

Little Auk

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One of the smallest seabirds, only weighs around 150 grams. Has a short neck and wings. Is black above and white below. Has white streaks on mantle. In winter, breast, throat and cheeks turn white. Bill and feet are black.

They fly fast with rapid wingbeats. Swim low in the water with tail slightly raised, dive frequently. Have more rapid movements than other auks. They are winter visitors and used to breed in various places in north Iceland, now they are very common further north, like in Greenland and Svalbard.



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