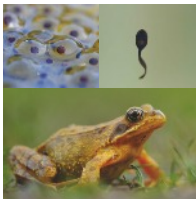




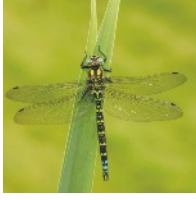

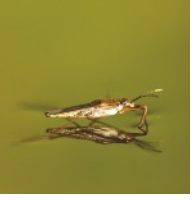


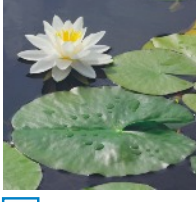
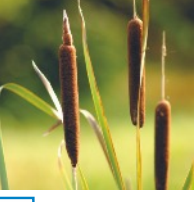


Spot it! Ponds

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Frog | <input type="checkbox"/> Toad | <input type="checkbox"/> Newt | <input type="checkbox"/> Water boatman | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond snail |
|  <p>Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)</p> |  <p>Richard Fievels (rspb-images.com)</p> |  <p>Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)</p> |  <p>Neil Phillips (Alamy)</p> |  <p>Ray Kennedy (rspb-images.com)</p> |
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|  <p>Laurie Campbell (rspb-images.com)</p> |  <p>Sue Kennedy (rspb-images.com)</p> | <p>Seen something else? Draw it!</p> | | |
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Download at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/kids--schools/teaching-resources/spot-it-ponds.pdf>

THINGS TO DO IN MAY

- Look for bluebells and swifts
- Listen out for bird song and try to identify the bird
- Get up early and listen to the Dawn Chorus
- Don't mow your lawn - it's No Mow May
- Go pond dipping



RESOURCES

1. How to go pond dipping

https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_pond_dipping.pdf

<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-07/POND-DIPPING.jpg>

2. Dragonfly & damselfly spotter sheet

https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_dragonfly_and_damselfly_spotter_sheet.pdf

3. Amphibian spotter sheet

https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_amphibian_spotter_sheet.pdf

Sounds of Spring

Here's how you can recognise and remember the song of six bird species that are singing around you in spring and early summer. Go to the RSPB website to hear each song. Simply Google "RSPB" and the name of each bird.

1 Great tit



This bird sounds like it's at school, because it keeps singing "tea-cher, tea-cher".

2 Chiffchaff



It's tiny, but it's migrated all the way here from Africa. You'll hear it among trees and bushes singing a random mix of "chiff" and "chaff".

3 Robin



The robin in the garden can whistle higher than we can. Its whistling song rises at the end, as if it was asking a question.

4 Blackbird



The blackbird has the nearest song to what we would call a real tune. Some people say it sounds fluty. Listen for it at dawn and dusk.

5 Collared dove



Listen for the three-note call – "cu-coo-cu".

6 Woodpigeon



This call is a lot like that of the collared dove, but it always has five notes – "cu coo cu, cu-cu".

Tell us what bird sounds you have heard.

Three coos or five coos?

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