

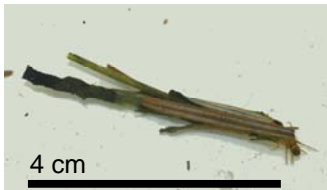
The Big Pond Dip



print this form and take it with you to your pond

Animals

Did you find it? (If yes, write the score in the box)



Caddis larva

A stick with legs! Case can be sand grains/leaves.

Scores 10



Alderfly larva

Has one thin tail, fine gills along body

Scores 10



Dragonfly larva

No long tails

Scores 10



Damselfly larva

Three flattened tails

Scores 10



Mayfly larva

Has three thin tails

Scores 5



Water beetle

Scores 5



Water bugs

Includes Backswimmer, Lesser water boatman, Water scorpion

Scores 5

Animals

Did you find it?



Freshwater shrimp

Scores 5



Pond skater

Skates on the water

Scores 5



Water slater

Looks like a woodlouse

Scores 1



Water snail

Could be pointed or flat and coiled

Scores 1



Wiggles

Worms, fly larvae, leeches

Scores 1

Total you found:

Score: 1-5

Score: 6-30

Score: 31-60

The pond could be better

Your pond is good

Your pond is brilliant

Now what?

- If your score is low, you wish to improve your pond. Have a look at our advice centre for tips on how to tackle any issues. Maybe you just need to add some more plants to increase the habitat range. Remember that fallen leaves, twigs and even logs all add habitat for the small creatures that can thrive in ponds so be careful not to over-manage your pond. Plants, even invasive ones and blanket weed are homes for something!
- If your score is good or brilliant – fantastic you have a haven for freshwater wildlife at your fingertips, cherish it!

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