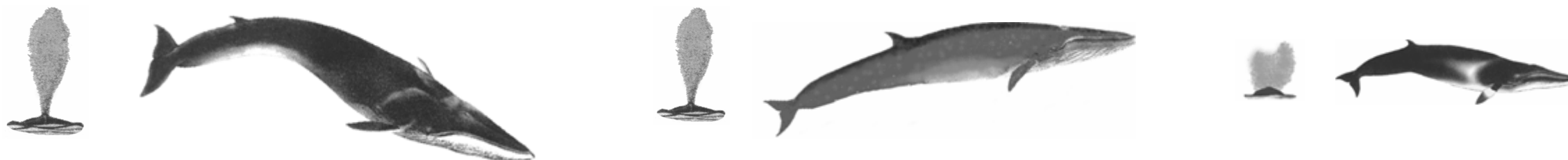


Species Descriptions

Whale	Scientific Name	Length	Blow Shape	Head Shape	Dorsal Fin	Body	Flippers	Tail	Dive Pattern	Diet
North Atlantic Right Whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Length: 12-18 m (40-60')	V-shaped blow	Craggy patches on head (callosities). Light coloured because of whale lice	No dorsal fin	Wide, stocky body; dark; some have white patches on belly	Broad dark flippers	Large, smooth black flukes, deep V-notch	Lifts flukes when diving deeply	Diet: zooplankton
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Length: 12-18 m (40-60')	Balloon-shaped blow	Slender head with knobs (tubercles) on top of head and chin	Dorsal fin shape variable, hump beneath fin	Stocky body; dark with usually white belly	Long, knobby, usually white flippers	Serrated edge to flukes, dark on upper, variable patterns on lower. Barnacles often present on tips	Lifts flukes when diving deeply	Diet: krill, small schooling fish



Finback Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Length: 15-24 m (50-80')	Tall, straight blow	Long narrow, flattened head, asymmetrical colour - white, right jaw, dark, left jaw	Back-curved fin, may have notches in it	Streamlined body; dark grey with white belly	Narrow, pointed, dark flippers with white edge, white underneath	Usually does not show flukes; small relative to size, dark upper, white lower	Usually does not lift flukes when diving	Diet: krill, small schooling fish
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Length: 12-18 m (39-59')	Low, straight blow	Narrow, pointed head	Tall, sickle to triangular fin	Streamlined body; dark grey with circular scarring	Narrow, pointed, dark flippers	Usually does not show flukes; small flukes relative to size, dark on both surfaces	Usually does not lift flukes when diving	Diet: zooplankton, krill, small schooling fish
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Length: 3.7-9 m (12-30')	Low, difficult to see	Narrow, sharply pointed head	Falcate or hooked dorsal fin	Streamlined body	Narrow, pointed, dark flippers with white band on upper surface	Usually does not show flukes; small flukes dark upper, white lower	Usually does not lift flukes when diving	Diet: krill, small schooling fish



Species	Scientific Name	Length	Dorsal Fin	Head Shape	Body	Surface Behaviour	Group Size	Diet
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Length: 1-1.8 m (3-6')	Small, triangular dorsal fin	No distinct beak	Robust body shape, dark grey upper, white under	Usually surface quickly, avoid vessels, seldom jump, may lie at surface on calm days	Small groups are normal	Diet: small schooling fish, squid, krill
Atlantic White-sided Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>	Length: 1.9-2.8 m (6.5-9')	Tall, sickle-shaped dorsal fin	Distinct beak	Yellow and white patches along side, dark upper, white under	Active at surface, leaping clear, bow-riding	Usually large pods of 10-500	Diet: small schooling fish, squid, krill
Bluefin Tuna	<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>	Length: 2-2.8 m (6.5-9")	Long, narrow dorsal and tail fins	Pointed head	Torpedo-shaped body	Mill at surface or break surface quickly or leap clear	Single to large schools at surface	Diet: schooling fish
Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Length: 1-1.8 m (3-6')	No dorsal fin	Head shape similar to cocker spaniel	Mottled colour pelage ranging from light to dark brown	Pause at surface to breath. Climb out onto rocky shores at low tide	Usually small numbers at sea but congregate at haul-outs	Diet: small schooling fish, squid, krill, invertebrates
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Length: 2-2.4 m (7-8')	No dorsal fin	Long "Roman-shaped" head, also called "horsehead"	Males larger than females. Males are dark with light spots; females are light with dark spots	Pause at surface to breath. Climb out onto rocky shores at low tide	Usually small numbers at sea; mix with harbour seals on haul-outs	Diet: small schooling fish, squid, krill
Leatherback Turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Length: 1-2.9 m (3-9.5')	No dorsal fin, shell has 7 ridges	Pointed head with pink spot	Leathery skin instead of shell. Bluish grey to pinkish colour with light spots; teardrop-shaped body	Swimming at or just under surface lifting head to breath	Usually alone	Diet: jellyfish and other jelly-like zooplankton
Ocean Sunfish	<i>Mola mola</i>	Length: 1-3.4 m (3-11')	Large, floppy dorsal fin	Blunt head	Disc-shaped body which may be spotted or solid colour	Loll at the surface with floppy fin exposed or lies flat	Usually alone	Diet: jellyfish, other zooplankton, some small fish, eels, squid
Basking Shark	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	Length: 4.5-13.7 m (15-45')	Large triangular dorsal fin	Pointed head with long gill slits	Dark grey often with white mottling behind dorsal fin	Swim just under surface sometimes with dorsal fin exposed; may be seen skim feeding	Usually alone or small numbers	Diet: zooplankton

