

The Gannet - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

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ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

[Gannets on a reef and flying]

The North Atlantic gannet puts a lot of artistry into its flight, but it's the bird's unusual diving skill that's important for survival.

[Gannets flying while a boat passes by]

Because the gannet's food is the fish in the sea below, it dives into the ocean from as high as 80 feet. Like many other water birds, it has inflatable pockets of air under the skin, but on land its easy grace is absent.

[Many gannets on the ground]

These rocks at Bonaventure and the cliffs of other islands off Canada's East Coast are the nesting grounds of many thousands of them.

For a more complete story of the gannet, why not contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa.