

# Scottish Myths and Legends

Use the Scottish Myths and Legends Fact File to help answer these questions.

Remember to write your answer in a sentence. Try to give as much information as you can.

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# Scottish Myths and Legends Answers

1. Where is the Loch Ness Monster said to live?  
**The Loch Ness Monster is said to live in the waters of Loch Ness, near Inverness in Scotland.**
2. When was the first recorded sighting of the Loch Ness monster?  
**The first recorded sighting of the monster was in AD565.**
3. What was the kelpie said to appear as?  
**The kelpie would appear as a tame pony with a dripping wet mane.**
4. Where can kelpies be seen today?  
**The kelpies can be seen next to the Forth and Clyde Canal near Falkirk.**
5. What animal is a selkie whilst in the sea?  
**A selkie is a seal.**
6. What happens when a selkie sheds its seal skin?  
**When a selkie sheds its seal skin it becomes a beautiful human.**
7. Where were the Blue Men of Minch said to live?  
**The Blue Men of Minch were said to live in the water between the island of Lewis and mainland Scotland, in the stretch of water is known as The Minch.**
8. What did the Blue Men of Minch look like?  
**The Blue Men of Minch were the size of a human but their skins were said to be blue. Their faces were long and grey and their hair and beards were curly and green. The Blue Men's eyes were small, their noses flat and their mouths were large. Their arms were long and they had fish-tails instead of legs. They were very, very strong.**
9. What does the name Bean-Nighe mean?  
**Bean-Nighe means washerwoman.**
10. Where could Bean-Nighe be found?  
**She could be found wailing by streams and pools, whilst washing the blood from clothes of those who are about to die.**
11. Where do the stories of the wulver come from?  
**The stories of the wulver come from Shetland.**
12. What did the wulver sit on when it was fishing?  
**The wulver sat on a flat stone known as the wulver's Stane.**
13. What was The Ghillie Dhu?  
**The Ghillie Dhu was a male fairy.**
14. What did The Ghillie Dhu like to eat?  
**The Ghillie Dhu liked to eat berries and nuts from the forest.**
15. What would happen to a redcap if the colour from his cap started to fade?  
**If the colour from his cap started to fade, a recap would die.**