



**Creatures of the Sea... from the Wacky to the Wonderful!**  
**with Todd Gardner**  
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Why don't fish get crushed under the pressure of the deep sea? How can whales hold their breath for so long? If corals have been around for more than 300 million years, why are they in such grave danger over a small increase in global temperature? Why do sharks really attack people? In which species does the male become pregnant and carry the babies? What does a marine biologist fear most in the water? These and many other questions will be answered as we spotlight some well known, as well as some underappreciated marine creatures and their remarkable adaptations that make them so fascinating to us.

***Todd Gardner*** is a biologist at the Long Island Aquarium in Riverhead, NY and a professor of Biology at Suffolk County Community College. He has an extensive background in marine sciences and has written numerous scientific and popular articles about his research and experiences collecting, keeping, and culturing marine organisms. Between graduating high school in 1988 and returning to his Suffolk County roots in 2002, Todd's career as a marine biologist has taken him on adventures around the world, during which time he completed a Master's degree (researching nutritional needs of baby seahorses), worked on the production of a National Geographic Explorer film, and as a commercial aquaculturist in Puerto Rico. Todd's current work at the Long Island Aquarium involves caring for exhibits, leading collecting excursions, and of course, continuing his aquaculture research behind the scenes. To date, he has successfully raised more than 40 species of marine fish. In his spare time, Todd dives, photographs marine life, competes in triathlons, and plays in a blues band.



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