

Booby

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Introduction

Boobies are seabirds in the genus *Sula*, family Sulidae. They are large, long-winged birds that plunge-dive for fish. The name “booby” originates from the Spanish word “bobo”, meaning “stupid” or “clown”, due to the birds’ apparent lack of fear of humans.



Figure 1: Booby

Particularities

Boobies have several distinctive features:

- They have brightly colored feet, which they use in mating displays.
- They are known for their spectacular diving ability, plunging into the water from great heights to catch fish.