



# Dune Detective 1

You may have noticed that the **females** and **males** of many bird and animal species look a little different from each other. Look at each of these pairs:

## Painted Dragon



The male has a **bluish body** with a **yellow** or **orange** head, whereas the female is predominantly **brown**.

## Magpie Lark



The male has a **black throat** and face with a **white eyebrow**, whereas the female has a **white throat** and face.

## Superb Fairy-wren



The male is **blue and black** whereas the female is **brown** with a **white front** and a **blue tail**.

Some **plants** also are male or female and we tell which is which by looking at the **flowers** and **fruit**.

## Coast Saltbush



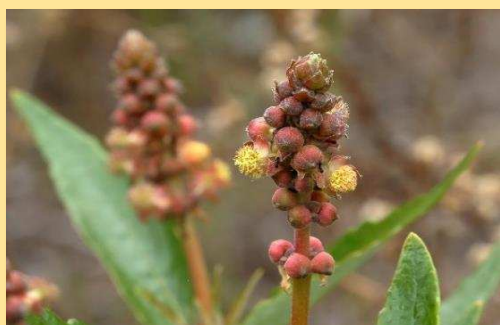
The male plant has large spikes of **purple globules** which gradually turn yellow as the flowers mature. The female has tiny clusters of **yellow/green flowers** between the stems and the leaves.

## Drooping Sheoak



The male plant has long, drooping, **golden-brown flowers** whereas the female's flowers are small, **furry red globes**. The female flowers develop into woody cones which produce dark brown seeds.

## Coast Bitterbush



The male has **long flower spikes** whereas the female has small **clusters of flowers** which later develop into egg-shaped fruits about 1 cm in diameter.

**Now it's your turn!** Can you **remember** the name of each of these without looking back to the previous pages? Then write "male" or "female" beside each one.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

It is a \_\_\_\_\_ (male/female)



Name \_\_\_\_\_

It is a \_\_\_\_\_ (male/female)



Name \_\_\_\_\_

It is a \_\_\_\_\_ (male/female)



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

It is a \_\_\_\_\_ (male/female)

Female Painted Dragon, Male Coast Saltbush, Female Magpie Lark, Male Coast  
Bitterbush, Male Drooping Sheoak, Male Painted Dragon, Male Fairy-wren,  
Male Magpie-Lark, Female Coast Saltbush

**Answers**