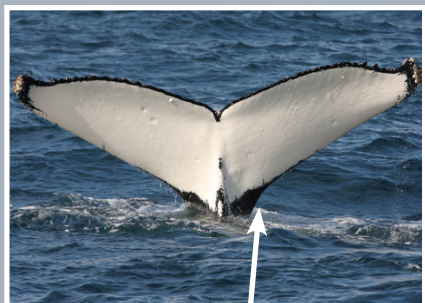


## Humpback Whale *Megaptera novaeangliae*

**When to look:**

May - Oct (east & west coast)  
Year round (SA & VIC)



White on underside of tail

Large, elongate pectoral fins

Large white patches on the belly

Dark on top

### *Similar species:*

Southern right whales are similar in size and shape but lack a dorsal fin. They have a distinctive V shaped blow and smaller square-shaped fins and white bumps on their heads called callosities.

Prominent hook/knob dorsal fin



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