

Puffin

Fratercula arctica

The Puffin is the most common auk. The Puffin's identifying feature is their colourful, flat-sided bill. In winter the colours are less bright and the bill plates shed. In breeding season, the bill is yellow, blue and red. The feet are orange. They fly straight with fast wingbeats, usually low over the surface of the sea. Stand upright



and are good walkers.

Breed in colonies on grassy islands.

They are mainly local breeders but some migrate and breed in many places around the North Atlantic Ocean.

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