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Purists say we should use scientific names when referring to animals. Common names are disparaged as they are not unique and can cause confusion. But common names are often perfect to describe the attributes of an animal, allowing many people to know instantly which animal is being referred to. Here are my favourites – can you identify their common names?

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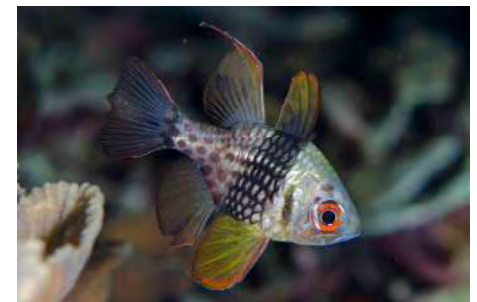
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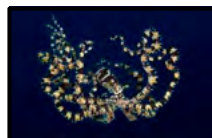
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Wunderpus Octopus
(*Wunderpus photogenicus*)

"Wonderpus" is a combination of the German "wunder", meaning "marvel or wonder", and Octopus. (The scientific name is pretty cool as well). This beauty was amazingly not discovered until the 1980's, and described only in 2006.



Slingjaw Wrasse
(*Epibulus insidiator*)

The name acknowledges that the fish has the most extreme jaw protrusion amongst fish. It can quickly protrude its mouth more than half the head length to capture prey. (Image shows fish extending jaw whilst being cleaned.)



Pegasus Seamoth
(*Eurypegasus draconis*)

The name was taken from the winged horse Pegasus, from Greek mythology, as the fish looks like a horse (and moth). It has wing-like pectoral fins, a long horse-like snout, and a body cased in bony, protective plates.



Donald Duck Shrimp (*Leander plumosus*)

The Donald Duck reference is due to the large "nose" (rostrum) resembling a duck bill. The rostrum can be used for attack or defense and to improve stability when swimming backwards, (from the Elmer Fudd fish (bad joke))...



Picasso Triggerfish
(*Rhinecanthus aculeatus*)

A very appropriate nod to Pablo Picasso in his cubism phase. Similar to the Hawaiian State Fish, Rhinecanthus rectangulus, which has the phenomenal name of Humuhumunukunukuāpua'a ("triggerfish with a snout of a pig").



Hairy Norse God Nudibranch
(*Aegires villosus*)

The genus Aegires is not Latin or Greek, but named after Aegir, the Norse personification of the sea, often pictured as a stereotypically hairy Norseman with a wild white beard. Hence the common name for the slug with the wild papillae.



Bobbitt Worm
(*Eunice aphroditois*)

Inspired by Lorena Bobbitt cutting off the penis of husband John after he raped her. The appendage was found (she threw it out of her getaway car) and reattached. The worm has frightening scissor-like jaws and can cut prey in half...



Halloween Hermit Crab
(*Ciliopagurus strigatus*)

This crab celebrates Halloween on a daily basis, with the dark red & orange striped legs and even orange eye stalks. It lives up to the scary aspect of Halloween as it prefers (albeit empty) deadly Cone Shells as a home.



Tiger Shrimp
(*Phyllognathia ceratophthalmus*)

The name epitomizes the behavior of this small shrimp. On a number of occasions, when trying to photograph this spectacularly patterned shrimp, it has relentlessly marched towards me, fearlessly trying to intimidate me!



Wobbegong Shark
(*Eucrossorhinus dasypogon*)

Wobbegong is an Australian Aboriginal word, meaning "shaggy beard", referring to the appendages around the mouth of this Carpet Shark. The shark is an ambush predator, the growths providing camouflage to surprise and catch fish.



Flamboyant Cuttlefish
(*Metasepia pfefferi*)

This cuttlefish is usually pretty drab as it is camouflaged to be invisible. The switch to a flamboyant display takes less than a second, to scare away a threat – like a diver (also for courtship rituals or when males are fighting over a female).



Ghost Nudibranch
(*Melibe colemani*)

Delightfully described as a "string of snot in the water". Discovered by the great Australian naturalist, photographer and author Neville Coleman very recently, in 2008, described in 2012 (a month after Neville sadly died).



Sea Goblin
(*Inimicus didactylus*)

This scary fish has other well-deserved names, including Ghoul, Goblinfish and Spiny Devilfish. It buries itself in sand, with spines ready to pierce a misplaced foot or hand, injecting venom which can be deadly. It has no known predators.



Pom-pom Crab
(*Lybia tessellata*)

Like a cheerleader's pom-poms, the crab holds venomous anemones (often *Triactis producta*) using modified claws, waving them around in self-defence or to stun prey. The anemones benefit from greater access to oxygen & leftover food.



Koran Angelfish
(*Pomacanthus semicirculatus*)

In the juvenile phase, the fish's caudal fin develops a pattern of blue lines resembling Arabic script from the Koran, the Holy book of Islam. These lines fade out as the fish grows into adulthood, but the name remains.



Pajama Cardinalfish
(*Sphaeramia nematoptera*)

The Pajama reference in the common name is from the fish having a pattern of polka dots and stripes, resembling old-fashioned children's pajamas. The relatively large eyes are because the fish is nocturnal.

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