

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Blue Whale

*Balaenoptera musculus*

The blue whale is the largest animal known to have ever existed, reaching lengths of up to 30 meters (98 feet) and weighing as much as 180 metric tons. Its long, slender body is bluish-grey with ligh...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Balaenopteridae

**Habitat:** Open ocean (pelagic zone)

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Endangered

**Lifespan:** 70-90 years

**Weight:** 100,000–180,000 kg

**Scientific name:** *Balaenoptera musculus*

### Did you know?

- A single blue whale tongue can weigh as much as an elephant.
- Blue whales have hearts as large as small cars, and their calls can be heard over hundreds of kilometers underwater. Despite their size, they are gra...

### What I learned

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