



World Albatross Day multiple choice quiz

Please select the right answer to each question from the choices provided.

1. The oldest known wild bird in the world is a 69-year old Laysan Albatross on Midway Atoll, but what is her name?
 - a) Wisdom
 - b) Truth
 - c) Happiness
 - d) Joy
2. Albatrosses can fly farther than any other bird without returning to land, but how far do you think they can fly?
 - a) 6,000 kilometres
 - b) 10,000 kilometres
 - c) 16,000 kilometres
 - d) 20,000 kilometres
3. What kind of soaring helps make albatrosses almost effortless in flight? Hint: more than one answer may be right
 - a) dynamic soaring
 - b) cloud soaring
 - c) slope soaring
 - d) wave soaring
4. The Wandering Albatross has the largest wingspan of any bird species, but how big is this?
 - a) 1 metre across
 - b) 2 metres across
 - c) 3 metres across
 - d) over 3 metres across
5. Which of these does not ordinarily form part of the diet of an albatross?
 - a) squid
 - b) fish
 - c) sea cucumbers
 - d) crustaceans

6. Which of these plastics have been ingested by albatrosses?
 - a) rubber balloons
 - b) plastic drink bottles
 - c) plastic toys
 - d) all of the above

7. Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote a famous poem about a mariner who killed a harmless albatross and had the dead albatross hung about his neck. What is the original title of the poem?
 - a) The Rime Of The Ancyent Marinere
 - b) The Rhyme Of The Ancient Mariner
 - c) The Rime Of The Ancient Mariner
 - d) The Rhyme Of The Ancyent Marinere

8. Albatrosses have been hunted in the past for which of the following?
 - a) feathers
 - b) food
 - c) sport
 - d) all of the above

9. Which of the following threaten albatrosses at sea and/or on land?
 - a) longline and trawl fishing
 - b) introduced plant and animal pests
 - c) collisions with man-made structures
 - d) storm surges
 - e) all of the above.

10. What can we do to address threats to albatrosses?
 - a) eliminate or minimise bycatch at sea
 - b) protect breeding habitats
 - c) remove pest plant and animal species from breeding sites
 - d) combat climate change
 - e) all of the above

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Answers: 1. (a), 2. (c), 3. (a) & (c), 4. (d), 5. (c), 6. (d), 7. (a), 8. (d), 9. (e), 10. (e).