



A Brief Guide to the Creatures and Plants of Western Port Bay



Welcome to Western Port Bay!

Vera Möller: *A Thousand Tides*
has become a temporary home to
some of Western Port's unusual plants
and creatures.

Use this field guide as you explore
A Thousand Tides to learn a little
bit about these fascinating plants
and creatures!



Western Port Bay

Location:



Cannons Creek

Blind Bight

Tooradin

Warneet

French Island
National Park

Flinders

Phillip Island

Rhyll

Legend:

— Ramsar Boundry

● Wetlands



Name:

Nudibranch

Did you know:

Nudibranchs are also known as underwater butterflies. This is due to their vibrant colour.



Name:

Dumpling Squid

(also known as Southern Bobtail squid)

Did you know:

During the day, the Dumpling Squid will bury itself in the sea floor, using a pair of arms to cover its body with sand.



Name:

Sea Lettuce

Did you know:

Sea lettuce is a type of seaweed. It has bright green ruffled fronds that look similar to the lettuce we eat in a salad!



Name:

Neptune's Necklace

Did you know:

Neptune's Necklace is an important habitat for some invertebrates that live in mudflats, salt marshes and mangroves.



Name:

Sea Anemone

Did you know:

Some sea anemone have stinging capsules in their tentacles which they use to protect themselves from predators.



Name:

Green Seaweed
(also known as Dead Man's Fingers)

Did you know:

Green seaweed has a soft but firm texture that feels like velvet. It is also a favourite snack of the Nudibranch!



Name:

Painted Lady (also known as Pheasant Shell)

Did you know:

The Painted Lady is one of the most beautiful shells in the southern parts of Australia. It can be found amongst seaweeds and seagrasses.



Name:

Weedy Seadragon
(also known as Common Seadragon)

Did you know:

The Weedy Seadragon is related to the seahorse; it can be found in some seagrasses and rocky reefs.



Name:

Nudibranch

Did you know:

Nudibranchs have a very short life span. Some live for up to a year, while others will live for only a few weeks.

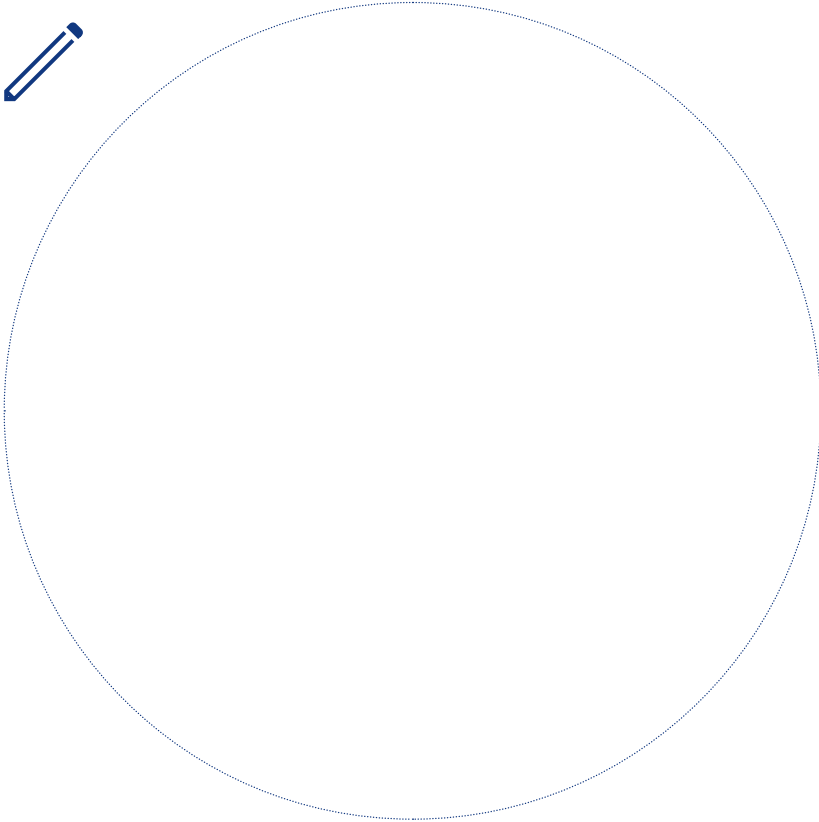


Name:

Sea Star

Did you know:

Some sea stars can regrow an arm if it is bitten off by a predator.



Now it's your turn to add your own creature to this collection of critters. Maybe you'd like to include a fun fact about your creature too!

Name of your creature:

Did you know:
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