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## Unusual Birds

Penguins are unusual birds. Most birds can fly in the air. Penguins stay on land or in water. Penguins have round bodies and webbed feet. They look funny when they walk on land. Their short legs make them rock from side to side when they walk. Their wings are like flippers. They help penguins keep their balance. Many penguins live in cold, icy places. If they want to move quickly over the frozen ground, they slide on their stomach. They push and steer with their flippers and feet. This helps them move even faster.

Penguins are very good swimmers. Their webbed feet are perfect for steering. Their feathers lock together to become like a smooth skin. Water slides easily over them. The short feathers on their flippers help keep their body from sinking. When penguins are underwater, they seem to fly.