

## Daily Challenge Day 22 Pond Life Country File

1. Watch Countryfile BBC Matt's Home Patch where you can find put lots of interesting facts about pond life. Inspiring wildlife film-maker Jack Perks reveals the wonderful world beneath the surface of his garden pond.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000hrfl>

A pond is a small area of still, fresh water. It is different from a river or a stream because it does not have moving water and it differs from a lake because it has a small area and is no more than around 1.8m deep. Some ponds are formed naturally, filled either by an underwater spring, or by rainwater - sometimes known as 'dewponds'; other ponds are man-made.

2. Make a list of insects you might see in or around a pond. Can you have a go at saying their Latin name? This is a Whirligig beetle. It's Latin name is *Gyrinus substriatus*.



3. Choose one insect to find out more interesting facts about.

4. Write a DID YOU KNOW?

**Did you know** that dragonflies spend most of their lives under water?

5. Have a go at sketching and painting your chosen insect.



Damselfly Nymph *Various species*





Pond skater *Gerris lacustris*



**newt**



**leech**



**snail**



**frog  
spawn**



**tadpole**



**frog**



**damselfly**



**dragonfly**



**water lily**



**bulrushes**



**pond  
skater**



**water  
boatman**