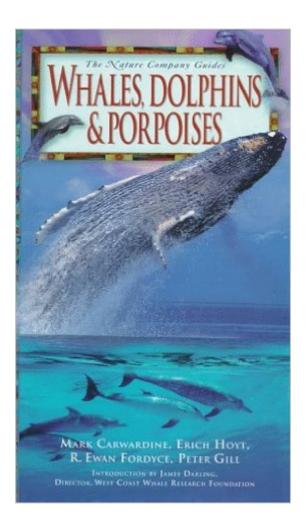
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# Whales, Dolphins & Porpoises (Nature Company Guides)





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### Synopsis

Whales, dolphins, and porpoises are astonishing in their diversity of shape and size, and their range of behaviors. From the massive blue whale, which is larger than any of the dinosaurs, to the relatively tiny five-foot long vaguita, each species has the ability to captivate the onlooker. The Nature Company Guides WHALES, DOLPHINS & PORPOISES reveals a world of complex adaptations and fascinating methods of social interaction. Researchers studying these creatures that "sing," whistle, groan, or chirp as they traverse vast expanses of ocean still have much to learn. But knowledge is constantly on the increase--knowledge we can all help add to through observation of recording. What do you need to look for to be able to correctly identify different species in the wild? What can we do to help whales when they strand? How do cetaceans fare in captivity? Featuring a wealth of beautiful photography and illustrations, this book answers these questions and many more. It brings together information on whale mythology, the checkered history of humans' relationship with whales, and the latest findings of experts and amateur whale watchers. A superb guide to 57 species of cetacean is also featured, including information on location, appearance, characteristic behavior, and population status. Whale watching, whether it be from the shore or from the deck of a boat, is an activity that is drawing increasing numbers of enthusiastic participants. From those interested in going on a whale-watching trip, 30 destinations around the world are spotlighted, featuring information on the time of year it is best to visit, and the species likely to be encountered. Saving the whales is an imperative that continues to go unheeded in some parts of the world. The Nature Company Guides WHALES, DOLPHINS & PORPOISES introduces us to the world of these enigmatic, vulnerable creatures, and teaches us what we can do to help secure their future.

#### **Book Information**

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This is the best cetacean book that I currently own. In-depth information on each species, excellent photographs, and good topics on observation in the wild. It also covers threats to cetaceans and conservation. The part I love is the section that outlines every coastal region in the world and the species found there, what time of year to go, etc. Very useful, I would definitely recommend!

I have read this book and it's amazing. I am only 11 years old, but I still love cetaceans!

This is one of the best and most comprehensive of the whale and dolphin books currently out on the market right now. It features extra-ordinary pictures and is just packed with information (from biology and evolution to whale watching tips and spots). This is one of the gems in my private cetecean library. A must get for ardent whale and dolphin lovers!

This book has so much information. It is a great guide including information on different species, where they live, ocean pollution, and so much more!

Great price for a book. Love being able to find books used but still in great shape to add to my library

WE HAVE BEEN SCUBA DIVING NOW FOR THREE YEARS AND BOTH THE "WHALES & DOLPHINS" & "SHARKS AND RAYS" HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL. WE HAVE LOANED OUR BOOKS SO OFTEN THAT WE ARE ORDERING A THIRD SET FOR A NEIGHBOR WHO IS GOING TO BE A MARINE BIOLOGIST. VERY USEFUL FOR IDENTIFICATION WHILE WHALE WATCHING OR SHARK DIVING. GREAT PICTURES, LOTS OF USEFUL INFORMATION AND HISTORY.

I'm a Biology Prof who just got back from a trip to Monterey Bay and had the encounters of a lifetime, both Blue Whales and Humpbacks (also Risso's Dolphins). The trip left me hungry for more, so I hit the local Borders (I can say that now that Borders and have e-merged right?). There

were two books that were a class in themselves (I can't recall the name of the other book, rats!). In any rate, this book will not leave you short. (I almost said that this was a whale of a book, but thought otherwise).

This book is really great. I really love how the book is divided into various sections, including a section on places to whale watch around the world. I absolutely love the pictures and illustrations too. I highly recommend it :-)!!

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