

Clues from Albatross Bolus Answer Key





4. Categorize items found in the bolus. Record your findings in the data table below.

- Count the number of non-prey items by type that you can identify.
- Record the number in the table.
- Count the number of prey items you see. If this is difficult, devise a way to count in smaller sections or grids. An Excel version of the table is at tinyurl.com/4eukefkp.

Answers for online bolus. Please use this as a guideline. Scientists use dissecting scopes to determine the differences between items. Without this ability, answers will vary, due to limitations of photograph quality and student interpretation of items.

Number of Non-prey Items				Number of Prey Items		Other Items	Total for
Item	Plastic fragments	Plastic foam	Plastic line	Squid beaks	Squid Eye lenses	Natural Non-food	each row
Partner A (top left)	25	7	0	50	0	3	85
Partner B (top right)	25	1	0	63	0	1	90
Partner C (bottom left)	31	1	0	75	0	0	107
Partner D (bottom right)	35	5	0	61	0	1	102
Total for Entire Bolus	116	14	0	249	0	5	384
% of Total	30%	4%	0%	65%	0%	1%	100%