

23.06.11 Whales



Locals are encouraged to keep an eye out for whales in the Kimberley during migration season.

Picture: Naturaliste Charters

Playful whales frolic after an early arrival

ARE you one of the lucky few who have spotted any of the 22,000 humpback whales as they frolic past Broome on their way to Camden Sound?

Or even better – have you caught them on camera?

While we shivered through a cold May in the Kimberley, the whales must now be enjoying slightly-warmer waters on their annual migration from the freezing waters of the Antarctic to calving grounds south of Broome and north to Camden Sound.

Annabelle Sandes of Kimberley Whale Watching said the whales' arrival in April was some six weeks earlier this year.

Last year they were seen around May 31.

Another major population of

whales, which migrate from the Antarctic up the east coast, have also been noticed to be moving earlier this year.

Snap and win

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