

## World of Whales Patch

The California Grey Whale lives in the Pacific Ocean and migrates every year from Alaska to Baja California. This migration takes place between late December and early March. Learn about these whales and what has been done to save them from extinction.

**World of Whales Patch Requirements:** Do the required activity; then choose one of the numbered options to complete the patch.

### Required:

**Step 1** - Use the library or internet to investigate whales. Find out about the different species of whales. Which ones are endangered and which ones are threatened? Find out how a species gets listed as endangered.

**Step 2** - Create a poster, storybook or news article explaining the difference between threatened, endangered and extinct.

Here are some suggested websites to learn about endangered species:

*(Links last checked 11/23/10)*

[www.worldwildlife.org](http://www.worldwildlife.org)

[www.endangeredspecie.com/](http://www.endangeredspecie.com/)

[www.fws.gov/endangered/](http://www.fws.gov/endangered/)

[www.eelink.net/EndSpp/](http://www.eelink.net/EndSpp/)

[www.kidsplanet.org/factsheets/map.html](http://www.kidsplanet.org/factsheets/map.html)

1. Visit Cabrillo National Monument to see the whale movie shown from December through April. Go to [www.nps.gov/cabr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cabr/index.htm) for times of showing or call (619) 557-5450. The charge to troops/groups is \$5 per car. (Note: Prices subject to change. Call/check online for updated pricing)
2. Go to the whale overlook at Cabrillo National Monument. December - February is migration season. The overlook is self-guided. For information go to [www.nps.gov/cabr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cabr/index.htm) or call (619) 557-5450
3. Go on a regularly scheduled whale watch cruise aboard a Coast Guard inspected and approved vessel. Advance reservations are required for all whale-watching cruises with any company. When making your reservation ask if they have a current certificate of inspection and liability insurance. (See page 59 of *Safety-Wise* for information on using watercraft transportation.)

