

What animals did passengers see whilst travelling on SS Great Britain?



Look at the diaries of passengers who travelled on board the SS Great Britain. Draw lines to match the animal they are describing to the picture.

Allan Gilmore's Diary

Wednesday 6 Oct 1852 - Saw a number of fish floating past tonight, but which in the darkness appeared like sparks of fire. I however asked one of the sailors what they were & was told they were Portuguese Men of War [a type of jellyfish].

Samuel Archer's Diary

Friday 13 March 1857 – This afternoon we saw an albatross for the first time. It is certainly a very fine bird but did not appear to large as I expected it would have done though some of the passengers who had been out before said it was probably ten or eleven feet from tip to tip. In colour it was brown though the underside of the wings and body was white.

Samuel Archer's Diary

Thursday 18 March 1857 – I heard while there that there was a shark about, so went on deck and saw he was a fine fellow I should say about fourteen feet in length.

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Wednesday 21 October 1857 –we saw a large black creature walking along the bottom of the sea which we supposed was a turtle.

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Wednesday 12 November 1857– a little before dinner saw a small school of sperm whales some of them of considerable size. ... The head was somewhat square and there was large protuberance on it.

