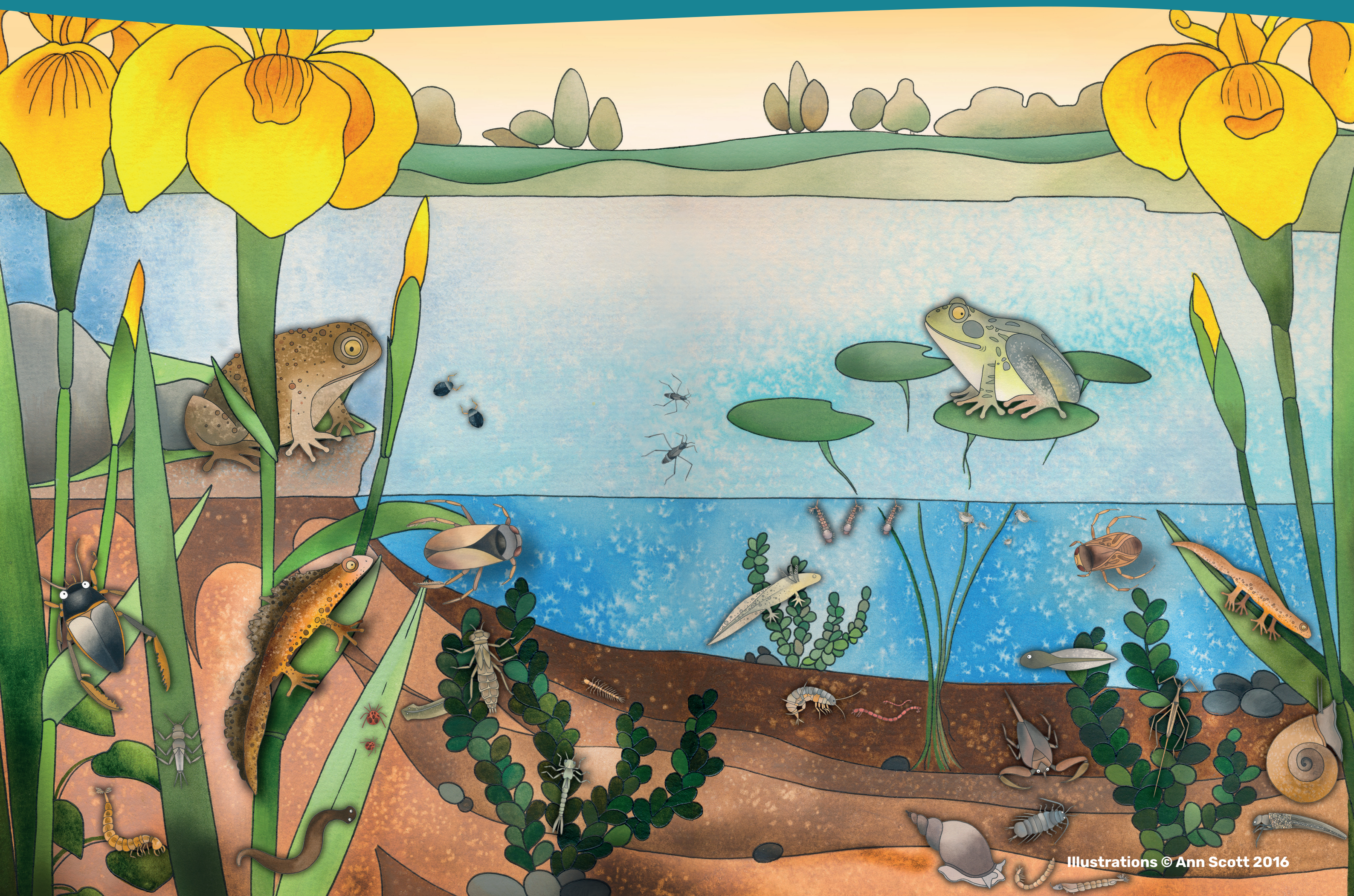


Pond life at The Knapp & Papermill



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The pond has been here for many years and supports an important breeding population of frogs on the nature reserve; in spring look for the tadpoles and in summer, watch where you put your feet!

Volunteers manage the marginal vegetation but flood inundation and leaf drop causes the pond to silt up over time. In 2016 we restored the pond and installed a new dipping platform to allow organised groups to get up close with some of the wildlife that lives beneath the surface.

As well as the frogs, the pond attracts a whole range of wildlife that lives both on and under the surface of the water. The damselflies, dragonflies and pond skaters that you may see above the surface are the tip of the iceberg – go deeper to find snails, water boatmen, water scorpions and whirligig beetles.

Did you know...?

Most of a dragonfly's life is spent underwater as a nymph; some can live for two or three years in this stage before emerging as adult dragonflies for just a few weeks. The nymphs are ferocious predators and their mouthparts shoot forward to catch their prey.

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