



The Australian Fur Seal has two layers of fur: an outer layer with dark hair and an undercoat with light and thick hair.

The double layer allows for the skin of the Australian Fur Seal to remain dry, even while under water. Fur seals have two layers of fur while other seals have only one layer.

Fur Seals have external ear flaps – they are small, but they are noticeable.

Australian Fur Seals are part of the otariidae family, which comes from the Greek word otarion which means “little ear”.

Afro-Australian Fur Seal is the largest fur seal in the world by a long margin. A bull can grow as large as 2-3 metres long and weigh up to 360kg. A cow can weigh 113kg. All fur seals have summer birthdays.

Australian fur seals are not highly aggressive animals. Swimming in large groups, any attacks they make are generally made in defence.

