

Big Spawn Count - Waterbody Survey Recording Form

Please print this form and take it to your waterbody!

CEDaR is pleased to announce the new Big Spawn Count project to Northern Ireland! This project is part of a larger national project which involves you going out to your local waterbody (e.g. pond) and looking for frog spawn! Record as much detail below as possible and then upload your survey results to www.habitas.org.uk/records/big-spawn-count.

Details of what you saw during your waterbody survey?

Adult frogs?

Yes No

Frog spawn?

Yes No

Number of clumps of frog spawn

(clumps are small groups of spawn together)



Figure 1: Photo showing clumps of spawn

Estimated area of frog spawn (i.e. total area of spawn in the waterbody)

Approximate length of frog spawn ____m

Approximate breadth of frog spawn ____m

When and where did you do the survey?

Date of survey _____

Location of waterbody _____

If the waterbody survey was carried out as part of a school project, please provide the:

School name _____

School postcode _____

Tell us about the waterbody you surveyed

Waterbody type (choose one): pond / ditch / sheugh / puddle

What kind of location was your waterbody in? (choose one): garden / school / local park / nature reserve / field / visitor attraction (e.g. National Trust property etc.)

What is the general shape of your waterbody? (choose one) Generally circular / Generally rectangle

How deep is your waterbody? (Please tick one of the following)

Shallow – Less than 30cm (1 foot) deep _____

Medium – 30cm - 60cm deep (1 - 2 feet) _____

Deep – Deeper than 60cm _____

How big is your waterbody?

Length (m) _____

Breadth (m) _____

Is there improved grassland around the waterbody e.g. playing field or open green grass?

Yes No

Is there marsh or wet flushes present e.g. very wet ground with plants and flowers?

Yes No

Is there semi-natural woodland present e.g. woodland which has been planted a long time ago?

Yes No

Are there fish in the waterbody?

Yes No

What species of fish are present e.g. trout, carp, bass?

Is there waterfowl present? E.g. ducks, swans or geese

Yes No

Comments

Please upload a picture of your local waterbody and a photo of any frog spawn you have seen.



Thank you for taking part in this important project!