

Pond Dipping: Record Sheet



Pond dipping helps us record the invertebrates that live in our ponds and indicate how healthy they are.

Plan a trip to a local pond or garden to find out what lives there. You will need a net, bucket, shallow tray and a guide to help you identify the animals you find - there's a great one to download [here](#).

We need to understand how common the animals are. To do this, give the species a score between 1 and 5. If you only catch an animal once, it's quite rare, so give it a score of 1. If there are lots of that animal in every sample, then the species is common, so give it a score of 5.

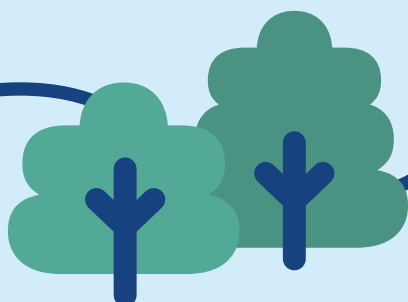
Name of animal	Number score (1 = rare 5 = common)

Here's the science bit...

BIODIVERSITY is the number of different types of animals. It's good to have a large biodiversity. The number of each animal tells us the ABUNDANCE of that animal. Some are rare and some are common.

We'd love to see what you find! Tag us into your pond dipping photos @LivingwithH2O

Did you know, we sometimes run pond dipping sessions at our Tophill Low Nature Reserve, located north of Hull in the East Riding of Yorkshire? [Click here](#) to find out more.



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