



Pondwatch Level 1

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Level 1 Surveys: What do they involve?

- No experience or training required.
- 1 survey between January and May.
- 30-minute visual search recording any pond life.
- Take photos!
- Send in your results digitally or on paper.

Preparing to Survey

- Know your pond.
- **Safety person:** let someone know where you are going, how long for, and that you'll make contact when you're finished.

Equipment list: paper survey form, clipboard or weather writer, pencil, phone, hand sanitizer, appropriate clothing and footwear.

Be aware of hazards and biosecurity risks:

- Wet surfaces
- Slips, trips, and falls
- Temperature
- Animals
- Children should be kneeling or lying on their stomach when surveying and *always* supervised by an adult.
- Members of the public
- Water quality

Don't or **stop** surveying if you feel unsafe.

Biosecurity

Minimise the risk of spreading disease and invasive non-native aquatic plants.

Before Surveying

- Thoroughly **clean** your footwear.
- **Disinfect** footwear and any other field equipment that has come into contact with amphibians or pond water (if you do not enter the water, this only applies at high-risk sites)
- **If driving**, park on hard-standing rather than vegetated areas, and walk to the pond.

After Surveying

- **Check** your equipment and clothing for mud, aquatic animals, or plant material and remove anything you find and leave it at the site.
- **Clean** everything thoroughly as soon as possible on a 40°C cycle using biological detergent. Pay attention to damp or hard to access areas.
- **Dry** everything for as long as possible before using elsewhere. Some invasive plants and animals can survive for over 2 weeks in damp conditions.

NNSS Check Clean Dry Campaign

Dos and Don'ts

Do regard all pond water as a possible source of disease.

Do wash your hands thoroughly before and after any pond activity.

Do wear sturdy footwear and weather appropriate clothing.

Do apply hand sanitizer between surveying and washing your hands.

Don't immerse cuts in pondwater. Wear waterproof gloves and use waterproof plasters to protect any cuts and grazes from infection.

Don't touch your face whilst surveying.

Don't consume food until you have washed your hands thoroughly.

Get Surveying!

1. Set a 30-minute timer.
2. **Look** for any signs of amphibians or other pond wildlife.
3. **Record** what you see.
4. Finish survey!
5. **Submit your results.**

Record your survey, even if you don't see any wildlife.

Submitting your survey data

www.jerseybiodiversitycentre.org.je/pondwatch/level-1-form



The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with the following items: Home, Our purpose, Enter data (dropdown), Explore (dropdown), Get involved (dropdown), News and articles, Support (dropdown), Unmasquerade, and My account. The 'Enter data' dropdown menu is open, listing the following options: Add a casual record, Add a list of records, Add a photo record, Pondwatch JE - Level 1 (highlighted with a green border), Reptilewatch JE - Level 1, Record your Pollinator Friendly Area, Add a tree or hedgerow planting record, Activities, Import records from a file, Great Garden Bat Watch, and Roostwatch JE - survey form. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of a coastal scene with a search bar in the top right corner. The text 'Welcome to the Jersey Biodiversity Centre' is visible at the bottom of the banner area.

Pond location:

Address, postcode or description.

Enter a spatial reference:

Or search for a place on the map:

Or simply click on your pond location on the map.

Excellent! Lat/Long coordinate selected. If your position is wrong, either click your actual position again or zoom out until your position comes to view, then retry. We've switched to a satellite view to allow you to locate your position even better.



Type of pond:

- Formal garden pond
- Farmpond
- Natural pond
- Wild garden pond
- School pond
- Reservoir
- Fish pond
- Golf course pond

Pond construction:

- Liner
- Concrete
- Preformed plastic
- Clay
- Other

If you selected 'other', please provide details:

Please upload any photos taken during this visit that show something notable about the site. Please refrain from uploading photographs of the animals that you encountered in this section. Kindly upload them in the next section where you record what you have seen.

Photos of the visit

Add photo


Drop files here...

What did you see? Write down how many of each species and life stage you counted. For tadpoles, spawn and eggs you can enter a range (e.g. <10, 10–20 etc.). Photographs of the animals that you encountered can also be uploaded in this section. Additional wildlife recorded during your survey can be entered in the blank row at the bottom of the list

Species	Adult	Immature	Tadpole	Spawn	Not sure	Dead	Photos
Western Toad							Add photos
Palmate Newt							Add photos
Agile Frog							Add photos
							Select a species first

Supplementary information

When did you first see spawn
in this pond this year?

Do migrating toads get run over on nearby roads?

- No
- Yes

Have you seen a grass snake in the pond?

- No
- Yes

Save

Don't forget to hit submit!



Thank You.

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