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Animal Fact Sheet

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Californian Sea Lion

Zalophus californianus

The California sea lion is the animal most people picture when they think "seal", and it is not one. It is an otariid, an eared seal: it has visible external ear flaps, and it can rotate its hind fli…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Otariidae
Habitat: Coastal waters and rocky or sandy beaches
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-25 years
Weight: 90-390 kg
Scientific name: Zalophus californianus

Did you know?

- Californian Sea Lions can recognize and remember individual human voices, which is rare among non-human animals.
- The US Navy's Marine Mammal Program has trained California sea lions for decades to detect swimmers, mark underwater intruders, and recover objects f…

What I learned

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