Whale dorsal fins

- Humpback whale
- Sperm whale
- Blue whale
- Southern right whale (no dorsal)
- False killer whale
- Pilot whale
- Orca

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Thank you for your help!

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Whale surface behaviour

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Photo: Whale Watch Kaikoura

Photo: Jochen Zaeschmar

Photo: Don Goodhue

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Whale blow

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Humpback whale

Sperm whale (out to the side)

Photo: Ailie Suzuki

Blue whale (tail)

Southern right whale (V-shaped)

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False killer whale

Pilot whale

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