

# Whale dorsal fins



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*Te Papa Atawhai*



Humpback whale

*Photo: Nadine Bott*



Sperm whale

*Photo: Whale Watch Kaikoura*



Blue whale

*Photo: Nadine Bott*



Southern right whale (no dorsal)

*Photo: Nadine Bott*



False killer whale

*Photo: Jochen Zaeschmar*



Pilot whale

*Photo: Jochen Zaeschmar*



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*Photo: Ailie Suzuki*

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# Whale tail flukes



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# Whale surface behaviour



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Blue whale

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Southern right whale

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# Whale blow



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**Humpback whale**

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**Sperm whale** (out to the side)

*Photo: Nadine Bott*



**Blue whale** (tall)

*Photo: Ailie Suzuki*



**Southern right whale** (v-shaped)

*Photo: Nadine Bott*



**False killer whale**

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**Pilot whale**

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