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Puffin Facts I: About Puffins



The Atlantic Puffin is one of four species of puffin and is the only one found in the Atlantic Ocean.

The Puffin is a member of the Auks (*Alcidae*) family of sea birds which includes guillemots, the Razorbill and auklets.

In the breeding season the puffin has a brightly coloured beak that is blue and grey near the head, yellow in the middle and bright red at the tip.

Puffin beaks are made of keratin just like your fingernails.

In the breeding season their legs change colour, turning from a drab yellow to a bright orangey red. Males and females have the same colouration but the males are slightly larger than the females, so you would have to be very close to tell the difference.