Pondwatch JE

a scheme for surveying Jersey’s pondlife

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Pondwatch Level 1

No experience or training needed

One survey, January–May

Spend 30 minutes visually searching

Record any pondlife that you see

Take photos, especially if you are not sure of what you have seen

Complete the survey form and submit your results
Be safe

• Assess hazards to yourself and others (including lone working)
• Especially important if it’s your first survey at a site
• **Consider:** water, trips, steep slopes, heat, cold, animals etc.
• Don’t survey if you feel unsafe!
• Regard all pond water as a possible source of disease
• Don’t immerse cuts or consume food
• Wear appropriate clothing/footwear
• Consider gloves but in any case always wash hands thoroughly afterwards
Biosecurity

• Clean equipment / footwear between sites (especially between ponds >1km apart)

• Helps prevent spread of invasive alien pond plants

**CHECK**
Check your equipment, boat, and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

**CLEAN**
Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to areas that are damp or hard to access. Use hot water if possible.

**DRY**
Dry everything for as long as you can before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for over two weeks in damp conditions.
Submit your data

1. Log in
2. Click >enter data
3. Click on drop down box >Activities
4. In activities click > Pondwatch JE – level 1 survey form.
5. This will direct you to the survey form.
Survey form is open.
5. Work through the form scrolling down to move.
6. Add your location of pond by double clicking on the map.
7. Change to satellite click on the cross.
8. To select your location, click on the map.
9. If you want to change from a lat/long you click on the spatial reference downward arrow.
10. Click on ‘Channel Islands Grid Reference UTM ED50’ This will change your dot to a square.
11. Continue with the form adding information on the type of pond. Note: you can add photos from your visit.
12. What did you see?
Adult and immature – counts, 1, 2 3 etc
Tadpoles and spawn – range, <10, 10-20 etc
Or tick for strings of spawn.