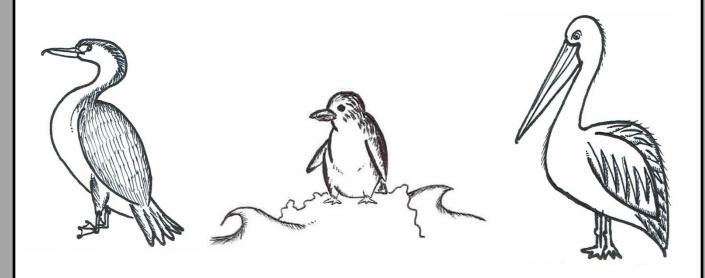


#### **Years 4-6 Worksheet**

Visit the Discovery Centre and read the informational signs around the island to help you find the answers to this worksheet





#### Make your own quiz!

As you explore the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park and Penguin Island, collect 5 fun facts that can be used in your classroom as a 'Penguin Island' quiz.

Question 1:		
Answer:		
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## Throughout your day today, can you find these animals?

Animal	Name	How many did you see?	Do I have fins? How many?	Do I have a tail?	Do I have legs? How many?	Do I have wings?				
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All animals have certain features which help them to survive, known as adaptations. Have a look at the Little Penguins and answer the following questions:

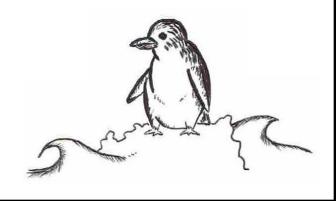
What have penguins wings evolved into?

How do waterproof feathers help penguins?

List as many things as you can that may harm Little Penguins in the ocean:



# Draw a diagram of a Little Penguins life cycle:





## Read the following paragraph about the Little Penguin and answer the questions below.

The Little Penguin is the smallest of the 17 penguin species and is the only one that nests along Australia's mainland coast. These flightless seabirds are greatly adapted to the marine environment. Their wings have evolved into flippers with which they propel themselves, 'flying' underwater. On land they stand upright, walking or waddling awkwardly on their hind legs. Little Penguins have a life expectancy of 6 or 7 years, although some survive for 20 years. The Little Penguin occurs along the southern coast of Australia from Fremantle to northern New South Wales. Originally, Little Penguins were fairly common on the Australian mainland, but these days their colonies are generally restricted to offshore islands. Penguin Island, which is surrounded by the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park, is one of the most northern places this species is found. Penguin Island also has the largest known breeding colony in Western Australia, with an estimated 1200 Little Penguins and 500 to 700 breeding pairs. Little Penguins are difficult to see in the water and spend 90% of their time in the top 2 metres of the water column. They are often victims of boat strikes so make sure you 'go slow for those below' when boating in the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park.

help them in the water?
Why do you think Little Penguin colonies are generally restricted to offshore islands?
Other than boat strikes, what other causes in the ocean could harm a Little Penguin?



Seagrass is the basis of this marine environment. Name 3 reasons why seagrass is important for the marine park:

Why do you think there are no rubbish bins on Penguin Island?





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