

Whales

The following is a table showing the approximate sizes and weights of whales found in the southern hemisphere, and the best estimates of their original and present abundance.

Kind of whales	Length (metres)	Approximate weight (tonnes)	Original population estimate	Latest population estimate
Blue	23 to 27	up to 200	228,000	11,700
Humpback	11 to 16	about 40	115,000	10,000
Orca (Killer)	8 to 10	up to 9		53,000 (southern hemisphere)
Minke	about 9	about 10	490,000	880,000
Sei	about 16	about 25	256,000	54,000
Sperm	up to 12 (females) up to 19 (males)	about 14 about 40	2,400,000	1,950,000
Southern Right	13 to 18	up to 74	100,000 right whales	3,200 right whales

Table source: Congressional Records Service of the Library of Congress, 1997. Estimates from the April 1994 issue of Audobon.