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The family Delphinidae is the largest family of toothed whales. It includes not only those mammals commonly referred to as dolphins, such as the bottlenosed dolphin often seen in captivity, but also the killer whale. This literature and resources guide is not intended to be a comprehensive bibliography on dolphins; the guide is designed--as the name of the series implies--to put the reader or student "on target." Sections of this bibliography include: (1) introductions to the topic; (2) subject headings used by the Library of Congress, under which books on dolphins can be located in most card, book, and online catalogs; (3) general texts; (4) specialized titles; (5) personal accounts of experiences with dolphins; (6) handbooks; (7) bibliographies; (8) state-of-the-art reviews and conference proceedings; (9) government publications; (10) abstracting and indexing services that index relevant journal articles and other literature on dolphins; (11) journals that often contain relevant articles; (12) representative journal articles; (13) reports and other types of literature; (14) selected technical reports; (15) selected materials available in the Science Reading Room pamphlet boxes; and (16) additional sources of information.  
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BOTTLENOSED DOLPHINS (Relevant)  
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MARINE MAMMALS (More general)

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See: Dolphins

Biological & Agricultural Index (1916-) Z5073.A46\*  
See: Dolphins

General Science Index (1978-) Z7401.G46\*  
See: Dolphins and Porpoises

Magazine Index Available in several formats in LC  
See: Dolphins  
Bottlenosed Dolphins  
Killer Whale

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature (1900-) AI3.R48  
See: Dolphins  
Killer Whales

The following abstracting and indexing services, which should be used for more exhaustive searches, may be available only in large or specialized libraries.

Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. Part 1, Biological Sciences and Living Resources (1971-) QH90.A1A68\*  
See: Headings such as Delphinidae, Orcinus orca, etc. in Taxonomic Index

Biological Abstracts (1926-) QH301.B37\*  
See: Dolphin(s) and Killer Whale(s) in Subject Index  
Names of individual species in Generic Index

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Index Medicus (1960-) Z6660.I422\*

See: Dolphins

Oceanic Abstracts (1964-) GC1.O24\*

See: Marine Mammals in Subject Index  
Taxonomic names in Organism Index

Science Citation Index (1961-) Z7401.S365\*

See especially Permuterm Subject Index (1966-) for entries under keywords of interest

Wildlife Review (1935-) SK351.W58\*

See: Marine Mammals section  
Names of individual species in Systematic Index - Mammals

Zoological Record (1864-) Z7991.Z87\*

See section 19, Mammalia, for entries under Delphinidae in Systematic Index or under scientific name in Index to Genera

Online data bases may be available in some libraries. Data bases likely to be useful for topics related to dolphins include Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts, BIOSIS Previews, Life Sciences Collection, MEDLINE, NTIS, SCISEARCH, and Zoological Record Online.

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