






Charting Animals: Answer Key

Name		Food source	Size	Special characteristics
	Wandering albatross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish • Squid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-foot wingspan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend most of life in the air • Can sleep while flying • Rest on water • Rarely flap wings • Live to be over 30 years old
	Blue whale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krill • Eat as much as possible while in Antarctica; don't eat again until they return to the south in the spring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biggest animals ever • Tongue weighs as much as an elephant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blowholes for breathing • Gentle giants • Live in pods • Some live to be 100 years old • Leave to have young (calves) in warmer waters
	Leopard seal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat anything: penguins, fish, krill, squid, other seals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long and thin • Females 12 feet long • Males 10 feet long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge jaws that snap shut quickly, canine teeth • Nose flaps that close to seal in oxygen • Can dive over 1,000 feet into the water • Can stay underwater for 30 minutes • Come out of the water only to mate and have their young
	Skua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fierce hunters • Attack other birds • Raid rookeries for eggs and chicks • Eat dead animals washed onto shore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-foot wingspan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterproof feathers • Some have extra layer of fat for warmth • Fly farther south than other birds • Sharp beaks, claws • Researchers fear the Skua • Relative of seagull • Guard their nests
	Krill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiny ocean plants • Sometimes don't eat for 7 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 inches long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most important animals in Antarctica—food source for fish, whales, seals, birds, and squid • Sum weight of krill is greater than the sum weight of people on earth • Float together in huge numbers (pink mass)