

WORD SEARCH

Hey budding birdwatchers! You're in for a treat, as El Nido boasts of 110 species of birds, 16 of which are found only in Palawan. See if you can find some of the most commonly seen birds in the WORD SEARCH below. The names are found horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and backwards. Afterwards, you can bring this activity sheet during your activities to serve as a guide.

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hornbill pigeon				sea eagle tern			kingfisher drongo			crow cattle egret			

Did you know that the humble balinsasayaw gave El Nido its name? The balinsasayaw or edible nest swiftlet (Collocalia fuciphaga) makes its nest using its saliva. These same nests are used by the Chinese to make bird's nest soup. "Nido" is Spanish for "nest".

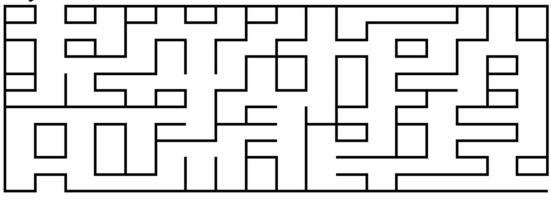


Did you know that...

- the eastern reef egret has two color forms? Some are slate gray while others are white. The two color forms interbreed and both dark and white chicks can be found in the same brood.
- the male Palawan hornbill locks his mate in the nest hole while she sits on the eggs? The entrance to the nest hole is sealed with feces, bark, and dirt, leaving only a slit where the female is fed.
- white-bellied sea eagles find it hard to take off if they land on the water's surface? They catch fish by snatching them from the surface.



Help Bernie the Balinsasayaw find his way home! Steer him through the dark cave so he gets to his nest safely.



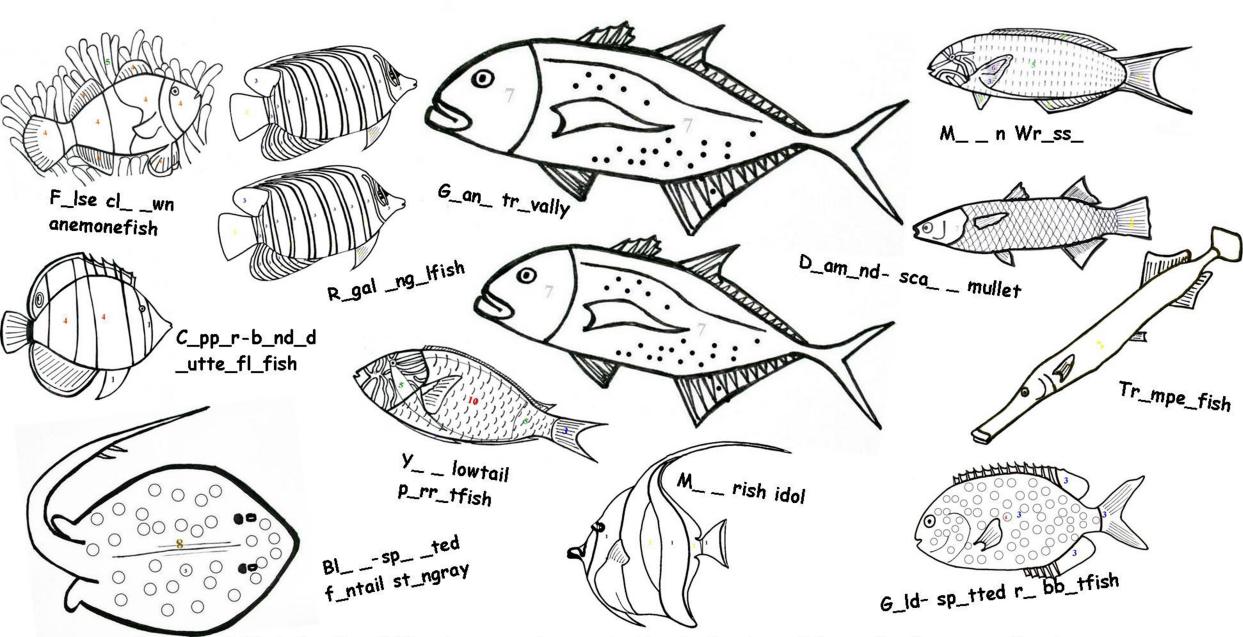




Miniloc Island's Underwater Treasure



Who says treasure comes only in gold? We at El Nido Resorts know that it comes in different colors too! Bring to life the fishes found in Miniloc House Reef by coloring them accordingly. See if you can identify all of them by filling in the blanks to complete their names!

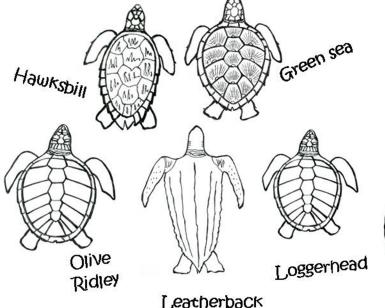


Color Code: 1-black, 2-yellow, 3-blue, 4- orange, 5-green, 6-violet, 7-silver/gray, 8-brown, 9-yellow green, 10-red orange

Word Hunt

There's more to El Nido's treasure!
Swimming among the 694 fishes of
El Nido are five species of endangered
sea turtles. See if you can find them in
the word search below.

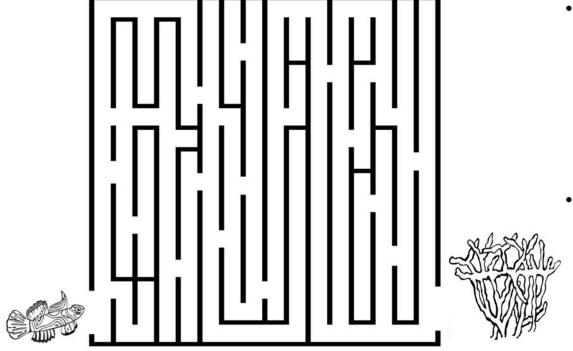
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Recently found in El Nido!

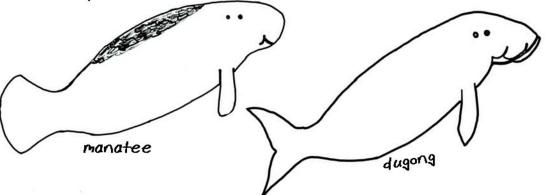
One of the most fascinating but elusive fish is the Mandarin fish. The best time to look for them is at sunset, when they usually find a partner and mate.

Help Mandy the Mandarin fish find her way to the coral rubble of Pinagbuyutan Island in El Nido, where pairs of her kind have been spotted recently by El Nido divers.



A DUGONG OR A MANATEE?

The dugong (seacow) and the manatee are marine mammals commonly mistaken to be the same, but they have enough differences to distinguish one from another. Check out the drawings below and see what these differences are!



Did you know that?

- A giant trevally can grow up to
 1.7 m long and can weigh more than 53 kilos!
- Parrotfishes feed by scraping off algae from dead coral. They have special teeth in the throat for grinding coral swallowed accidentally. In one year, a parrotfish can convert as much as 5 tons of coral to sand!
- When courting a female, the male angelfish swims backwards and forwards and shakes his whole body.

*Dugongs and manatees also differ in habitat. Dugongs are strictly marine animals whereas manatees are also found in brackish and freshwater. They also differ in distribution; the dugong is found in the Philippines while the manatee is not.

A Dugong or a Manatee?

Miniloc Island's Underwater Treasure False clown anemonefish, Regal angelfish, Giant trevally, Moon wrasse, Copperbanded butterflyfish, Yellowtail parrotfish, Diamond-scale mullet, Trumpetfish, Blue-spotted fantail stingray, Moorish idol, Gold-spotted rabbittish

Answers