

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Orca (Killer Whale)

*Orcinus orca*

The orca, also known as the killer whale, is the largest member of the dolphin family and one of the ocean's most formidable apex predators. Recognizable by their striking black-and-white coloration,...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Mammal

**Family:** Delphinidae

**Habitat:** Ocean

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Data Deficient (IUCN); some regional populations Endangered

**Lifespan:** 30–50 years (males), 50–90 years (females)

**Weight:** 3,000–6,000 kg

**Scientific name:** *Orcinus orca*

### Did you know?

- Despite their name, killer whales are actually the largest species of dolphin, not whales.
- Orcas are the only known non-human animals to have distinct cultural traditions passed down through generations. They use dialects unique to their po...

### What I learned

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