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Classroom Shark Comparison Cards

These printable comparison cards turn the site's strongest side-by-side shark questions into a classroom-friendly format. They work best as quick prompts for sorting shape, habitat, and standout cues before students move into the full guide pages.

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Start with a few durable sets

Hammerheads, filter-feeding sharks, coastal look-alikes, and flattened ambush sharks are enough for a useful first deck.

Use cards for sorting, not trivia

The cards are strongest when they focus on shape, habitat, and one or two standout clues instead of overstuffed fact lists.

Send readers back into the guide

Each card set should lead into a stronger comparison page, species profile, or worksheet rather than becoming a disconnected classroom extra.

At a glance

CARD SET	WHAT STUDENTS COMPARE	BEST FOLLOW-UP PAGE
Hammerheads	Bonnethead, scalloped hammerhead, and great hammerhead head shape and overall proportions	Hammerhead Species Comparison
Filter-feeding sharks	Whale shark, basking shark, and megamouth as a cluster	Filter-Feeding Sharks
Coastal pair 1	Blacktip versus spinner in nearshore water	Blacktip Shark vs Spinner Shark
Coastal pair 2	Bull versus lemon when body build and habitat overlap matter	Bull Shark vs Lemon Shark
Flattened bottom sharks	Angel sharks versus wobbegongs as a body-plan comparison	Angel Shark vs Wobbegong

How to use these cards

- Print one cluster at a time so the activity stays about observation and comparison instead of turning into a giant taxonomy dump.
- Pair the cards with the identification guide or the field notes template when you want students to explain why they sorted a shark a certain way.
- Keep the deck small enough that each card set still leads to one obvious next page instead of becoming a generic shark trivia stack.
- Keep the strongest follow-up pages nearby so the cards lead back into the guide instead of becoming disconnected worksheets.

Frequently asked questions

These quick answers keep the page practical and point readers toward the next useful guide page.

Is this a separate classroom product?

No. It is a printable extension of the main field guide, built from the same comparison pages and intended to send readers back into them.

Who are these cards for?

They work well for light classroom use, library tables, study groups, and quick marine-biology activities where students need a compact comparison prompt.

Should I use every card set at once?

Usually no. The cards work best when you print one or two strong clusters at a time so the follow-up pages stay obvious and the activity stays focused.

Does this page include a printable version?

Yes. The download link on the page provides a printable PDF version of the comparison-card set.

Useful next pages

Keep moving through the field guide with the pages that make this one more useful.

Comparison

Hammerhead Species Comparison

A natural cluster for the first card set.

Topic hub

Filter-Feeding Sharks

Another group that adapts well to cards.

Comparison

Blacktip Shark vs Spinner Shark

A clean coastal pair for quick side-by-side sorting.

Comparison

Bull Shark vs Lemon Shark

Another coastal pair that works well when students compare body build and habitat cues.

Comparison

Angel Shark vs Wobbegong

A flattened-body comparison that works well as a classroom prompt.

Worksheet

Shark Field Notes Template

A worksheet that pairs naturally with the comparison cards.

Keep the guide offline

Pocket Shark is built as an offline shark field guide for iPhone and iPad, so the same comparisons, glossary notes, and species context can stay with you away from a browser.

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An independent shark field guide focused on species reference, comparison, and educational context.

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