

Colour in and label the water vole

Colour in the water vole and label its body parts:

Ears

Feet

Nose

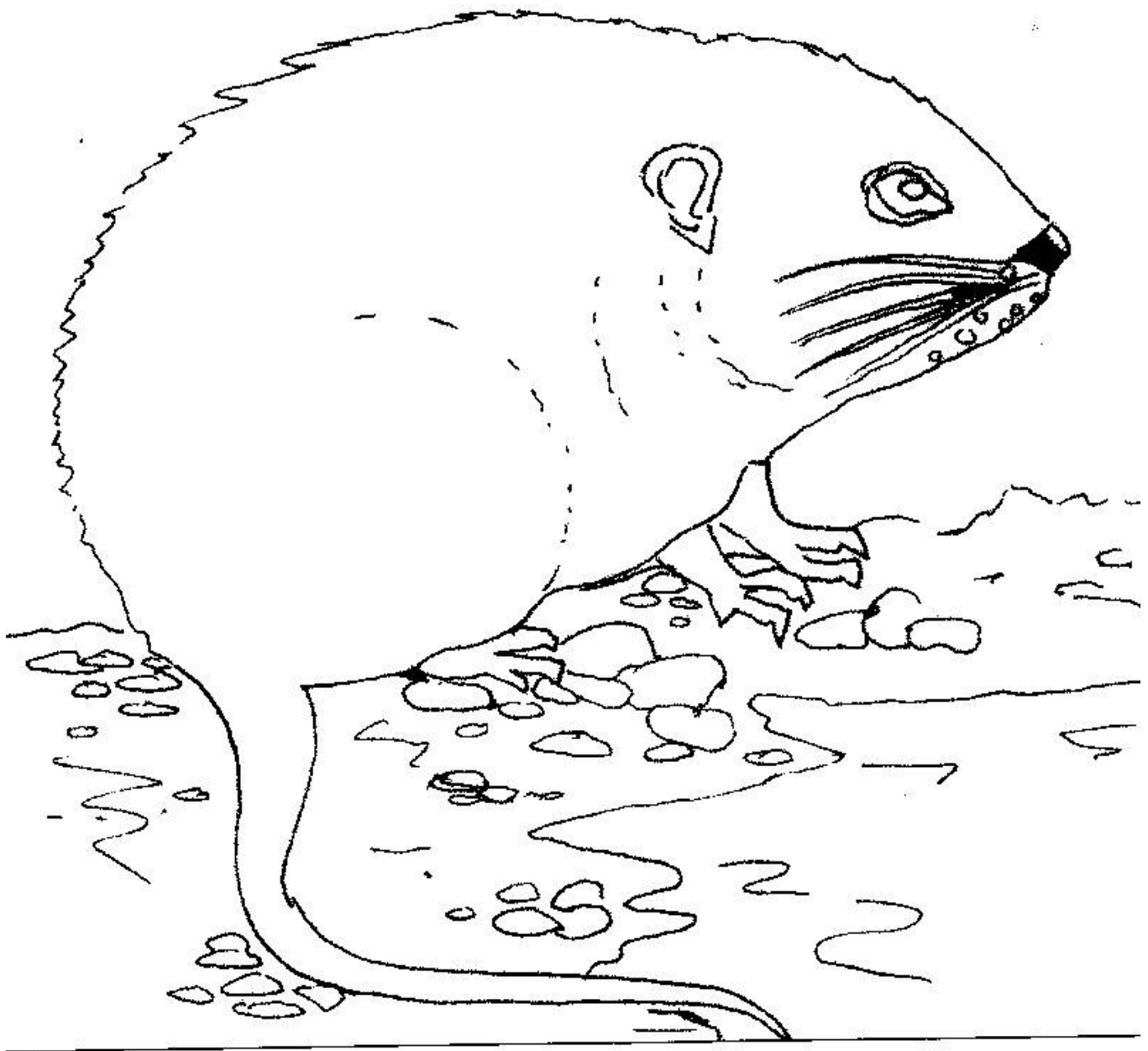
Fur

Eyes

Tail

Mouth

Whiskers



## Colour in ditch

Colour in the ditch and draw in some of the animals below:

Duck

Heron

Frog

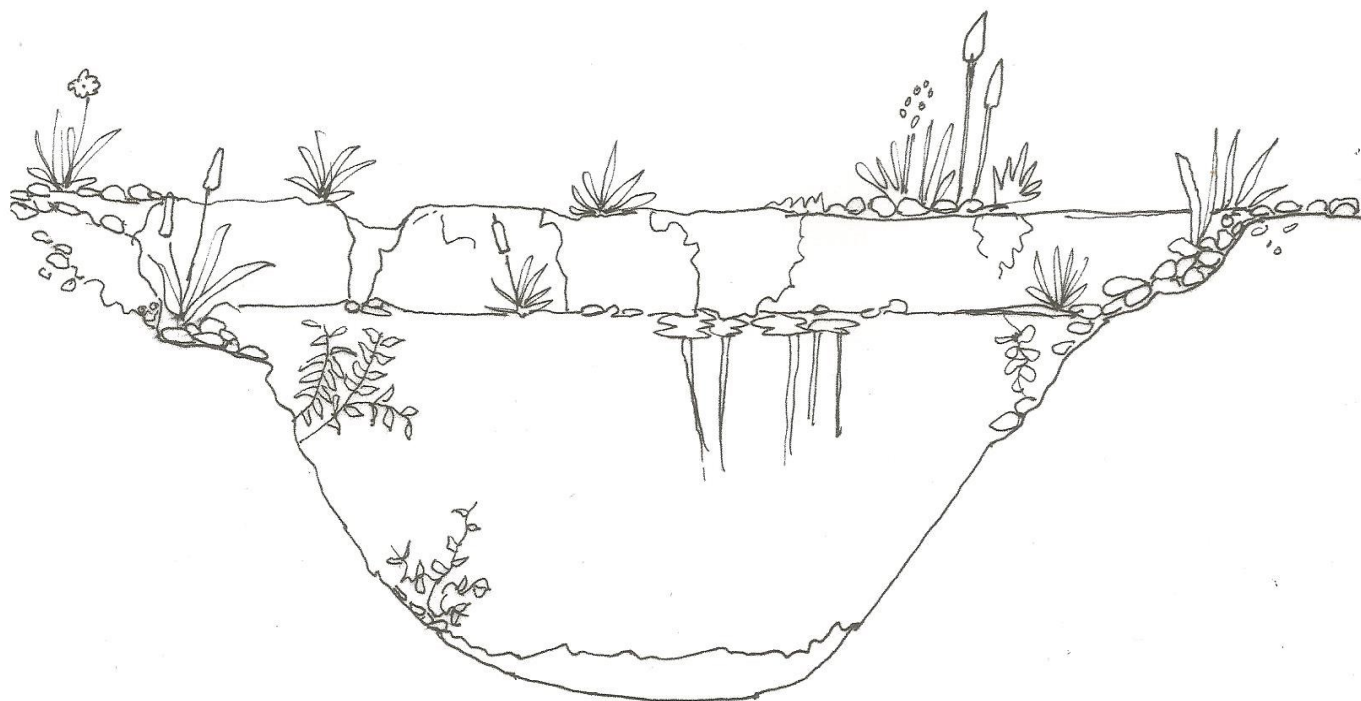
Dragonfly

Water vole

Tadpoles

Robin

Ladybird



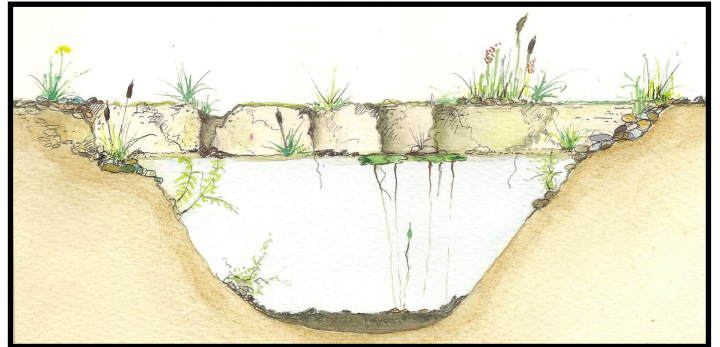
Can you draw in any other animals, birds or plant?

List your creatures below:

# Food web in the ditch and pond



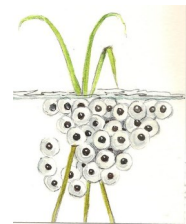
Draw in the arrows to work out who eats who in the ditch and pond and turn the pictures into a food web.



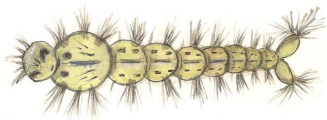
Dragonfly



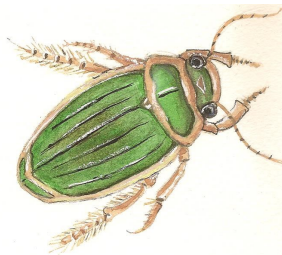
Water vole



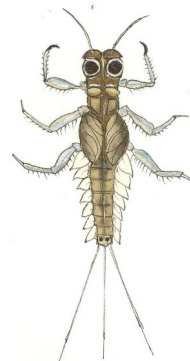
Frog's spawn



Mosquito larvae



Great diving beetle



Damselfly nymph



Pond skater



Water mint



Starwort



Water daphnia



Ramshorn Snail

## Water Vole and Habitat Word Search

Can you find the hidden words in this word search that are all about the water vole and its habitat?

You can cross off each word as you find it.

P F T A U W G F R S I B S A H  
C A S R E B A O I D E Q E H J  
G V W T N M W T V E Q K V Y M  
D E B A N Z E P E E R B A R K  
T I A E T A T S R R R D E I W  
D Z E N E E L I T T I E L O W  
B M Q D H P R P U T F E T X B  
H G I A B O U P C R S Z K U W  
V X D N K M N H R X F O R L Q  
E P R G K C Z A A O G R A V E  
V E G E T A R I A N O M O L K  
O W X R J U Z H E W M F O V X  
R R O E G K R E U A A V L M I  
G R O D E N T K M T K O E P N  
M Y M A E R T S T O O R E N O

- BARK
- BURROW
- DITCH
- ENDANGERED
- FRUIT
- LEAVES
- MAMMAL
- MINK
- PLANTS
- REEDS
- RIVER
- RODENT
- ROOTS
- STREAM
- VEGETARIAN
- VOLE
- WATER
- WATERPROOF



## The differences between water voles and rats



Water vole

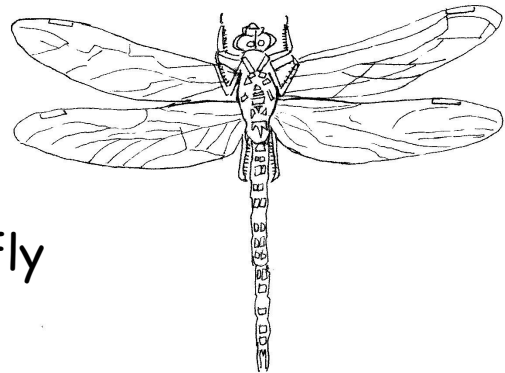


Rat

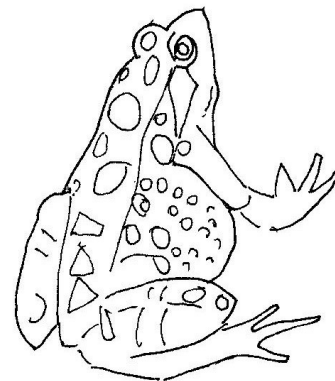
List 4 differences you can see between a water vole and a rat

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....

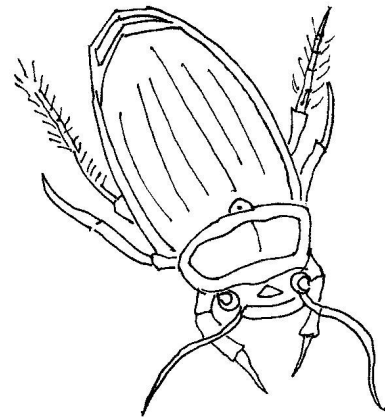
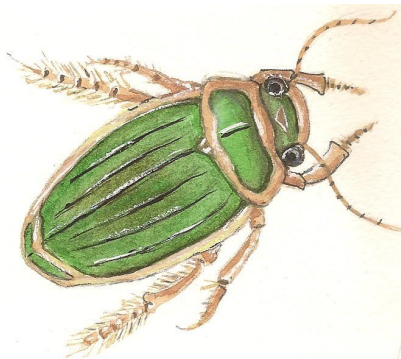
# Colour in wetland birds and animals



Dragonfly



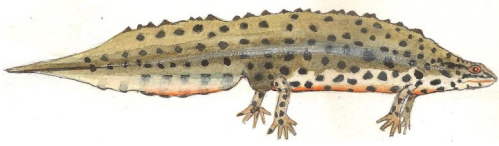
Frog



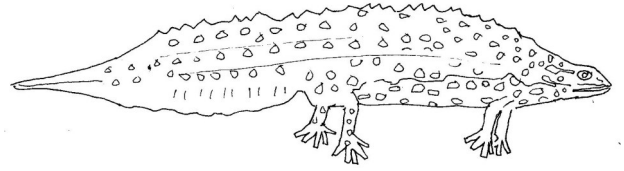
Great  
diving  
beetle



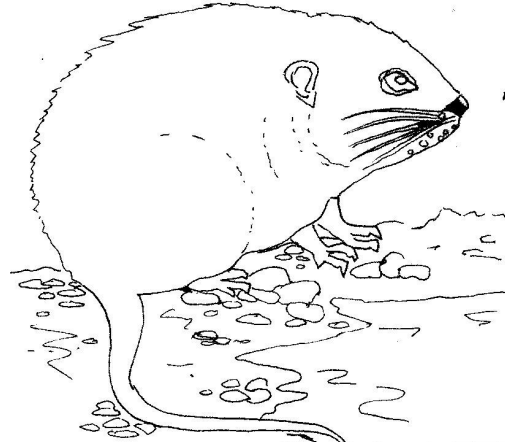
Mallard  
duck



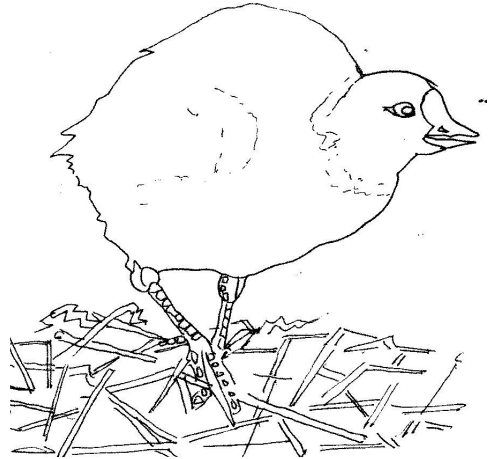
Newt



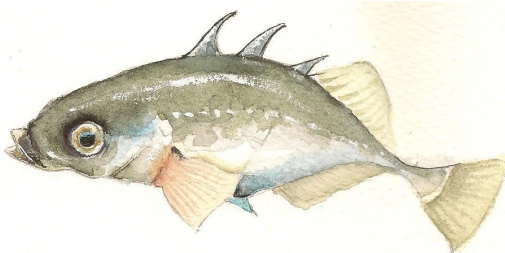
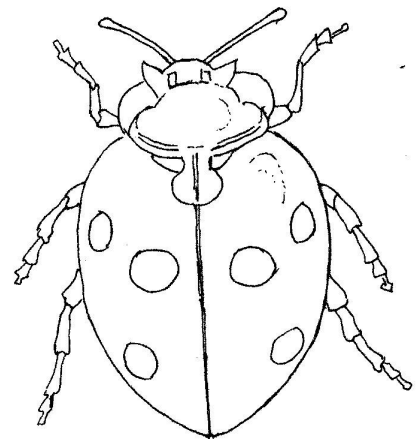
Water  
vole



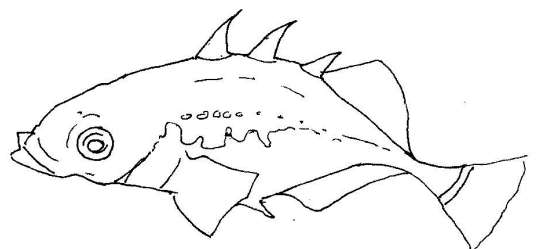
Coot



7-Spot  
Ladybird



3-Spined  
stickleback



# WATER VOLE RACE



A winding board game path with 35 numbered spaces. The path starts at a green 'START' space (1) and ends at a green 'HOME' space (35). The path is divided into green and orange sections. Each space contains a number and a game instruction.

**START 1.** SLEEPY MISS A GO

**2.** HEDGE REMOVED GO BACK 3 SPACES

**3.** FOUND JUICY APPLE 2 SPACES

**4.** POLLUTION RETURN FISH START TO

**5.** HAVE 3 BABIES MOVE FORWARD 3 SPACES

**6.** CAUGHT BY FISH GO BACK TO

**7.** FIND JUICY BLACKBERRIES GO FORWARD 3 SPACES

**8.** LOSE A BABY TO FOX GO BACK 2 SPACES

**9.** VERY GOOD ICE MISS A GO

**10.** DITCH FLOODED NOTHING TO DO MISS A GO

**11.** FOUND A MATE MOVE 4 SPACES ←

**12.** TASTY RIBS GO FORWARD 3 SPACES

**13.** FOUND AMATE GO FORWARD 3 SPACES

**14.** SUNKY AND WIPED DRY GO FORWARD 3 SPACES

**15.** FOUND A NINK BY A NINK MISS A GO

**16.** DITCH DEELED UP GO BACK 3 SPACES

**17.** FOUND A MATE MOVE 4 SPACES ←

**18.** DITCH FLOODED NOTHING TO DO MISS A GO

**19.** FOUND A MATE MOVE 4 SPACES ←

**20.** DITCH FLOODED NOTHING TO DO MISS A GO

**21.** TASTY RIBS GO FORWARD 3 SPACES

**22.** FOUND A MATE MOVE 4 SPACES ←

**23.** DITCH DEELED UP GO BACK 3 SPACES

**24.** DITCH FLOODED NOTHING TO DO MISS A GO

**25.** DITCH DEELED UP GO BACK 3 SPACES

**26.** HEDGE REMOVED GO BACK 3 SPACES

**27.** FOUND A MATE MOVE 4 SPACES ←

**28.** DITCH DEELED UP GO BACK 3 SPACES

**29.** FOUND A MATE MOVE 4 SPACES ←

**30.** CAUGHT BY A NINK MISS A GO

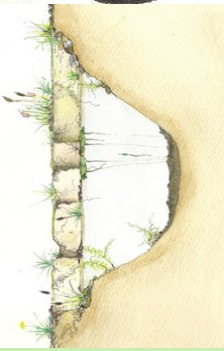
**31.** FOUND AMATE GO FORWARD 3 SPACES

**32.** DITCH DEELED UP GO BACK 3 SPACES

**33.** DITCH DEELED UP GO BACK 3 SPACES

**34.** FOUND AMATE GO FORWARD 3 SPACES

**35.** HOME



**START**

**Which Water Vole gets home first?**

A game for two players with a dice. Use buttons or make your own counters. Throw the exact number to get to your water vole home.

**START**



# Where animals like to live

Follow the lines to find the animal's homes

Otter



Fox



Squirrel



Rabbit



Burrow



Nest



Water Vole



Drey



Hedgehog



Den



Holt



Warren



Spot the difference between the good and bad water vole habitat

**Good water vole habitat**

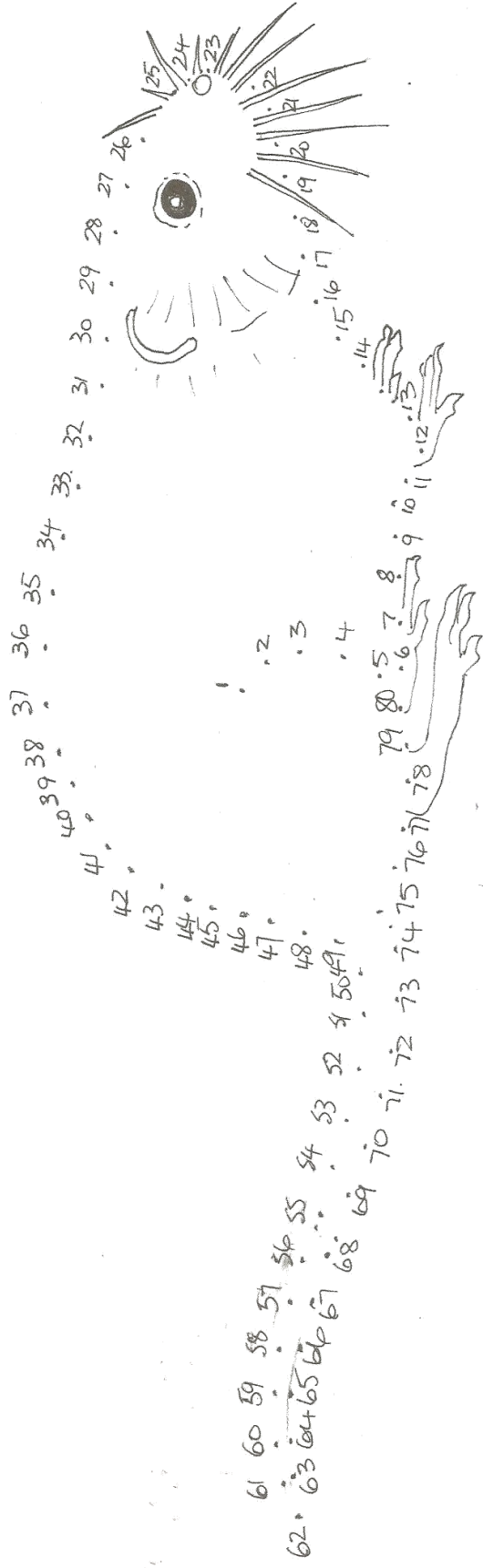


**Bad water vole habitat**



**List the differences:**

# Water Vole dot-to-dot



Find number 1 and then follow the numbers to draw your very own water vole!  
Colour in your water vole so that it has shiny fur with lots of different browns.  
Then draw some grass, plants and flowers for him to stand on, hide in and eat.

# Water Vole Life Cycle and Food Chain

Spring - gathering nesting material



Summer - babies leave the nest



Water vole  
life through  
the seasons



Autumn - spend more time in burrow



Winter - try to find food wherever it is

## Water vole food chain

Write in the names of the animals and draw in arrows to show the food chain



Sun



Dandelion



Water Marigold



1.....



2.....



3.....

# Identify the Birds

Can you identify the birds from their silhouettes? Write the name of the bird in along the dotted line - see the helpful clues

Heron

Coot

Robin

Crow

Duck

Kestrel

Pheasant

Wren



Hovers looking for prey

1.....



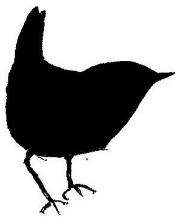
Cheeky chap with a red chest

2.....



Long tail seen running in the road

3.....



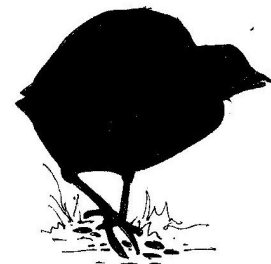
Tiny and rhymes with pen

4.....



Fishes with a long sharp beak

7.....



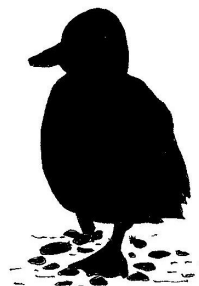
Large feet and rhymes with boot

5.....



Black and lives in family groups

6.....

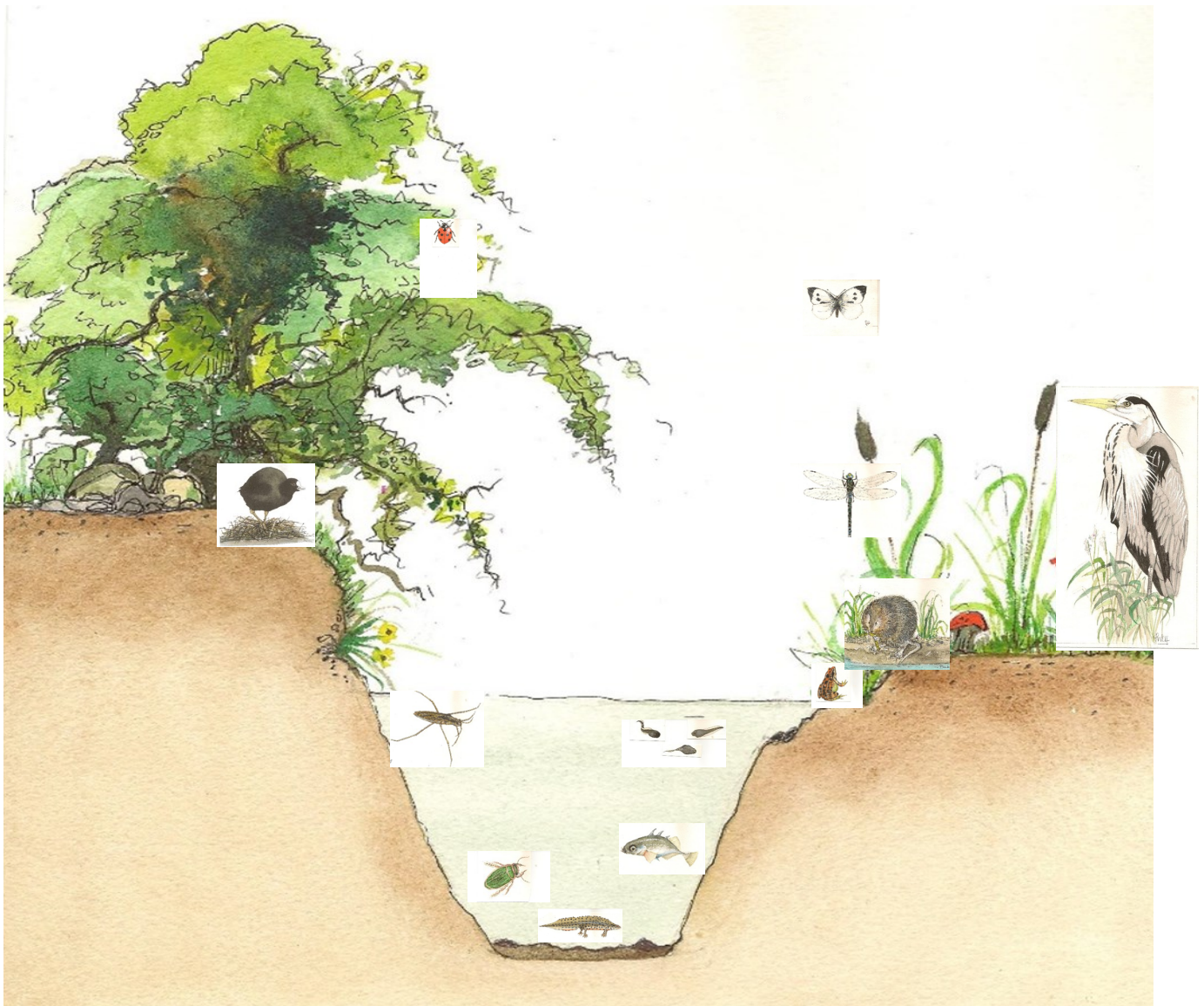


Sits on the water and quacks

8.....

# Can you spot the animals living in the ditch?

Can you find the animals listed below in the ditch?



Water Vole

Dragonfly

Stickleback

Great Diving Beetle

Heron

Frog

Pond skater

Ladybird

Coot

Tadpoles

Newt

Butterfly

# Caterpillars and butterflies

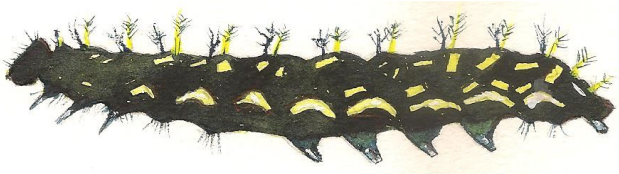
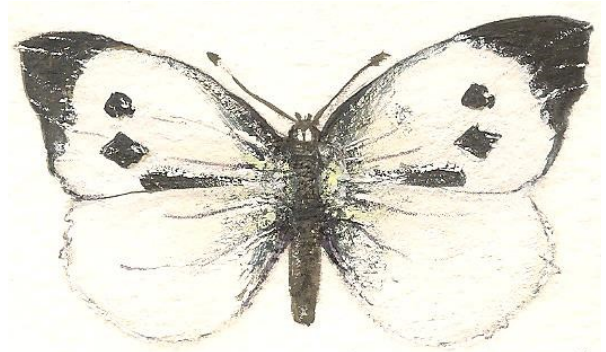
Draw an arrow to match the caterpillar with its butterfly.



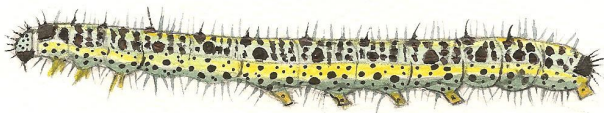
1. Brimstone butterfly



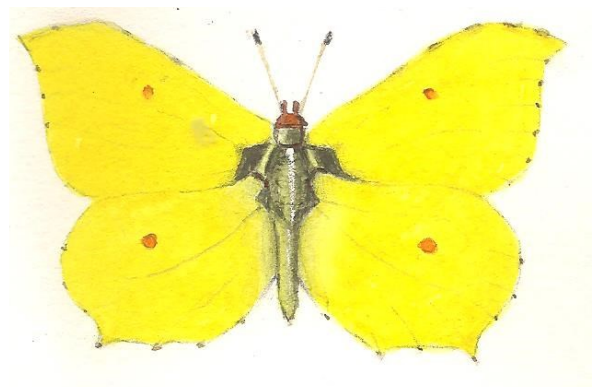
2. Comma butterfly



3. Red Admiral butterfly  
(dark form)



4. Large White butterfly







## Water Vole numbers over the years

The following table shows the UK water vole population over the last few years - how can you display this information? How long will it be before the water vole is extinct if it carries on declining?

2006	1.2 Million
2010	400,000
2011	320,000

