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MEET THE FAMILY

In the eastern North Pacific, off Canada's west coast, there are three unique types of orcas. They have evolved distinct cultural traits based on their different homes and diets.

Marine scientists call the fish eaters Residents. Mammal eaters are known as Transients or Bigg's whales. Rarely seen open-ocean dwellers who primarily eat sharks are called Offshores.

There are unique orca populations in every ocean. Some are thriving; some are on the edge of extinction.

ORCA CELEBRITIES

The stars of this exhibition are the Residents often seen in the southern waters off Canada's Pacific coast. These Southern Residents are the best-known whales in the world.