

ANIMAL OR PLANT?

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In the same vein as Tristan Miller's 'Ichthyornithonymy' in the August *Word Ways*, your challenge is to identify whether the bold type names in the following list of palindromes belong to the Animal or Plant kingdom. Animals in this quiz comprise mammals, birds, a reptile and a marine invertebrate, and plants include trees, shrubs, flowers and a grass. There are twelve animals, thirteen plants and one that is derived from both. (See 'Answers and solutions' for the right classifications.)

- A: **karaka**
- B: a boab (**baobab**)
- C: a **bobac**
- D: a **cycad**
- E: itsy **tystie**
- F: fur do, O **woodruff!**
- G: not ule - **jelutong**
- H: a look at a **koolah**
- I: an **unai**
- J: neb o' **benj**
- K: cod-dip **piddock**
- L: law test - **setwall**
- M: ungilt **lignum**
- N: Apia **taipan**
- O: **bonobo**
- P: a pine **genipap**
- Q: aim, **umiaq**
- R: I pat a **tapir**
- S: Sam, a **camass!**
- T: rot, Sibyl, ply **bistort**
- U: Yuk! I knot on **kikuyu**
- V: allow **ollav**
- W: ah, snore, **heronshaw**
- X: an apt **panax**
- Y: rat or **otary?**
- Z: tipsy **spitz**