



## 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).