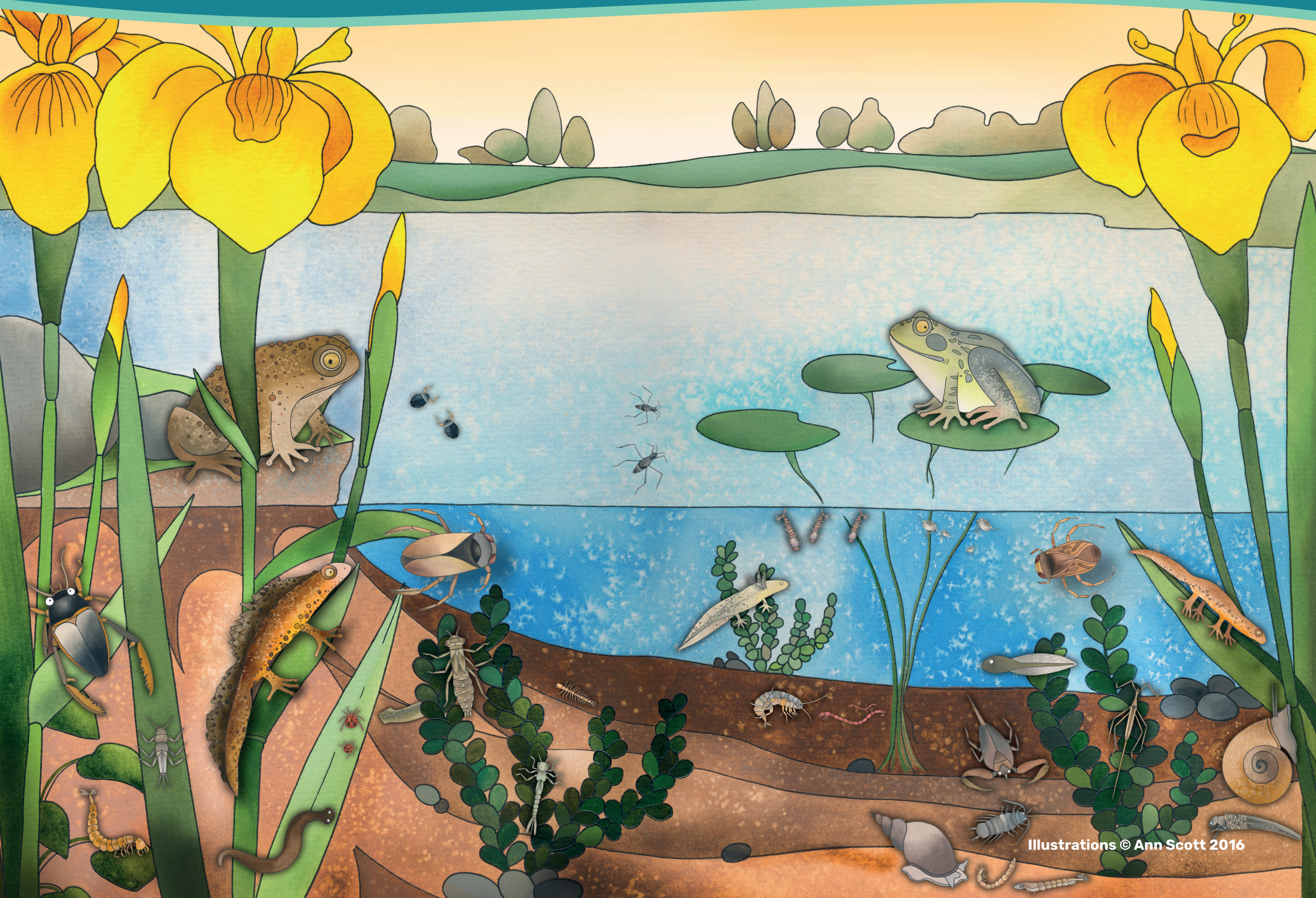


Pond life at Monkwood nature reserve



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The pond has been here for many years and is home to at least 10 species of dragonfly as well as great crested newts, frogs and toads. This is just the tip of the iceberg because under the water are many unseen creatures from water fleas and water scorpions to diving beetles and caddis larvae.

Volunteers manage the marginal vegetation around the pond and the adjacent damp glade is home to Worcestershire's largest colony of wood small-reed. This grassy perennial produces purple-brown flowers from June to August,

It may seem like a great idea to let your dog into the water here to cool off but this is no good for the wildlife. Not only will your dog create cloudy conditions by disturbing silt but the chemicals you use to treat your dog for worms and fleas can wash off into the water and potentially kill aquatic invertebrates.

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Try this at home!

Ponds are not only great for wildlife but they'll give you hours of entertainment too. Look for frogspawn, pond skaters, shed damselfly cases and wildlife coming for a drink.

- Ponds don't have to be big to make a difference. You could create a pond in an old bucket, sink or bathtub.
- You don't need to introduce wildlife – wildlife will find you.
- Only plant with native plants.
- Create different levels and ways for wildlife to get out.
- Don't add fish (they eat a lot of underwater wildlife).

Visit www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk and search for ponds.

Monkwood is jointly managed with Butterfly Conservation. Little Monkwood is co-owned by WWT and BC.



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