

Your name		Date	
<b>Square: 4 figure grid ref</b> e.g. SP1243 (see your map)		<b>Pond: 8 figure grid ref</b> e.g. SP 1235 4325 (see your map)	
<b>Pond name</b> (if known)		<b>Great Crested Newt licence number</b>	
<b>Determiner name</b> ( <i>optional</i> - if someone confirms the identity of the species you've recorded)		<b>Voucher material</b> ( <i>optional</i> - comment if you've taken a photo to confirm identification)	

**Please complete a separate sheet for each visit and each pond surveyed in your 1 km grid square.**

You need experience, time and a licence to do this survey, which uses traditional methods to survey Great Crested Newts. If you already have a licence, enter the licence number (above). If you want to get a licence to undertake torching and egg searching for this survey, please contact us for information about training.

### METHOD

- Visit each survey pond 4 times between April and mid-June to see if Great Crested Newts are present.
- Each visit should include: information about survey conditions, a visual search for adults, larvae and eggs and 'torching' which needs to be undertaken at night. You can also take and upload photos.
- Bottle or other traps, netting and other techniques, can also be used if you are already licenced, but they are *not required* for the PondNet survey.
- **At the end of the season, enter the results online: [www.freshwaterhabitats.org.uk/projects/waternet](http://www.freshwaterhabitats.org.uk/projects/waternet)**

### SURVEY CONDITIONS:

**Visit number:**

(which of your 4 visits is this?)

PondNet asks you to make up to **4 visits to each pond** in your 1 km grid square. However, the survey statistics only needs a record of Great Crested Newt presence or absence - not numbers. So *as soon as Great Crested Newts are recorded as present in a pond, there is no further need to revisit that same pond this year.*

Start time (24hr clock)	:	Finish time (24hr clock)	:	% Shoreline surveyed	%
Temperature over 10°C	(tick)	Wind disturbing water	(tick)	Rain (score 0, 1, 2, 3)	
Bright moonlight	(tick)	Water clarity Score 1-4		Number of traps	
Torch power ( <i>choose one</i> : candle power ≥ 500,000 or ≥ 1,000,000)					

**Rainfall:** 0=none, 1=yesterday, 2=earlier today, 3=during survey. **Water clarity:** 1=clear, 2=moderately clear, 3=mod. turbid, 4=turbid

**SURVEY METHOD USED:** Tick all that apply, but note that only torching and egg searching are essential for PondNet.

Torching     Egg searching     Netting     Bottle trap     Other technique (please specify)

**SURVEY RESULTS:** Record the presence of Great Crested Newts if seen. If none are recorded, tick the last box. Please note that 'Not seen' records are very important to PondNet, so be sure to enter these data online.

<b>GREAT CRESTED NEWT:</b> The priority species for PondNet	Tick, add numbers or a range*				Tick	
	Adult	Immature	Efts	Eggs	Not seen this visit	Identification uncertain
				*		

<b>OTHER SPECIES:</b> If you see other amphibians during your surveys, please record them here:	Tick, add numbers or a range*				Tick	
	Adult	Immature	Tadpole/ larvae or efts	Eggs/ spawn	Pond searched, but not seen	Identification uncertain
<b>Common Frog</b>						
<b>Common Toad</b>						
<b>Palmate Newt</b>						
<b>Smooth Newt</b>						
<b>Non-native amphibian</b> (list)						

**Notes (e.g. number of males and females):**

\* For range values choose one of the following options: 1; 2-5; 6-10; 11-20; 21-50; 51-100; 101-200; 201-500; 501-1,000; 1,000+

\* Unwrapping leaves to identify newt eggs can be damaging, so please minimise the number looked at - record presence (not abundance) of newt eggs.