



Find all you need to know about legally fishing for whitebait in NZ at: www.doc.govt.nz/whitebaiting

- You must always stay within 10 m of your net, and if you stop fishing or want to go away from your net for any reason you must take it out of the water.
- A minimum distance of 20 m between fixed fishing gear must be maintained at all times (except when used from stands). There is no minimum distance between scoop or drag nets.
- When whitebait fishing using a net or screens, do not block off more than 1/4 the width of the waterway.
- You cannot fish within 20 m of structures including a tide/flood gate, confluence, culvert, weir, groyne, outfall structure, unlawful diversion. You cannot fish from any bridge or boat.
- Only juveniles (whitebait life cycle stage) are allowed to be fished.



Challenge your friends & family by timing yourselves to see who can find all the whitebait words the fastest!

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<input type="checkbox"/> spawning																
<input type="checkbox"/> whitebait																

Answers are on the back page. No cheating!

Have a go at our Whitebait Wordfind Challenge!

Tick off the words on the left as you find them in the grid. Words are running from top to bottom or left to right → in the grid

inanga
Lives for 1 yr / Can grow to 190 mm
threatened - nationally vulnerable

shortjaw kōkopu
Lives for 15+ yrs / Can grow to 370 mm
threatened - nationally vulnerable

koaro
Lives for 15+ yrs / Can grow to 290 mm
at risk - declining

banded kōkopu
Lives for 15+ yrs / Can grow to 260 mm
at risk - naturally uncommon

giant kōkopu
Lives for 20+ yrs / Can grow to 580 mm
at risk - declining

Whitebait are unique fish – the ones in this resource lay their eggs on the riverbank at the very highest water level of the river. Each has their own spawning habitat (we call it ‘the Love Zone’), which requires a delicate balance of a number of factors. These are just some of the factors that need to align for successful whitebait spawning...

the Love Zone!

Download a copy of our full ‘Love NZ Whitebait Activity Book’ by scanning the QR code, or go to...

www.whitebaitconnection.co.nz/what-we-do/education

Answers to the Whitebait Wordfind Challenge:

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z	r	e	y	i	r	j	u	v	e	n	i	l	e	k	
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National Whitebait Spawning Education Programme from **whitebait Connection** Xstream about freshwater life

Activities & whitebaiting rules inside

Inside you'll find some interesting facts & fun activities about 5 NZ whitebait species and their lives. If you enjoy these, there's more in our online activity book - access via the link on the back page.

There's also important reminders about how to legally fish for whitebait in NZ.



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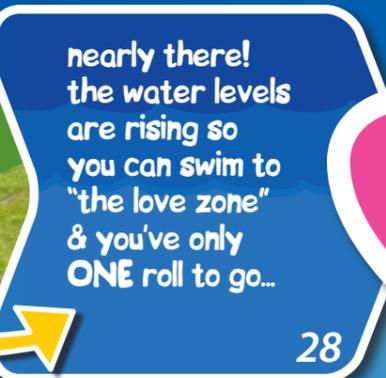
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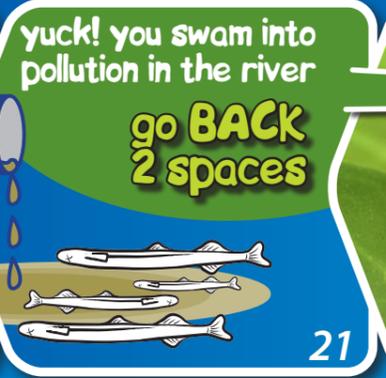


Well done! You've eaten lots & grown into an adult. It's time to swim towards 'the Love Zone'!

move FORWARD 2 spaces 23



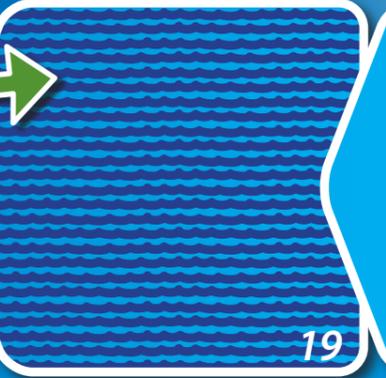
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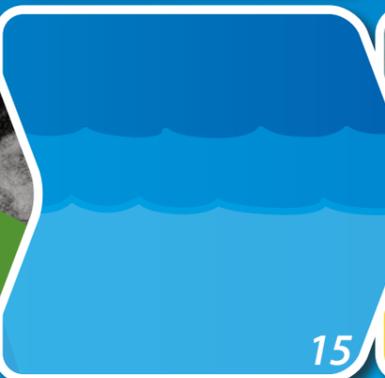
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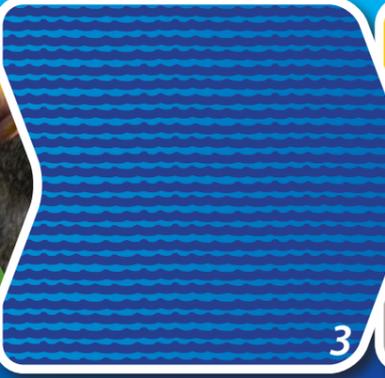
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WHITEBAIT QUEST

you've found lots of cosy spaces to hide
move FORWARD 2 spaces

the bank habitat wasn't suitable for spawning
go BACK 2 spaces

nearly there! the water levels are rising so you can swim to "the love zone" & you've only ONE roll to go...

the Love Zone!

& can lay your own eggs on the riverbank!

yuck! you swam into pollution in the river
go BACK 2 spaces

mmm, you've lots of lovely bugs to eat!

there was a barrier stopping you swimming upstream
move BACK 3 spaces

a fish passage barrier has been removed
move FORWARD 1 space

well done, you made it out to sea
move FORWARD 2 spaces

oh no! pests ate your egg :-(
go BACK to START

good work - you hatched!
move FORWARD 3 spaces



What the game's about...

This game is based around the life cycle of whitebait. You start as an egg, hatch, go out to sea as a larvae, swim back to the river as whitebait, grow into an adult, then swim back to 'the Love Zone' - to lay your own eggs & start the cycle again!

How to play...

- you'll need dice
- make/find a game counter
- place your counters on the 'start here' button
- roll the dice & move your counter forward that number of spaces
- follow any instructions in the square you land on
- take turns & keep going until the first person gets back to 'the Love Zone' & wins!

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