

Quote: inset: “*Basilosaurus* had a streamlined body and reduced hind limbs. These skeletal features suggest that *Basilosaurus* spent its entire life swimming in the ocean.”

Question: 1) Do whale fossil experts accept *Basilosaurus* as a whale ancestor? (No)

“The serpentine form of the body and peculiar, serrated cheek teeth made it plain that these archeocetes [*Basilosaurus*] **could not possibly** have been ancestral to any of the modern whales.”

*See:* Stahl, Barbara. *Vertebrate History: Problems in Evolution*, NY: Dover Pubs. Inc., 1985, p.489

“It was discovered recently that *Basilosaurus* retained small hind limbs, useless for locomotion, but perhaps useable as claspers during copulation.” *See* Allaby, M., 2014. *Dictionary of Zoology*, Oxford U. Press, p.66. Maybe they were designed as **claspers from the beginning?**

In its Article “15 Evolutionary Gems,” *Nature* summarizes the lack of definitive proof of whale evolution by resorting to the following conjecture: ( *See* Jan. 2009, doi:10.1038/Nature 07740) :

“This study demonstrates the existence of **potential transition forms** in the fossil record. Many other examples **could** have been highlighted, and **there is every reason to think** that many others **await discovery**, especially in groups that are well represented in the fossil record.” [*ie.*, The Link is still missing.]

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