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to scale with the outline of the largest living penguin. These giant seabirds  
inhabited the North Pacific about 30 million years ago. They were flightless and  
had paddle-like wings similar to penguins, but belong to the unrelated order  
Pelecaniformes. See page 688. [B. Dalzell, Rockville, Maryland]