

Animal Adaptations for Mating

Different animals have some interesting adaptations that help them to attract a mate. Animals with better physical traits or better habit, things that they do, are better able to find a mate and have a greater chance of having offspring.

Please watch the following videos and answer the questions for each species. It is recommended that you read the questions first before you watch each video.

Mobula Rays

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz6zOyZpYTY>

1. Mobula rays live in large groups. How do mobula rays get noticed by a mate?
2. Which Mobula rays have the best odds of leaving with a mate?
3. Is this an example of a trait or habit?

Bowerbird

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XkPeN3AWIE>

1. What are three things that a male Bowerbird does to attract a mate?
2. If a potential mate needs more encouragement, they could also give them _____.
3. When things are going well, what else can a male bowerbird do?
4. Is this an example of a trait or a habit?

Hooded Seal

<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/weirdest-hooded-seal>

1. How does the male hooded seal attract a mate?
2. What else can this be used for?
3. Is this an example of a trait or habit?

Bird of Paradise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbLpZn4B7b0>

1. How many species of species of birds of paradise are there in New Guinea?
2. How do male birds of paradise attract a mate? Draw a picture if it helps.
3. Is this a trait or habit?

Peacock

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmculCht0F8>

1. What is a female peacock called?
2. What does a male peacock do in order to attract a female peacock?
3. Is this an example of a trait or a habit?