



Wet and Wild



2022, Week 3 - Clues

Welcoming Visitors to Our Wet & Wild

1. I am eaten by Aboriginal people and am popular in Japan.
2. I have partially webbed feet with claws, orange legs and white underbelly.
3. Flat transparent leaf shaped larva then grows to an 'elver' and travel into freshwater streams as a juvenile.
4. I occur in tropical and subtropical waters around the world feeding on seagrass meadows.
5. I live in lakes, wetlands and dams for a very long time, and I like to hide in the mud.
6. I'm a large, grey mammal which spends their entire live in the sea.
7. I feed in seaweed and sea grass pastures in tropical waters. Although juveniles are carnivorous.
8. I get my common name from the colour of my fat rather than my body and my shell is olive to black.
9. I have a black head and neck, with a knob on the top of my head and a strong hooked bill.
10. Up to 3 m long, and 400 kg, only large sharks, saltwater crocodiles, and killer whales are a danger to me.
11. As an adult, I am about 1m long and can live for 80 years.
12. I have a long thin body, over 1meter long and have a shorter fin than similar species.
13. I swim by moving my broad whale-like tail up and down, and two flippers.
14. I gather in large flocks after the wet season and build floating nests.
15. I can leave water and I can travel overland in damp conditions.
16. Declining numbers due to pollution, illegal fishing and tangled in nets and foxes and dogs eating my eggs.
17. I'm often considered as the inspiration for mermaids!
18. I like to graze in flooded pastures and aquatic vegetation around water.
19. I migrate thousands of kilometres from freshwater to saltwater to a spawning ground in the Coral Sea.
20. I am widespread throughout coastal northern and eastern Australia and wetland areas.
21. I visit coastal shores to return to my birthplace to dig a hole to lay my 100 eggs.
22. I give birth to a single calf every 3 to 7 years. The calf stays with its mother, drinking milk for 2 years.
23. I am still hunted for my meat and feathers. My eggs are very nutritious and considered a delicacy.
24. I have been known to travel more than 2,600 km between feeding grounds and nesting beaches.