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Gannet Fact Sheet 3

Habitat



The preferred nesting site of a Gannet is offshore islands or steep, inaccessible coastal cliffs or hillsides. They will colonise a flat island if nowhere else is available but they struggle to take off and often end up too close to neighbours which can cause aggression and increase stress within the colony. Nests are always built closely together and are on average 2.3 nests per square metre – they are usually enough distance apart so that one bird cannot reach another whilst sat on the nest.

During the non-breeding season (winter) Gannets spend all of their time in the open sea..