BLUE WHALE  
*Balaenoptera musculus*

**STATUS:** endangered

**FACTS**
- **LENGTH:** 75–95 ft/23–29 m
- **POPULATION:** 16,000 *estimate as of 2018*
- **SPEED LIMIT:** 30 mph/48 kph in short bursts; normally swims at 12 mph/19 kph
- **Females** are slightly longer than **males**
- **Adults** can eat up to **40 million krill** per day
- **Most massive animal species ever; longest recorded** 109 ft/33 m; heaviest 301,000 lbs/136,531 kg
- **Found in all oceans**

**THREATS**
- entanglement
- ship strike
- marine debris
- noise pollution
- toxins