

Cory's Shearwater

Calonectris borealis



Squid



Crab

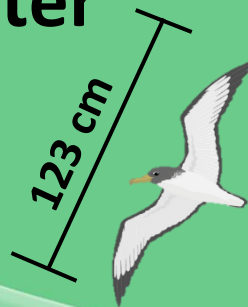


Fish

Carnivorous Diet



250,000 pairs worldwide



Wingspan



IUCN Red List Status



Dive up to 20m



Mate for life



Colonies on Spanish and Portuguese islets

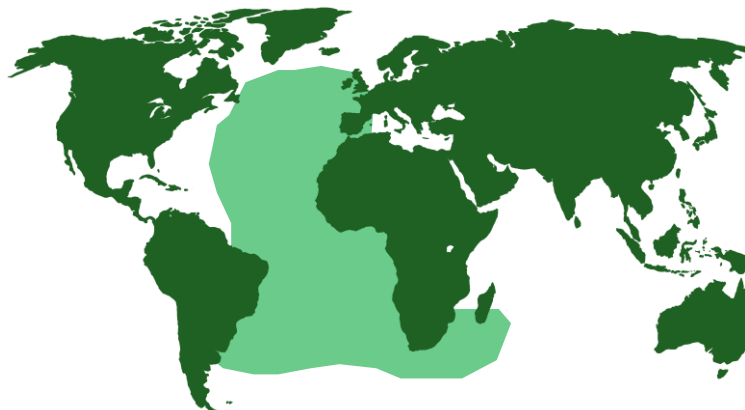
Biology:

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.

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.



Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species
Animalia	Chordata	Aves	Procellariifor	Procellariida	Calonectris	Borealis

Threats and issues:

- Fishing **bycatch** in longline fisheries.
- Entanglement** in drifted and abandoned nets causes 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/>



BirdLife International Coordinating conservation of birds throughout the world. <https://www.birdlife.org>



RSPB, collaborating with charities, based in the 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.

