

## Identification sheets

Identification of pond invertebrates can at first be difficult. It can be made easier by focusing on features like size, number of legs and number of body parts. How the animal moves and behaves is also another good tool to identification.

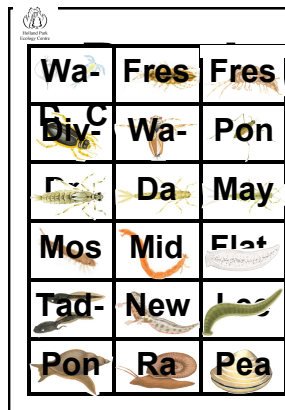
The following sheets and keys contain pictures of animals commonly found in our wildlife pond. It may be useful to also bring a field guide like the FSC guide to aquatic invertebrates as well.

The colour of the animals on the sheets is generally accurate but many animals can be differently coloured from what is showed depending on the time of year, stage in their lifecycle and individual variation.

Identification sheet 1 is suitable for foundation and key stage 1/2.

Identification sheet 2 contains more detail about the animals and is suitable for upper key stage 2.

The key serves as a basic introduction to a branching database or a dichotomous key for key stage 2.



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