Albatross Fact Sheet

- The Albatross can stay airborne for more than 2 hours without flapping its wings.
- They like to drink salt water.
- The Albatross mates for life and can live up to 50 years.
- Parents feed the chick for 3 months until winter sets in and then leave the chick alone and unfed for up to 3 months before they return to feed the chick for another 3 to 6 months until it can fly.



Once chicks leave the nest they don't return to land until they are ready to mate-between 5 and 10 years of age, during which time they fly thousands of miles.

Amazing Wing Span!

The Albatross has the longest wingspan of any bird—from 8 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet (251 to 350 cm).

Try this: Measure out 8-11 feet on the floor and see how far you can stretch your arms.



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