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Seabird Quiz 2

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24   37   41

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2) When a young guillemot fledges, which parent looks after them for the next two or three weeks?

Male   Female

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3) What is the name for a juvenile kittiwake?

Tarrock   Puffling

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4) Why do herring gulls have a red spot on their long yellow beaks?

To help their chicks beg for food efficiently

To attract a mate

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5) What percentage of the UK population of kittiwakes nests on Flamborough Head?

1%   10%   20%   60%

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6) A shag's dives usually last been 20 and 45seconds, how long do you think it takes them to recover between each dive?

5 secs   15 secs   30 secs

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7) At what age do fulmars reach maturity?

5   10   20

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8) How many eggs does a female razorbill produce each year?

1   2   3

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9) What mating system do gannets follow?

One mate for life (monogamy)

Male mates with several females (polgyny)

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10) Of the six million pairs of puffins in the world, how many nest in Europe?

20%   50%   70%   90%

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Seabird Quiz 2 Answers

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3) What is the name for a juvenile kittiwake? (Answer: Tarrock)

4) Why do herring gulls have a red spot on their long yellow beaks? (Answer: To help their chicks beg for food more efficiently)

5) What percentage of the UK population of kittiwakes nests on Flamborough Head? (Answer: 10%)

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7) At what age do fulmars reach maturity? (Answer: 10 years)

8) How many eggs does a female razorbill produce each year? (Answer: 1)

9) What mating system do gannets follow? (Answer: one mate for life – monogamous)

10) Of the six million pairs of puffins in the world, how many nest in Europe? (Answer: 90%)

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