

The Albatross

Wingspan	10-12 feet
Weight	20-25 pounds
Lifespan	50 or more years

- largest wingspan of any bird
- can glide for thousands of miles, rarely flapping wings
- documented circumnavigating the globe in only 46 days
- solitary birds that only gather for mating
- may not return to land for 5-10 years
- drink salt water
- follow ships in hopes of handouts or garbage
- sign of good luck to mariners
- threatened with extinction

