

LEOPARD SEAL

Hydrurga leptonyx

Larger female 1300 lb (590kg): 12' (3.6m)

Antarctic pack-ice

- Massive head, w/ huge gape
- Spotted coat
- 'Sinister, reptilian' appearance
- Large pectoral flippers
- Very inquisitive, but can be dangerous



COMMERSON'S DOLPHIN

Cephalorhynchus commersonii

190 lb (86kg): 5'9" (1.74m)

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- Black head, flippers & flukes
- Rounded black fin
- Larger Kerguelen dolphin less boldly marked
- Inshore species
- Readily approaches boats & leaps often



HOURLASS DOLPHIN

Lagenorhynchus cruciger

Wt unknown, but probably 200-250 lb (90-113kg): 6'2" (1.9m)

- Black & white, w/ distinct white hourglass pattern
- Only dolphin in Antarctic waters w/ fin
- Highly pelagic, occurring well away from shore
- Commonly leaps & bow rides



DUSKY DOLPHIN

Lagenorhynchus obscurus

187 lbs (85kg): 6'11" (2.1m)

- Falcate bicolored fin black in front & pale gray in back
- White throat & 2 whitish flank stripes
- Acrobatic, w/ high somersaults & commonly bow rides



PEALE'S DOLPHIN

Lagenorhynchus australis

Wt unknown, but probably about 250 lb (113kg): 7'1" (2.1m)

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- Dark face, w/ chin black to behind eye
- White 'armpit' patch behind flipper
- Single diagonal white flank patch
- Coastal inshore waters, often in kelp
- Acrobatic & may bow ride



BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN

Tursiops truncatus

Up to 1,100 lb (500kg); 12'6" (3.8m)

- Robust, w/ short to medium-length beak
- Subdued gray coloration
- Mainly warm water species, but has stranded twice in the Falkland Is



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SPECTACLED PORPOISE

Phocoena dioptrica

Wt unknown, but probably 250 lb (115kg); 7'5" (2.3m)

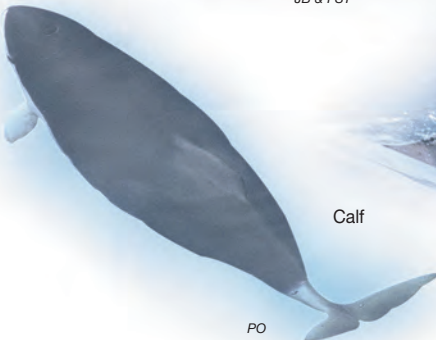
- Black dorsally & white ventrally, w/ belly often visible
- Black eye patch outlined by white 'spectacles'
- Male fin may have broadly rounded tip; smaller female fin low & triangular
- Dorsal flipper & fluke either black or white, but not sex related
- Black lips



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SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALE DOLPHIN

Lissodelphis peronii

260 lb (116kg): 9'9" (3m)

- Very slender, w/ no fin
- Black above & white ventrally, w/ white forehead & flippers
- Often swims very fast in groups of 100-200, even 1000+



LONG-FINNED PILOT WHALE

Globicephala melas

2.5 tons: 21' (6.3m)

- Rounded, bulbous forehead
- Broad-based fin positioned well forward on body
- Exceptionally long, tapered flippers about 1/4th body length
- Light streak behind eye & pale saddle behind fin

