

# Free iPhone 4 cases may solve "death grip"

Yi Yang

Free iPhone 4 bumper cases will be given away by Apple to all owners of the phone, CEO Steve Jobs declared at an Apple press conference on July 16.

Customers who have purchased or will purchase the iPhone 4 can receive a free case of their choice. If customers are still unhappy about the iPhone 4 before or after receiving their cases, they can return undamaged iPhone 4s within 30 days of purchase for a full refund – according to the MacWorld live blogging of the event.

It was also highly suggested that users download the iOS 4.0.1 software, which fixes what Apple describes as wrong formulas for signal bars and an exchange bug.

The company made the decision to hand out free phone cases because

it was a widely suggested solution to the ongoing antenna, also known as "death grip", issue. Many iPhone 4 users had reported that the phone's reception would drop significantly when it was "held the wrong way".

Apple had not commented on the iPhone4's problems before, but had been aware of it for some time.

"We heard about this 22 days ago and have been working our butts off," said Mr Jobs at the press conference.

Apple, however, did not offer an apology, as many technology websites had predicted. Steven Jobs claimed, after showing several videos of conducting signal strength experiments with other smartphones, that all smartphones experience reception problems when held a certain way.

"You know, we're not perfect. And phones aren't perfect either,"

said Mr Jobs. "We have learned – Smartphones have weak spots. You will drop reception."

The CEO also stated that the antenna problem was not as serious as it seems, providing sets of data to prove his point.

According to the data, only 0.55 per cent of iPhone customers called AppleCare for an antenna issue. The return rates for the iPhone 4 is 1.7 per cent, lower than that of the iPhone 3GS and far below industry average.

"I think it's important to understand the scope of this problem. Because the data leads you to the conclusion that it's been blown so out of proportion, it's incredible," Mr Jobs pointed out. "We had incorrect bars, so when it did drop, the drop looked far more catastrophic than it really was."



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Don't hold your iPhone 4 this way – reports have shown that holding the bottom left of the phone directly can reduce signal strength dramatically.

## Sea piglet named among new species

Emily Beament

A series of obscure British species have been given names such as the Queen's executioner, sea piglet and witches' whiskers after a competition to give them common English names for the first time.

Thousands of people submitted suggestions for what to call 10 species of beetle, bee, jellyfish, shrimp and lichen, all of which are endangered, but whose plight received little attention as they only had Latin names.

The competition, run by Natural England, *The Guardian* newspaper and the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, follows the publication of a report by the Government's conservation agency, which highlighted that 430 species became extinct in the past 200 years in England.

Dr Tom Tew, chief scientist for Natural England, said: "This competition set out to inspire the nation, drawing attention to a handful of declining species that have, until now, been without a common name."

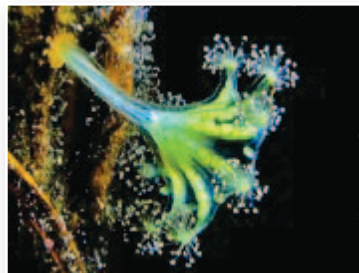
"As a result, the public have let their imagination loose to come up with some wonderful naming suggestions to help put these forgotten species on the map."

He went on: "The continued decline of biodiversity in England is a seriously worrying issue as every species matters – from the newly named sea piglet to the more familiar hedgehog."

"Biodiversity is the foundation of our own existence and we cannot afford to take it for granted, which is why we are getting the issue out from under the microscope and into the limelight."

The winning names, which described the characteristics and behaviour of the previously unnamed species, were:

- Skeetle (*Stenus longitarsis*) – a beetle that escapes predators using natural "jet-skis"
- Sea piglet (*Arrhis phylonyx*) – a deep-sea "pseudo shrimp"
- Queen's executioner (*Megapenthes lugens*) – a distinctive "clicking" beetle found on Windsor Great Park that feeds on the larvae of other insects
- Blue pepper-pot beetle (*Cryptocephalus punctiger*) – a rare leaf beetle whose larvae live in willow leaves
- Scabious cuckoo bee (*Nomada armata*) – a "cuckoo bee" that lays its eggs in the nests of other bees
- Kaleidoscope jellyfish (*Haliclystus auricula*) – a beautiful stalked jellyfish
- St John's jellyfish (*Lucernariopsis crux-melitensis*) – a tiny 1cm jellyfish that has the shape of a Maltese cross
- Witches' whiskers lichen (*Usnea florida*) – a lichen with medicinal properties
- Pixie gowns lichen (*Peligeria venosa*) – a lichen that turns green when wet
- Mab's lantern (*Philorhizus quadrisignatus*) – a very rare 4-spotted ground beetle



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The stalked jellyfish *Haliclystus auricula*, soon to be known as the Kaleidoscope jellyfish.

## Cave's rich fossil find a world first

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AAP

Skulls unearthed in a remote Queensland cave have allowed scientists to map, for the first time, the entire life cycle of an extinct prehistoric species.

A team of researchers from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) was exploring the world heritage Riversleigh fossil field, in North-West Queensland, when they chanced upon the site.

Dr Karen Black, from UNSW's School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Studies, said scientists had been exploring sites at Riversleigh for about 30 years, but had never made such a groundbreaking discovery.

"It's not until we begin to crack these rocks open that you realise how many fossils are in there," Dr Black said.

Among the hundreds of beautifully preserved fossils found beneath the limestone cave floor were 26 skulls from the Nimbadon, a wombat-like marsupial and major herbivore group before kangaroos.

By comparing the intact skulls from varying stages of the marsupial's life – including as babies in the pouch – scientists were able to map the Nimbadon's life cycle from birth to death in a world-first study.

"We've got skulls representing

pouch young all the way through to elderly adults and that's a first," Dr Black said, emphasising that the marsupials played a significant ecological role in prehistoric Australia. "There is no other fossil deposit [in the world] that has that."

With such a unique sample of skulls and corresponding skeletons, scientists will now use CT scans to conclude how marsupials' brains developed over time and how this affected their behaviour, functionality and evolution.

The discovery of so many Nimbadon alongside galloping kangaroos, a fox-sized thylacine and forest bats was "really unusual", Dr Black said.

"The cave is 15 million years old and samples a period of time when Australia was changing from...a greenhouse phase to an icehouse phase," Dr Black said.

"That is particularly important. If we can get an understanding of what was going on at this cave, then we would be able to...predict what's going to happen with climate change in the future with Australia's flora and fauna."

The question that remains, however, is how many more secrets remain unlocked at the site.

"At the moment, we can't really say [how many fossils are there]. There are still a lot of bones exposed on the surface," Dr Black said.

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