

 Atlantic puffins are seabirds. Atlantic puffins nest along northern seacoasts.

They spend most of their adult lives far out at sea. They come to land only to

nest. The parents dig a hole in the ground three to six feet deep. The female

usually lays one white egg. Both adults incubate it for more than a month. The

chick hatches. It stays warm under its parents’ wings for a few days. Puffins

can be identified by their bright beaks. They can be identified by their multicolored

beaks. “Sea parrot” is one nickname for these colorful birds. “Clown

of the sea” is another nickname for them. “Bottlenose” is a third nickname.

They are clumsy fliers. They are graceful and efficient swimmers. They propel

themselves with their wings. They use their feet to steer. Puffins are comical

in appearance. Puffins are talented fishers.