**Cory’s Shearwater**
*Calonectris borealis*

**Carnivorous Diet**

- Squid
- Crab
- Fish

**Wingspan**
123 cm

**Global Distribution:**
Tropical and warm-temperate waters of the Atlantic Ocean, 44°S and 60°N. Can rarely be observed in the SW Indian Ocean.

**Reproduction:** Mature at age 7. Pairs lay a single egg every year. After being laid in May/June the offspring fledge Nov/Dec.

**Behaviour:** Excellent fliers, gliding just above the surface of the sea without touching it. They use their wings to swim and, like other seabird species, can drink the salty water by expelling the salt from a gland located in their nostrils. Moreover, their tubular nostrils have been linked to their enhanced sense of smell which they use to find prey patches. When they rest at sea, they form groups called rafts.

**Kingdom** → **Phylum** → **Class** → **Order** → **Family** → **Genus** → **Species**
Animalia → Chordata → Aves → Procellariiformes → Procellariidae → Calonectris → Borealis

**Threats and issues:**
- **Fishing bycatch** in longline fisheries.
- **Entanglement** in drifted and abandoned nets causing drowning.
- **Chicks poached** by humans at their breeding colonies.
- **Destruction of breeding grounds** for development. Many are run over by cars particularly in the Azores.
- **Introduction of non-native invasive species** such as rats and cats to breeding grounds.
- **Marine debris** leading to plastic ingestion.

**Projects around the world:**
- AWdF conservation and research based in north Atlantic Ocean. [https://www.whalenation.org/](https://www.whalenation.org/)
- BirdLife International Coordinating conservation of birds throughout the world. [https://www.birdlife.org](https://www.birdlife.org)
- RSPB, collaborating with charities, based in the UK. [https://www.rspb.org.uk](https://www.rspb.org.uk)

**How can you help:**
- Volunteer or support a Marine protection organisation
- Stop using single use plastics.
- Eat less fish or sustainably sourced fish.