

The Fulmar

The fulmar is a seabird that can spit a foul-smelling, yellowish oil at its enemies. It will protect its nest by spewing oil from its stomach and can shoot as far as five feet with great accuracy. The fulmar is related to the albatross and petrel. Most birds in this group produce stomach oil and feed it to their young, but only the fulmar spits it as a weapon. Actually, every part of the bird emits a strong, repulsive stench, even the eggs. The smell is an effective deterrent to predators. This malodorous creature is found in the Arctic regions and as far south as England, California, and Japan.