

ALL ABOUT CETACEANS



DID YOU KNOW that Southern California is one of the best places in the world to spy whales, dolphins and porpoises all year-round?!

From our cliffs and coastlines, you can observe the Pacific gray whale undertake one of the longest migrations of any mammal on planet Earth!

Between the months of October and April, this remarkable whale charts its epic 6,000-mile journey between Alaska and Mexico —and then back again.

Megapods of both common and bottlenose dolphins (sometimes over 2000 individuals) can be seen leaping high out of the water, somersaulting and bowriding alongside ships. Behaviors like spyhopping, breaching, lung feeding and fluking are quite the sight to see by the colossal humpback whale —considered the most acrobatic of all the great whales.

Other cetaceans —including fins, minke, orcas, porpoises and the world's largest living animal on the planet, the blue whale (measuring over 90 feet, the length of 3 school buses) — can be spotted at different times of the year off our shores, as well as pinnipeds (seals & sea lions), pelagic seabirds and a menagerie of other marine life. This incredibly abundant anthology of wildlife frequents the nutrient-rich waters of the Pacific to feed on schools of fish, krill and squid.

SO LET THE WHALE-WATCHING ADVENTURE BEGIN!

You have all the tools you need to begin discovering at the touch of your keypad.

Here's what you'll need to do to get started. It's super easy!

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Browse, checkout and borrow these illustrative books highlighting the 90 species of whales, dolphins and porpoises —known collectively as cetaceans.

From the enormous blue whale to the tiny vaquita dolphin,

LEARN ABOUT THESE MOST MAGNIFICENT CREATURES OF THE SEA!

All About Cetaceans Book List by Grade

Preschool & Kindergarten

A Whale of a Tale: All About Porpoises, Dolphins, And Whales by Bonnie Worth

Little Gray Whale's Great Migration by Marta Lindsey

First & Second

Is a Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There Is? by Robert E. Wells

A Whale is Not a Fish and Other Animal Mix-Ups by Melvin Berger

Third & Fourth

When Whales Cross the Sea (Extraordinary Migrations) by Sharon Katz Cooper

Whales. An Illustrated Celebration by Kelsey Oseid

Fifth & Sixth

Migration. Incredible Animal Journeys by Mike Unwin

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Seventh & Eighth

The Orca Scientists (Scientists in the Field Series) by Kim Perez Valice

Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises (Smithsonian Handbooks) by Mark Carwardine

Ninth & UP

The Whale. In Search of the Giants of the Sea by Philip Hoare

Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises. A Natural History and Species Guide by Annalisa Berta

***"Even if you never have the chance
to see or touch the ocean, the
ocean touches you"***

~ Sylvia Earle

American oceanographer, sea explorer & author