



Wet and Wild



2022, Week 2 - Clues

Welcoming Visitors to Our Wet & Wild

1. I am found from the coast of NSW, Victoria, Tasmania to South Australia.
2. I am often washed ashore on the beach by winds and tides.
3. I was hunted for my dense coat of woolly underfur and long, outer hairs that keep me warm.
4. I breathe air like my terrestrial relatives.
5. I have a gas-filled float that keeps me buoyant.
6. I am the largest of this type of species.
7. I am a quite large mottled brown wader.
8. My tail is barred with brown.
9. I have scales on my body. The upper half is black and the under half is yellow.
10. I arrive in Australia in August from the northern hemisphere.
11. My sting is painful and the person's body part should be treated in hot water at 45°C for 20 minutes.
12. I breed on rocks in Bass Strait between October and January.
13. I can spend up to 2 hours underwater before I need to come to the surface to breathe.
14. I have a paddle shaped tail to help me swim.
15. I probe my long, upturned bill into exposed mud to find food in coastal areas.
16. I am mainly blue and I use my tentacles to paralyse my prey.
17. My new born pups are almost black on the back and grey on the belly.
18. Each 'animal' is actually a colony that depends on each other.
19. I'm the world record holder for non-stop flight: travelling 11,000km in 8 days straight.
20. I am venomous and I have a forked tongue.
21. I breed in Northern Asia and Alaska.
22. Armadas of these organisms can be found in marine waters in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
23. I can grow to weigh 350kgs and am a very agile swimmer.
24. I shed my skin every two to six weeks, which is more frequently than those on land.