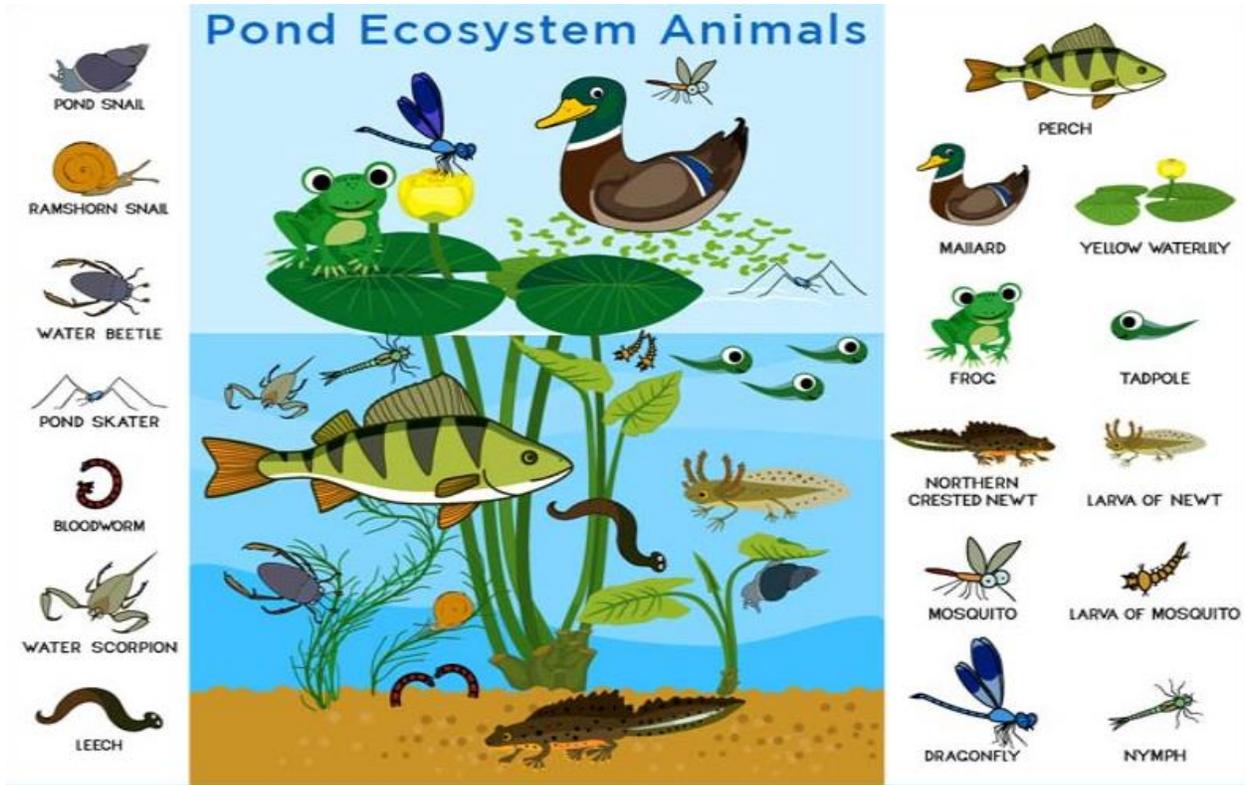


Pond Life Visual Guide



Mollusca



The eastern pond mussel (*Ligumia nasuta*), listed as a species of "special concern", was found in small numbers in Mystic Lake and Middle Pond in 2007, but the mussel survey in 2010 found none.



Asian Clam *Corbicula*



Zebra Mussel
Dreissena polymorpha

Frogs



Leopard frog



American bullfrog



A pickerel frog, showing its golden underside.

Turtles



Spotted turtle



Eastern musk turtle



Painted turtle



Common snapping turtle

Dragonflies and damselflies Mollusca



Comet darter dragonfly



New England bluet damselfly

Mammals



Raccoon



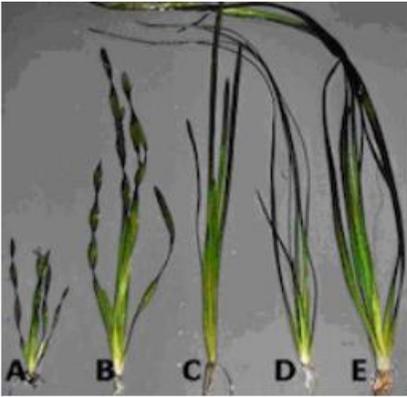
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Muskrat



River otter (Photo by Nicole Duplex for National Geographic)

Plants



Valisneria, or “water celery”, has tapelike leaves with fine white striping.



Potamogeton, shown with a pencil for scale, is difficult to pronounce, but enjoyed by waterfowl.



Identifying *Hydrilla*—note that leaves are attached to the stem in whorls of four or more leaflets, and that the leaflets have toothed edges. Stems are brittle and fragment easily; they feel slightly crispy.



Elodea, a native plant, not to be mistaken for *Hydrilla*. Note leaves in whorls of three and leaflets with smooth edges.



Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), beautiful but dangerous.



European gray willow, *Salix atrocineria*



Plymouth Gentian
Sabatia kennedyana



Pickerelweed. *Pontederia cordata*



Phragmites

Common Reed
Phragmites australis

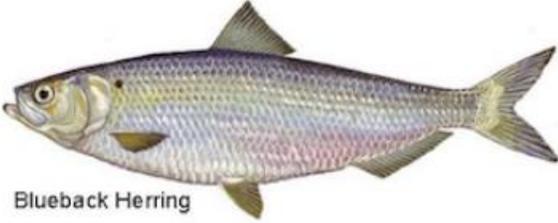




Alewife



Smallmouth bass



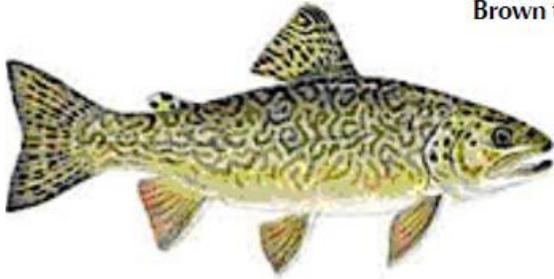
Blueback Herring



Largemouth bass



Brown trout



Tiger trout

Fish



Rainbow trout



Pumpkinseed sunfish



Brook trout



Yellow perch