

PENGUIN POINT

- The National Aviary received its first African penguin, Stanley, in 2001.
- The Aviary is now home to 12 African penguins – Stanley, Elvis, Patrick, Simon, and Sidney were our original 5. Our newer penguins are named Kristin, Dottie, Preston, Bo, T.J., Demi, and one unnamed male. You can tell them apart by the color-coded wing bands they wear!
- All of our penguins were hatched in other zoos through a breeding program known as the Species Survival Plan.
- The National Aviary's penguin colony will hopefully begin having chicks of its own in the next few years – Kristin and our new male penguin are currently off-exhibit in the hopes that they will breed.
- African penguins are native to the coasts of South Africa and Namibia.
- African penguins were recently listed as an endangered species. Around 100 years ago, there were more than 1.5 million African penguins – now, there are fewer than 60,000.
- Their decline is due almost entirely to human causes: habitat loss, overfishing, oil spills, and changes in ocean temperature have all contributed to their status.

DID YOU KNOW? African penguins are a temperate, or warm weather, species of penguin – meaning the residents of Penguin Point are comfortable living outside even in the summer months.



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