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How the Largest Baleen Whales Feed

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Whales are the largest animals on our planet and have unique ways of eating small prey. Some of the largest baleen whales—blue whales, fin whales, and humpbacks—fall into a family (called rorquals) that have an unusual method of feeding. These whales feed by lunging with their mouths open wide to force huge volumes of water and prey into their expandable oral cavities.

Join Jeremy Goldbogen as he describes how this extreme lunge feeding strategy is facilitated by some of the most bizarre anatomical adaptations, many of which are unique among mammals. Come learn about new insights into how the largest vertebrates subsist on the smallest food.

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