

Nature Quiz for Multicultural Richmond



1. Which bird is the international symbol of happiness?

- a. Peacock
- b. Albatross
- c. Bluebird

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The symbol of a bluebird as the harbinger of happiness is found in many cultures including Chinese, First Nation Americans and Russia. The symbol may date back thousands of years.

Despite an absence of real blue birds on the white cliffs of Dover the popular song used the imagery to life the spirits in 1942.



2. Where is this?

a. Richmond Park

b. Bushy Park

c. Hyde Park



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The Diana Fountain is a bronze statue of goddess Diana on a marble and stone fountain and at the junction of Chestnut and Lime Avenues.

It was designed 1637 King Charles I for his wife Henrietta Maria, and cost £200. The fountain was restored in 2009 as part of the Bushy Park Restoration Project.

3. What lives in an apiary?

a. Monkeys

b. Birds

c. Bees



Bees

An apiary is a location where the beehives of honey bees are kept.

Apiaries come in many sizes and can be rural or urban. Apiaries were used in ancient Egypt and were constructed from moulded mud. Throughout history apiaries and bees have been kept for honey and pollination of crops. I saw this one in Malta in January and it was built by the ancient Romans.



4. What is the name given to an island in the Thames?

- a. Ait
- b. Eeyore
- c. Farne Islands



a. Ait

Pronounced like eight and sometimes called an eyot. It is a river island found on the River Thames and its tributaries. An ait is characteristically long and narrow and formed initially from river deposits. This one is Glovers Island seen from Richmond Hill. Can you name any others?

5. What fruit does this tree have in autumn?

a. Apples

b. Acorns

c. Blackberries



b. Acorns

After falling in autumn, acorns can produce a new oak sapling the following spring. But most acorns don't get the chance as they are a rich food source for wildlife including jays, mice, badgers and squirrels. The majority tend to be munched before they can germinate.

Humans can eat acorns too, but they need to be processed to get rid of the tannins first – they can be made into flour for bread, pancakes, pastries, cookies and even pasta. Useful when there is none in the shops!

6. Where might you spot deer in the borough?

- a. Marble Hill Park
- b. Kew Gardens
- c. Along the Thames
- d. The Royal Parks



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7. Which of these birds are not originally native to UK?

- a. Green Parakeet
- b. Magpie
- c. Robin
- d. Sparrow



- a. Green Parakeet

8. Where can you find the Isabella Plantation?

- a. Bushy Park
- b. Marble Hill Park
- c. Ham Common
- d. Richmond Park

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9. The world's largest glasshouse is in Kew Gardens.

What is its name?

a. Palm House

b. Princess of Wales Conservatory

c. The Temperate House

c. The orangery

c. The Temperate House



10. This flower is a symbol of remembrance and hope.

a. Forget me not

b. Lily

c. Rose

d. Poppy

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