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Pondlife Key

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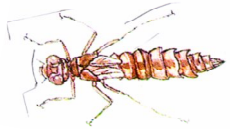
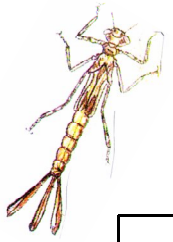
- **Legs**
  - **6 legs**
    - **No tail**
      - **Skates or swims on the water surface**
        - **Long thin body** → **Pond skater**
        - **Oval-shaped body** → **Whirligig beetle**
      - **Swims below the water surface**
        - **All legs similar** → **Water beetle/ Diving beetle**
        - **One pair of legs longer than others**
          - **Swims on front** → **Lesser water boatman**
          - **Swims on back** → **Greater water boatman**
    - **One tail** → **Alderfly larva**
    - **Two tails** → **Beetle larva**
    - **Three tails**
      - **Gills on body** → **Mayfly nymph**
      - **No gills on body**
        - **Long flat tails** → **Damselfly nymph**
        - **Short stumpy tails** → **Dragonfly nymph**
    - **Lives in a case** → **Caddisfly larva**
  - **8 legs** → **Water mite**
  - **more than 8 legs (very small)** → **Water flea**
- **No legs**
  - **Body segments**
    - **Swims in looping pattern** → **Fly or midge larva (often red)**
    - **No swimming pattern** → **Freshwater worm**
  - **No body segments** → **Flatworm**