 

**Wet and Wild**

**2022, Week 4 - Clues**

**Welcoming Visitors to Our Wet & Wild**

1. I am the only living member of my family.

2. I am an insect and an important food source for animals.

3. I can travel over 1500kms during my very short lifespan of 1 year.

4. I am the largest wader that visits Australia.

5. I have a long down-curved bill, about 185mm long and brown streaky feathers.

6. I have a broad rounded head that is extremely mobile and usually has a visible neck crease.

7. I have a u-shaped blowhole that is open to the front and I’m related to Orca.

8. I’m around 2.30 m and 2.70 m long and weigh up to 130kg.

9. My call is a mournful ‘Cuuuurrlew’.

10. I am the largest fish.

11. I swim near the surface.

12. I migrate south to spend summer in cool rock crevices of the Australian Alps and move north to breed in autumn.

13. I am wary and quick to fly away.

14. I live in schools that vary in size from one to 15 animals.

15. I live in Australian coastal waters around Qld, NT and WA.

16. I have a narrow but wide mouth extending the full width of my head.

17. Ngunnawal People roast then use pebbles to grind into a paste; they even have a festival for me.

18. I have a wingspan of 50mm with 2 light spots on my wings.

19. Even though I am large, I am a filter feeder and eat small fish, crustaceans, sardines and anchovies.

20. I visit all shores of Australia and breed in Russia and China.

21. I am covered with lines and spots which camouflage me

22. Brown on the top, lighter brown along the sides, and a white belly with a small, ‘snubby’ dorsal fin.

23. I am seen in Japan, Korea and Burma as I travel between the northern and southern hemispheres.

24. I fly and feed on flowering gums at night and descend at first light to rest.

