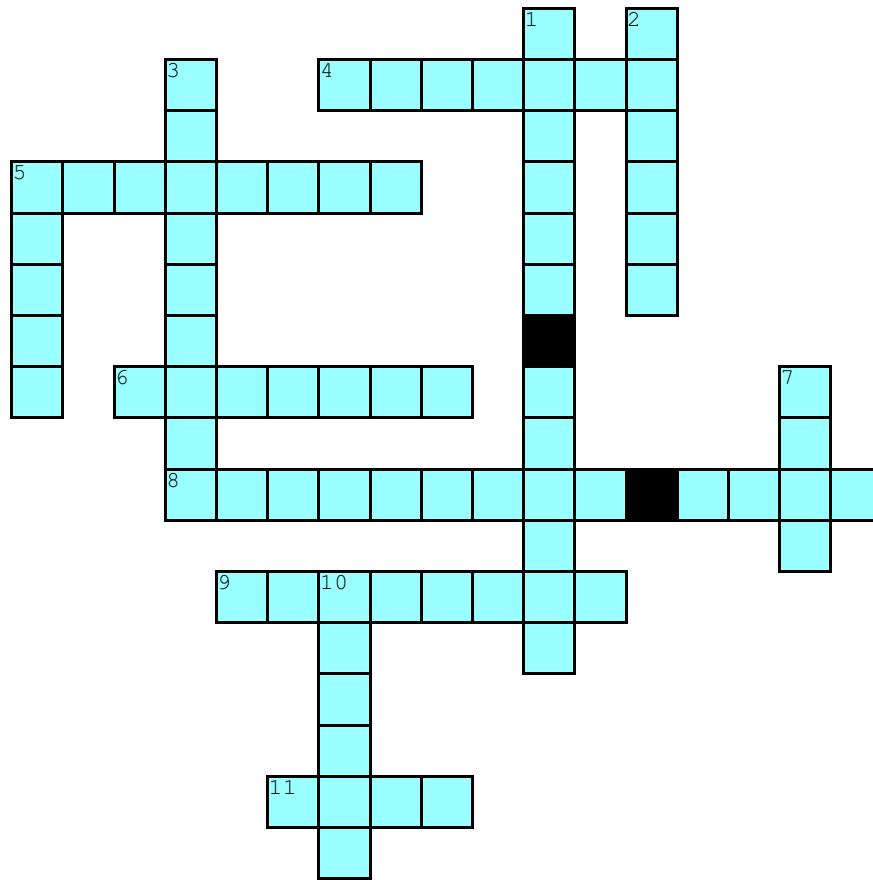


Critter Crossword

Complete the crossword below. All of the critters live in the Peconic Estuary!



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|-------|----------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|------|---------|
| squid | jellyfish | piping plover | hermit | alewife | osprey | flounder | seal | fiddler |
| clam | horseshoe crab | scallops | | | | | | |

Across

4. This fish uses the Peconic River to move from saltwater to freshwater in the spring.
5. These shellfish have hundreds of beautiful blue eyes on the edge of their shell.
6. This crab is known for having one large claw.
8. Birds and other marine life feed on the eggs of this ancient critter.
9. This fish is flat, lives on the bottom of the sea floor and has both eyes on one side of it's face.
11. This marine mammal can be seen lounging on rocks in Montauk most often during winter.

Down

1. You may see an area on the beach blocked off to protect this bird's nests.
2. This crab has a soft body and will use snail shells to protect itself.
3. This 'fish' isn't actually a fish at all and if you touch it you might get stung.
5. This soft-bodied animal has tentacles but is smaller than an octopus.
7. This shellfish will use it's 'foot' to bury under the sand.
10. You might find this bird perched high up in nests on specially made platforms.

Mixed-Up Marine Terms

Unscramble the words below.



1. bya

2. athatib

3. cbeha

4. lpntioluo

5. eseweda

6. wavse

7. eruysa

8. tsoac

9. isfh

10. sdeit

11. mninvroenet

12. eoinrso

13. weart

14. mieran

15. yotssmeec

16. ndas

17. resoh

Peconic Estuary Match Game

Write the letter of the correct match next to each description.

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| 1. | Seahorses | a. Marine organisms that live in saltwater but use freshwater to spawn are called_____. |
| 2. | Brackish | b. This seagrass provides a habitat for many animals and is always underwater. |
| 3. | Native | c. These can reduce flooding, replenish groundwater and provide a habitat for bees, birds and butterflies. |
| 4. | Anadromous | d. This marine species is not harmful to people, has blue blood and has been around since before the dinosaurs. |
| 5. | Saltmarsh | e. These plants are naturally adapted to their climate and require little maintenance. |
| 6. | Phytoplankton | f. In an estuary the water is a mixture of salt and freshwater called_____ |
| 7. | Rain gardens | g. In this marine species, males give birth to the offspring instead of females. |
| 8. | Horseshoe Crab | h. This wetland can help to reduce flooding and erosion from storms. |
| 9. | Eelgrass | i. Microscopic algae are responsible for algal blooms, which can harm marine life. |
| 10. | Stormwater | j. This can carry with it plastic, oil and other pollution to the waterways harming marine life and pollute the water. |



Watershed Word Search

Find all of the words below in the puzzle, some may be backwards or diagonal. All words are sub-watersheds of the Peconic Estuary.

V S G L A K E M O N T A U K A X I J O C
 T W L D R V F M P L S W I F Q S B I A A
 A A C U K C D M D Y U F C F G G M R Y X
 R A W L W M N Q C I N O C E P T A E R G
 O V X K R O B R A H C A N O B A C C A H
 B J J G L U M C I N O C E P E L T T I L
 R A F M E E T I N G H O U S E C R E E K
 A D N O P K C U M O M A H S A H V L H D
 H Y N D D D E Y Y H S V K O Y J W Q W L
 E A A U E U Q E A A Y A B K C A Y O N K
 L B P V R I C R R B B I F J V P T I D E
 I D E L I W W F E C K S E I W K D B C E
 M L A O N V S Y H E D C R U L X C R S R
 E O G C G P F E P Z V N E E Y T F C R C
 E H U J H C X Q L Q F E O N D L L U H E
 R T E Q A D K W L H A I S M T N A G J S
 H U Q A R C U X M R C O H B H S A A A O
 T O I M B L Z H H Z Y N C J A C E L D O
 W S T W O I R H R T D M X S L Y I W F G
 Y N K F R E N U B B D L T I S P I R C L

Hashamomuck Pond
 Great Peconic
 Southold Bay
 Lake Montauk
 Meetinghouse Creek
 Dering Harbor

West Neck Bay
 Little Peconic
 Three Mile Harbor
 Reeves Bay
 Goose Creek

Flanders Bay
 Noyack Bay
 Napeague
 Accabonac Harbor
 Richmond Creek

