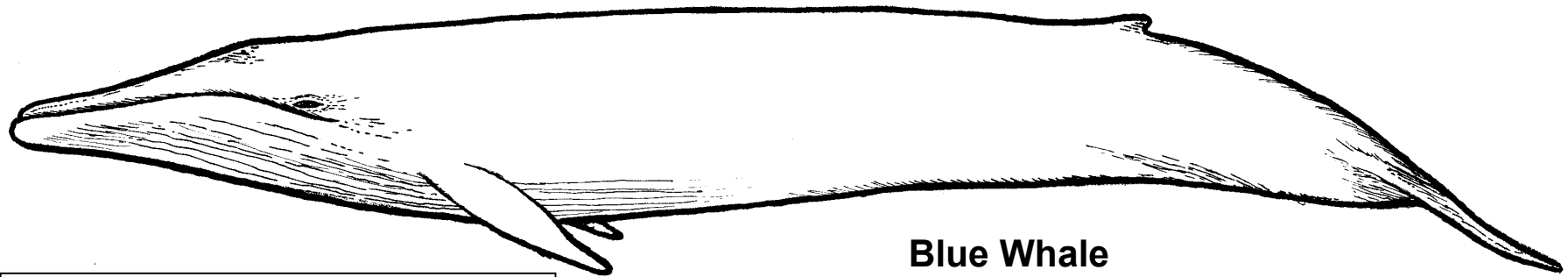


Field Guide to the Blue Whale

Family Balaenopteridae	Species <i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Habitat Inshore/offshore	Status Endangered	Population c.6,000 - 14,000	Threats Unknown
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Blue Whale

Northern and Southern Hemisphere

Newborn c. 23 ft (7 m)

Adult 78.75 ft (24 - 27 m)

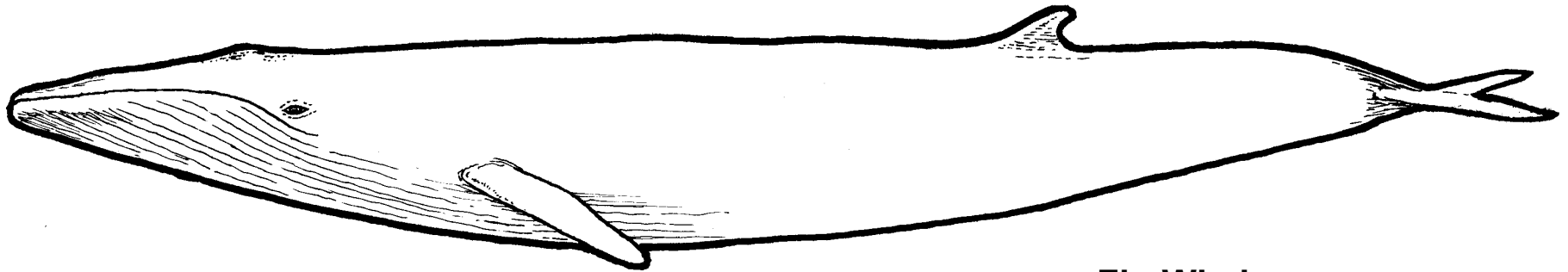
Identification Checklist

- Enormous size
- Blue-gray body color
- Mottled appearance
- Tiny, stubby fin set far back
- Broad, flattened, U-shaped head
- Huge blowhole splashguard
- Extremely thick tail stock
- 29.5 foot (9 m) high blow
- May show flukes on diving

Group size 1 - 2 (1 - 5), sometimes larger at feed grounds	Fin position Far behind center	Birth weight c.2.5 tons	Adult Weight 100 - 120 tons	Diet Krill
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Field Guide to the Fin Whale

Family Balaenopteridae	Species <i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Habitat Inshore/offshore	Status Locally common	Population c. 120,000	Threats Pollution
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Fin Whale

Northern and Southern Hemisphere
 Newborn 19.75 - 21.5 ft (6 - 6.5 m)
 Adult 59 - 72.25 ft (18 - 22 m)

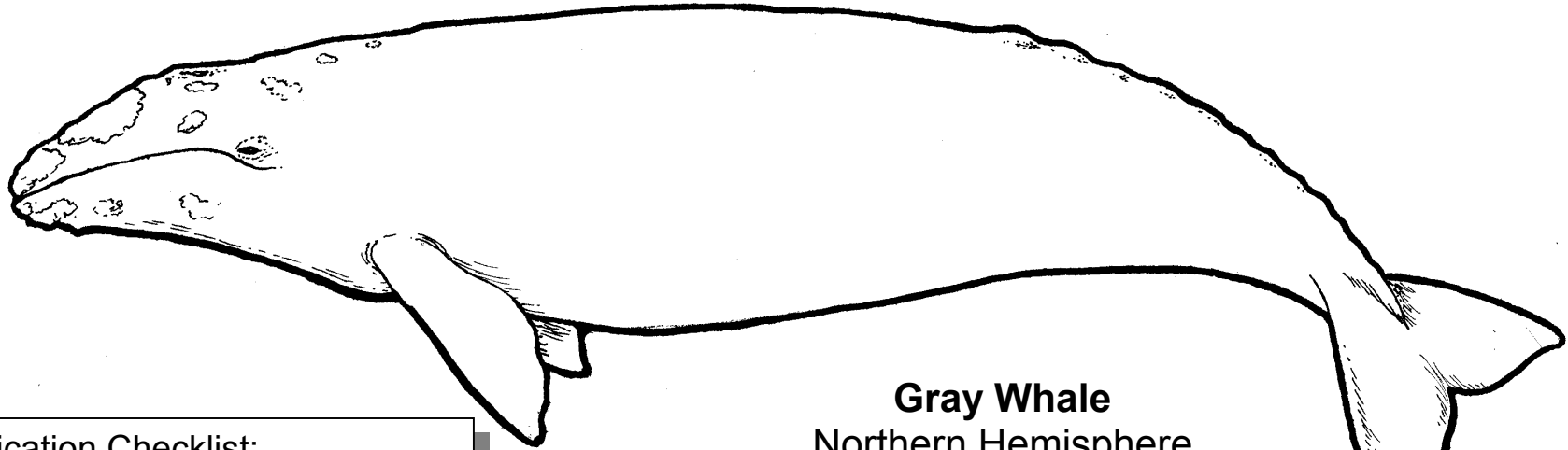
Identification Checklist:

- Exceptionally large size
- Asymmetrical head pigmentation
- Small, backward-sloping fin
- Longitudinal ridge on head
- Tall, narrow blow
- Fin visible soon after blow
- Rarely shows flukes
- Grayish white chevron
- Indifferent to boats

Group size 3 - 7 (1 - 2), 110 or more may gather at good feeding grounds	Fin position Far behind center	Birth weight c. 2 tons	Adult Weight 30 - 80 tons	Diet Krill, fish, squid or octopus
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Field Guide to the Gray Whale

Family Eschrichtiidae	Species <i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>	Habitat Inshore	Status Locally common	Population c. 15,000-25,000	Threats Fishing nets, Habitat destruction, Pollution, Human disturbance
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Gray Whale

Northern Hemisphere

Newborn 14.75 - 16.5 ft (4.5 - 5 m)

Adult 39.5 - 46 ft (12 - 14 m)

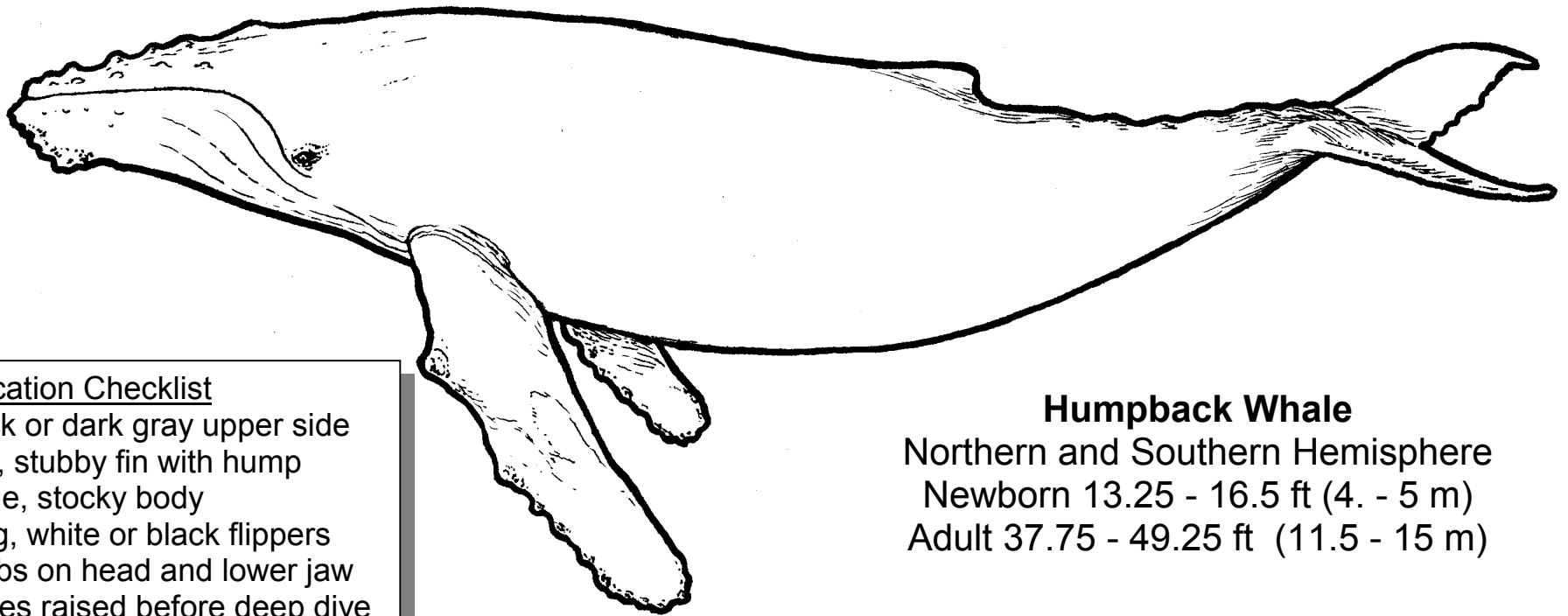
Identification Checklist:

- Low hump instead of fin
- "Knuckles" on rear third of back
- Mottled gray coloring
- Narrow, bowed head
- Low, V- or heart-shaped blow
- Robust body
- Large flukes thrown high into air
- Convex trailing edges on flukes
- May be approachable

Group size 1 - 3 (1 - 18), sometimes larger in some areas	Fin position Far behind center	Birth weight c.0.5 tons	Adult Weight 15 - 35 tons	Diet Krill, fish
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Field Guide to the Humpback Whale

Family Balaenopteridae	Species <i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Habitat Inshore/offshore	Status Rare	Population 12,000 - 15,000	Threats Fishing nets, Pollution, Human disturbance
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Identification Checklist

- Black or dark gray upper side
- Low, stubby fin with hump
- Large, stocky body
- Long, white or black flippers
- Knobs on head and lower jaw
- Flukes raised before deep dive
- Irregular, wavy edges on flukes
- Single bushy blow
- May be inquisitive

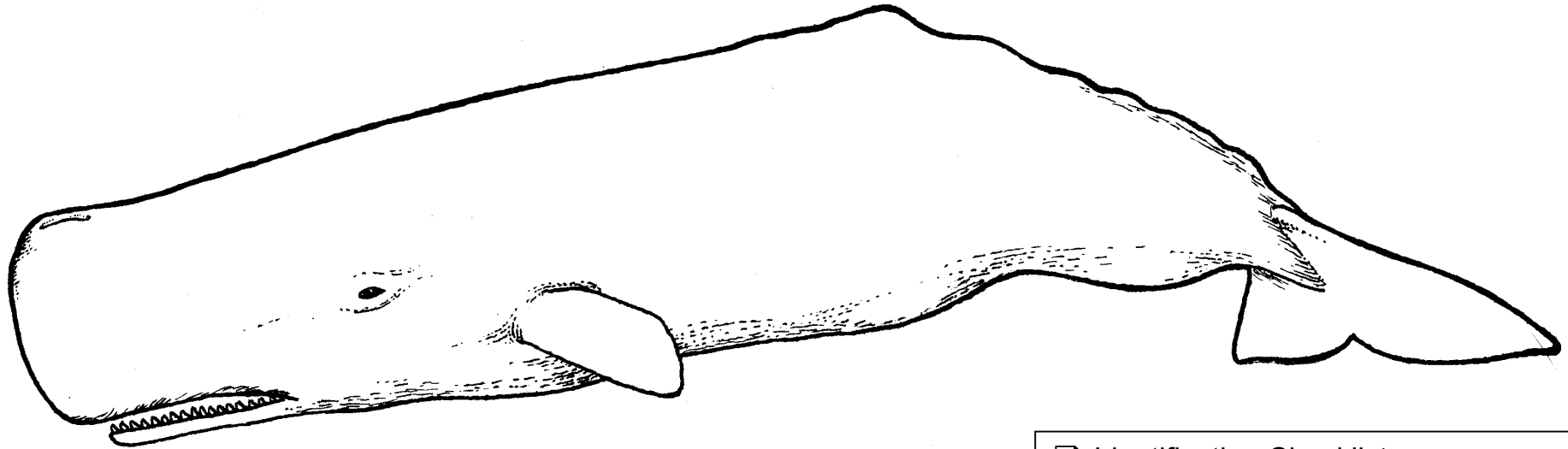
Humpback Whale

Northern and Southern Hemisphere
 Newborn 13.25 - 16.5 ft (4. - 5 m)
 Adult 37.75 - 49.25 ft (11.5 - 15 m)

Group size 1 - 3 (1 - 15), large groups at feeding/breeding areas	Fin position Far behind center	Birth weight 1 - 2 tons	Adult Weight 25 - 30 tons	Diet Krill, fish
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Field Guide to the Sperm Whale

Family Physeteridae	Species <i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Habitat Inshore/offshore	Status Locally common	Population Unknown	Threats Fishing nets, Pollution, Human disturbance
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Sperm Whale

Northern and Southern Hemisphere
Newborn 11.5 - 14.75 ft (3.5 - 4.5 m)

Adult 36 - 59 ft (11 - 18 m)

- Identification Checklist:
- Huge, squarish head
 - Low hump in place of fin
 - "Knuckles" from hump to flukes
 - Single, slitlike blowhole
 - Dark body with wrinkled skin
 - Broad flukes raised on diving
 - Sideways, forward-angled blow
 - Often motionless at surface
 - Dives for long periods

Group size 1 - 50 (1 - 150), hundreds may travel together	Fin position Far behind center	Birth weight 1 ton	Adult Weight 20 - 50 tons	Diet Squid, fish
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