



Wet and Wild



2022, Week 1 – Answers Welcoming Visitors to Our Wet & Wild

Congratulations on participating in our biggest Wet and Wild competition EVER!

Thanks for getting the entries in on time.

Don't forget to read the clues very carefully and put the answers in numerical order.

We will be a bit tougher next week marking the common names. Answering, for example 'whale' won't be enough.

Humpback Whale *Megaptera novaeangliae* (also accepted 11.)

- 2. I have distinctive knobbly protuberances on my head and long flippers.
- 9. My name comes from the hump under my dorsal fin.
- 10. I live in all oceans of the world and I can grow to 16m.
- 14. I migrate 25 000 km per year between cold water and warmer water for calving.
- 18. I was nearly extinct due to hunting.
- 24. I am the totem of the Darkinjung People of the Central Coast of NSW.

Wandering Albatross *Diomedea exulans* (accepted others including Black-browed, Shy and White-capped) (also 18)

- 1. I visit Australian waters between June and September.
- 4. From a distance I look white but have some fine black lines and black wings.
- 11. I can take nine years to reach maturity.
- 13. I roam the southern oceans.
- 19. I spend most of my time flying.
- 23. I usually only land to breed and feed.

Estuarine or Saltwater Crocodile *Crocodylus porosus* (also 18)

- 3. I live in the Australian tropics usually in salt or brackish water.
- 6. I can grow up to 7 meters in length and weigh over 1,000kg.
- 12. I am a territorial, apex predator.
- 15. The temperature of my nest determines if I am male or female.
- 17. I was hunted for my skin to make into leather but am now a protected animal.
- 22. I hold the record for the highest bite force ever recorded in any animal.

Grey or White Mangrove *Avicennia marina*

- 5. I have aerial roots that grow like pencils above the wet soil to enable me to breathe.
- 7. My seeds germinate while still attached to the tree.
- 8. I grow in every mainland state of Australia and other parts of the world.
- 16. My seed pod can float in water for a long time so I can grow in new areas.
- 20. I provide habitats for waterbirds and the babies of lots of estuarine species.
- 21. I grow in salty or brackish water and protect the shores against erosion.