**Plant, Animal, Both**

1) Are you difficult to define?

Yes – go to Question 2. No – perhaps you didn’t understand the question. Go to Question 2.

2) Do you sometimes fear that life is nothing more than the gradual unfolding of an ongoing disaster?

Yes – go to Question 3. No – go to Question 5.

3) Are you slow moving, preferring your own company to that of garrulous associates e.g. corvids, certain teenagers or victorious football fans?

Yes – go to Question 5. No – go to Question 6.

4) Are there questions you’d prefer not to be asked, finding them rude, impertinent, invasive, limited, dichotomous/binary, stupid, and/or that they have a catastrophic effect on your somewhat brittle sense of self?

5) When struck by lightning, do you fall to the left?

Yes – you are a liar. No – how can you be sure? Go to Question 7.

6) When putrefying, do you release a toxic gas powerful enough to kill a horse?

Yes – you are a sea lettuce. No – go to Question 8.

7) Are you cleaning your beak on the sycamore outside my window?

Yes – you are a goldfinch. No – I’m still not sure what you are. Try Question 6.

8) Do you contain chloroplasts?

Yes – go to Question 9. No – I’m done with you. You’re probably ill.

9) Are you *Elysia chlorotica*, fluttering leaf-like over the tidal marshes of the Atlantic Ocean, sucking chloroplasts from algae, a solar-powered anomaly, precious green pulse?

Yes – you are an *Easter Emerald Elysia*, aka a sea slug. No – go to Question 10.

10) Are you hoping to understand, hoping for answers, hoping that there is more to this than an unfolding disaster?

Yes – me too. No – there’s still a chance you are a sea lettuce.