

# Inanga/Whitebait



**A**wa  
Māori word for river

**B**anks  
need to be just right for inanga to successfully lay eggs

**C**audal fin  
also called the TAIL

**D**iadromous  
lives in BOTH salty & fresh water

**E**ggs  
when eggs are laid it's called SPAWNING

**F**ood  
inanga eat BUGS in the river

**G**alaxias maculatus  
scientific name for INANGA

**H**abitat  
where inanga like to LIVE

**I**nanga

**J**uveniles  
teenagers of the inanga life cycle

**K**nowledge  
the more you know about inanga the more you can help!

**L** the Love Zone!  
where inanga lay their EGGS

**M**igration  
inanga move to different habitats

**N**ew moon  
when the tides are highest

**O**bstacles  
barriers in the river & predators make inanga life hard

**P** the Party Zone!  
where whitebait grow into inanga

**Q**uiet!  
Shhhhhh!  
inanga don't like to be disturbed

**R**iver  
one of the habitats inanga like to live in

**S**ea  
one of the habitats inanga like to live in

**T**ides  
inanga lay their eggs during the high spring tide when they can get up the river bank

**U**pstream  
where the whitebait swim to reach 'the Party Zone'

**V**egetation  
protects inanga eggs

**W**hitebait  
swim from the sea to river to grow into adults

**X**mas  
when inanga leave 'the Party Zone' for 'the Love Zone'

**Y**ou  
the kid that can HELP!

**Z**ero  
the number of inanga we'll have left if we don't protect them

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