



# Wet and Wild



## 2024, Week 3 – Clues Suburban Superstars in the Wet and Wild

1. I lay my eggs in a shallow nest scrape of vegetation, and both adults share parenting duties.
2. I have greyish-brown fur, 6cm – 15cm long and my tail is about the same as my body.
3. We are marsupials but people often mistaken my Genus for a mouse. Some species are listed as endangered hunted by cats.
4. I am found in parks and large gardens, not usually in suburban backyards.
5. I am originally from SE Queensland but have been planted widely and can live for over 600 years.
6. I am often mistaken for an earthworm and can grow up to 75 cm in length.
7. My most common call, a harsh 'kwee-aarr', can often be heard when I'm pestering for food scraps.
8. I am common all over Australia but especially near the coast, and my diet should include fish, insects and crustaceans.
9. I have large thin ears which are crinkly with a notch in the margin. My head is long and pointed.
10. I have heavy, spikey, football shaped nuts and could be Australia's most dangerous plant!
11. I am mostly nocturnal, sleep during the day in large communal nests in tree hollows or ground logs.
12. I have a white head, tail and underparts, with a light grey back and black-tipped wings.
13. My seeds when cooked are good bush tucker. Eaten by cockatoos, possums and wallabies.
14. I am pink or grey and have smooth scales around my body that allow me to burrow into the soil.
15. I have a forked tongue I use to hunt for ants and termites.
16. I am very tall, growing up to 50 m in height and my seeds are between 2.5 to 5 cm in length.
17. Because of human food waste, my population has increased, but I outcompete other species for nest space.
18. I eat insects, spiders, centipedes, small lizards and live mainly in eastern coast of Australia.
19. My eyes are small dark spots under my scales and I do not see.
20. My body is uniform in thickness and my mouth is below the tip of my snout.
21. My leaves are small and rigid with a sharp tip that can penetrate skin.
22. Adults range from 40-45 cm in size and my bill, legs and eye-ring are bright orange-red.
23. Males live for about 11 months, breeding for 2 weeks in winter, after which they die.
24. There are 46 species in my genus. The most commonly seen species in the eastern states is?