

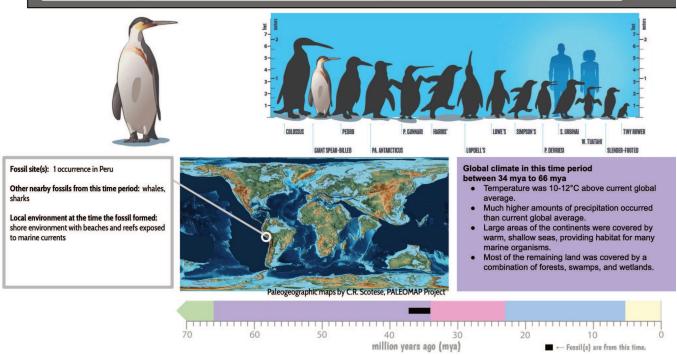
Height: 6.6 ft (201 cm) Weight: 250 lb (113 kg)





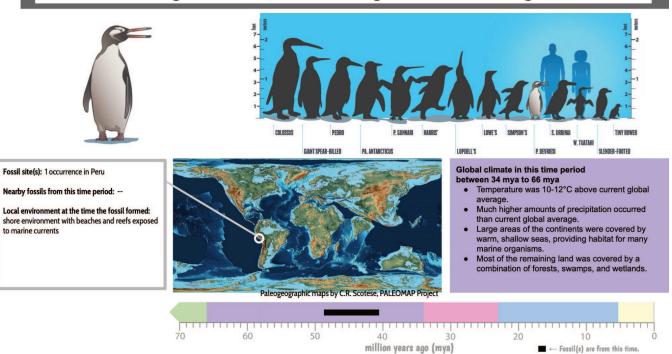
## Giant spear-billed penguin

**Height:** 4.9-5.0 ft (149-152 cm) **Weight:** 110-176 lb (50-80 kg)



## P. devriesi

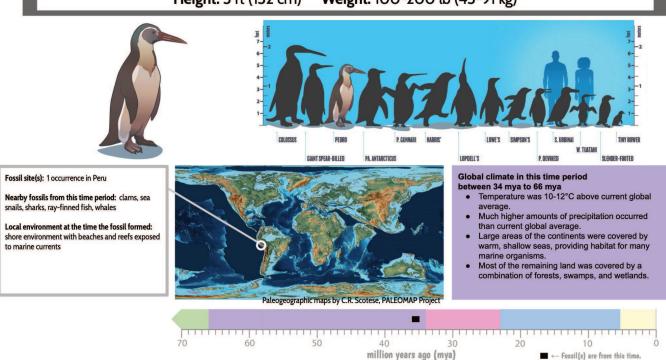
Height: 2.5-3 ft (76-91 cm) Weight: 50-100 lb (23-45 kg)





# "Pedro"/ Water King penguin

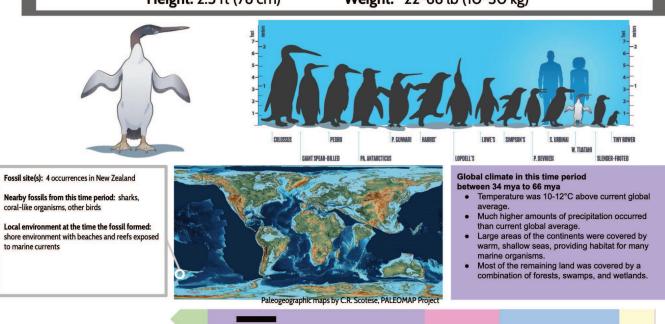
Height: 5 ft (152 cm) Weight: 100-200 lb (45-91 kg)





## W. tuatahi

Height: 2.5 ft (76 cm) Weight: 22-66 lb (10-30 kg)



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