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# Common Minke Whale

*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*

Balaenoptera acutorostrata is the smallest of the true rorquals in the Northern Hemisphere, a compact, sharply pointed baleen whale rarely more than about 9 m long, and it is now the whale most likel…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal
**Family:** Balaenopteridae
**Habitat:** Ocean
**Diet:** Carnivore
**Conservation status:** Least Concern
**Lifespan:** 30-50 years
**Weight:** 4,500-9,100 kg
**Scientific name:** Balaenoptera acutorostrata

## Did you know?

- Despite their large size, minke whales can be extremely elusive and are often heard rather than seen, thanks to their low, inconspicuous blows.
- The species name acutorostrata means "sharp-snouted," and the pointed rostrum is the quickest way to tell a minke from any other rorqual at a distanc…

## What I learned

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