Latin (scientific) name - Morus bassanus. Family name - Sulidae

Number of eggs - 1 egg Hatching time - ? Age of independence - 90 days Oldest known age - 40 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 87 - 100 cm (165 - 180 cm wingspan)

It can make a vertical plunge dive from 40 meters and dive 3 – 4 m (max 15 m) deep to get its prey.



Latin (scientific) name - Fratercula arctica. Family name - Alcidae

Number of eggs - 1 egg Hatching time - 40 days Age of independence - 40 days Oldest known age - 21 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 26–29 cm



It is a faithful bird committed to lifelong relationships. It digs a 1 - 2 m deep hole in the ground for its nest, and can carry a dozen small fish in its beak.



Latin (scientific) name - **Haliaeetus albicilla**. Family name - Accipitridae

Number of eggs - 1 - 3 eggs Hatching time - 38 days Age of independence - 120 days Oldest known age - 21 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 75 - 90 cm (200 - 290 cm wingspan)



There are 800 couples in Norway, which is half of the birds in Europe. A great number of them are in Gjesvær. More than half of its food is other birds at Gjesværstappan.



Latin (scientific) name - Alca torda. Family name - Alcidae

Number of eggs - 1 egg Hatching time - 36 days Age of independence - 18 days Oldest known age - 20 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 37- 39 cm



Like all auks, the Razorbill uses its wings to "fly" with underwater. A normal dive is 25 m deep (max dive is 150 m deep).



Latin (scientific) name - Uria aalge. Family name - Alcidae

Number of eggs - 1 egg. Hatching time - 32 days. Age of independence - 15-20 days. Oldest known age - 32 years. Length from tip of bill to tail - 38-41 cm



The young bird stays 40 days at sea before it can fly. The Guillemot is built heavy for deep diving and is able to dive 200 m.

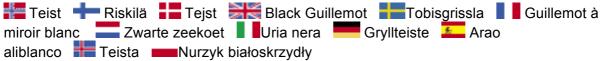


Latin (scientific) name - Chepphus grylle. Family name - Alcidae

Number of eggs - 1 - 2 eggs Hatching time - 30 days Age of independence - 50 days Oldest known age - 20 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 30 – 32 cm



It flies very close to the water surface. A normal dive is  $1-8\,$  m deep (max dive is  $25\,$  m deep).



Latin (scientific) name - **Phalacrocrax carbo**. Family name - Phalacrocoracidae

Number of eggs - 3 - 4 eggs Hatching time - 28 - 29 days Age of independence - 90 days Oldest known age - ? Length from tip of bill to tail - 80 - 100 cm



Make a V shape during the passage, and the group can suddenly appear to fall and even spin "out-of-control" before continuing the flight.



Latin (scientific) name - Phalacrocorax aristotelis. Family name - Phalacrocoracidae

Number of eggs - 3 eggs Hatching time - 31 days Age of independence - 90 days Oldest known age - ? Length from tip of bill to tail - 70 - 73 cm

Because of using its wings as weights when diving, the Shag can often be seen drying its wings. The legs are used for propelling. Dives max 40 m deep.





Latin (scientific) name - Stercorarius parasiticus. Family name - Stercorariidae

Number of eggs - 2 eggs Hatching time - 25 - 28 days Age of independence - 28 days Oldest known age - ? Length from tip of bill to tail - 46 - 50 cm

The acrobatic flyer. Forces gulls and sterns to disgorge fish and other food in the air and the Arctic Skua will catch the food before it hits the surface.





Latin (scientific) name - **Rissa tridactyla**. Family name - Laridae

Number of eggs - 2 eggs Hatching time - 25 -32 days Age of independence - 42 days Oldest known age - 21 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 38 - 40 cm

The bird is a typical colony breeder. Stay in southern Norway for the winter. Like the Fulmar, it roams the sea when not in Gjesvær.





Latin (scientific) name - Larus marinus. Family name - Laridae

Number of eggs - 2 - 3 eggs Hatching time - 27 -28 days Age of independence - 53 days Oldest known age - 23 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 64 - 78 cm

At Gjesværstappan this greedy bird is having a feast. Eat eggs and small chicks.





Latin (scientific) name - Larus argentatus. Family name - Laridae

Number of eggs - 3 eggs Hatching time - 28 - 30 days Age of independence - 38 days Oldest known age - 32 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 60 - 65 cm

This Gull is big and noisy. It is a faithful bird that sticks to one partner throughout its life.





#### Latin (scientific) name - Larus Canus. Family name - Laridae

Number of eggs - 3 eggs Hatching time - 23 - 28 days Age of independence - 35 days Oldest known age - 24 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 40 - 42 cm

It may breed in man-made nests. It looks for food on the water surface.



Latin (scientific) name - Fulmarus glacialis. Family name - Procellariidae

Number of eggs - 1 egg Hatching time - 50 days Age of independence - 50 days Oldest known age - 34 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 45 cm (105 cm wingspan)

The Fulmar roams large areas of the ocean looking for small fish etc. on the surface. It is a common sight around trawlers.



Latin (scientific) name - Haematopus ostraelgus. Family name - Haematopodidae

Number of eggs - 2 - 4 eggs Hatching time - 24 - 27 days Age of independence - 30 days Oldest known age - 36 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 43 cm

It uses its beak to pry open oysters and other bivalves for food, hence the name Oystercatcher.







### Latin (scientific) name - Sterna Paradisea. Family name - Sternidae

Number of eggs - 2 eggs Hatching time - 20 - 24 days Age of independence - 80 days Oldest known age - 34 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 35 - 37 cm

Long passage: Enjoys the Midnight Sun so much that it stays close to the Antarctic pack ice in the wintertime.



Latin (scientific) name - Somateria mollissima. Family name - Anatidae

Number of eggs - 4 - 6 eggs Hatching time - 27 - 28 days Age of independence - 67 days Oldest known age - 24 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 55 - 65 cm (80 - 105 cm wingspan)

Valuable feather and down collected for centuries along the coast by the local people. Non-breeding females can aid in protecting ducklings.



Latin (scientific) name - Clangula hyemalis. Family name - Anatidae

Number of eggs - 5 - 9 eggs Hatching time - 24 - 29 days Age of independence - 35 - 40 days Oldest known age - ? Length from tip of bill to tail - 40 - 47 cm

Like other ducks, propel themselves with their feet under water. It can dive 60 m deep. Eat crustaceans, insects, and plant material etc.



#### Latin (scientific) name - Mergus Merganser. Family name - Anatidae

Number of eggs - 8 - 11 eggs Hatching time - 30 days Age of independence - 67 days Oldest known age - 24 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 58 - 66 cm (82 - 97 cm wingspan)



It can swim long distances underwater. This duck eats fish. It can also eat mussels and shrimp.



## Latin (scientific) name - Anas platyrhynchos. Family name - Anatidae

Number of eggs - 7 - 12 eggs Hatching time - 27 - 29 days Age of independence - 53 days Oldest known age - 29 years Length from tip of bill to tail - 50 - 60 cm (80 - 100 cm wingspan)

The domesticated duck originates from the Mallard. It is not able to fly for 3 - 5 weeks when renewing its feathers. Plants are its most important food.





# Special presentation: Geirfugl (Great Auk)

Latin (scientific) name - Alca impennis

Gjesvær has been populated more than 6000 years. In the early years, the little community was named Geirsvær.

The origin of the name is the bird Geirfugl (Great Auk). It was the largest species in the group that include puffins and guillemots.



It became extinct in 1844 after 300 years of careless hunting. The Great Auk was completely flightless. The legs were near the tail, giving the bird an upright posture on land, like that of a penguin. In fact, the first scientific name was Pinguinus impennis (impennis = without wings) and, furthermore, the penguins in the Antarctic got their name from the Great Auk.



However, it was renamed – Alca impennis - when it became evident that it was related to the auks. The Great Auk was much bigger than the auks of today. 70 – 80 cm from bill to tail. Whereas living auks weigh from 90 grams to 1 kg, the Great Auk weighed 5 kg.