

Web searching skills

1. Choose your search engine:

- **Google** – the most used search engine in the world – try out the **Advanced Search** feature found in ‘Settings’
- **Bing** – Microsoft’s search engine
- **Duck Duck Go** – doesn’t track your search and provides all results on one page, the same results for all users
- **KidRex** – a safer search engine for younger students



Wondering about Wikipedia?

Check out our **help resource** to see how Wikipedia works and how you can use it in your research.

2. Choose your keywords:

- Be as **specific** as you can.
- Try to **imagine a website that has your answer**: What is the **title** of the page? What **words** appear on it? **Who** might have written it? (you can **search specific domains** that you know might be reliable, by adding the last part of the domain name e.g. ‘.gov.au’)
- Try using **synonyms** for your keywords to see if you can get some more useful results.

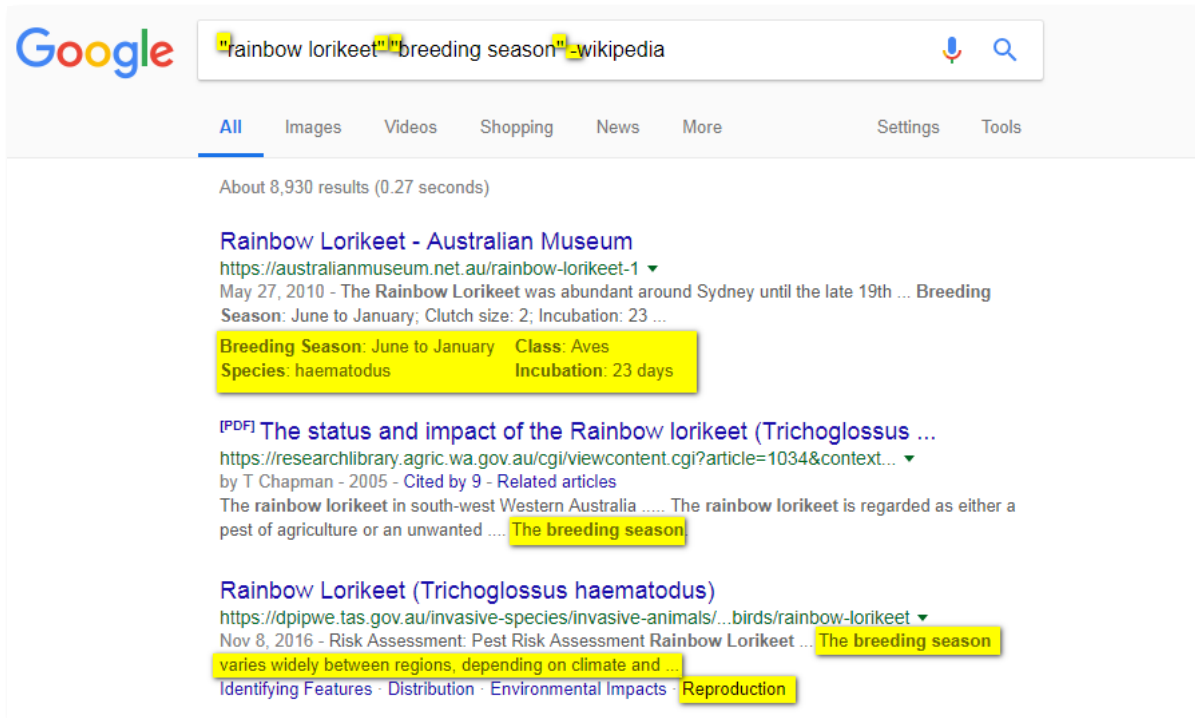
Google search results for "rainbow lorikeet breeding season .gov.au".

Search results: About 49,200 results (0.40 seconds)

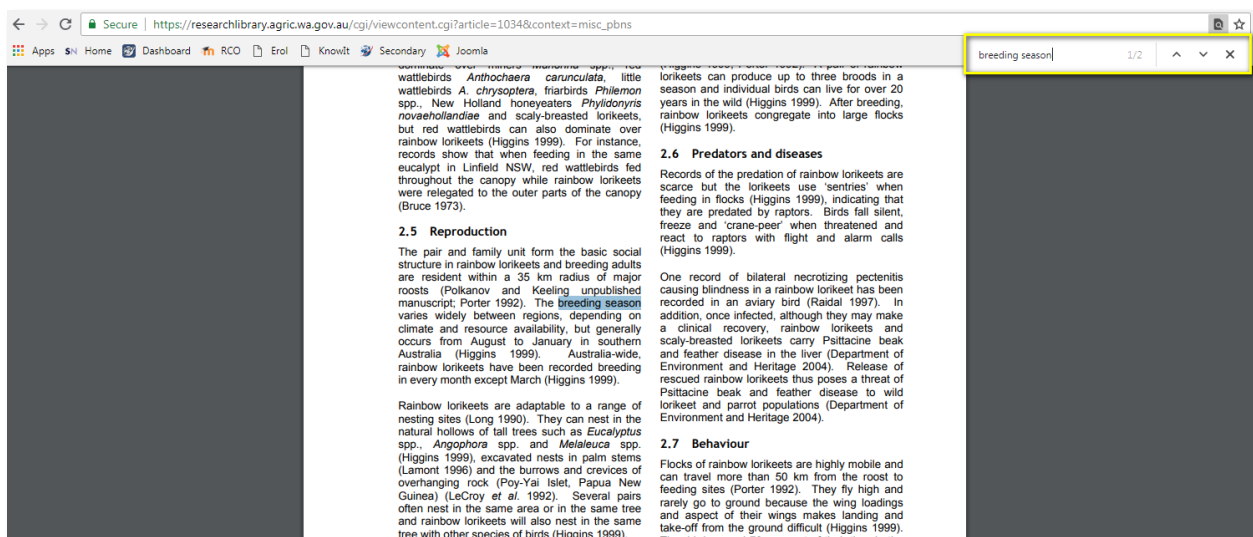
Rainbow lorikeet | Agriculture and Food
<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au> › Pests, weeds & diseases › Pests › Pest animals ▼
 May 30, 2017 - The rainbow lorikeet (*Trichoglossus haematodus*) is a declared pest in Western ... Go to whole of WA Government search. Menu ... The rainbow lorikeet has been established in Perth, Western Australia since 1968. ... Habitat. In Perth, rainbow lorikeets occur in open woodlands with mature exotic vegetation.

[PDF] The status and impact of the Rainbow lorikeet (Trichoglossus ...
<https://researchlibrary.agric.wa.gov.au/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1034&context...> ▼
 by T Chapman - 2005 - Cited by 9 - Related articles
 Follow this and additional works at: https://researchlibrary.agric.wa.gov.au/misc_pbns. Part of the Behavior ... 2.3 Distribution and habitat Rainbow lorikeets are highly mobile, have generalised feeding and breeding requirements and can ...

- Use **search modifiers** to target your search, e.g.:
 - Put quotation marks ("") around words you want to **appear together**.
 - Put a hyphen (-) before any words you want to **exclude**.



- Use the **Find function** to skim and scan the text in your results:
 - **'Ctrl F'** for Windows, **'Command F'** for Mac
 - **Search the text** on any web page, PDF or Word document.
 - Type in the **keywords from your web search** to see where / how much useful information appears in each webpage.



Top tip for searching the web!

- Look at your search results critically to determine if they are reliable sources of information. See our other [help resources](#) to find out more about how to do this.