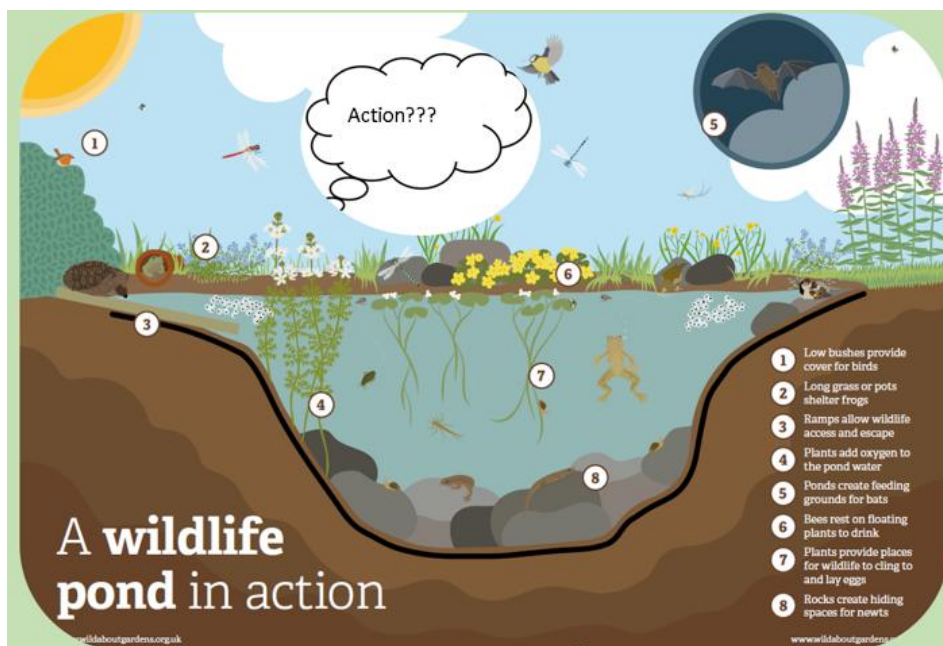




An example of a wildlife pond with rocks for shelter and planting to aerate the pond and provide resting places for insects



Extract from very useful Pond guide: <https://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-03/Big%20or%20small%2C%20ponds%20for%20all%20Wild%20About%20Gardens%20booklet.pdf>

It is also a good idea to surround the pond with long grass and rocks which are habitat for amphibians.

Don't use a filter: it sucks up the tadpoles!

Ponds are great for all wildlife!!!

- Frogs
- Newts
- Insects
- Bats
- Birds
- Lizards
- Hedgehogs
- Fox
- Badgers

Don't forget a ramp so little mammals don't drown

Marsh marigold

Water forget me not

Lesser spearwort

Plant aquatic plants to aerate the pond. NOT Canadian Pondweed which is invasive.

Extract from presentation given by M. Stack on how to create a wildlife pond with images of suitable freshwater plants to install at the periphery of the pond.

If a wildlife pond is not suitable, then perhaps a 'Bog Garden' might be appropriate.



Illustration of a Bog Garden extracted from Laois Co. Co. 'Gardening for biodiversity'
<https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Garden-Wildlife-Booklet-WEB-17MB.pdf>

Bog gardens are wet areas with suitable wet plants that live in the soaked area. See pg. 32 of <https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Garden-Wildlife-Booklet-WEB-17MB.pdf> for further information on how to make a wildlife pond or