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Emperor Penguin *Aptenodytes forsteri* Gray, 1844 Native
January 1841 Ross Sea
5/4/1967 Oreti Beach, Southland, possibly ship-assisted

Six colonies are found in the Ross Sea area. Ross obtained specimens in January 1841. G.R. Gray compared these to Forster's original drawings of King Penguin and realized they were different. He named them in honour of the Forsters.

Henderson (1968) reported the first Emperor Penguin to be found north of the Antarctic Circle, on a Southland beach near Invercargill. It was removed to a place of safety, and then released near Dog Island in Foveaux Strait. It was a very striking bird, with a matt black head, and a lemon upper breast contrasting with golden auricular neck patches. A weight of 49 lbs. indicated it was probably a young bird, as adults may weigh as much as 100 lbs. Esler (2004) suggested it may have been transported by ship and then released.

It has since been reported from Macquarie Island. Trevor Norris photographed a juvenile on 21/02/1997 at the Sandy Bay isthmus. Another was seen on Macquarie Island on 13/02/1998.