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Blue whale

Blue whales are the largest animals ever to have lived - bigger even than the largest of the **dinosaurs**. These jumbo-jet-sized giants inhabit the **open ocean**, where they are found most frequently along the continental shelf edges and near polar ice. A single calf is produced every two to three years, and from birth each calf consumes up to 50 gallons of milk every single day, leading to a colossal weight gain of 90 kilograms per day in its first year of life.

Did you know?

A blue whale's blood vessels are wide enough for a human to swim through.

Scientific name: *Balaenoptera musculus*

Rank: **Species**



About

The blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*) is a marine mammal belonging to the suborder of baleen whales (called Mysticeti). At 30 metres (98 ft) in length and 180 metric tons (200 short tons) or more in weight, it is the largest known animal to have ever existed.

Long and slender, the blue whale's body can be various shades of bluish-grey dorsally and somewhat lighter underneath. There are at least three distinct subspecies: *B. m. musculus* of the North Atlantic and North Pacific, *B. m. intermedia* of the Southern Ocean and *B. m. breviceuda* (also known as the pygmy blue whale) found in the Indian Ocean and South Pacific Ocean. *B. m. indica*, found in the Indian Ocean, may be another subspecies. As with other baleen whales, its diet consists almost exclusively of small crustaceans known as krill.

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Blue whale^[1]



Adult blue whale from the eastern Pacific Ocean



Size compared to an average human

Conservation status

E xtinct	Threatened				Least Concern	
(EX)	(EW)	(CR)	(EN)	(VU)	(NT)	(LC)

Endangered (IUCN 3.1)^[2]

Scientific classification

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Biography

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Wye Oak



Performing in 2008

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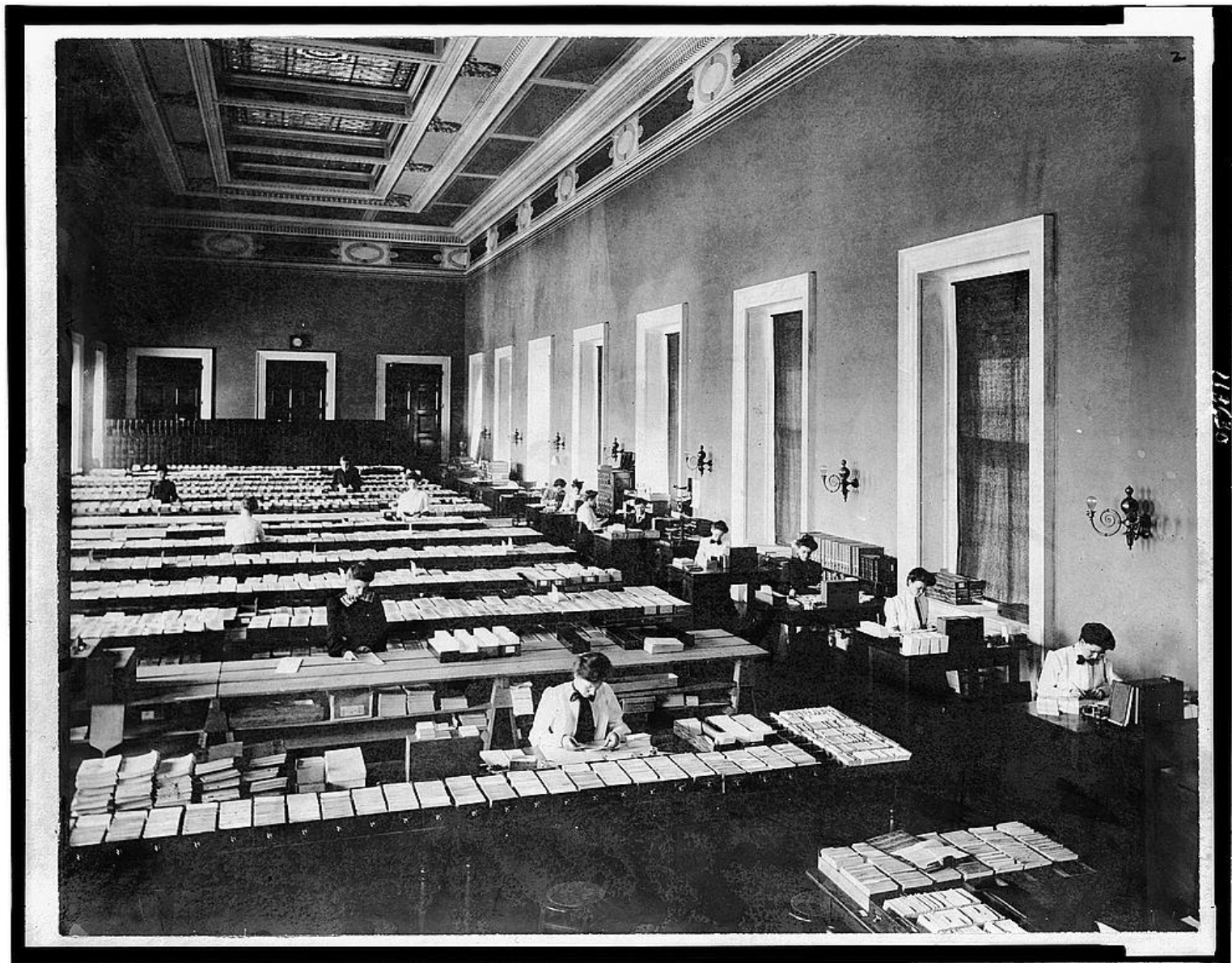
Origin	Baltimore, Md
Genres	Indie rock Indie folk Nu-gaze
Years active	2006–present
Labels	Merge Records
Website	Official website 

Members

Andy Stack
Jenn Wasner


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01:23 -!- Irssi: Connecting to irc.wikimedia.org [208.80.152.178] port 6667
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Date: Jun 16, 2011 7:43:11 am

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-- Ward

Client

```
$(document).ready(function() {  
    var socket = io.connect();  
    socket.on('message', function(msg) {  
        addUpdate(msg);  
    });  
});
```

Server

```
var express = require("express");  
var sio = require("socket.io");  
  
// set up the webapp  
var app = express.createServer();  
  
// add SocketIO to the webapp  
var io = sio.listen(app);
```


Listen for Updates

```
var wikichanges = require('wikichanges');  
  
var w = wikichanges.WikiChanges();  
w.listen(function(msg) {  
    io.sockets.emit('message', msg);  
});
```

An Update

```
{
  channel: '#en.wikipedia',
  wikipedia: 'English Wikipedia',
  page: 'Persuasion (novel)',
  pageUrl: 'http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persuasion_(novel)',
  url: 'http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?diff=498770193&oldid=497895763',
  delta: -13,
  comment: '/* Main characters */',
  wikipediaUrl: 'http://en.wikipedia.org',
  user: '108.49.244.224',
  userUrl: 'http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:108.49.244.224',
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  newPage: false,
  robot: false,
  anonymous: true,
  namespace: 'Article'
  flag: '',
}
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```
ubuntu@ip-10-196-191-108:~$ sudo dpkg --get-selections | grep nodejs
Setting up node-ini (1.0.2-1) ...
Setting up node-lru-cache (1.0.5-1) ...
Setting up node-minimatch (0.2.0-1) ...
Setting up node-nopt (1.0.10-1) ...
Setting up node-request (2.9.153-1) ...
Setting up node-semver (1.0.13-1) ...
Setting up node-tar (0.1.13-1) ...
Setting up node-which (1.0.5-1) ...
Setting up nodejs-dev (0.6.12-dfsg1-1ubuntu1) ...
Setting up npm (1.1.4-dfsg-1) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin ...
ldconfig deferred processing now taking place
ubuntu@ip-10-196-191-108:~$ npm install wikichanges
npm http GET https://registry.npmjs.org/wikichanges
npm http 200 https://registry.npmjs.org/wikichanges
npm http GET https://registry.npmjs.org/wikichanges/-/wikichanges-0.0.2.tgz
npm http 200 https://registry.npmjs.org/wikichanges/-/wikichanges-0.0.2.tgz
npm http GET https://registry.npmjs.org/irc-js
npm http GET https://registry.npmjs.org/underscore
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npm http 200 https://registry.npmjs.org/irc-js
npm http GET https://registry.npmjs.org/irc-js/-/irc-js-0.2.27.tgz
```

Thanks!