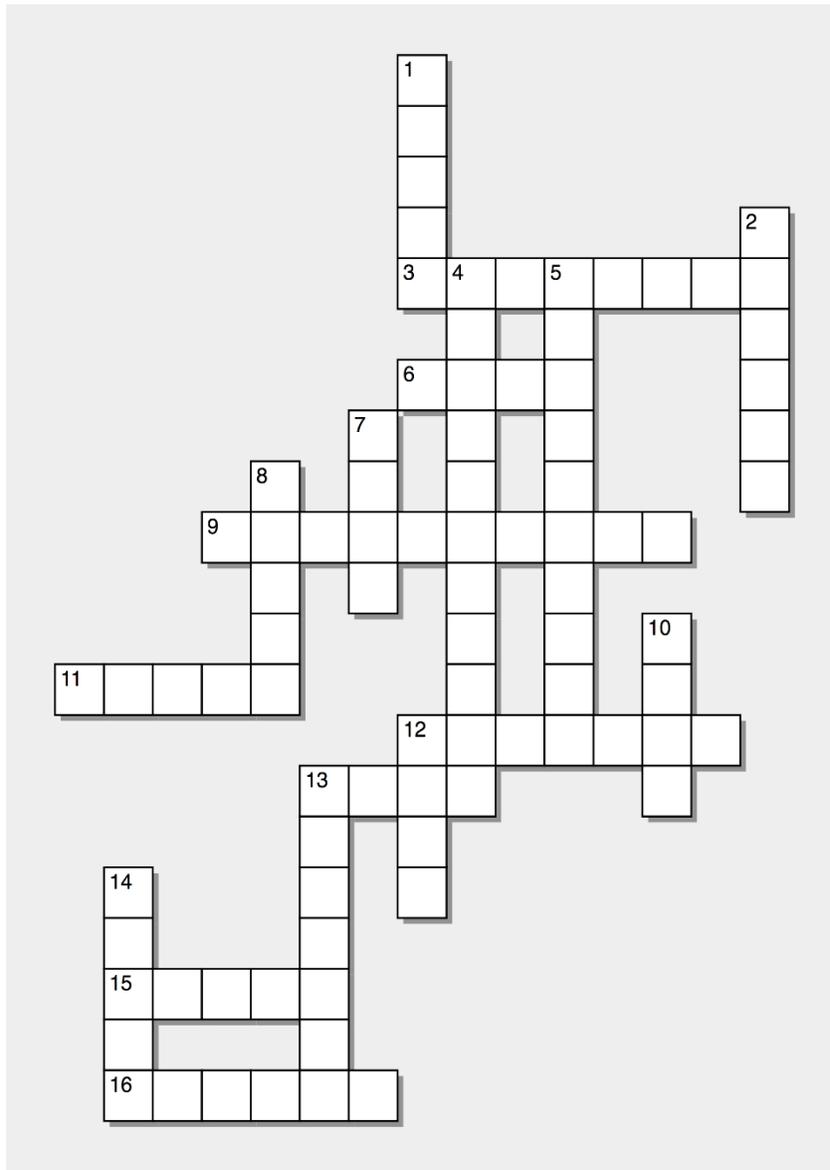




# Horseshoe Crab Crossword

Each spring, Horseshoe Crabs come to Delaware beaches to lay their eggs. Test your knowledge about horseshoe crabs with the puzzle below. Visit our website at <https://www.deseagrant.org/hsc-survey> to learn more about horseshoe crabs.



## Clues

### Across

- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ Bay has the greatest number of spawning horseshoe crabs in the world.
- 6) Horseshoe crabs have to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to grow.
- 9) If you find a live horseshoe crab stranded \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach, you can help it by flipping it over. (2 words) Visit the Delaware Sea Grant website at <https://www.deseagrant.org/hsc-survey> to learn more about proper handling of horseshoe crabs.
- 11) The color of horseshoe crab eggs is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12) Horseshoe crabs are called living \_\_\_\_\_ because they have not evolved in millions of years.
- 13) In Delaware, horseshoe crab spawning is greatest at high tide during the full or new \_\_\_\_\_ in May and June.
- 15) A recently hatched Horseshoe crab is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16) Each spring, scientist conduct a \_\_\_\_\_ of the horseshoe crabs to count the number of males and females that are spawning on the beach.

### Down

- 1) Protein from Horseshoe crab \_\_\_\_\_ is used in to test vaccines and medical instruments.
- 2) The tail of the horseshoe crab is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) The horseshoe crabs have their skeleton on the outside of their body. This is called an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Horseshoe crabs are \_\_\_\_\_, a group of animals with segmented bodies and jointed legs.
- 7) Fishermen use horseshoe crabs for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) Horseshoe crabs come up on the beach in the spring to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) The \_\_\_\_\_ horseshoe crabs are often the smaller one seen on the beach.
- 12) There are \_\_\_\_\_ species of horseshoe crabs in the world.
- 13) Red Knots are shorebirds that \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of miles from South American to the Arctic to breed. On their way, they stop in Delaware to eat horseshoe crab eggs which give them energy to finish their journey.
- 14) Horseshoe crabs breathe using \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: Across: 3. Delaware 6. Molt 9. Upsidedown 11. Green 12. Fossils 13. Moon 15. Larva 16. Survey. Down: 1. Blood 2. Telson 4. Exoskeleton 5. Arthropods 7. Bait 8. Spawn 10. Male 12. Four 13. Migrate 14. Gills