

Storm Petrel

Hydrobates pelagicus

Very small and dark seabird. They only weigh around 25 grams and are Europe's smallest seabirds. They are brownish-black in colour and have long wings. The forehead is domed. Adults and juvenile birds look the same. Bill, feet and eyes are black.

Are remarkably agile in flight, fly evenly and directly. Often nest in large colonies. Spends their entire lives out at sea, except for when they breed. They nest in holes and cracks in cliffs.



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