

# GARDEN PONDS HABITAT BASICS

## WHAT DOES IT PROVIDE?

Drinking water

A source of prey species

Somewhere to lay eggs

Food (eg. water plants)

Somewhere to bathe

Habitat for part of the lifecycle

Permanent habitat



- 1 Sloping sides, so animals can climb out
- 2 Lots of shallow water (30cm deepest part)
- 3 Around 50% plant cover (use native species)
- 4 Add play sand and stones for hiding places
- 5 Let it fill naturally with rainwater

## TOP TIPS

For making your pond great for wildlife



## WHAT MIGHT LIVE THERE?



POND SKATER



LARGE RED DAMSELFLY



SMOOTH NEWT



COMMON FROG



WATER HOGLOUSE

ANY LOADS MORE!

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