



# Wet and Wild



## Traditional uses of the Wet & Wild

### 2017, Session 1, Week 3 – Clues

*Solve 24 clues each week and discover the four organisms they belong to.*

1. Found in rivers, streams and billabongs in north and eastern Australia.
2. I am a mammal which lives part of my life in fresh water.
3. I am nocturnal and spend most of the day in creek-bank burrows.
4. I have partially webbed feet.
5. I can be found mostly in coastal parts of eastern Australia.
6. I can be eaten raw, boiled or roasted on hot ashes.
7. I live buried in sand and around woody debris or rocks.
8. I have a strong hooked bill.
9. I have partially webbed hind paws.
10. A ground running creeper with fleshy leaves.
11. I use my long, broad, furry tail with a white tip as a rudder.
12. I filter the water and very sensitive to pollution in the environment.
13. I gather in large flocks after the wet season and build floating nests.
14. I have pink / purple flowers and purple fruit.
15. I like to graze in flooded pastures.
16. I am a food for freshwater mammals.
17. I was traditionally eaten and my skins used.
18. The change to my Aboriginal name from the Murray Darling Basin area was intended to foster a positive public attitude.
19. I can be eaten raw or boiled but taste salty.
20. I eat grass seeds and the bulbs of rushes and sedges.
21. Used to put on sand-fly bites or make a poultice of crushed leaves to apply to burns and cuts.
22. Middens often contain large numbers of my shells.
23. I am a 'pioneer' and stabilize the sand from erosion.
24. I am still hunted for my meat and feathers. My eggs are very nutritious and considered a delicacy.