

Three Hagges Wood Meadow Pond



Are you going to make an expedition to the pond? Here are some of the creatures you can expect to see. How many can you tick off your list?



Common Blue damselfly
Enallagma cyathigerum
They can be seen dancing above the water surface, and on the stems of the pond and meadow plants when they pair up to mate.



Broad-bodied Chaser
Libellula depressa
You might see the female flying above the pond surface and dipping her tail into the water to lay her eggs.



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The males have a blue body, and we often seeing several males sparring with each other aggressively around the pond. They're fighting for territory.



Four-spotted Chaser
Libulella quadrimaculata
This dragonfly often perches on the emerging stems of water plants at the pond. Both the male and female are brown in colour. It gets its name from the dark spots on each of its four wings.



Great Diving Beetle
Dytiscus marginalis
Voracious predators, they often feed on small invertebrates and tadpoles. They come to the surface, with the tip of their abdomen out of the water, to replenish their air supply that is stored beneath the wing cases.



Toadlet
Bufo bufo
We have seen these young toads in the pond and among the grasses surrounding it. There are also young froglets, *Rana temporaria*, and you are quite likely to find them in the grass too. This year, we have also recorded newts.