

# The Thresher Shark

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In the last couple hundred years more people have been killed by dogs than sharks. February 2008 was the last fatality. In the last 37 years there have been 15 fatalities and 1,113 total shark attacks in Hawaii. There are 3 kinds of Thresher sharks, Bigeye, Common and Pelagic. The common thresher is the largest species of thresher sharks. They live from the surface to 1,800ft deep.

The common thresher are common in coastal waters. Bigeye thresher sharks are found in Pacific warm waters. Pelagic thresher sharks like the open ocean no deeper than 500 meters. They are all found in tropical and temperate oceans of the world.

They eat Pelagic schooling fish ( bluefish, juvenile tuna, and tuna), squid, cuttlefish, and primary food items of the thresher shark. They catch their prey by stinging them by hitting the prey with it's tail really hard!

Do thresher sharks camouflage? Yes they do! They have dark skin on the top of their body so if you are looking down it looks like the ocean but, when they look up the skin is white so it looks like the surface.