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Southern Right Whale

Eubalaena australis

The southern right whale (Eubalaena australis) is named for the whaling judgement that it was the "right" whale to kill: it is slow, coastal, floats when dead because of its thick blubber, and yields…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Balaenidae
Habitat: Temperate and sub-Antarctic ocean waters
Diet: Carnivore (Filter feeder—mainly zooplankton)
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 50-70 years
Weight: 40,000–80,000 kg
Scientific name: Eubalaena australis

Did you know?

- Southern Right Whales have one of the largest testes of any animal on Earth, weighing up to 500 kg each!
- The callosity pattern on a right whale's head is as individual as a fingerprint and lets researchers track the same animal for 40 years. Right whales…

What I learned

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