

Penguins do not fall over!

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Everyone has read the story about penguins falling over backwards while observing low-flying aircraft. [The Annals of Improbable Research reports](#) that Dr. Richard Stone has been [researching the ecological effects of helicopter overflights on King penguins](#) and his preliminary results show that [King penguins do not, in fact, fall over backwards \(or forwards or even sideways\) when you fly over them](#). On the other hand, low-flying aircraft do create distress among the penguins; Dr. Stone recommends a minimum overflight altitude of 1000 feet.

[Typo fixed, 24 September.]

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