

A Guide to California Pinnipeds



- Ear pinnae present
- beige and brown whiskers
- short fur



- fore flippers mostly hairless
- fur extends down onto flipper
- nails rudimentary



- hind flippers hairless
- nails present on middle 3 digits
- nails located 1/4 of the length of the flipper from the trailing edge
- able to bring hind flippers under the body



CA Sea Lion



- long ear pinnae present
- beige and brown whiskers
- long fur



- fore flippers hairless
- fur line stops at the top of the flipper, cutting straight across
- nails rudimentary



- hind flippers hairless
- nails present on middle 3 digits
- nails located 1/3 of the length of the flipper from the trailing edge
- able to bring hind flippers under the body



Northern Fur Seal



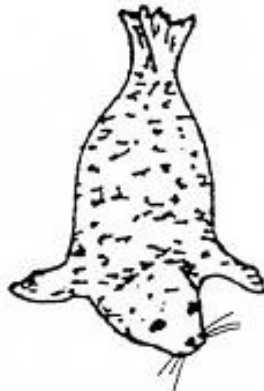
- no pinnae; ear hole visible
- white whiskers



- fore flippers haired
- nails present



- hind flippers haired
- nails present
- hind flippers always behind body



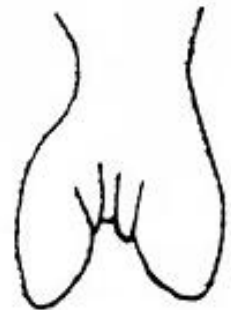
Harbor Seal



- no pinnae; ear hole not visible
- black whiskers



- fore flippers haired
- nails present
- first digit elongated



- hind flippers haired
- nails absent
- hind flippers always behind body



No. Elephant Seal